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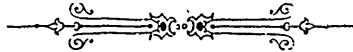
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THE following additions, omissions and alterations were adopted as an amendment to the Constitution of the C. P. A. at the recent meeting :

Article 2, section 1.—Add "Treasurer."

Article 2, section 2.—To read "All officers to be elected by the Association."

Article 2, section 3.—To read as follows: The officers of the Association shall be elected for 1887 and 1888, and thereafter each year, and shall continue to serve until their successors shall be qualified. The election of officers shall be by ballot under the direction of the Executive Committee, such election to commence three months before the yearly term expires. Two-thirds of all the members must vote at general elections, otherwise the elections will not be valid. A plurality of votes shall be necessary to elect, provided that it be not less than one-third the total number of votes cast. In case the first ballot for the election of any officer of the Association should result in no candidate receiving the required plurality of votes necessary for elections, the ballot shall be taken again on the same names, but in case there has been more than three names in the first ballot, the names

having the least number of votes shall be dropped, and in like manner the ballot shall continue to be taken until some name receive the required plurality of votes. The result of each ballot shall be published in the first issue thereafter of the official organ of the Association.

Article 4, section 1.—Read “called” instead of elected.

Article 5, section 1.—Leave the 16 year clause out.

Article 8, section 2.—“Read “majority” instead of “two-thirds.”

The Secretary of meeting was instructed to send a copy of the above to the C. P. A., and he has received the following reply:

“The Organizing Board accept the change as made at your meeting.”

CHRONICLE.

Azores—New stamps, 25 reis and 500 reis both lilac, with small surcharge.

Bulgaria—The 20 and 50 st. stamps noted last month are fiscals.

Canada—The 2 cent is now issued very dark green instead of the light shade as before. The die also appears to have been re-engraved as the impression is very sharp and distinct. The paper also is of a different shade, being a dead white.

Canada—It is reported that the stamp on the Post Card is now inscribed “Post-Card” instead of “Postage.”

Ceylon—The 6c. card is surcharged “2½ cents” and the inscription “the price is Three Cents, including the Card.”

Congo Free State—Some of the new stamps have been issued, 50c. chocolate and 5 franc, lilac.

Costa Rica—The new 10c. is surcharged “oficial.”

German Empire—The 5x5 pf. card, now has “Die Angebogene Karte etc.” in four lines.

India—The 1 rupee is surcharged “On H M S.”

Mexico—Mr. Bishop has shown us the 10c. envelope (W. F. & Co.) with stamp in carmine instead of lilac, and Mr. Corwin informs us that some of the current adhesives are printed on common writing paper with blue lines and very badly perforated.

Natal—There is a new 2d. gray green.

Newfoundland—A new stamp value ½ cent, colour red brown, has made its appearance. In the centre is a dog's head. The 1 cent brown has been changed to green.—See cut page 14.

Peru—The *I. B. J.* notes, the 5x5c. card with lilac sun and large figure “5.” Mr. Corwin has the 50c. of 1874, with red surcharge “Arequipa” in double line circle.

Portugal—The 25 reis is now lilac.

Portuguese India—The 1 tanga post card of 1885 comes surcharged in red “3 Reis.”

Santander—The new stamp inscribed “Republica de Columbia” is of the first issue and has also “Departamento de Santander.”

St. Vincent—The 2½d. which has been surcharged on the 1d. and then surcharged back again to its original value, is once more in use on that Island, as we have received them from Kingstown P. O. there with postmark of Sept. 4, 1887.

Sweden—*Le Timbre Poste* illustrates an official card, blue on white, having circular stamp in upper right corner in-

scribed, "Sveriges Statsbanor" and three crowns in the center.

Switzerland.—Both the 5x5c. and 10 x 10c. cards are of form 2.

Tallawar.—1 Anna, green.—A small Raypoot State in northern India.

United States.—Of the October 1886 envelopes, we hear of the following; 5c. buff and blue No. 5, 10c. white No. 2, 3, 11 amber 2, 3. buff 3, 4½, 5, 7, 9, blue 3, 4½, 5, 7, 9, manila 3. 4½, 5, 7, amber manila 3, 4½, 5, 7, 30c. white No. 7 amber 7, buff 3, 7, blue 3, 7, manila 4½, 7, amber manila 4½, 7, 8, 90c. buff and blue No. 9, manila 7, amber manila 7, 8. We have seen also of the September 1887 issue, 30 cents No. 9, on buff and blue. The color of the stamp is dark brown.

Victoria.—It seems that they are not done using revenues postally in this colony yet, as we have received the 4 shilling stamp duty postmarked Sept. 18, 1887.

Correspondence.

Editor of Halifax Philatelist.

DEAR SIRS,—I note in your September number a paragraph to the effect that Mr. Fred Grenny is the possessor of a genuine cancelled Connell stamp. While the stamp may be genuine the cancellation cannot possibly be. That is, the stamp cannot have been postally cancelled, as none of the Connell stamps ever franked a letter, or were ever used in any manner except perhaps as fuel. The stamp was simply a proof (local, not government), and nothing more. Our friend Grenny cannot certainly be acquainted with the history of the stamp, or he would not make the claim that he does. In *The Stamp Collectors Monthly*

Gazette, published at St. John, N. B.,—in the June, 1869, number, I think,—will be found the full record, including all the correspondence between post master Connell and Mr Geo. Stewart, the editor. Mr. Connell states in as many words that *none of the stamps were ever authorized (by the government), issued, or used.* While they were in course of preparation the government forbade their use, and most of those already struck off were destroyed. Of these that escaped all that could be found were subsequently bought by a club, composed of Durbin, Craig, Stewart and myself. They are now quite scarce here but good specimens can still be had of European dealers at a fair price.

