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## Will You Help?

By *Everett Byron Horn*

Let us for a while look forward to the brighter hopes and expectations of our delightful pursuit. With the coming year cannot each individual collector try every week to do something of benefit to philately? Can he not induce some of his acquaintances to start a collection of the most fascinating of all collectable things, namely, postage stamps?

For a moment or two let us diverge from our subject, and view the last year's progress.

Has not our hobby gained in numbers? Has not the system of exposing fraudulent persons been greatly improved and perfected, and has not the number of this petty class of philatelists, if such we may call them, greatly diminished? Yes, *sans doute*, and many more benefits and pleasures of philately been introduced into our scientific hobby.

But now to return to our "iter inceptum." What we are seeking at present is a means of increasing the popularity, doubling, aye, if possible

tripling the vast number of partisans who now enjoy the acquaintance of our invincible philatelia. This can readily be accomplished by the each-one-for-himself method—if you will pardon the phrase. Doubtless some philatelists will say to themselves that, since many of their wide-awake brethren are gathering new contingents for our hobby, it is unnecessary that they should also strive to obtain new collectors. Ah, me! this is an almost unpardonable error. Let each man for himself try to bring new collectors amongst our numerous joys. It is possible, we are sure, for we have already tried it with successful accomplishments upon more than a single person.

There are many, many people whom you can with very little effort persuade to follow in the much-trodden path of philately. First get hold of somebody whom you know, and show them your own collection, explain all to them, let them examine your library of philatelic publications, tell them all about our societies, the good times we have, auction meetings, conven-

tions, etc., and do not release your hold upon them until you have succeeded in inducing them to make a beginning of stamp collection. Then don't forget to present them with as many varieties of stamps as you can spare. Also give them a few philatelic publications (current ones if possible), and inform them where they can procure good albums and such articles.

Will you not try to remember these few little advices, and will you not, for the benefit of philately, heartily attempt to win over more recruits to the philatelic phalanx? We are sure that, if each individual would brace up and pitch in with a bound-to-win vigor, the ensuing year would have few equals in the annals of philatelic history. Now, gentle readers, in closing we wish to beg your pardon for having detained you with these lines, yet we feel that something must be done to "boost" philately to the top round of the ladder of success. So let all do their best to help, as every little counts, and let all exclaim: "Vivat philatelia."

## Philatelic Journalism in Ontario

*By R. G. Widdicombe*

It would be an extremely difficult matter for those not acquainted with philately to believe that twenty-five years ago there was not

a philatelic paper published in Ontario.

The first paper published in the Province was the Stamp Advocate, which appeared from Toronto in 1875, and since that time our journalism has enjoyed a steady growth. Like many of its successors, this paper lived but a short time, and was forced to give way to the many other attempts which soon followed.

During the year 1877 I note two more papers, the Philatelic News and the Toronto Philatelist, both of them being published at Toronto. Neither of them lived to complete a volume, the former publishing but one number, while the third number ended the latter.

The Coin and Stamp was the next paper to appear from the Province, it coming from Toronto also. After publishing two numbers it also gave up.

The papers just mentioned were the first attempts at journalism in Ontario, and were doing a good work, making the way clearer for the much better and higher class journals which have since appeared, many of them being a credit to the country in which we live.

The next paper was the Canadian Philatelist, which was of a somewhat better type than those previously published. This paper was started by Mr. L. T. Baker of Whitby, and after the first few numbers appeared to be well patronized by advertisers. It con-

sisted of from 8 to 16 pages monthly, and was a well gotten up magazine. After publishing seven numbers, Mr. Baker was forced to give it up, and sold out to G. A. Lowe of Toronto, who had a short time previous launched the Toronto Philatelic Journal upon the troubled sea of journalism.

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## Notes and Comments

*By R. G. Widdicombe*

Have you joined the D. P. A. ?

The Pennsylvania Stamp has suspended publication.

The St. Paul Philatelic society is now a branch of the A. P. A.

The much-talked-of Canadian number of the Philatelic Free Lance has been received.

It will be a disappointment to many to hear that very few Canadian stamps have advanced in the new catalogue.

A copy of the Ontario Philatelic Directory and a year's subscription to the Ontario Philatelist for 20 cents; regular price, 30 cents.

The firm of Cook & Dunbar of Bridgeport (Conn.) has dissolved partnership. Mr. Cook will henceforth deal principally in revenues at wholesale.

## Papers Received

Canadian—Stamp Lore, Philatelic Advocate, All-around Stamp Advertiser.

American — Trans Mississippi Stamp, Philatelic Free Lance, Philatelic Literature, Dakota Philatelic, Weekly Philatelic Era (4 numbers), Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Philatelic Tribune, American Collector, Herald Exchange, American Journal of Philately, Postage Stamp, Monthly Observer, Official Bulletin, Texas Philatelic Association, Philatelic Californian, Philatelic West, Mekeel's Weekly (4 numbers), Home Worker, Post Office, Philatelic Literaturist, Western Stamp; New York, Maryland, Eastern, Metropolitan, Evergreen State, Indiana, Columbian, Michigan Philatelists, Diamond Philatelist.

