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## Pithy Philatelic Points. Sayings and articles of noted writers carefully condensed.

BY REGINALD KINNERSLEY.

The forgeries, being turned out today, are far more dangerous and ten times more likely to deceive, than those of the '60's and '70's. We must not believe that we are outgrowing the forger. The forgers have brought their art to a high state of perfection. No one can doubt that there are more high-class forgeries at present than ever. No doubt there is more counterfeiting of surcharges, grills, fraudulent postal cancellations on revenue stamps, fraudulent perforations, etc., than ever before.—John D. Kirke.

It is probable that when all the County Clerks in the U. S. have found all the revenue stamps and put them on the market these 'boomed' stamps, with prices greatly inflated, will drop to their real value.—Georges Carion.

I sold these Columbians, unused, for less than face value, because they represent the total proceeds of a Harlem widow's fortune, which had been invested in them.

The \$2.00 unused has been selling in quantities, for from \$1.50 to \$1.80 apiece, when the corner broke. The poor woman was in despair, having over \$100,000 invested. As a last resort we applied to the Postmaster-General offering to sell the stamps or exchange them for others used at present. We received a very brief reply stating that "neither this dept. nor its postmasters will redeem or exchange postage stamps."—Albrecht Loewit.

There are now being published many articles that should never have been allowed in a philatelic periodical, but pub-

lishers are compelled to accept them as the demand for philatelic Mss far exceeds the supply.—S. E. Simpson.

It is not the lack of manuscript, but the quality, which necessitates publishers filling their pages with worthless articles.—W. W. Jewett.

I do not deprecate the practice of reviewing publications and criticizing writers to a certain extent. It is the extent and character of the criticisms to which I object. Here is "la juste millien."—W. L. Moise.

Another set of terms is added to the collectors descriptive vocabulary. The expression "N. W. corner" is used instead of "upper left hand corner," etc. The geographical terms save much space and should be adopted by all.—Ed. H. Wilkinson.

A surcharged issue was adopted in British North Borneo to save delay and expense of preparing new dies. We are not Philatelists, and the objection raised against the stamps, which arises apparently from a collectors' point of view, is not one that we feel called upon to consider.—Benj. T. Kindersley, Sec'y B. N. B. Co.

A person who knows anything worth while about Philately and Philology, should be able to find many connections, very interesting, between the two.—A. E. Layman.

It is a weak plea to ask U. S. specialists to collect Canada stamps because it may be annexed. The U. S. may be annexed to Canada. Canadians do not want annexation and the U. S. is large enough now to be comfortable.—W. Wethee.

This paper on trial 3 months for 2 cents.



Owing to a change in the money basis of Japan, the government of that country has doubled the rate of postage to foreign parts and the cost is now 10 sen per half ounce instead of 5 as before. A post card reached me the other day, its denomination was 2 sen and this was augmented by one of the pink two sen stamps of the Imperial Wedding issue being affixed to it.

The new issue of Canada stamps is not meeting with the approval it was fondly hoped it would receive. The objections to them are of importance and are chiefly due to the color. The difference between some of the varieties appearing to be but slight, when viewed in a hasty manner. In making most of them dark the authorities did not count on the ease with which dishonest persons could obliterate the post marks by simply rubbing the stain into the color.

Then again there is the absence of numerals to denote the value, which has already been cited as causing confusion when reaching foreign offices. These and other facts may induce our Post Master-General to change the present issue for a new one. His success in gaining revenue out of the Jubilee issue may still also be fresh in his memory and form a further incentive to change.

Basil G. Hamilton, Collingwood, Ont.

### Hamilton Notes.

The Hamilton Stamp Club is progressing favorably, and the membership roll is swelling. A large and commodious club room has been rented in the center of the city. This will tend to make the club more popular. Preliminary arrangements are being

made for D.P.A. convention. The executive will shortly present a list of convenient dates to the trustees of the D. P. A.

One of our friends at the Klondike writes home to the effect that all letters sent from Canada and U. S. to Dawson City are charged with an additional \$1 per ounce postage before they are delivered.

The new letter cards have arrived and we have seen some of the post cards printed in red

Chas S. Applegath.

### Stamps in Canada.

Stamp collecting in Canada is growing very fast. And why shouldn't it? This country has some of the prettiest and rarest stamps in the world. Canadian old issues are sought for by collectors and dealers the world over. The stamp journals of Canada are as eagerly read as some of the best in the United States. Canada is destined to take a great part in the philatelic world and collectors are beginning to realize it and to take a joy in pushing ahead all that may lead to that end. At the end of another year, if we keep on at the rate we have been travelling in the past year, we shall be nearly on a level with the States (taking into consideration the difference in population) as regards stamp collecting, papers published, and the trade in general May it be so!

