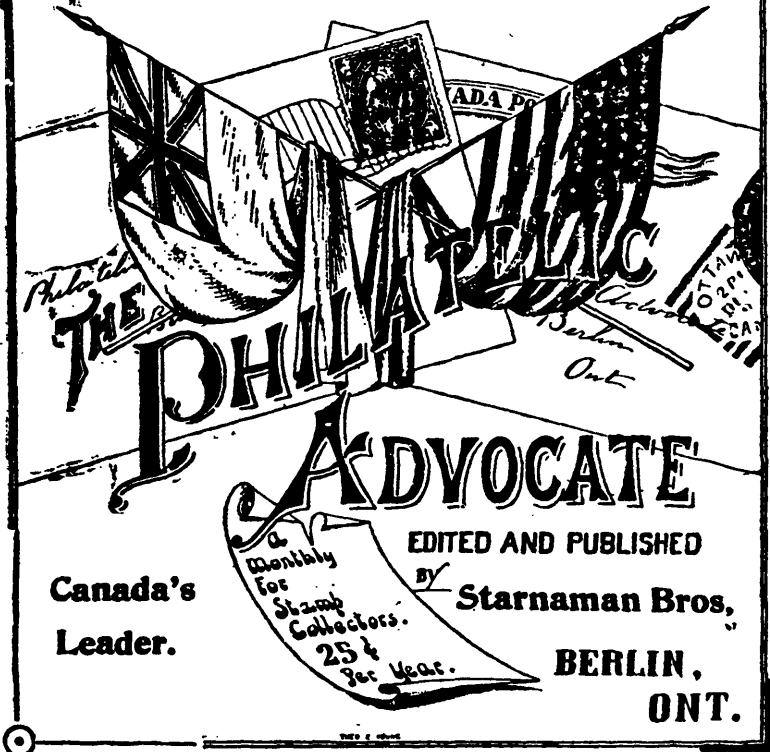




VOL. 5. NO. 3.

SEPT., 1898.

WHOLE NO. 25



Canada's  
Leader.

EDITED AND PUBLISHED

BY **Starnaman Bros.**

**BERLIN,  
ONT.**

Entered at Berlin, Ont., postoffice as Second class matter Dec. 1896.

Official Organ of

**THE DOMINION PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION  
and CENTRAL STAMP EXCHANGE.**

**Special Bargains.**

Jenkin's Despatch unused cat. 50c for 12c.  
 Porto Rico 5c De Peso " 30c " 10c.  
 100 " " " " " \$30.00 " \$8.  
 100 all different foreign " \$1.00 " 10c.  
 "Mich Special" packet—500 all diffnt  
 catalogue \$20.00 for \$4.00.

**MICH. STAMP & PUB CO. ITHACA MICH.**

**100 BLANK  
 APPROVAL SHEETS**

(Each sheet holds 25 stamps)

**FOR 25 CENTS.**

100 sheets and this paper one year 35c.

**STARNAMAN BROS.,**

**Berlin, Ont.**



**Here you are  
 FINEST  
 STAMPS  
 IN CANADA**

sent on approval at 50% disc. to  
 applicants sending good reference.  
 We also send out  
**BEAUTIFUL MOUNTED SETS**  
 on approval. Send for some and  
 see the Best.  
 1000 perf, hinges 10c., 3000—25c  
 SCOTT'S '98 Catalogue. . . . 58c  
 SCOTT'S Imperial Album . 25c  
 We want your trade and will  
 use you right, we have the goods  
 Don't forget the reference.

**CANADA STAMP CO.,  
 DANVILLE, QUE., CAN.**

**Study Shorthand at Home**

and secure an education which will  
 procure you A PAYING SITUATION.

Terms very low. For full particulars  
 enclose 3c stamp to F. W. CUTLER,  
 8 Sword St., TORONTO, ONT.

**WE BUY  
 STAMPS**

And old Collections for Cash.  
 What can you offer us?

**STANDARD STAMP Co.**

INCORPORATED.

4 NICHOLSON PLACE,

ST. LOUIS, MO

There is none better than  
**The Ontario Philatelist.**

that is the verdict of collectors.

— Sample Copy Free. —

Ads. 40c per inch. \$1.25 per half col.

Subs. 20 cents per year. Foreign 35c.

R. G. WIDDICOMBE, Publisher,

29 Elizabeth St., St. Catharines, Ont., Can.

It's strictly up to date and it's never late.

**THE NEW YORK PHILATELIST.**

Published on the 15th. of each month.

Subscription 25c. per year. Sample Copy

Free. Unexcelled advertising medium.

**The New York Philatelist**

A. Herbst Pub. 106 E. 111th St. N. Y. City.



**Something you want**

**1000 VARIETIES**

put up in blank sheets arranged  
 by countries.  
 No postals, revenues, env. or local  
 All nice clean adhesives.

**FOR ONLY \$10.00**

Your money back if not satisfied.

**E. J. Kirby & Co**  
 MARSHALL, MICH.

# The Philatelic Advocate.

VOL. 5 NO. 3.

BERLIN, ONT., SEPTEMBER, 1894.

WHOLE NO. 25.

## Pithy Philatelic Points.

Sayings and Articles of Noted Writers  
Carefully Condensed.

By GEO. W. STARNAMAN.

It is acknowledged that the prices realized at auction is the basis for the cataloguing of rare stamps, and this being a fact at the present day, it places stamp auctions as one of the foundation stones of the pursuit, and the manner of conducting them one of the greatest elements in the uplifting and spread of the fascinating hobby.—Alvah Davison.

I doubt if, strictly speaking, collecting of the same stamps on the different colors of paper is just in the stamp collecting line; however allowing that it is all right, certainly collecting the different sizes and shapes of envelopes is far beyond the mark.—D. Harlan King.

