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## PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

### Pithy Philatelic Points.

The article under this heading on page 13 will be continued next month. It gives in condensed form, the best of articles, editorials, etc. found in other papers. We are sorry that we cannot give the name of the compiler but owing to circumstances, of no interest to our readers, the writer wishes to be known—for the present—as Regina!l Kinnersley. We will say though, that it is compiled by one of the most prominent of Canadian workers—one who has done more for Philately in Canada than any other two Canadian Philatelists.

Until further notice we will give a year's subscription, with premium, for every ¼ or 6c Canada Jubilee Stamp sent us.

A subscriber wants to know the address of the Duke of York. Can any one favor us with it?

We have received from the Star Stamp Co. a sample of "Star" hinges at 6c per 1000.

A correspondent asks "Can a man serve two masters?" That remains to be seen.

If every subscriber would get just one new subscriber what an improvement we could make in our paper. Will you do your part? We will give three subscriptions, with premium, for 50c.

On account of the large amount of MSS submitted in our Prize Contest the judge was unable to report his decision in time for this issue. The name of winners and first prize article will appear in our next number.

One of the neatest Private Post Cards we have seen was sent us from Toronto by our friend Mr C. Bailey.

It is printed in three colors, red, blue and green and shows cuts of prominent Toronto buildings. It was issued as a souvenir of the Epworth League convention.

We will give a 20 word adv. on the Bargain Page, or extend your subscription three months for every copy of our "July Special Edition" returned to us.

Parties wishing petition blanks for the release of J. R. Hooper, can get them by sending a card to Jos Hooper Port Hope, Ont.

From our Special Correspondent.

### From Over The Border.

The Staten Island Philatelic Society and the Philatelic Society of New York have passed resolutions protesting against the recent seizure of periodical stamps.

The Philatelic Society of the District of Columbia, recently organized, has twenty five charter members.

The Universal Postal Congress, which recently closed in Washington, will meet in Rome in 1902. The motion for a universal postage stamp was defeated.

The A. P. A. membership has been decreasing of late. It is now 878.

At Bogert & Durbin's 85th sale a U. S. revenue \$2.50, with inverted medallion, sold for \$191.

The summer is now upon us and with it comes a general dullness in stamp circles I recently met several of our leading American dealers and they all report a dropping off of trade in consequence of the hot weather. As a result low prices prevail. The wise collector is quietly taking advantage of these prices and doing his winter buying now.

HENRY F. DOYLE.

# → THE PHILATELIC ADVOCATE. ←

Devoted to Stamp Collecting.

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## The Dirigo Stamp Company

By HERBERT IREY WATTS.

Author of "Philatelia" "Harry's Stamps"  
"The Fatal Stamp" etc.

### Chapter II.

"It never rains but it pours." Old saying  
**T**HE above saying seemed to hold  
good in the case of The Dirigo  
Stamp Co. The very next day  
after the organization of the company  
as recorded in the previous chapter, a  
somewhat similar event took place in  
another little town not far away—in  
fact only about one hundred miles.  
This time it was Winston, and the  
organizers were—well they were three  
young ladies. They, Nellie Pegg,  
her cousin Fanny, and their particular  
friend Lauretta Lewis Payne, were  
just as deeply interested in Philately  
as the boys of the Dirigo.

They had decided that it would be  
fun to start a small company and deal  
in stamps, and besides they saw possi-  
bilities of improving their collections.  
These collections were their especial  
delight and each prided herself on  
being a specialist. Nellie rejected all  
save Uncle Sam's issues; Fanny had  
made British North America her spe-  
cial care, while Lauretta vowed alleg-  
iance to Mexican issues.

Just now they were debating on the  
name of their already organized com-  
pany. Fanny proposed Capital Stamp  
Co.; Nellie was for calling it Winston  
Philatelic Co., While Lauretta pro-  
posed,—well what do you think? She  
suggested the original(?) name of —  
the Dirigo Stamp Company,

When she could make herself heard

above the chatter of her companions  
Nellie proposed to leave it to chance.  
"We'll write the names on paper and  
put them in a box. Then I'll draw  
out one, with my eyes shut, and that  
shall be the name."

This plan was carried out, and  
Lauretta's choice was decreed by chance  
(or was it fate?) to be the company's  
name.

When the girls romped down to  
supper, very hungry after so much  
excitement, they had no idea what a  
complication the name of their small  
company would lead to, or what the  
future had in store. Of course you  
want to know how they succeeded.

Send us twenty five cents and we  
will send you this paper one year and  
a copy of "Philatelia" the best stamp  
story ever written. If you mention  
it when subscribing we will furnish  
the preceding chapters of the above  
story free.

