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TORONTO, CANADA.

MAY, 1893.

Walter McMahon

Began collecting in 1889. Branched into specialism in 1891, has done a little dealing, enough to make money to pay for his collection of British North America, with the exception of a few rarities.

Mr. McMahon is a trustee of the Canadian Philatelic Association, and Vice-President of the Philatelic Society of

Canada.

Around Town

It is rumored that the 50c. stamp will be recalled, on account of its resemblance to the old bill stamp.

A 12 penny Canada is being hawked around town. The owner first began at \$100. and now is asking over \$200.

During the months of June, July and August, the Toronto Philatelic Club will meet but once each month, namely, on the first Wednesday of the month.

At the Club's meeting of May 3rd, Mr. Needham, of Hamilton, displayed a 50c. Canadian bill stamp, used postally.

Ottawa Notes

I have not made the acquaintance of all the Ottawa collectors as yet, and therefore cannot give much news of their doings.

The Ottawa branch of the P. S. of C., is not so flourishing as the Toronto Philatelic Club, attendance and interest being both poor. There is no regular meetings now, the branch meeting only at the call of some officer.

An eight cent stamp, to be used for postage and registration combined, is now being printed, and is likely to be put in

issue very shortly, when the five cent registration stamp will probably be withdrawn. Rumor says, this new stamp will be similar in design to the new 20c. and 50c stamps and printed a deep maroon color. It is also reported that the next change will be the design of the balance of the issue.

While in New York, I made the rounds of all the stamp dealers I knew or could find, and made several interesting discoveries, chief amongst which was the fact that the dealers who are best known, are those who have the fewest rare stamps in stock, and that a few little one-horse seeming affairs, have each a nice little bunch of good ones. Of these latter, two had a good stock of B. N. A. scarceties, but refused not only to put a price on them, but even to display them. Another find was that everywhere Canada officially sealed, were a drug on the market at 20% off catalogue.

In the American Journal of Philately (Scott Stamp and C. Co.,) makes a very mean attack on the J. W. Scott Co., for the manner in which they conducted the De Coppet sale. As one who was present at a portion of the sale, I must say that I can see no possible ground for it. I acknowledge that the prices were high, but surely those who were bidding knew what they were about. One reason for the high prices was stated by a friend of mine who went with me the morning after the sale to get his stamps. He said, "Mr. De Coppet, this stamp is worth \$5.00 but last night I bid \$12.00 to get it, just to be able to say I own a stamp that was once in the De Coppet collection. Now kindly put your initials on the back of it. to show something for that other \$7.00." The statement that the catalogue was "full

of rank frauds and exaggerations of the condition of stamps," is untrue and unnecessarily unjust, at least, as regards the B. N. A. portion which was what chiefly interested me. The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., cannot afford to throw stones, as I have bought stamps at their own sales and consequently know a thing or two.

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Chicago Notes

The first number of the Illinois Philatelist has made its appearance. Its home, Palatine, Ill., is a suburb of Chicago.

Philatelists visiting Chicago during the time of the Exposition, will be well taken care of, as there will undoubtedly be a number of the local collectors at the stamp exhibit nearly all the time.

The meeting room of the local societies, will always be open to the visiting Philatelist, where he may be sure of receiving at all times, a hearty welcome from his brothers in Philately. The latest stamp papers are always on file, while many books of interest will help beguile the weary hours.

Now that S. B. Bradt has retired from the S. B. Bradt Co., we hear but very little about him, as he is doing a mail order business from his home at Brookline Park, Ill., and seldom comes into the city. Mr. Higginson, who has taken Mr. Bradt's place is making business boom.

The following lines are copied from The Numismatist:—

"Out on the dumping ground of time, Far out on the sea of fad;

Two gruesome relics met by chance, And wailed at each other sad.

"And who are you? With tears each groaned,

As he surveyed his brother tramp; I'm the souvenir coin, one sadly moaned, And I'm Wanamaker's big stamp."

As the time draws near for the opening of the World's Fair, the number of stamp dealers increase. It is to be hoped that none will be disappointed in their expectation for World's Fair business.

I have just heard that the Chicago Stamp Co have gone up, owing to the failure to dispose of its stock.

With an anxious heart, his face, one moment lighted with hope, the next darkened with anxiety, a prominent Chicago Philatelist, with faltering steps, approached the fair daughter of Eve (?) in charge of the stamp window in that city. With a voice trembling with emotion, he asked, "Is the new eight cent Columbian stamp out yet"? With a weary sigh, and in a voice resembling the rasping of a file, characteristic of government employees, she cried, "No"! With a look of pain he turned away, crying to himself, "When? When"? For two weeks he had continued to call at that self-same window and now he was losing courage. Again the next day he made his regular call and received the same answer. And again and again did he call, but still the same answer.