There is a feature overlooked by those calamity howlers and doubting Thomases who predict the passing into oblivion of philately. That interest in it may wax or wane, as interest in the more important affairs of life exert a more or less powerful influence upon us is certain, but that the love of stamp collecting will ever die out is doubtful and that it can pass into entire forgetfulness is impossible.—Chas. E. Jenney.

Perhaps buying stamps at auction is as good as any to secure good specimens cheap but I still buy from the bargain lists of the dealers who use the advertising columns of our magazines.—H. J. Bradt.

That there are no sales which result directly from the falling off of interest on the part of the persons owning the collections, I do not affirm. It would be a wonderful pastime indeed that no mortal would tire of when he had indulged himself without a curb. Selling out by auction or private sale is a legitimate phase of stamp collecting.—George T. Crowfoot.

We are told that the summer is a dull season; it may be for the dealer. For the true collector, the season commences January 1st. and ends December 31st. On the 4th of July, notwithstanding the great heat (98°) and a national holiday, I hinged a few stamps. The day before (Sunday) was the hottest day in Connecticut in 50 years, the thermometer 106° in the shade to my own personal knowledge.—Henry A. Chapman.

The progressive stamp collector takes no interest in a paper which mouths the good sayings of another. Improvement,—the order of the age—can never be accomplished without originality. Franklin never called down the lightnings by copying after someone else. Then too, this copying confines the genius of our writers and lessens the opportunity of the sale of their manuscript.—S. M. Hamilton.

The danger of loss by abstraction and theft ought not to be considered, but may bear upon the question with some collectors. All persons connected with our delightful study ought to be honest, but alas greed and covetousness crop out from unexpected sources.—Edward H. Hall.

## The Literary Circle.

By RAYMOND S. BAKER.

In looking over the stamp magazines of five or ten years ago one is struck with the continual change of actors on the literary stage. It is not that the drama differs very materially but the players with the exception of one or two brilliant "stars," are all new men. While it is true in all walks of life, that the passage of time is forever placing the governing power in new and sometimes inexperienced hands, yet philately in many regards seems to be the acme of mutability. Indeed so various are the vicissitudes, so rapid the departures, that not infrequently is it a strain on our memories to recall the name of one who half a decade ago was recognized as a facile and pleasing writer. There are reasons for this, as there are for nearly everything else under the sun. The principal explanation lies in the fact that stamp collecting has not yet become established as a national recreation and on account of its journalistic limitations, is but made the stepping stone to a higher sphere in the world of letters.

John Deveraux Kirke, if not a very classical, was certainly the most prolific writer of his time. The majority of the readers of this magazine are probably familiar with his name, and remember him as a member of the younger school of philatelic writers. In fact it is only three or four years since he ceased to contribute to our stamp papers. His productions were entirely of an abstract character as he never attempted articles, which in their nature are purely philatelic. As an essayist however he is entitled to credit and his work is certainly worthy of remembrance.

The literary circle has decided that typographically, the PHILATELIC ADVOCATE is the Canadian model. While it is admitted that this statement might not have been made some months ago, yet the Berlin journal has improved with every issue and well exemplifies the saying, "never despise the day of small things." There has however been no small number of despisers, but in spite of all, the ADVOCATE has worked, and is working, out its own salvation. The circle appreciates the better paper, the careful arrangement, and most especially the literary improvement.

One of the highest and most laconic of writers was Walter A. Withrow. In these qualities lay the greater part of his success. His contributions were always read with interest, being popular with all classes of collectors. Mr. Withrow had the happy faculty of coming right to the point and of clothing his ideas in forcible and appropriate language. He said what he had to say and that was the end of it. Philatelic writers as a rule are occasionally guilty of stretching out their article to an undue length. It should be remembered that "reiteration is the thief of space" and that "brevity is the soul of wit."

The literary circle is surprised to learn that the "Pennsylvania Philatelist," which has reached the comparatively ancient age of seven years, will with the September number cease publication. At one time the loss of this original journal would have certainly been felt, but of late years the literary contents has been of so poor a quality that its suspension will hardly be noticed. The "Pennsy" first came into prominence when editor Kissinger waged his vigorous but unsuccessful war for the Presidency of the Sons of Philatelia.

The editorials at this period were of such a rank and defamatory character that one cannot help smiling now at their rowdy vituperation and coarse invective. Then came the separation from the S. of P. and the formation of the P. S. of A. For two or three years after this the "Pennsy" was a very interesting paper indeed publishing a generous supply of literary matter contributed by the leading writers of the day. Especially with young collectors was it popular and among this class attained a wide circulation. Then for some unaccountable reason the policy of the publisher changed, the journal degenerated into a successful advertising sheet, the brilliant corps of editors gradually ceased work, contributions from distinguished writers no longer appeared, the literary standing of the magazine continued getting lower and lower, and now comes the news of its permanent suspension.

Mr. L. M. Staebler appears to have more than ordinary success in the stamp and publishing business. His "Canadian Collector," of London, Ont., was conceded to be one of the best, and the different handbooks which emanated from that city have always been very popular. The series with one or two additions has been continued and is meeting with a respectable sale. The two latest publications of Mr. Staebler—"The Revenue Philatelist" and "The Antiquary"—although only launched this year are nevertheless already making good returns.

During the hot months of July and August the collector has put away his album, ceased to read the stamp papers, and heartily devoted himself to recreations more suitable and appropriate to the season. But with the advent of September and the

cooler weather, when the energies have been revived and the spirits quickened, with great rejoicing and enthusiasm will be heard the old philatelic call. Then let every collector retiring from his or her favorite summer resort, come with the determination to make the year of '98 and '99 the greatest and the best in the annals of philately.