## British Colonials.

By HERBERT IREY WATTS.

### IV. British Guiana.

**N**O other British possession has as  
many rare and curious stamps as  
British Guiana. Its postal emiss-  
ions comprise many provisional issues  
and a multitude of surcharges.

Of this vast list of stamps I can here  
describe but a few of the most inter-  
esting.

Its first stamp was issued in 1850,  
ten years after the first introduction  
of stamps. The design was a crude  
circle of the size of an ordinary post-

mark which it much resembles. This stamp was issued in five values, of which the rarest is the two cent on pink. All this set are in black. Late in 1850 a new design appeared introducing as its special feature the ship which has with one exception, distinguished this colony's emissions. This stamp was of two values, one and four cent, both of which are very scarce and rarely met with,

In 1860 a provisional issue was made. This set was typographed. That is set up with printer's type, hence many varieties appear. This issue, with various slight changes in perforation, etc., held sway at intervals until 1875.

In 1881 another provisional type-set stamp appeared. It differs from the preceding provisional set in that it has a picture of a ship in centre.

The only postal issue of this country that has on it the picture of Queen Victoria is the registration envelope. It is a four cent vermilion on white.

### Hamilton Notes.

By CHAS. S. APPELGATH.

Almost everyone has been investing in Jubilee stamps, and now some who went in rather heavy are beginning to find them dead stock as almost all the lower values, aside from the halves and sixes, can be purchased at the Hamilton post office at face value.

The Buckeye Stamp Co., of this city which did a large business last season, has dissolved partnership. Mr. Geo. Keller retires and Mr. E. Marris will carry on the business in future.

Chas. A. Needham, who is known all over the country as Hamilton's leading stamp dealer, was fortunate enough to secure between four and five hundred half-cent Jubilee stamps.

Hamilton collectors are at last awakening to the fact that they are losing a great deal by not joining the D. P. A. A number are sending in their applications and we hope to have a good representation on the membership roll.

There recently came to my notice a copy of the current two cent U. S. which had done postal duty in Canada. It bore the postmark Brampton, Ont. Upon receipt of the letter no extra fee was charged. I wonder which was at fault the color of the stamp or the eyes of the official who stamped it.

The half cent and six cent Jubilee stamps are commanding big prices. One young man sold a half cent for three dollars. This is an exception. The general price is fifty cts. to one dollar.

Articles in the newspapers upon the annexation of Hawaii to the United States have caused much comment in philatelic circles. Hawaiian stamps will go up in price.



Geo. W. Starnaman, a member of the firm of Starnaman Bros, publishers of this paper, was born at Berlin in 1880 and has been a stamp collector for about six years. He is violinist in Prof. Zaellner's famous Philharmonic Society's orchestra and is also a member of the Dominion Philatelic Association.

Compiled expressly for the *ADVOCATE*.\*

### **Pithy Philatelic Points.**

Convention Sayings, Letters and Articles, from Noted Collectors and Writers, Carefully Condensed.

By REGINALD KINNERSLEY.

**C**OLLECTORS of the future will confine themselves to certain countries and endeavor to make complete collections of stamps instead of having a few from each country. (H. I. Watts.)

Excuse me! I haven't the money, and am too proud to beg and too honest to steal, so my collection will never be complete. The idea of making a complete collection of U. S. stamps is nonsense. (M. Iron.)

The collection of minor varieties is in much disfavor with a few, but with the great body of philatelists it was never so popular. We are told that it is the 'pestilence' threatening the very life of our hobby, but that is a little pessimistic to say the least. (Gordon C. Corbaley.)

Stamp advertising pays the best in a philatelic paper. We have tried a number of the better class of juvenile publications and we have yet to find one that paid five per cent. (R. Miller.)

I advocate the consolidation of all the national philatelic associations except the American Philatelic Association, into one great society to be known as the "Philatelic Sons of America." (Oney K. Carstarphen.)

What a vast improvement Philatelia has made in the last ten years. Then when stamp collecting was spoken of by newspapers, it was called a senseless craze, fit only for the amusement of children etc. The craze has increased in popularity, and numbers of the worst scoffers are now collectors. (Leon V. Cass.)

\* See Editorials.

It is possible to produce articles on stamps which shall possess the literary qualities which would entitle them to a position in general literature. \* \* \* Some literary people claim that anyone who collects stamps is naturally so devoid of sense that even if an article of literary merit in connection with stamps should be produced, there would be no stamp collectors who would know it. We can afford to smile at such prejudice, although a large part of what is published as literature in stamp papers of the poorer class gives some ground for the opinion. (Crawford Capen.)

