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# The Philatelic Advocate.

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## Pithy Philatelic Points.

Sayings and Articles of Noted Writers  
Carefully Condensed.

By GEO. W. STARNAMAN.

In looking for silk paper revenues of the first issue it is necessary to carefully scrutinize the entire stamp as the silk threads are few and far between, and not infrequently a minute portion of a single thread will be found on a specimen.—E. R. Aldrich.

Those stamps which are unsullied by the slightest suspicion of illegitimacy will in the end stand higher in the estimation of philatelists than the most gorgeous of speculative issues, and their market value must inevitably increase also. The era of speculation has had its palmiest days. Speculative issues must and will in the natural order of things, become exceedingly unpopular in the near future. And what will collectors turn to then, but the old issues, less brilliant, but more upright?—Lewis G. Quackenbush.

The publisher should lay aside a surplus while the stamp season is at its height and this would tide him over the quiet summer months and allow him to obtain some rest for himself and still keep his paper alive. Of course he would not refuse advertising or subscriptions, but he would not be obliged to do any begging in either line. The reduction in the number of advertise-

ments appearing during the summer months of course lessens the competition and those that do advertise generally get good results.—W. W. Jewett.

Spain probably employs the punch to a greater extent than any other country, this being the manner of cancelling the stamps on telegrams. As no telegraph stamps are issued, the postage stamps are used in this way. Therefore, all stamps of this country cancelled with a small hole have been used to prepay telegrams and deserve no place in a postage stamp collection. This should be remembered when buying Spanish Stamps.—Gordon C. Corbaley.

### ARE YOU THE FELLOW?

In Saltpetre avenue, close to the Pit,  
Where the vitrol reservoirs sputter and spit,  
There's a bed on a griddle that never gets damp—

Prepared for the fellow who encloses no stamp.

At the Molten Hotel, in the Sulphuric glade,  
Where the temperature's nine-ninety-eight  
in the shade,

There's a thrice heated chamber for any old guy

Who writes to ask questions without meaning to buy.

Where the billows of brimstone delightfully roar,

And the geysers their seething red cataracts pour.

There's a blistering bath in a cauldron of flame—

For the chump who neglects to sign any name.  
—Home Cheer.

## Society Evils and Reforms.

IRVING E. PATTERSON.

All societies are more or less beset by evils, but the path of the average philatelic society seems to be very thickly strewn with them.

Those who have watched the course of our philatelic societies during the past few years, have probably noted the sudden rise of a number of them and their no less sudden fall. There can be no result without a cause and the sooner we get at the real causes of the decline in our societies, and remedy them, the quicker will they regain their strength.

The first, and in our opinion the greatest, evil of our societies is the mode of electing officers. In all of our societies but one, the average age is under twenty-one years. At this age the average young man wants to hold an office in some society and, securing one, his appetite is aroused and like Oliver Twist he cries for more. This propensity for office-holding has killed, or nearly killed, the majority of our philatelic societies.

The remedy lies in the constitution of the society. When a society is formed, or when one is resurrected, we believe a clause should be inserted in the constitution requiring all officers to be above eighteen years of age; and the President, Treasurer, and Supt. of Sales to be over twenty-one. Some say this is not democratic; all pay dues, therefore let all have equal privileges.

For answer we respectfully refer them to the constitution of our own beloved country, and do we find there that any voter can become President? Not at all. He must be a native of the United States and must have attained a certain age,

namely, thirty-five years.

By placing this very moderate age limit in our societies; the government would be in the hands of those having the most experience, and in the majority of cases, those most qualified to govern. It would also be a good thing if no person should be eligible to hold office, who has not been a member of the society for at least one year. This would have a tendency to check the ambition of those who join only for the offices they can hold. It is also wise to have the Treasurer, Supt. of Sales, and Auction Manager give suitable bonds; as it is at present in some societies.

With the above precautions the most of the election evils would be done away with.

Another important reform is the admission of new members. We believe that every applicant under twenty-one years of age should be required to have a guaranty and that this should be some person rated in our commercial agencies. With applicants above this age one of the references should be some person with a business rating. This would tend to make the membership one that could be relied on, although of course it would not be so large as if people were admitted promiscuously as here-to-fore.

Again there is the question of dues. Low dues have wrecked many societies and will wreck many more. Fifty cents a year is low enough for dues and one dollar a year is far better. The initiation fee also should be sufficiently high to keep out triflers.