—)——

### Toledo, Ohio Notes.

By S. A. C.

A collector here mailed two letters, one to himself and the other to a friend, pre-paid with 2c Documentary stamps. The one addressed to himself passed through all right, the other with a two cent postage due stamp.

This office seems to have a plentiful supply of Omahas except the 4c which they have not had to date. The stamp clerk does hate to sell plate numbers, but what cares the genuine stamp fiend if he only gets what he wants.

The Revenue office here has collected nearly \$200,000.00 war tax. They have 5c Proprietary or 4c Orange documentary stamps. The supply of 1c and 2c postage surcharged I. R. were exhausted some time ago. No inverted surcharges were found.

The above mentioned collector has the 4c, 8c and \$1.00 Omaha on the original cover. As they were cancelled by himself through the courtesy of the Registry dept. you may know they are beauties. By the way the \$1 Omaha is a beautiful stamp, the black color showing the design to perfection.

—)——

\$1.35c for 25. See page 33.

## Canada Postal System.

Last month we had a cut of the Postmaster General of Canada. This month we give a brief account of his administration.

One of the things that the Postmaster-General set out to do upon assuming office in 1896 was to reduce the deficit, which year by year had been growing larger. It was scarcely reasonable then to suppose that the herculean task could be accomplished in two years, but the accounts of the department for 1897-98, which are now being closed, show that while the deficit has not been entirely wiped out, it has been whittled down to such insignificant proportions compared with its original magnitude that it has practically ceased to exist. When Mr. Mulock took charge of the department there was a deficit of \$700,997, that was reduced during the fiscal year of 1896-7 to \$586,539. The actual deficit for 1897-98 cannot yet be stated, but a careful and conservative estimate puts it at \$74,033. The reduction of the deficit by \$627,000 is an achievement with which the Postmaster-General has reason to be satisfied, and one that must give the public confidence in his capability as an administrator.

It might have been possible to present a favorable financial showing by starving the service for the sake of cutting down expense, but a policy the very opposite to *this has been pursued*. In all directions the service has been extended and made more useful to the public. New offices have been opened, many of them in the most remote parts of the country. Money has been saved and the service improved by the abolition of many useless inspectors. By the decentralization of the dead

letter office, the staff of clerks has been reduced by fourteen and a concession has been made to public convenience. Another direction in which the department have shown their solicitude for the public convenience is in the establishment of the postal note system, which has recently gone into operation. These few instances show how the Postmaster-General has increased the efficiency of his department and saved the money of the people, but many others could be given. During the year ending June 30, 1897, mail contracts which had been costing \$381,237 were put up to tender, and new contracts were obtained for the performance of the same service for a period of four years at an annual cost of \$277,300, being an annual saving of \$103,936, or a total saving of \$415,747 for the full period of four years. As an example of the way in which the preceding Government wasted public money for the benefit of partisan favorites, it may be stated that while the number of miles of daily travel in June, 1897, was 312 greater than in the corresponding quarter of June, 1896 before Mr. Mulock took office, the cost of the service for the quarter of 1897 was \$22,000 less.

If the adoption of a two-cent domestic postage rate depends upon the wiping out of the postoffice deficit, it looks as if the people would not have to wait long for that boon. It is estimated that a reduction of the rate would involve a loss of revenue on the basis of the present volume of business of about \$600,000, but with the inevitable increase in the number of letters, and a continuation of the wise economical administrative policy of the Postmaster-General there would seem to be no danger of long-continued shortages from the experiment.



## SOCIETY ITEMS.

### Dominion Philatelic Association.

Organized Sept. 1, 1894.

#### OFFICERS.

President—A. M. Muirhead, Halifax, N. S.  
 Vice—C. S. Applegath, Hamilton, Ont.  
 " U. S.—Chas. Bailey, Kaukauna, Wis.  
 Sec'y-Treas.—G. W. Starnaman, Berlin Ont  
 Count. Det.—F. J. Garraty, Richmond, Que.  
 Ex. Supt.—E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y.  
 Auc, Mgr.—N. Matches, Hamilton, Ont.  
 Att'y—J. A. Wainwright, Northampton,  
 Mass.  
 Librarian—F. I. Weaver, Berlin, Ont.  
 Trustees—R. S. Mason, Hamilton, Ont.,  
 Geo. W. Hicks, Mitchell, Ont. and Ed.  
 A. Marris, Hamilton, Ont.  
 Adv. & Sub. Agt. R. G. Widdicombe, St.  
 Catharines, Ont.  
 Official Organ—PHILATELIC ADVOCATE.

### Letter from Mr. C. Bailey.

To the Members of the D. P. A.  
 Ladies and Gentlemen:—

For the benefit of those who were unable to attend the convention and those who are ignorant of the facts concerning the difficulties that have arisen about our President, I will state as follows.

During one of the sessions of the recent convention held at Hamilton, Ont., much dissatisfaction was expressed by many members present at the recent actions of our worthy president A. M. Muirhead, to the extent that they made a motion to the effect that the polls be opened for nominations and the election of a new president. This however was defeated and after a second consideration and to avoid any serious complications, the matter was dropped and we decided to retain Mr. Muirhead as president.

Since the above occurrence, Mr. Muirhead I presume, has been furnished with the

facts and has, like a gentleman, promptly tendered his resignation, and notified our Secy-Treas., Geo. W. Starnaman, to call for nominations for the Presidency.

During my stay at the convention many members prevailed upon me to be a candidate should the aforesaid motion be put through. For various reasons I refused, but since being informed of the resignation of President Muirhead and upon the second request of my friends, I have decided to stand as a candidate for President.