To restrict or annul the collection of unmistakable varieties in gum, color, perforation and engraving process, is quite a retrogradation into the time of primitive barbarism, when fragments of stamps, a paste-pot and a scrap-book were the necessary accessories to a stamp collector's happiness. (Ed L. Smiley.)

Many writers have hailed the Advice to Beginners subject as a fine one on which to exercise their pens, and the conflicting advice they have turned out is enough to discourage the beginner entirely. Those who are really competent to point out the philatelic ways should do so with less vagueness than they often do. (Amy L. Swift.)

Your foreign correspondence dwindles and disappears and at last you arrive at the conclusion that the only satisfactory exchange is domestic. It is a fact that the stamps of any country are more valuable in that country than abroad, owing to the specializing of collectors in stamps of their native country. (Chas. E. Jenney.)

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## Editorial.

### Association Gleanings.

Among the candidates for office in the P. S. of A. there is one man whom we sincerely hope will be elected, and he is Mr. T. L. Green, who is a candidate for Exchange Supt. We feel confident that he will make a capable officer and we advise all the "Sons" to mark their ballots for Mr Green.

Mr Ernest R. Aldrich, of Benson, Minn. is our candidate for P. S. of A. President. We believe he will go in by an overwhelming majority.

No society can flourish with a sleepy official organ. That is the reason we

hear so little of the L. of A. P. We hope a new paper will be appointed soon and that the members will get to work again. What's the matter with the "Perforator" for official organ?

The National Phil. Ass'n, organized March 1st, has up to date eighteen members with five applications in June. The dues of the society are only 15c per year so the membership ought to boom better than this. Send us some blanks.

We hardly think C. L. Thurston will stand much of a show for Sec'y of the P. S. of A. His late trouble with the N. P. S. will have a disastrous effect on his support.

The editor of the N. Y. Philatelist sits on the business editor of the "Herald Exchange" for supporting Omaha for the P. S. of A. meet for 1898, when New York is in the field. This is no more than right as every paper should look after the interests of its home before any other place. We think Omaha is a wee bit too "swiny" in wanting five conventions.

Mr C. Bailey, Mgr. of The Collectors' Testimonial. Stamp Co, 85 Euclid Ave. Toronto, Ont, writes as follows.

Toronto, July 10, 1897.

Dear Sirs:—

I write to express my great satisfaction of the merits of the ADVOCATE as an advertising medium.

I have to date received orders to the amount of \$35.00.

Very truly yours,  
C. Bailey.

This letter was written only seven days after the July paper was mailed. TRY AN AD. and be convinced.

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Come, then, and join us without delay,

Open is the door, enter while you may.

Leagues and societies are forming fast

Linking together this army so vast.

Lillie H. Murray.

## The D. P. A. Meet.

**An enthusiastic gathering  
A resolution in favor of J. R.  
Hooper. Election of officers.**

The second annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association was opened on the afternoon of July 21st at Berlin, Ont.

On account of the absence of the President, C. Bailey was unanimously elected chairman.

The following committees were appointed:— on Credentials, C. S. Applegath, W. A. Starnaman and R. G. Widdicombe; on Finance, F. I. Weaver W. A. Lydiatt and C. Bailey; Constitution and By-laws, W. A. Starnaman F. I. Weaver and L. E. Strohm.

The following were nominated to fill vacancies caused by the withdrawal of some of those already nominated, for Vice Pres. A. H. Adams; for Sec'y W. A. Starnaman; for Trustee, W. A. Lydiatt.

The finance committee reported that they found the books in a very satisfactory condition.

C. Bailey, Exchange Supt, reported that as there had been no requests for sheets, those sent had been returned.

On motion the reports were adopted.

Moved by C. Bailey, seconded by W. A. Lydiatt, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered A. H. Adams for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties pertaining to the office of Sec'y. Carried. (Applause)

Mr Adams replied to this motion in a few well chosen remarks.

The following members wrote regretting their inability to attend the convention, E. B. Carter, Dayton, O.; F. J. Garraty, Richmond, Que.; Wm. Dunn, Minden, Ont. and Eben S. Martin Minneapolis, Minn.

Other communications were, from Eben S Martin nominating the International Stamp as official organ. From J. R. Hooper asking us to aid him in securing his release.

On motion of W A Starnaman and W A Lydiatt this resolution was passed

“Resolved, the Dominion Philatelic Association, consisting of members in all parts of Canada, in convention assembled at the town of Berlin, July 21 & 22, do most respectfully request the honorable Minister of Justice to release John Reginald Hooper, now confined at St Vincent de Paul.”

Moved and seconded that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Sir Oliver Mowat, also that all Canadian members be asked to apply for petition blanks to aid Mr Hooper.

The following telegram was read

New York July 21st 1897.