Foreign—Philatelic Journal of Great Britain and Advertiser, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Philatelistisches Borsenblatt.

We have also received the following: Price list No. 5 from the Naumkeag Stamp Co. Ltd., Salem (Mass.); price list from W. F. Gregory (New York); auction catalogues from Bogert & Slurbin Co., Philadelphia; from G. R. Tuttle, Newark (N.J.) from W. F. Gregory, New York; advance pages of Third Edition of Foreign Address Book from the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Pub. Co., St. Louis (Mo.) All of which are acknowledged with thanks.

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million.

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have to go to press without it.

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or an advertisement? If not, why  
not? It has paid others, why not  
you?

"Les Colletionvieur Le Timbres  
Postes" states that Canada will

shortly issue a new set of adhesives  
of the same type as the current 20c.  
and 50c.

What has become of Stamp Lore,  
or the Canadian Philatelic Maga-  
zine? Have they discontinued?  
We have not seen a copy of either  
for two months.

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who have not taken advantage of  
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prices, and as our next number will  
appear about the time that the new  
catalogues will be out for sale, we  
think it to be of advantage to with-  
draw it.

Mr. C. A. Needham of Hamilton  
(Ont.), while away on a trip, had  
his office broken into and some  
\$2,000 worth of stamps were stolen.  
They must have been experts, as  
they only picked out the finest speci-  
men of old collections. Stock books  
were also taken.

We trust our readers will be  
satisfied with this, our "Christmas"  
number. It was our intention to  
have had a much larger paper, but  
thought that a small paper with  
good readable matter would be  
more suitable. We wish to call  
special attention to our advertise-  
ment columns, and request all to  
take advantage of the numerous

bargains and offers to be found therein.

"Rea," the Canadian correspondent of the *Mekeels Weekly*, severely criticized a recent editorial concerning certain remarks made about the report of a find of Canadian pence issues that were discovered. If "Rea" would refer back to a recent issue of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, he would find out where our information came from, and not be in such a hurry to rush things into the newspapers.

A meeting was held at the residence of the editor Dec. 3rd for the purpose of organizing a branch of the D. P. A. A large number were present, but the meeting was adjourned to a later date. Mr. J. Shack of New York was the guest of the evening, and showed some very good stamps of B. N. A. and U. S. Considerable selling and exchanging was done, and all appeared satisfied at the bargains they received.

We wish to call special attention to our "Premium offer," which is advertised on another page, that this will be the last month for those intending to subscribe. All subscriptions that are received up to the 10th of January will each receive premium; all those which show the postmark later than that date will just simply receive the paper for one year. Take advantage of this offer while it lasts, as

these stamps can never be purchased at a low rate, as they are now constantly increasing in value. So if you desire these stamps for nothing send us your subscriptions at once, and you will never regret it. Subscribe, subscribe.

Scott's 57th catalogue, as far as B. N. A. stamps are concerned, is a disappointment as to prices; very few of them have advanced. The reason is very plain, and may be told in a few words. A certain Canadian dealer recently took a trip to the United States, and simply filled up the dealers there at very low prices, and they naturally thought that, if one person could have so many B. N. A. stamps, they were quite easily obtained; but if such is the case, are the majority of those collectors who specialize in these B. N. A. stamps to be misled into this belief? No, certainly not, we say, and it will be easily found out, from the new catalogue on B. N. A. postage, which will appear shortly, that these stamps will be marked at a slight advance over Scott's 57th.

The Ontario Philatelic Association is again talked of. Stamp lore is heading the movement.

A neat catalogue of U. S. letter sheets has been sent to us by the Hub Stamp Co. of Waltham, Mass. It may be obtained from the above address for only 10c.

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#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

##### CHANGES IN ADDRESS

- 168 Robert Ascroft, jr., 383 Sixth av., Brooklyn (N. Y.)  
 3 Wm. S. Weatherston, 109 E. 19th street, New York (N. Y.)

##### RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

- 58 J. E. Patterson, Guelph (Ont.)

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 191 E. J. Garraty, Richmond (Quebec.)

The above members will receive their membership certificates upon receipt of dues to January 1, 1898, amounting to 25 cts.

##### APPLICATIONS

- Wm. A. Lydiatt, Wallaceburg (Ont.) Refs., Thos. G. Clark and A. H. Adams.  
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 James Fred Irvine, St. Catharines (Ont.) Refs., William A. Beatty and L. S. Graham.

The above applications will be admitted to full membership on January 20, provided no objection is filed with the secretary previous to that date.

Our report goes to press two weeks earlier this month, so we are obliged to leave over till next report a number of applications which we understand are on the way to us.

Over three hundred applications blanks have been mailed to collectors

this month. We trust each person will give us his aid in building up our Canadian society.

I desire to call the attention of members to the exchange superintendent's report published herewith. Mr. Humphrys is working hard to make his department a success, and it will be to the advantage of all members to avail themselves of its advantages.