A few miles out from Chicago, there lies a beautiful little city, where is situated the State Insane Asylum. If you will walk through this institution some time, you will suddenly be accosted by a man, having a careworn and anxious looking face, with the startling question, "Is the new eight cent Columbiam stamp out yet"?

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WILLIAM ROWLEY.

Embarrassed

She was so pretty that the clerk felt sure it would be a pleasure to wait on her, as she stepped up to the stamp-window.

"I—I—" she began, tremulously, can I get you to lamp this stick for me?"

"Excuse me!" said the clerk, growing red and wondering what was wrong with his ears, "what did you want?"

"I—I would like you to stamp ...is lick," she answered, the color coming into her face. Then, realizing she had made a mistake, she hurried on, "I mean to stick this lamp—to stack this limp—oh, this, this!" and she held it out to him.

And the clerk, pale but brave, ran out his tongue till it touched his chin, and slapped the Columbian poster down on it.

Coomb's Split Provisionals

The following letter received from R. W. Hannington, Esq., regarding H. L. Coombs speaks for itself:—

St. John, N.B., May 15, 1893.

MR. GEORGE A. LOWE, Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIR:-Noticing that H. L. Coombs, of this city, advertises quite extensivel; in your magazine, the INTERNA-TIONAL, I think you should be notified of the character of this person and should also give your readers the benefit thereof, by publishing the enclosed notice, which has, in slightly different shape, been sent to a number of other stamp papers. This fellow's forgeries are about the most dangerous that I have ever seen, as you may infer from the fact that he has "pulled" such an old hand as A. A. Bartlett to the extent of \$15, for one of his bogus splits, the "original envelope" of which he obtained from me, with a 50, green of N. B. thereon. His brother, B F. Coombs, is equally implicated. I have got a full admission from H. L. Coombs, of every charge I made against them, but he lied as long as he had a leg to stand on.

> Yours faithfully, R. W. HANNINGTON.

The Coomb's Frauds

Collectors are warned not to purchase stamps from H. L. Coombs, of St. John, N. B., or his brother, B. F. Coombs, who have just bean detected in the manufacture of some of the most dangerous forgeries that I have ever seen, in the way of "split" provisionals of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Their plan was to get envelopes of these provinces bearing the common cents issues, as the 5c. green of N.B., selecting envelopes on which the stamp alone was cancelled, the cancellation not extending to the envelope itself. The common stamp being then removed, unused remainders, cut in two, are substituted, and are then cancelled to order with a rubber stamp, made in exact imitation of the old cancellations of these provinces. They

have also been cancelling unused remainders to order, by the sheet, and selling them as used specimens, at double the price of the unused. After securing the most convincing proof of these facts, I summoned H. L. Coombs to meet me, and obtained from him a full admission of every charge, after he had lied as long as he had anything to lie about. Throughout the interview, the only regret that he expressed in connection with his (and his brother's) criminal actions, was that I had published their names in the philatelic papers as frauds and imposters. I have every reason to believe that he intends to continue his dishonest dealings, unless criminal proceedings are taken against This will be done if necessary.

Meanwhile, any persons who have obtained "split" stamps from either of these fellows, will do well to send them to me for examination and an opinion as to their genuineness. This I shall gladly give, for the sake of the brotherhood. As the Messrs. Coombs obtained a lot of their envelopes from me, (bearing 5c. stamps,) and I, suspecting something of this kind, made a memo. of the address on each envelope so sold to them. I have already been able to positively identify several of these doctored envelopes that have been sent to me for inspection. undertakes to return the amount paid or exchange given for these.

R. W. HANNINGTON,

Barrister-at-law, St. John, N.B.

Other Philatelic Magazines please copy.

For some time past, rumo s have reached us that H. L. Coombs was not just O. K, in fact our own transactions with this party, have not been at all satisfactory to us. Our two last issues contained several of Coombs' advertisements, for none of which Coombs has yet made payment.

A very suspicious circumstance is the fact that letters of McGuire & Co., stamp dealers, St. John, are in the same handwriting as those of Coombs. This fact we have communicated to Coombs for an explanation, but in his letters he has carefully avoided the subject.—ED.