Many of our societies carry over members months after the dues should be paid. This should not be. If a member does not pay up his dues in a month drop him entirely and make it necessary for him to

again apply for membership and pay another initiation fee, if he wishes to remain a member of the society. This would we think have a good effect on those who really intend to pay but let the matter run on through carelessness, and it would certainly save societies much expense involved in carrying this deadwood.

The system of publishing a year-book, constitution, private doings of last convention, and revised list of members, is a good thing and should be furnished free to members.

One feature of a society which is of little use to the average member is the library. A plan for turning this over for the benefit of the treasury was suggested some time ago. The suggestion was that at the end of every year all the books, literature, etc., donated during the year be sold by auction and the proceeds to go to the treasury.

In our opinion this is a very good plan as members would have time to read the literature during the period it was in the library, if so desired, and neat little sums could be realized from the auctions.

Many more suggestions might be made along these lines but we prudently refrain. Of course the suggestions and criticisms we have made may not be right or timely but as our sole desire is to agitate the subject that good may result, we abandon the field to other and abler writers.

### At Random.

BY HAWKEYE.

The mud-color 10 cent of the present issue is one of the poorest of stamps that the government has issued for many a moon. The impression is not clear and bright as is usually the case.

In these days of finds the south seems to be the place for them at present—we refer to the Franklin, N. C., the 10 cent and 20 cent stamps of the Confederacy found at New Braunfels, Texas.

The issue of the 2 cent red envelope seems to be giving the envelope collectors a chance to find varieties. Besides the two mentioned in a paper lately, I have found one with 73 serrated edges outside and 41 inside.

Speaking of the rarity of the Omaha stamps, we can truthfully say that there is not one in a thousand going through the mails at present. I am in a position to know as I handle thousands of letters each week.

We are sorry to lose the *Boston Stamp Book*, but when one takes into consideration that much of it was made up of the market and its scientific articles, the average collector was not very favorably impressed with its contents.

Mr. Lilly some months ago argued that the government ought to print the new contract envelopes, 1 cent in green and the 2 cent in red. As I understand the U. P. agreement this was to be done anyway, so Mr. Lilly's argument and subsequent approval by others did not hasten matters.

### The Buffalo Hunt.

BY APEMANTUS.

In the February issue of the *ADVOCATE* appeared an article on "Historical Stamps." It contained pointers for those who hitherto collected stamps simply for the profit derived or for the satisfaction of securing a large number of varieties. To thoroughly enjoy a company of persons, we must be fully acquainted with that company: to

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It is the purpose of this article to describe briefly, The Buffalo Hunt, pictured on the four-cent Omaha. (This study we believe to be directly in line with Mr. Cass's suggestions in the above mentioned article.)

The Buffalo has been slaughtered and driven from his grazing ground until there is hardly one to be found in the whole United States, that is, in his natural state.

The two methods most in vogue in 1848, were "running" and "approaching" the former being practised on horseback, is the more violent and dashing mode of the two. An experienced and well-mounted hunter often kills as many as a half-dozen cows in a single chase, loading his gun with horse going at full speed. The chief difficulty here, as it would seem, would be in loading the gun, as this was before the advent of the breech-loader or magazine gun. Hunters were in the habit of carrying several bullets in the mouth, for convenience; after pouring the powder down the muzzle of the gun the bullet was dropped in and the stock struck hard upon theommel of the saddle. The danger lies in not striking a hard enough blow to bring the bullet down, or in taking aim, the bullet not being large enough to stay down, would start from its place toward the muzzle of the gun. In discharging the piece it would explode, thus endangering both the horse and rider. The Indian bow and arrows had many advantages over fire arms, and white men frequently used them. The chief danger, however, arises from the nature of the ground the hunter must ride

over. The prairie is broken with hills and hollows, crossed with ravines, studded with wild sage bushes; but far worse than these are the burrows of wild animals, chief among which are the prairie-dog, with whose holes for many rods, the ground is frequently honeycombed. In the blindness of the chase the hunter rushes over it unconscious of danger; his horse at full career, thrusts his leg deep into one of the burrows; the bone snaps, the rider is hurled forward to the ground and probably killed." Yet accidents in buffalo "running" happen less frequently than one would suppose. In the recklessness of the chase the hunter enjoys all the impunity of a drunken man, and may ride in safety over gullies and declivities, where, should he attempt to pass in his sober senses he would infallibly break his neck.

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## Toronto Topics.

By OBSERVER.