Yours philatelically,
Hartford, Conn. W. H. BRUCE.

AMERICAN POST CARDS.—At the factory in Castleton, U. S., they manufacture between two or three tons of postal cards a day all the year round. The largest order they ever filled for one city was 4,000,000 cards, or about twelve tons of paper, for New York. They use about 6,000,000 cards a month. Chicago comes next, with about 3,000,000 cards in the same period. There are 450,000,000 postal cards manufactured annually. Two cent postage did not lessen the use of postal cards, but checked the growth of their use for some little time. The check has been overcome, and the public are using more and more postal cards every day.

‘Did you know that Algernon Fitzroy is a connoisseur in philately?’ asked the high school girl. ‘No, I didn’t,’ replied Amy, ‘but I knew he was a crank on collecting postage stamps.’

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WITH due respect to our esteemed contemporaries the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* and the *Niagara Falls Philatelist*, we think they are rather previous in calling for nomination of the C. P. A. A thing worth doing at all is worth doing well and we fail to consider the time ripe for such a step yet. The organization of the C. P. A. has been progressing very satisfactorily in our opinion and the promoters deserve great credit for their labours, nevertheless when we published the constitution in our last issue it was hardly to be expected that it would please all and every one concerned. The fraternity in Halifax desired on a meeting to discuss the constitution at which

special meeting Mr. Caldwell was appointed Secretary for the occasion with power to forward such changes and amendments as would be deemed necessary. Accordingly matters were put in shape and forwarded to the Secretary *pro tem* asking him to consider our petition, and upon which in due course received an answer stating that the Halifax amendments were in order. There may of course be divided opinions as to the course to pursue, but in our opinion we should like to see things go along in proper order. To elect a man for office without a constitution for a guide seems to us as preposterous as to blindfold a man and make him swear to what he can't see. We cannot for the life of us understand why any one should be anxious to accept office before he knows what he is elected for.

The proposed amendment will be found in the proper place of this issue and we would respectfully direct the attention of all qualified voters, to pursue the best and safest course and not rush matters through at a break-neck speed. If the managing committee favour our opinion in this matter we would suggest that a vote be taken on the Constitution first, either as originally presented or with the amendments. When this is settled then we shall be most happy to favour a speedy election of officers &c.

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A FRIENDLY gathering of Philatelists was held at the residence of Mr Larsen on the 3rd of November. After the business was disposed of for which this meeting was intended, it was proposed that right there and then the formation of the Halifax Philatelic Association take place. This being according to every ones wish the meeting adjourned to meet again on the 17th of November, at 71 Gottingen St., for the purpose of putting the society into proper shape.

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The Toronto Philatelist has been received and we welcome the re-appearance of an old friend.

It would be a "consummation devoutly to be wished" if all dealers would adopt a uniform mark to designate whether the stamps advertised were used or unused. For instance some dealers place a star before the unused stamps, whereas others place it before the used ones. This is very often annoying and we see no reason why a system could not be universally adopted. We ourselves should like to see all stamps marked thus * if unused, otherwise the absence of the star would be sufficient to make it understood to be used.

NUMBER 3 of the *Niagara Falls Philatelist* has reached us and as the Editor tells its readers that the "Funny man" has been bundled off, a train of serious thoughts must have come over the editorial staff. The offer the *N. F. Ph.* makes in lieu of becoming the official organ of the C. P. A. is more than we can stand, and if confirmed in next issue we beg to withdraw from the contest and at once throw up the sponge. The *N. F. Ph.* will please reserve all the advertising space for us and on receipt of marked copy will—well expect to receive the premium.

It will interest stamp collectors in England to hear that "the latest acquisition for the sport (*sic*) of postage stamp collectors" is the permission of the police-president of Berlin for all who have passed the age of eighteen to meet together to hold a stamp bourse between the hours of eight and ten in the evening. The first meeting will be held on Nov. 2.

TAKE advantage of special offer on page 7.

Just as we are going to press the November issue of the *Niagara Falls Philatelist* makes its appearance and we notice it confirms its previous offer of 150 per cent discount in advertising rates. Next!

THE St. Pierre, Miq. postal authorities recognize the Canada one cent post card for face value. For instance a Canada one cent post card with an additional 5 centimes will go through the mail from St. Pierre, Miq., to any part of Canada. We have frequently received them.

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As will be noticed in our Chronicle, advance sheets of the new Newfoundland stamps have come to hand. Although the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent is very pretty we think it a great pity this stamp was not printed in black. The design is well executed, but the choice of colour should have been left to some one more competent. This new stamp together with the 1 cent (green) will not be for sale until early in 1888.

BEFORE STAMPS.

THE FRANKING SYSTEM.—The abuses of this system soon became so great, that we find a witness employed by the Post Office, giving evidence before a parliamentary committee, that among other ridiculous articles that had been sent through the Post Office free, were: "Fifteen couples of hounds to the King of the Romans;" "Two maid servants

going out as laundresses to my Lord Ambassador Methuen;" "Dr. Crichton carrying on with him a cow and divers other necessaries;" "A box of medicine for my Lord Galway, in Portugal;" "A deal case with fitches of bacon for Mrs. Pennington, of Rotterdam," and "Two hales of stockings for the Ambassador to the Court of Portugal."

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