To those who will give me their support I wish to say that I have had a clean record since becoming a member of our grand society. I am a charter member and served as Exchange Supt. and Counterfeit Detector. At the last two conventions I have had the honor of filling the position of Chairman. I have been interested in and collected the "wee bits" since 1885 and I think during my thirteen years of active collecting I have gained a fair amount of knowledge of philately to enable me to fill the position of President to the satisfaction of all.

Personally I bear no ill feeling against my friend Mr. A. M. Muirhead, and I sincerely regret that this difficulty has arisen.

If elected I promise to discharge the duties of that office in a straightforward manner—which shall be courteous treatment to all and partiality to none.

Soliciting your support and influence, I beg to remain

Fraternally Yours

CHAS. BAILEY.

### Committee's Report.

Fellow Members of the D. P. A.—

We the undersigned committee appointed at the recent convention for the purpose of selecting a suitable emblem for our association, now beg to call for designs for same.

We trust that the members will take enough interest in our association to give us their suggestions in this matter.

As we are anxious to publish our emblem at the earliest possible date, we would re-

(Continued on page 34.)



## The Philatelic Advocate.

Our Motto. "Bis dat qui cito dat."

W. A. STARNAMAN. Business Mgr.

G. W. STARNAMAN. Subscription Mgr.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

**Subscription Rates.** - Twenty five cents per year to any part of the world.

**Advertising Rates.** - One inch, 50c; two inches, \$5; quarter page, \$1.25; half page \$2.00; one page \$3.50. per month. A discount of 10, 20, and 33%, allowed respectively on 3, 6 and 12 months contracts.

**Forms close on the 20th** and all copy must reach us **Before** that date to ensure insertion.

Sample copies are only sent on the first of the month.

If this is marked it signifies that,

Your ad reached us too late for this no.

Cash did not accompany your copy

Return postage must be enclosed with MSS. sent on approval or no attention will be given to it.

**A** We will exchange one or two copies with any paper published.

Address all communications to,

**STARNAMAN BROS.,**

BOX 104,

BERLIN, ONTARIO, CAN.

## Editorial.

**Two years Old.** Two years ago the first number of the PHILATELIC ADVOCATE was issued and since that time there has not been a month that we have not appeared and, with one exception, always on time. Although working under great difficulties we have kept improving as rapidly as conditions would allow. We call your attention to the testimonial of Raymond S. Baker on page 28. Kind words like these from expert judges like Mr. Baker, S. B.

Hopkins, C. E. Severn and others, more than counterbalances the evil effects of the opinions of those ignorant and unlettered critics who have bored the philatelic public with attempted reviews of our paper. If you are unacquainted with this paper send 2c for a 3 month's trial subscription.

On another page will be found the list of D. P. A. nominations. Regarding the Presidency we promised Mr. Munhead that we would not favor either candidate through the columns of this paper.

Our choice for U. S. Vice-President is Mr. F. D. Sawyer, who has been an active member for three years. He has secured a large number of members and always has a good word for the society. Mark your ballot for Mr. Sawyer and you will not be sorry.

Are you working for the D. P. A. prizes? One member asks us how we expect him to get fifty members when there are only ten collectors in his town. Our answer is do as we do—every time you write to a collector or enclose an application blank with your name as first reference.

The editor of the Ontario Philatelist says he knows why we defeated him. Certainly he does: we told him the reason at the convention and now he is sorry he did it.

We would like to meet "Philos"—the man who writes "Toronto Notes" for the "Perforator"—just to have a look at his hands. He says that the D. P. A. members in Toronto could easily be counted on the fingers of one hand. There are fourteen paid-up members in Toronto. What a handful of fingers "Philos" must have.

The Auction Manager's report reached us too late for insertion in this issue.

**Notice to Exchanges**—Publishers running exchange ads are requested to discontinue them until they hear from us by mail.

We have received a neat price list from the Jubilee Stamp Co., South's Falls, Ont. They are giving valuable prizes to those purchasing stamps from them. The list is free. Send for it.

We want a good Ottawa correspondent. Let us know your terms and facilities for obtaining the latest news.

Mr. Chapman, in reviewing our July number in the Perforator, says that we trotted out our "Spanish" rooster. That is where he fools himself. The Spanish were defeated but we were not. Our rooster is a thoroughbred American—and consequently a champion.

The consolidation of the Home Worker with the Tennessee Philatelist was a bad move for the former publication, which was one of the few that could be expected on time. After a brief existence of three months the T. P. has been discontinued.

We have been favored with a copy of the International Philatelic Collectors Directory. It is the best directory we have seen. It is a handsome publication of 160 pages containing nearly 10,000 names, being particularly strong in foreign addresses. Unlike most directories it is not overloaded with advertisements. The price is \$1.00 post paid, from A. C. Berlam, 621 H. Bramhall Ave., Jersey City, N. J. (See adv.)

In last issue our U. S. correspondent "Elius" stated that each of the Philippines would have its own Governor and use surcharged U. S. stamps. This will not come into force until the places named have passed properly into the U. S. possession. He also stated that 2c would carry a letter

to Cuba. This only applies to soldiers, sailors and others in the employ of the U. S. Government. Mr. S. Allan Taylor, Boston, Mass., has our thanks for these corrections.

The Scott Stamp Co. informs us that their adv. is to be cancelled. Don't answer it.

---)(---

The Western Philatelist has changed its name to the National Philatelist and its its color to true blue. The proper way Mr. Cox, would have been to have the first three numbers in their order, red, white and blue respectively.

When you get the best of the bargain in a stamp trade its cunning, when the other fellow gets the best its cheating.