On Saturday February 18th the two cent surcharged on three cent envelope was placed on sale, not in the general or branch postoffice where we expect to obtain our postal necessities, but in the offices of the Toronto stamp dealers. The envelope in question is the Canada 3c red, Scott's 1898 Supplement, type E 5 which has been rendered almost useless by the adoption of a 2c rate. In order to dispose of the surplus stock our worthy Post Master General has added another new variety by surcharging this piece of postal stationery.

Query—How is it that our wide awake dealers can obtain new issues in many instances before the postoffice officials of a large city have any knowledge of their existence?



## Duplicates Galore.

59 5c heaver on cover.....	.03
59 1c pink " " .....	.04
1/2c Jubilee, pair on cover....	.30
10c " " on part cover....	.08
15c " " " " .....	.12
20c " " " " .....	.15
*Canada map, three colors....	.12
* " " lavender.....	.05
* 2c orange register, mint state	.10
* pairs same price	
Set maple leaf 1/2c to 10c.....	.25
'68 3c red on cover.....	.02
" 1c " " " .....	.10
" 1c yellow.....	.15
" 1c orange.....	.20
1/2c black, pair on cover.....	.20
*1870 3c red, first shade, mint	.05

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A well known collector, of Toronto, has what might be called a vest pocket stamp collection. It is mounted in an ordinary pocket memo book and contains some two hundred varieties, the value of which I am sure reaches up into the hundreds. It contains many good things in B. N. A. and U. S. used and unused and many rare Foreign and British Colonials. The owner is connected with a commercial house in Toronto and is frequently out of town, and you may rest assured this pet collection is a pleasant and valued companion.

Perhaps the only philatelic flag in Canada is displayed from the rooms of a Toronto dealer. It bears an enlarged specimen of the "Vaster Empire than has been" stamp. It is an advertising venture to inform the public that he wants to buy 100,000 two cent maps. (Or, I suppose, any other of Mulock's gum backs.)

Putting aside all personality in reference to the 2c Imperial stamp, it has undoubtedly gained favor with the fraternity. The first two shades, lavender and sky-blue, will command high prices as to my own knowledge they were only in circulation for one month. They will likely be "good stuff" if—if the speculators haven't got a nest full, as was the case with the ½c and 6c Jubilee.

The error the general non-philatelic public usually falls into regarding old letters and their value has its humorous side as well as disappointments. Upon presenting my card to an esteemed friend recently, his remarks about his old correspondence led me to investigate. After two hours searching he revealed to my gaze a bundle of old letters, not with the usual 2c or 3c green U. S. or 3c red Canada thereon, but with the old hand stamp marked "Paid"

such as was used before our precious "two bits" came into use. You can imagine his disappointment on hearing of the uselessness of them from a philatelic point of view, and the humor it gave me to inform him that his rarities were good things to keep, but not to sell. Now my friend says, "You stamp collectors are all humbugs and don't know a good thing when you see it."

## Hamilton Happenings.

BY STOKES.

At the second annual election of officers of the Hamilton Stamp Club, the various reports showed that the club was in a very healthy condition; yet, in spite of all this the Hamilton Stamp Club is no more.

At the above meeting it was decided to amalgamate with the Canadian Club\* and form a philatelic Section. This Club has for its objects "the encouragement of the study of History, Literature, Art, Music, etc., etc., and last but not least the study of Philately. The officers of the Philatelic Section are as follows:

Chairman—Dr. Kittson.

Vice Chairman—F. M. Robinson.

Librarian—C. S. Applegath.

Auction Mgr.—R. S. Mason.

Sec'y of Inform. Bureau—J. H. Slater

Sec'y-Treas.—A. H. Ward.

At its first weekly meeting in the new quarters, the special feature was the exhibition of certain members' collections, which was greatly enjoyed. Although the Hamilton Stamp Club is no more, the philatelists of this city are enjoying more than ever, the benefits of a local philatelic gathering.

\*A local organization which has a membership of about 100.

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## Letters from the Soldiers.

Pinar Del Rio, Cuba, Feb. 12, '99.

Very few of our Canadian cousins and philatelic friends have had the opportunity of visiting Cuba, the gem of the Antilles, and it is a pleasure to me to give a description of the Island.

Not until one is in Cuba can he realize the meaning of the term, "The rich, soft and balmy air of the tropics." It is always warm here, and while the thermometer up home is skipping around zero, it registers 80° to 100° in Cuba in February. Our Regiment is camped in the midst of coconut, orange and banana groves. The air is rich with the fragrance of flowers and the songs of birds—a Paradise indeed. The first rainy season begins about March the 1st., and it will rain almost every few hours for four weeks, then the second season about the latter part of April will continue all summer. The soil is rich and the Cubans mostly raise three crops a year, chiefly tobacco. Havana filled cigars sold for one cent each but prices are going up. Beef brings 55c a pound, Eggs 90c per dozen, ordinary writing paper \$1.00 per pound. One wonders how a person could live on a limited capital, but money is made easily and spent quickly. The sanitary condition of the cities in Cuba is something awful to think of as the rubbish of a decade is still to be found, but under the rule of America improvements are noted every day.