I wish all the members of the D. P. A. a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Philatelists will find it to their interest to join the D. P. A. Initiation fee 10 cts., yearly dues 25 cts. For full information address the Secretary,  
A. H. ADAMS, Box 24, Whitby (Ont.)

#### Exchange Superintendent's Address

I wish to inform the members of the D. P. A. that the Exchange Department is now in good running order, and would ask those who wish to participate in the benefits derived from the department to send at once for blank sheets, which will be supplied at 5c. each or six for 25c., which should be filled up and returned as soon as possible. Those who have stamps to either sell or exchange will find this department greatly to their advantage. The rarer the stamps the better.

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I have received numerous enquiries as to the rules of the department. To save time and trouble in answering future ones, I will endeavor to give the information necessary.

1. Before the name of any member is placed on the exchange list, it is necessary that he should have at least one sheet in circulation.

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3. Each member must retain the book not longer than four days, Sundays excepted. A fine of five cents per day will be imposed for any longer delay.

4. A list of circuit members with address in full will be sent with each book, and each member must forward the same promptly by registered mail at his own expense to the next member.

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6. The space from which a stamp is taken must be filled in by the signature of the member taking same, and the amount entered opposite his name on the address book.

7. Each member will be rendered a quarterly statement of his account by the exchange superintendent, and any deficiency must be settled in cash.

Any further information I shall be most willing to give. I trust each and every member of the D. P. A. who has any duplicates to sell or exchange will send at once for blank sheets, and, to make the exchange department the leading feature of the association.

Yours fraternally,

W. G. HUMPHRYS,  
Exchange Superintendent,  
231 Jarvis Street, Toronto (Ont.)



**As to the Amalgamation of the D. P. A. and the C. P. A.**

*To the Trustees of the Dominion Philatelic Association.*

We, the committee appointed by your board to negotiate with Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele of Quebec, president of the Canadian Philatelic Association, to find out upon what basis a union of the two Associations could be consummated, beg to report as follows :

1. In the matter of dues, we find that no sum under 50c. per annum would be considered by the C. P. A., and that their preference would be \$1 per annum.

2. The President of the C. P. A. would require a meeting of representatives of the two Associations in January, 1897, for the purpose of considering all matters not touched on herein, and for the purpose of electing or appointing a new board of officers for the coming year.

3. Capt. Wurtele recommends a larger grant to the official organ, preferably \$50, and not less than \$25 per annum.

4. The president of the C. P. A. recommends that a certain sum of money (the amount to be determined by the state of the treasury) be paid to the Secretary in consideration of efficient services.

4. Capt. Wurtele expresses himself as quite in favor of amalgamation, substantially under the above named conditions, and your committee therefore beg to report that, under the foregoing conditions, they believe a union of the two Associations can be consummated.

Committee on amalgamation { ALEX. M. MUIRHEAD, Chairman.  
CHARLES BAILEY.  
RAYMOND S. BAKER.

Nov. 23rd, 1896.

For the benefit of those members who were unable to attend the late convention of the Association, and on that account are in darkness in regard to the amalgamation question, I publish herebelow the letter of Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, which was read and discussed at the convention :

QUEBEC, AUGUST 20TH, 1896.

DEAR SIR: With regard to the subject of Philately in Canada, I note that your annual meeting is to take place next month. Would it be possible to have the subject of amalgamation taken into consideration at that time? If so, I would be thankful if you would submit the following for the purpose of getting matters under way, and with the object of ascertaining the views of your members :

1. That the Canadian and Dominion Philatelic Associations amalgamate into one Society in the general interests of Philately in Canada.

2. That, to bring about this result in a satisfactory manner, both Associations arrive at the same conclusions, and then decide upon some plan of action upon which to reorganize.

I would suggest as a proper and just plan that a list be obtained of all those

desirous of coming in under the new system, which would be as far as possible restricted to persons who were properly interested in Philately, and that this list should be the new Association from which nominations could be made and elections held; the selection of officers or nominations to be made irrespective as to whether a person belonged to either the one or the other Association, the main object being to get into office only such persons who could be counted upon to further the interests of the new organization. Such a step would, I believe, be the means of helping our cause, and would revive the subject in its proper light.

Hoping to hear from you at your convenience,

Wm. R. Adams, Esq.,  
Toronto, Ont.

Yours truly,  
ERNEST F. WURTELE.

Since convention time a committee was appointed to negotiate with Capt. Wurtele to find out upon what basis a satisfactory amalgamation could be brought about, and the above report is the result of their labors.

A. H. ADAMS,  
Secretary.

## Philatelic Pencillings

*E. B. Horn Jr.*

New Philatelic journals seem to be a kind of fad at present. So many new ones!

The Kentucky Philatelist has "turned up its toes," after issuing a single number. The Minnesota Stamp is another journal to die young.

Scott's advanced sheets of the 57th gave a pretty generous boost to revenue prices. However, we think the prices will be substantiated in most cases.

The auction season of this country has now come upon us, and has made a good beginning. Several sales have already occurred at various stampic centres.

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