## To Get Subscribers we offer.

# \$1.35 FOR 25 CENTS.

18 Japanese stamps and 3 post cards mounted in a finely colored album made of rice paper worth	.50
Set of 6 unused Cuban stamps worth	.15
25 blank Approval Sheets	.15
PHILATELIC ADVOCATE one year	.25
20 word adv. on Bargain Page of same	.20
Copy of Canadian Philatelic Annual	.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1.35</b>

**All for 25c** postpaid with 5c stamps

If you do not wish to take the above offer send us 25c and we will give you this paper one year, a 20 word adv. on the Bargain Page and your choice of any one of the following:

- No. 1. An unused 5c Canadian Jubilee stamp.
  - No. 3. "Philatela" the "Tribby" of the philatelic world.
  - No. 7. Half inch adv. in this paper.
  - No. 8. EASTERN PHILATELIST one year.
  - No. 9. Perforation Gauge and Mill Scale.
- Renewals are entitled to premiums the same as new subscribers.

STARNAMAN BROS., Berlin, Ont.

quest that all designs be sent in to the Secretary of the committee, W. B. Grant, Drawer 22, Hamilton not later than September 15th so as to be able to publish results in the October official organ.

Design should not be larger than one inch in its greatest dimension.

Thanking you in advance for giving this matter your kind attention,

We remain,

Yours for D. P. A. welfare.

Chas. S. Applegath—Chairman.

E. A. Marris—Treasurer.

W. B. Grant—Secretary.

## Secretary's Report.

### NEW MEMBERS

- 323 C. T. Kirkby, Winnipeg, Man.  
 324 Ernest F. Wurtele, Quebec, Que.  
 325 Jno. B. Davis, Chelsea, Ind.  
 326 J. Edward Sohn, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 327 G. A. McIntyre, Berlin, Ont.  
 328. Herbert Gile, Marrose Highlands, Mass

The above will receive their membership cards on payment of dues to Jan. 1st 1899, amounting to 12c. or dues to Jan. 1st 1900 amounting to 37c.

### APPLICATIONS.

Gordon Hewer, Bridgen, Ont. Age 18, Hardware. Refs Jas. H. Slater, Geo. W. Starnaman.

B. L. Voorhees, Box 57, Blue Island, Ill. Age 18, Stamp Dealer. Refs F. D. Sawyer L. P. Voorhees.

The references to the following are W. A. Starnaman and Geo. W. Starnaman.

W. H. McDowell, Irvona, Clearfield Co., Pa. Age 16. Clerk.

Willie Welch, Wamego, Kan. Age 16, Farmer.

E. B. MacGillivray, 57 Elizabeth St., Toronto, Ont. Age 16. Clerk.

Stanley H. Moore, Norwich, Ont. Age 18 Student.

Richard J. Weekes, Guelph, Ont. Age 17 Clerk.

W. C. Wells, 111 Meldrum Ave. Detroit, Mich. Age 38, Shoemaker.

P. G. Masson, 116 Fleurie St., Quebec, Que. Age 36, Commercial Traveller.

E. Ulbert, North Haven, Conn., age 20, silversmith. Refs. G. W. Hicks and W. A. Starnaman.

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

### RESIGNATIONS.

No. 72. F. H. Pinkham.

No. 51. B. P. Thomas.

### EXPELLED.

W. A. Lydiatt, 229 Davenport Rd., Toronto, Ont.

The following have been nominated—

For President—A. M. Muirhead, Halifax, N. S.

Chas. Bailey, Toronto, Ont.

For U. S. Vice Pres. — F. D. Sawyer, Otisfield Gore, Maine.

H. A. Chapman, Hartford, Conn.

Ballots have only been sent to paid-up members. If your name was on the list of delinquents published last month and you have not paid up do so at once and a ballot will be sent by return mail. Full instructions will be found on the ballot.

I have mailed 63 membership cards. Any member who has not yet received his card will get it by notifying me.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance from L. S. Graham	\$10.95
Cash for dues etc.	4.54

Total Receipts 15.49

#### EXPENDITURES.

Donation to Hamilton Stamp Club	3.00
1000 Application Blanks	1.75
July Official Organ	2.15
Aug. " "	2.15
Stationery	.50
Postage on Membership cards	.63
Postage	.46
Balance on hand	4.85

15.49

Those who desire to join can get full information from

GEOR. W. STARNAMAN,

Sec'y-Treas., Berlin, Ont.

## Count. Detector's Report.

Fellow Members:—

I appreciate the honor you have conferred upon me, by electing me your Counterfeit Detr., and will do my best to make this Department a success. If you have any stamps which you are

doubtful of, as to whether they are genuine or not, send them and I will be pleased to examine them for you.

My fee is 3c per stamp and return postage. I intend to make a collection of Counterfeits and Reprints for the society, and for this purpose have purchased a blank album to place them in. Any donations of the above will be thankfully received and acknowledged through these columns.

Yours fraternally  
**FRED. J. GARRATY.**

### Librarian's Report.

Fellow Members:—

Following is a list of this month's donations which includes several complete files and volumes.

From H. A. Chapman.—The Perforator complete except II, 1, Rocky Mountain Stamp complete, Stampman complete and duplicate III 3, Pennsy XII 4, 5, 6, XIII, 1 3, 6, XIV 2, Boston Stp Book III 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, N. Y. P. IV 2, 3, P. West, VI 1, Eastern XXI 1, Figaro I 1, 2, 3, 4, Metropolitan VIII 12, IX 1, Stamps of England complete file, Stamps (American) I complete II 1, 2, 3, 7, F. F. F. VI 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 L. S. S. P. V 4, VI 2, 4, 5, Virginia P. I 4, 5, 9, 9, Texan VII 4, VIII 4. Rev. Phil. 2, Amer. Coll. (new series) III 2, IV 1, 2, Ph. Review 1, 2, Cal. Stamp 1, Columbian Ph. IV 1. Int. Stp. II 11. Bulletin I 1. Stamp Reporter I 6, 7. Total 152.