When we passed into the bay the wreck of the "Maine" was plainly visible. She has sunken probably eight or ten feet in the mud; otherwise she is in the same condition as after the explosion.

The natives, outside of the intelligent and educated classes, are an indolent lot,

and when asked when they intend to do anything they languidly reply, "Manana" (tomorrow). Smoking ciggarras seems to be their only occupation, and it will remain for Americans to show them what it is to be energetic, alert and always out for business. When one knows how Spain ruled the island, and with the continual warfare, it seems as if the the Cubans have lost all energy, but now it is different; schools have been established on the same lines as our American institutions and all influences that tend to enlighten and instruct the natives will be brought to the Island. General Joe Wheeler spoke the truth when he said that Cuba was a great country. It is! and we can only wait while Cuba regains strength and has her name added to the list of nations whose creed is Liberty, Justice and Peace.

Yours Truly,

William C. Knight,

Co. K. 1st U. S. Infy.

From B. J. Bishop, while on the way to the Bahamas!

Well, well! Here I am way down in Florida, even further down than the Suwanee River. During the past eight months I have seen and heard very little of stamps and stamp people, having been hauled around Michigan, Pennsylvania and Georgia until we were all tired of it. While up in Pennsylvania I had an opportunity to run up to Reading and spend a day with my old friend Kissinger. We had a first class time and while there I met Harry Kautner who has probably blossomed forth as a full fledged lawyer by this time.

"Doc" Kline held down a good position in a drug store and Will Mc Dermott had just returned from the scene of the fierce ho-

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3p " pairs	.60
3p perforated	2.25
3p ribbed	1.50
1859 1c pink	.05
5c beaver	.03
10c violet	.60
10c " pair	1.50
17c blue	1.00
1868 2c green	.10
3c red	.03
1c yellow	.20
2c registered, orange	.03
2c " vermilion	.15
5c " green	.03
5c " " unperforated	1.00
8c blue	2.50
Leeward Jubilee and 3 others on cover	.50
St. Christopher 1p (Scott 20) on cover	2.00
*Cook Islands, 10p	.35
" " 5p	.20
Packet 25 unused stamps	.25
" 10 late new issues	.20
Two dollar jubilee Canada fine	1.30
Imperial Map, 3 shades	.12
" " Lavender	.05
Labuan Jubilee 4 var.	.25
Barbados " 2 "	.06
" " 3 "	.12
Australia " 2 "	.06
" " 3 "	.15
Trinidad " 2p only one issued	.08
Canada " 5 var	.10

Newfoundland Jubilee, complete	3.00
Canada Jub. 4c for 17c; 6c for	.40
Portugal Jubilee 6 var.	.12
" " 11 var	.25
British Central Africa, 3sh	.70
" " " 1p on 3sh	.35
" South Africa 3p and 1p	.06
Newfoundland 3p triangular used	1.65
" 3c vermilion 1867 fair	1.25
" 1876, 5c roul. unused	1.00
" 1876, 3c blue roul. unsd	1.00
" 76, pair same as above	2.50
" 12c Cabot,	.10
" 3c 4c 5c 6c Cabot	.14
" 7 var	.14
Spain 1856, unused 4c green	.75
" 1857, " 4c green	.25
" 1896, " official (05 Scott)	.06
In sheets, blocks etc,	
Canada Revenue Catalogue	.10
Coin Catalogue	.10
Imported English hinges, pkg	.10
" French Hinges Rolls	.09

## Wholesale Canada.

4 leaves	100	1000.
1c	1.25	10.00
1c	.22	1.90
2c	.45	3.90
3c	.12	1.00
5c	1.65	
2 figures		
1c	.12	1.00
2c	.30	2.50
3c	.10	.90

Remit by money order or bills.  
Get our Price Lists. All Free.

We have many Canada Revenues, and this month will send

**Manitoba Law Stamps Cat \$9.00 for \$1.**

This is a snap, and just 60 orders can be filled.

**Cartier Stamp Co., - - Toronto, - - Ont.**

tilities of Camp Alger—By the way, the smiling "Mac" wore a 1st Sergeant's chevrons.