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It is of no wonder that so many stamp papers cease publication, when we consider to what an extent the publisher is imposed upon by the unscrupulous dealers, who wish to get advertising space for nothing, nor is this confined to swindling dealers only. You would be surprised at the tardiness with which some dealers settle their account, some of whom ranking among our leading dealers. It is our intention to give a list of such in our next issue. To those dealers reading this we hope will take warning. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

There are just four stamp papers published in Canada at present; these are, the Canadian, Dominion, Nova Scotia, and International Philatelist. Up to last month there were six, but one of these, the Philatelic Journal of Canada, has consolidated with the International Philatelist, and the other, the Ottawa Philate-

list, has been supressed by the postal authorities we understand; however, the following post card from the former editor speaks for itself:—

Ottawa, May 8, '93.

DEAR SIR:

I beg to inform you that I have had some trouble with postal authorities here, re article "Philatelic Mocking Bird," which appeared last month. They were informed by some crank, on Jewett side, and so cannot have Ottawa Philatelist out again. Trusting you will mention above in your paper. Oblige,

W. J. SABOURIN.

The only comment we have on this last paper is, "Good ridness to bad rubb...a"

D-o-n-'t-s

Don't buy an expensive album and then fill it with poor specimens. Make your stamps fit the book.

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Don't think that there is nothing more for you to learn about your stamps. If you study them for the next fifty years, you will still find something to discover about them in the year 1943.

Don't get the idea into your head that Philatelic societies are useless. Join one of them and do some work for it, and you will find out different.

Don't forget to pay your dues regularly after you have joined either.

Don't do a thousand and one other things that you know you should not do, and don't give up your stamps because the summer months are coming on.

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Among the Scribes

In this column it is not our intention to review all Philatelic publications received, so much as it is to give what we consider itens of interest, that will bear re-publication. There are enough reviews published at present to fill the demand and we do not wish our readers to consider this as one. For the first time, we have the pleasure of reviewing the Nova Scotian Philatelist, a new-comer from down east. This end of the country has produced a first-class Philatelic journal before, and there is no reason why the N. S. P. should not have an uncheckered career of prosperity.

The number before us, among other articles, gives a short sketch, accompanied by a minette size photo-engraving of Mr. H. L. Hart, of Halifax.

The Canadian Philatelist, introduces a feature both new and pleasing, this month. It is a general synopsis of the Philatelic news of the world, that manages to get more news into the two columns it occupies, than many papers get into an entire number. We always warmly welcome anything new, especially when it is good.

Despite statements to the contrary, "The Philatelic Era" can be as well recommended for fairness and impartiality as any other paper at present published. Messrs. Jewett and Small are gentlemen, and as such, they treat both friends and would-be foes, with equal courtesy. But time will give better proofs of the Era's position, compared with others, than all the remarks we could make.

Canadensis, in the April number of the Eastern Phila elist, gives some information regarding Canada's exhibit to the World's Fair, that may be rather misleading. The impression given to the uninformed reader would be that Ottana, Ont., was the principal philatelic centre in Canada; and was going to send the bulk of the rare stamps to Chicago. It is rather strange, if such is the case, that no representative was appointed by the committee from there. But such will not be the case, as there are more rare stamps in Montreal and Toronto than anywhere else in Canada. Some decisive action will probably be taken shortly, and our readers will be the first to get the benefit of it.

"With this number we start the second year of our existence." So says the "Stamp" for April, and we wish it many happy returns of the same. There is always room at the top, and the "stamp" has brains behind it to get it there.

The Philatelic Journal of America is as excellent as ever. The publishers evidently believe in illustrations, as no less than ten photo engravings adorn the pages of the March number. Enterprise like this is commendable.

A new comer that we most decidedly like the looks of, is "The Philatelist,' from Denver, Col. The general tone of the paper is pleasing, and the matter is of the best. "Let us see your paper early and often Mr. Bisl-op."

The Philatelic Tribune gives some postal regulations this month that are rather rich. Among others we notice that "ink bottles must be corked when sent by mail," and that alligators over ten feet in length, are not admissable to the mails. Its all very funny Mr. Stanton, but don't give us any more like it.

Other papers received, are—Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Electric Philatelist. Collector, Yankee Philatelist, Collector's Review (No. 1), Ohio Stamp (No. 1), American Stamp (No. 1), The Argosy, Postal Card, Hosier Stamp, Eagle Philatelist and the Fraud Reporter (three months behind). Catalogues from C. H. Holden and A. Weitz. The World's Fair Committee Report.

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