J. G.

If you are not a subscriber and wish to see more of this paper before subscribing, send us a 2c stamp and we will give it to you on trial for three months.

Read "A Symposium of Kicks," which will appear in our next issue.

## Encourage the Boys.

Most Philatelists would like to help along, in some way their grand old hobby (or if they don't they ought to.) There are numerous ways of doing this as you all know, but no better way exists than to encourage and help the boys. In fact the future of philately depends on it.

Very few collectors would spend so much of their spare money in the rarer varieties if they thought they would be unable to sell their collections for at least as much as they paid for it or, perhaps, even more. Although they expect stamps to advance in price, they do not help as much as they should to bring about this result.

There may be a few men start collections but the great majority of the beginners are boys. They may not possess very large collections, yet the mania for collecting is started and, like fire, the more it is fed the larger it becomes; so the more encouragement the boy gets the more enthusiastic and ardent he becomes, and perhaps in a few years he may get together a collection worth many hundred dollars. Certainly there are exceptions, but just as certain is the fact that the more attention that is paid him from older collectors, the more attention and study he will naturally give to stamp collecting.

You are not supposed to buy rare stamps to give away, or spend all your spare time praising up stamp collecting, but the thing is to have a chat with beginners now and then to keep them interested. Show them your collection explaining a few things such as watermarks, different kinds of paper etc. Tell them how and where you got some of your favorites, also the value of stamps now and a few years ago.

Who can tell how far the results of a few small acts may go. It may be the means of adding a number of new recruits who may in time become the great men of Philately. F. H. M.

## A New Method.

In the February number of the "Virginia Philatelist" appears an illustration of the type-set form of letter cancellation used by Perry Mason & Co., of the "Youth's Companion," Boston, Mass., to cancel the 2c stamps which were to prepay their annual calendar. This form of cancellation was also used on the present issue 1c stamps, as I have a specimen so cancelled which franked the "Youth's Companion announcement for '98." From this it appears that Mr. Kern's latter reason for them so doing—which was that it was done to accommodate the post office—was the correct one, as it would in no way injure the "announcements" to be post-marked by a hand stamp. It is indeed a unique cancellation, and I would add, 'a modern improvement'

## 4280 Words.

Mr. Paul Madliger, while in Brantford, wrote a post card to his cousin, Mr. Paul Pequegnat, of Berlin, which contained 4,280 words written in the French language, all legible to the naked eye. This card was written without the aid of a magnifying glass. It would require seven pages of the *ADVOCATE* to reproduce it in print. Mr. Madliger has returned to town and says he intends to make his next attempt 6,000.

If any of our readers can equal this Mr. Pequegnat would like to hear from them.

Parties sending articles for publication had better not use a post card.



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## Editorial.

During the past month we have added considerable material to our office, for the purpose of giving our readers a journal which can be truthfully called "A representative journal of Canada." We are sure that our readers appreciate the improved appearance of this journal both in its typography and the quality of its reading matter.

Our aim has always been to give useful and interesting articles, and up-to-date news, to our patrons. Although we have not always presented as representative a monthly as we wished, we are now giving the philatelic public a fine Canadian journal, and one that can be relied upon to appear on or before the 15th of each month. We are constantly adding new type to our plant; the body type of this issue is from Miller & Richard, Toronto, Ont., who are sole agents in Canada, for the renowned, hard finish Scotch type.

### Summer Season.

Of late years, philatelists observed that during the summer months "snags" can be most always picked up from some of the dealers. The reason of this is that dealers try to keep up the average sales per day or week, that they have in the winter. Those philatelists who do not purchase many stamps in the winter but wait for the summer season are becoming more numerous. This will no doubt lead to a revival of trade in the summer months, and dealers will soon be doing as profitable a business in summer as they now do in winter.

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
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Willard O. Wylie has been given the managership of the "Boston Stamp Book" Mr. Wylie writes in the "Columbian Phil-

atelist" under "Our eye." We presume he will now have use for the other eye also.

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### Secretary's Report.

To the Members of the D. P. A.

I feel that an apology is due members of the D. P. A for my not having a report last month, but I desire to assure you it was unavoidable, for just at the time I should make a report I received word of the death of a near relative, making it necessary for me to leave town at once, I hope to have my report in promptly every month hereafter.

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The above will be admitted to membership March 15th provided no objection is filed with the Sec'y before that date.

#### DUES FOR 1898

I would again like to call the attention of members, who have not already done so, to forward their dues for 1898, at once, as the Annual Convention and Election will soon be drawing near and it is necessary that all members should be in good standing to vote. See to your dues at once.

For application blanks and other information, address.