S. A. Nichols July I. P. II 5, A. A. S. A. II 12. Another complete file of Ph. Chron and Adv. from Capt. E. F. Wurtele; from publishers—B. O. P., N. Y. P., O. P. and ADVOCATE.. Total donations this month 173.

Yours for progress,  
**F. I. WEAVER, Librarian.**

### Wicks is in it

with the cheapest 20 page price list in America Free

#### AGENTS WANTED.

Everything goes in my At App. Books at 50 p. c

- Good chance for live agents—
- 6var U. S. war stamps . . . . . 5c unused
- 10var Cuba stamps cat 75c . . . . . 10c unused
- 15 var Can Revenues cat 50c . . . . . 10c
- 25 var Can Revenues cat 1 00 . . . . . 20c

Cheapest Stamp Albums on the market Used Can. stamps, well asst, accepted at 50c per 1000.

**A. F. WICKS, LONDON, CAN.**

## BARGAIN PAGE

Notices on this page 1c a word, 3 insertions of same adv. for price of two. No ad. taken for less than 10c. No charge for address.

**Cheap** stamps. 50 mixed 10c, 25 var. 5c, 1000 hinges 6c 4 var. Japanese 4c. All postpaid for 25c. Geo. E. Mueller, Berlin, Ont.

**I want** to buy Omaha and Canadian stamps in lots. State quantity. B. Sigall, 198 Allen St., New York. N. Y. 10

**1000 "Perfect"** Hinges and this paper 1 year for 25c. Starnaman Bros., Berlin, Ont.

**100** varieties U. S. 1851-'94 Departments, Documents etc., 50c W. A. Tebow, 1630 Q. St., Sacramento, Cal

**Wanted** All kinds, any quantity, Foreign coppercoins, bank bills, also Canada current issue, all values. Wm. R. Adams, 401 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont. Canada. 6

**The** "Eastern Philatelist" the oldest philatelic monthly in America, and the ADVOCATE, Canada's oldest stamp paper, both one year for 25c. Starnaman Bros., Berlin, Ont.

**Rare** stamps free to all agents handling our U. S. and Foreign sheets at 50 discount. All grades. References required. Samuel P. Hughes, Howe, Neb 2

**I can** sell you the new revenues at one cent over face also the Omahas. Send at once. H. L. Ambrose Charlotte, Mich.

**Omahas** at wholesale at two per cent over face. singles and small orders at 5c. Used at lowest possible prices, any value in any quantity. Terms cash. F. D. Sawyer, Otisfield Gore, Me.

**Advertisers.** Attention. I mail circulars, adv. papers, etc. at 10c per 100, honest service. Rufus Odell, New City, N. Y.

**Bargains** in U. S. dues. Set of 1  
2 and 3c yellow brown  
cat \$1.20 price 40c Set 1c 2c 3c 5c brown  
cat 69c price 25c, Set 1c 2c red brown cat  
27c price 12c, 90c unused 1890 Adhesive  
95c, 30c unused 1890 adhesive 40c 15c 1890  
adhesive 20c, S. H. Whitley, 4 Stetson  
Ave, Plattsburg, N. Y.

**Sample** copy of the Junior Phil. for  
a postcard. U. S. and  
foreign stamps on approval at 50 per cent.  
Porter Bros., Box 27, Berwyn, Ill.

**100** var. good stamps 4c contains  
stamps from Venezuela (unused)  
Egypt, Chili, India, etc. postage 2c extra.  
This is a fine packet and worth 25c. 25 var  
U. S. 8c; U. S. Postoffice Register Green 8c  
Set 4 Portuguese Colonies Jubilee 5c; 100  
blank approval sheets 19c postage 2c extra  
Toledo Stamp Co. Toledo, O.

**Send** 25c for 1000 mixed foreign and  
U. S. 100 var. cat \$8.00. Try  
my net approval books. H. E. Williams,  
Box 385, Charlotte, Mich.

**Try** my stamp books at 50%. 30 fine  
stamps free to all who write.  
Richard J. Weekes, Guelph, Ont.

**Very** beautiful are the new stamps of  
Soudan. One of these stamps  
and a Central American Steamship stamp  
cat 10c for 5c. Leon V. Cass, McGraw N. Y.

**Canada** Revenues—25 varieties  
35c, 40 var. 75c. Send for  
Approval Books of Canada Revenues at 50  
per cent com. F. G. Hendry, Box 288,  
Simcoe, Ont.

**For sale** or to exchange for your  
duplicates, one new 1896  
International Album, advanced edition,  
Scott's price \$4.00. What have you to  
offer? John C. Stockwell, Danville, P. Q.

**Attention!** Two years of "Good  
Stories". Two years  
of "Hearth and Home," and fifty novels  
to exchange for good stamps. J. Harris  
Cox, Cambridge Sta., N. S.

**Exchange** wanted in good stamps  
Price lists required  
Against reply card I send 5 different post-  
cards of Holland. J. Shouten, 50 Agnies  
Straat, Rotterdam, Holland.

**To exchange** for stamps Merrit  
Type Writer cost  
\$18.00. Make your best offer. Can use  
almost any kind if I get value. John C.  
Stockwell, Danville, P. Q.

**Omaha** Stamps, unused 1c, 2c, 4c,  
5c, 8c, 10c only 38c. com-  
plete set \$4.15 Rubber Stamps to order.  
W. A. Carr, 6 Forest St., Rochester N. Y.