U. S. Members send their congratulations. W S Weatherston, Vice Pres

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Numbers refer to votes received.  
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A M Muirhead 28

W R Adams 19

Vice President.

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Vice Pres. U. S.

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#### 1898 CONVENTION.

Nominations will be received by the Secretary until Sept 15th, 1897, for the convention seat for 1898.

#### Fragments.

The letters D. P. A. on the flag in front of the convention hall aroused much curiosity among the uninitiated and many guesses were made as to the meaning of them.

One prominent member wrote that he disapproved of voting by proxy—but he didn't forget to send his own proxy and also those of a few friends.

The members were much surprised when they found that the President had not even sent an excuse for his absence.

Some of the boys invested in limburger cheese and pretzels two German delicacies which were new to them.

After the convention the members had their photo taken.

An informal auction sale was held by the new auction manager.

The following is a list of those who attended the convention. C. Bailey, Toronto; A H Adams, Whitby; C.S. Applegath, Hamilton; R. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines; F. I. Weaver, W. A. Starnaman, Geo. W. Starnaman, Jas Jaimet, and L. E. Strohm, of Berlin. W. A. Lydiatt, London.

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#### A. P. A. NEWS.

Our advice to a society is—when you have a good Secretary keep him. We notice that Joe F. Beard is a candidate for Sec'y of the American Philatelic Ass'n. In our opinion there is no better man for this position. Mr. Beard has been a most capable officer, and in the past year has shown his ability as Secretary. We hope he will be elected by a large majority and would request our readers to use their influence for his re-election.

We have made special arrangements to have a correspondent at the A. P. A. Convention, which will be held near Boston, and we hope to publish a full report in next issue.

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## Philatelic Pencilings.

By CANUCK.

**T**O show the inconsistency of the P. O. officials in Toronto I quote the following. A gentleman applied at the office for six \$5.00 Jubilee stamps to prepay a valuable parcel but he was politely refused and had to mail his parcel with sixty 50c blue, present issue.

As a result of the interest aroused by the issue of Jubilee stamps, dealers report business very brisk, especially beginners.

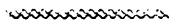
The postmaster's report for the year ending June 30, 1897, shows an increase in the postal revenue of \$300000

Mexico will shortly issue a new set of postage stamps of an entirely different design from the present issue.

Mr. Raynor Hubbell, the enterprising dealer of Buffalo, was a recent visitor to Toronto and reports business better this summer than ever before. It is his intention to form a stock company shortly.

A certain dealer not a thousand miles from Buffalo recently placed a small ad. in a Toronto daily offering to purchase half and six cent Jubilee stamps at fifteen cents each. He received a reply from a party in Toronto, who unintentionally overlooked the word "Jubilee," stating he had a sheet of one hundred half cent and could easily get more. The dealer, believing he had a sure thing and not waiting to reply, boarded the train for Toronto. Arriving there he immediately sought out the party who had answered his adv. The said party happily brought forward a sheet of the old 1872 half-cent black, remarking that they could go to the P. O. and get more. The dealer, seeing the stamps and hearing

the innocent remarks of the seller, could not control himself further and—well I left, but a friend of mine smelt smoke in the atmosphere an hour after



## St. Catharines Items.

By R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

**O**NE dealer here has in his possession about thirty of the 6 cent Jubilee issue. This is considered a pretty fair number. Another collector has purchased eleven complete sets, and thinks they will command a good premium in a short time.

The following is a copy of a letter I received from the P. O. Dep't.

Ottawa, July 2nd, 1897.

R. G. Widdicombe,

St. Catharines, Ont.

Sir:—

I am directed to send you for your information and guidance the following statement which has just been given to the press.

"Enquiry having been made at the Post Office Department as to whether the Canadian Jubilee Postage Stamps would continue good as postage for a limited period only, it has been officially stated that the Jubilee stamp will remain valid for postage purposes so long as they may continue in circulation. They will not, however, be redeemed by the department, a distinction being drawn between them and the ordinary stamps. This applies to the Jubilee cards also."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

..... Superintendent

It is rumored that another philatelic paper will appear from St Catharines at no far distant date. Particulars later.

## Watt's Corner Stamps

### Wanted.

Winchester, Ind., Aug. 1st. 1897.

Mr. Publisher.

Dear Sir:—

I want to exchange some good, philatelic MSS with you for stamps.

I want Mexican issues, only, and can use many very common ones; either postage or revenues.

Send stamp for postage and I will submit MSS on approval. I to select stamps from sheets or lists in payment. Write me.

Philatelically yours,

Herbert Irey Watts.

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would smell as sweet."

The mortal Bill Nye say s

"So does an onion."

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