L. S. GRAHAM, Sec'y-Treas.

Merriton, Ont.

### Librarian's Report.

Fellow members:—

Since last report Capt. E F Wurtele has donated 6 copies of the Phil. Journal of Great Britain. They are in excellent condition. There's always room for more, and there are many members who might easily send several papers each; copies of our various official organs are especially desired. If there is any paper you would like to examine please write for it. That's what the library is for. Always enclose a stamp to cover postage.

Other donations this month: Starnaman Bros, 3; F I Weaver, 10.

F I WEAVER, Librarian.

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J. O. WATERS, 407 Fatherland St. Nashville, Tenn.

## D. O. MINION on D. P. A. Affairs.

As all members are aware, the affairs of our Association have not been running any too smoothly since last election, but I am am pleased to say that matters are at last brightening.

The first trouble was occasioned by the inability of the Auction Manager and the publishers of the official organ to come to an agreement as to the reports of the auction sales. The publishers demanded 5c for each lot advertised—this being what the former official organ received. Mr. Widdicombe contended that the report should be published free of all charge. This trouble has been settled by the liberality of the Starnaman Bros., who now agree to give one column free; they to receive 5c a lot for all over that space.

Many complaints have been heard from various parties about our Secretary not answering communications on Association matters. Mr. Graham should certainly answer all communications which are consistent with his office and I hope he will be more particular in future.

In my opinion a statement of the financial standing of the association, should be made monthly so that the members may know just where we are at.

The election for convention seat has caused much dissatisfaction among many members. Of about 200 members only 31 took advantage of the opportunity of voting and of these LIVE members a majority of three declared themselves in favor of Hamilton. Every member received due notice of the mail vote and those who did not vote DID NOT DO THEIR DUTY. The majority rules, so the Eastern members should make the best of it.

D. O. Minion.

## The Brattleboro Stamp.

By H. I. S. TORIAN.

"Not to know it argues yourself unknown." Its history has been so thoroughly and frequently treated by able writers that I hesitate to continue for fear my remarks may prove but feeble repetitions of their ideas.

However it may be of interest to some, to learn that the second postage stamp issued to the United States, was engraved by Thomas Chabback at Brattleboro, over fifty years ago. Mr. Chabback was in Brattleboro from 1845 to 1848, and had an office directly over the post office, by which he became intimate with F. N. Palmer the postmaster. At that time it cost five cents to send a letter, and prepayment was optional. Postmaster's salaries, more over, were graded, as they are now to some extent, by the amount taken in at the office and the postmaster at New York, thinking that people would be more apt to prepay their postage if they could do so by means of stamps, had some struck off at his own expense. One of these reached the Brattleboro post office, and commended itself to Mr. Palmer's judgement, and he determined to increase the revenue of his office if possible, by the same means.

Accordingly he employed Mr. Chabback to prepare a copper plate for him, containing ten stamps, and had 500 sheets printed or 5000 stamps in all. It is thought however that only one-tenth of these were used. They were printed in black upon buff paper, and were about the size of those now in use. The design was very simple; an octagonal shape, differing from the border in the direction of the tinted lines. The center contains the initials of

the postmaster, "F. N. P." in fac-simile of his own handwriting; above it, was "BRATTLEBORO," below "FIVE CENTS," and on the sides, "P. O." Before the 500 sheets were used, the Government began to issue postage stamps and the destruction was ordered, both of the stamps on hand and the dies. Hence has happened the extreme rarity of the stamps, which has led some to doubt their existence.

Mr. Chabback had a single sheet of the stamps in his book of samples of his work for a number of years, but finally sold them about 20 years ago, to a gentleman who gave him a dollar a piece for them leaving the engraver chuckling over his bargain. Meeting with the gentleman afterwards, Mr. Chabback learned that he had disposed of the stamps for \$15 a piece "but the man I sold them to," said he, "got \$30 each for them." This gentleman wrote an account of the stamps which was published without Mr. Chabback's knowledge. In consequence of this being published, Mr. Chabback has received many letters inquiring about the stamps, and offering as high as \$300 for one of the stamps; another offered to give \$500 for the original plates, if obtainable. The plate, however has been destroyed, and the stamps are never seen except in the album of some Philatelist who has been fortunate enough to secure a copy of this rare stamp.

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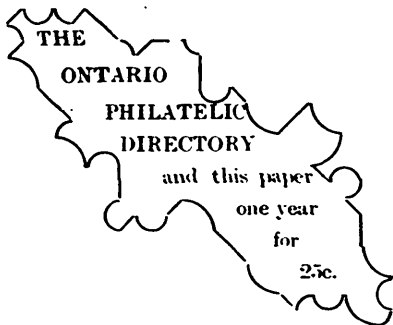
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