**12 varieties** unused U. S. 1898,  
only 25c. Sheet of  
25 unused Revenues 12c. Both for 30c.  
All postpaid with Omahas. J. O. Wright,  
Athens, Ohio.

**Here** you are. Nice packet unused  
Mexico stamps cat \$1.00 for 12c  
Egyptian Stamp Co., 111 Meldrum Ave.,  
Detroit, Mich.

## REMEMBER THE B. O. P.

When placing your seasons advertising,  
bear in mind that the Boys Own Philatelist  
reaches the young collectors of America.  
We are making a special offer until Jan'y 1  
1899 of a ½ page for 60c or 1 page for \$1.00  
regular rates 25c per inch. Sub. 10c per yr.

ONTARIO PHILATELIC CO.,  
BOX 494, BERLIN, ONTARIO.

### EXCHANGE.

#### CHILI, PERU and BOLIVIA.

I desire to enter into exchange  
relations with collectors in all  
parts of the world. Rare for  
rare.

I offer the stamps of Chile, (1852  
to 1898) Peru and Bolivia.

Correspondence in French and  
Spanish.

**Enrique de la Fuente,**  
Casilla No 37, Limache. Chile

Member D. P. A.

EXCHANGE.

EXCHANGE.

EXCHANGE.

## Down Go Our Prices!

### \$1.00 THE BEGINNER'S OUTFIT. \$1.00.

No. 1.—Fine stamp Album—latest edition—spaces for 2500 stamps, flags and arms of the world, a packet of 150 different stamps, 1000 of our best "Perfect" hinges and blank approval books. (Enclose 10c stamp for postage.)

### \$2.00 OUTFIT NO. 2. \$2.00.

Latest edition International Album, 300 different stamps, celluloid Grill Measurer and Perforation Gauge, blank approval books and 1000 hinges. (Two 10c stamps extra for pstg.)

### PACKETS

A. 45 stamps all different, some cataloguing five cents or more.....	\$ .25
B. 45 " " U. S. and Hawaiians some cataloguing five cents or more	.25
C. 60 " " So. and Central Amer. " " " " "	.50
D. 60 " " U. S. and Hawaiians " " " " "	.50
E. 90 " " and a 25c celluloid Grill measurer.....	.75
F. 125 " " and a 25c Grill or Perforation Gauge.....	1.00
G. 150 " " 50 of them U. S. and Hawaiian.....	1.00
H. 330 " " one-half dozen books and 1000 best Hinges.....	1.00
I. 400 " " " " " " " " " " also Grill and Perforation Gauge.....	1.50

We will replace any stamp not found in good condition.

## RETURN MAIL STAMP CO., DUBUQUE, IOWA.

### Dr. J. W. Fowler, Dubuque, Iowa,

pays CASH as follows for Canada present issue, (four leaves) Can. Jubilee and Transmississippi (Omaha) stamps.

#### CANADA PRESENT ISSUE.

4c per 100....25c.	2c per 100....10c	5c per 100....50c
6c per 100...\$1.00	8c per 100....75c	10c per 100...\$1.50

#### CANADA JUBILEE.

4c each.....12c	2c per 100...50c	5c per 100...1.00
8c each.....5c	8c (unused)...10c	10c per 100...\$2.00
		15c per 100...\$2.50

#### OMAHAS, U. S.

4c per 100....60c.	5c per 100...65	8c per 100...\$1.50.
10c per 100...75c.	50c each...30c	\$1.00 each...55c
		\$2.00 each...\$1.00

Other Canadian and good U. S. and foreign wanted in quantities or in collections.

**Little Dealers Outfit.**

10 approval sheets with your name on, 100 stamps to sell at 1c each, 50 @ 2c, 10 @ 5c or over. **All for 48c.**

H EARL WILLIAMS, CHARLOTTE, MICH.

Send to the publishers of this paper for an application blank and

**Join the D. P. A.**

The benefits are innumerable.

**Still they come!**

Orders for Packets.

**Let them Come!**

There are enough for all.

100 var. 10c. 30 var. U. S. cat. 50c, 10c. 100 var. cat. \$2

or more, no cut cards or envelope stamps, only 50c. 1000 mixed (100 var) 25c. Stamps on approval my specialty.

Send want list with ref. I buy stamps.

Nellie Appleton, Goodale's Corners, Maine

**JUST OUT.****A Boon to Philatelists.****International Philatelic Collectors Directory.**

Contains over 9500 addresses of active collectors in all parts of the world. America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

Many addresses have notes added mentioning specialties collected and the language in which correspondence is answered.

Key to abbreviations in English, German and French. Every collector and dealer should have a copy.

Price \$1.00 postfree. Registered 8c extra. Remit by money order, U. S. bank note or unused 2c U. S. postage stamps full gum.

**A. C. DERLAM,**

621 H. Bramhall Ave.,

JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY, U. S. A.

**OMAHA EXPOSITION STAMPS.**

1, 2, 4, 5c..... 15c.  
1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 10c..... 35c.  
1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 50..... 86c.

All in mint condition. Postage extra.  
N. R. Van der Veer, Box 327, Rye, N. Y.

**Why not subscribe**

to Michigan's only stamp paper,

**The Michigan Philatelist**

50 fine stamps guaranteed to cost \$1.00 or over free to each subscriber. A 50c Columbian to every first or 5th sub. received.

Only 25c a year.

**MICH. STAMP & PUB CO. ITHACA, MICH**

**FINE GOODS AT LOW PRICES.**

1869 1c buff used fine.	\$ .35.
" 2c brown " "	.07.
" 6c blue " "	.35.
" 12c green " "	.40.
" 15c br. blue " "	.90.

All are fine copies and prices are low.

U. S. and Canadian stamps bought for cash.  
**BOEN STAMP CO., 976 Liberty Ave. Pittsburg Penna.**

**SNAPS.**

Can. Jubilee 15 mixed only	10c
" " 1c to 5c "	40c
" Maple leaf issue 8 var. only	8c
" " " unused block of 25-4c	25c

A fine mixture of 100 last two new issues 4c to 8c incl. some Jub. (fine traders) 25c.

A prize to all sending for sheets at 50 to 60%  
**GEO. W. HICKS, BOX 219, MILCELL, CNT.**

**OMAHA EXPOSITION.**

Series U. S. postage now on sale.

1-2-4-5-8-10c postfree \$ .18.

50c " " .38.

\$1 00 " " .78.

2.00 " " 1.63.

All lightly cancelled copies.

30 U. S. Revenues only \$ .30.

100 var. U. S. postage " 1.50.

400 " fine foreign " 1.00.

**E. J. KIRBY & CO.,**

MARSHALL,

MICHIGAN

**Patriotic Envelopes.**

Envelopes printed in two colors with your return card and the **Union Jack and Stars and Stripes** crossed. These are the latest.  
100-40c, 250-85c, 500-\$1.50 postpaid.  
**Starnaman Bros., Berlin, Ont.**

**The Stamp Reporter.**

One of Canada's best stamp papers on trial 3 months for a **3 cent stamp.**  
Lowest ad. rates. Write for them.  
**Geo. Bradley,**  
St. Catharines Ontario.

**D. P. A. PRIZES.**

We wish to increase the membership of the D. P. A. to 500 before next convention and in order to do so we offer the following prizes.

- 1st. prize.—To every person securing 100 new members before next convention, we will give \$5.00 in cash.
- 2nd. prize.—To every person securing 50 new members before next convention, we will give \$2.00 in cash.
- 3rd. prize.—To every person securing 25 new members before next convention, we will give 75c in cash.
- 4th. prize.—We will give a 1 inch adv. to every member who is first reference to 6 new members in one month.
- 5th. prize.—We will give a ½ inch adv. to every member who is first reference to 3 new members in one month.

The Secretary will keep a correct account of the applications sent in, and will furnish application blanks to those who desire them. Send a blank whenever you write to a collector.

The member who is first reference will always be given the credit.

Those members which count on 4th and 5th prizes will also count on 1st 2nd or 3rd. prize.

If you have any questions to ask, enclose stamp for reply.

**STARNAMAN BROS. Berlin, Ont.**

**Wanted.**

Collectors and dealers in all parts of the world to drop us a postal for a free sample copy of the *Philatelic Bulletin* one of the handsomest journals published at 25c year.

**NAUMKEAG STAMP & PUB. CO.,**  
Box 99, Salem, Mass.

Send 10 cents for a six months trial subscription to the

**LONE STAR STATE  
PHILATELIST.**  
WACO, TEXAS.

As an extra inducement to subscribe we will give an exchange notice of 30 words FREE with each subscription.

10c—10c—10c—10c—10c—10c—10c—10c.

**THE TEXAN PHILATELIST**

One year on trial for TEN CENTS this offer not good after Jan. 1st. Sample free. If you mention Phil. ADVOCATE we will allow you free use of exchange column one year. Address the publication at Abilene, Texas.  
10c—10c—10c—10c—10c—10c—10c—10c.

**SCOTT STAMP  
& COIN CO., Ltd.**

18 EAST 23RD ST.

**New York, - N. Y.**

**NOVELTIES AT LOW PRICES.**

- Porto Rico, 1898, 1, 2, 3, 5m the set \$ .05
- " " 1898, 1, 2, 3, 6, 8c " .35
- " " 1890, 10, 15, 20, 40c " 1.20
- Philippine islands, '98, 1, 2, 3, 5m " .05
- " " '98, 1, 2, 3, 6, 8c " .35
- " " '98, 10, 15, 20, 40c 1.20
- Nicaragua, 1896, 1c to 5 pesos 9 var. .50
- " 1896, official 1c to 5p 9 var. .50
- " 1896, unpaid 1c to 50c 7 var. .50

**VASCO DA GAMA ISSUE.**

- Portugal, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150reis .65
- Africa 2½, 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 reis .65
- Azores, 2½, 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 reis .65
- Macao, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 24 avos... .65
- Madeira, 2½, 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150 reis .65
- Port. India, 1½, 4½, 6, 9r. 1, 2, 4, 8 tangas .65
- Timor, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 24 avos... .65

These are considered a special issue.  
Postage due on orders under 1.00



# A 2c POST CARD

containing your address, will bring you our 8 page booklet, which contains particulars of our

## International Stamp Exchange

absolutely the best bureau for selling and exchanging stamps. Double value in exchange. Prospectus (and advtg rates) of the Peruvian Catalogue, which will describe and illustrate 700 varieties and contain a host of valuable information.

**Clearance price list**—prices very near cost—showing how 10% profit can be made quarterly.

Also several unusually liberal offers to collectors, dealers, speculators and agents, and plenty of pertinent and interesting information.

*We will not be undersold*

on the remainders or any Peruvian stamps (or those of Ecuador, Bolivia and Chile) and this list will save you money if you contemplate purchasing—or if you wish to obtain top prices for your stamps.



## COLLECTORS, DEALERS, PUBLISHERS!!

Agents wanted to address and mail our list to all active dealers and collectors in their localities. Name number required and apply at once.

We will pay liberally for thorough service.



WE WANT TO BUY rare stamps and collections and can pay really good prices; offers solicited.

# WILLIAMS & GO.,

Collectors, Dealers and Philatelic Publishers,

CASILLA 989, LIMA, PERU.