Cliff. has a terrific lot of stamps—nearly 9,000 varieties in his album, hundreds of them in blocks and strips—besides several thousand dollars worth of duplicates.

The learned President of the P. S. of A. has a very respectable collection of about 5,000 varieties besides a large lot of fine duplicates.

Thonotosassa, the home of Daniel E. Hazen, is situated on the beautiful Lake of Flints and is simply a Paradise among the orange groves. But let me whisper gently: the city itself consists of the hotel and store belonging to Daniel's progenitor

Where are all the friends who were so prominent several years? They tell me that Cameron W. Lawton was in the Spanish-American mix-up; that Sigmund L. Wing went out with the 33rd Mich.; that A. M. Rareshide's fighting blood was riled, etc. But where oh! where are W. Lionel Moise, W. H. Kessler, J. , I. E. Patterson and a score or so of the other notables.

I expect to leave for Porto Rico in a few days, and shall go by way of Bahama Islands. Mail may be addressed either to Thonotosassa, Fla., or Nassau, New Providence Is., Bahama Islands, until March 15th and will reach me O. K.

While in the Bahamas I shall try to learn all I can concerning the stamps of the Islands, and shall be pleased to hear from all my old friends.

Lieut. Bertram J. Bishop,  
Late of 35th Mich. Vol. Inf.

See what we offer for Happy Days Bicycle Coupons on page 94.

Bailey has a big adv. on the back cover.

## The Philatelic Advocate.

With which is consolidated  
**The Philatelic Messenger.**  
Our Motto. "Bis dat qui cito dat."

W. A. STARNAMAN. Business Mgr.

G. W. STARNAMAN. Subscription Mgr.

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**Starnaman Bros.,**

BOX 104, BERLIN, ONT., CAN.

We do not deal in stamps.

## Editorial.

With this number we commence filling the unexpired subscriptions of the *Philatelic Messenger*, which has been consolidated with this paper, and trust that we shall do so to the satisfaction of all concerned. Those who are already subscribers

**Omaha Stamps Free!**

To test the Philatelic Advocate as an advertising medium, I will give six Omaha stamps free to every person sending 10c in unused Christmas or maple leaf stamps for a copy of the Nebraska Phil. Blue Book containing over 1100 names of collectors.

Answer Quick. This offer limited.

Wm B. Hopson, 1214 Farnam St Omaha, Neb.

**\$1,000,000** United States Revenue For **1c.**

Nein! Nein!

We have good approval books for agents at 50% com. and blank approval sheets for 20c per 100. Yea. Yea.

DEWEY STAMP CO.,

Dept. 1, Box 633, Philadelphia, Pa.

**Oh my CANADIANS Oh me**

Muchy Dagn dropped dead when he read this ad. Old issue 1, 2, 3, 8c, Maple leaf issue ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8c, Numeral ½, 1, 2, 3c. Jubilee 1, 2, 3c, 1 Imperial stamp good copy and maple leaf unused ½, 1, 2c. 25c for the lot.

SID WOOD,

3 Lemoine Terrace, Winnipeg Man.

**CANADA.**

100, ½c 4 leaves unused	-	\$1.25.
20, 6c JUBILEE	-	each .30
100, 2c	-	unused 3.00
100, 1c	-	" 2.00
100, 2nd issue map	-	" 4.00
1 set Bill 3rd issue to \$3.00	-	.45
E. A. GREENE,	ORILLIA,	ONT.

**8 unused Stamps free**

to all sending for my app. sheets at 50% off. Kindly state class wanted.

**D. P. A. Members.**

The Official Button costs 10c. be in the swim by sending for one.

**R. S. Mason, Hamilton, Ont****HINGES**

are the best made.

1,000-10c, 3,000-25c.  
5,000-40c, 10,000-65c.

DEALERS send for WHOLESALE prices.

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**You won't**

get this chance again, so if you need Omahas, you better order quick.

1-2-4-5-8-10c Omaha . . . . . 12  
50c-1.00 and 2.00 unused 10% over face  
½c Orange Documentary . . . . . 05

B. E. NORVEL,

3605 Warsaw Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio.

**WANTED.**

Every collector to join the Junior Philatelic Society. Dues 20c. Initiation fee 10c The Montreal Philatelist official organ. Write the Secretary for application blanks.

R. L. DOAK, Secretary

PEARL, OHIO.

**Two Offers. 15c**

15 var Mexican stamps cat 64c only 15c  
Cape of Good Hope 2½d green cat 50c 15c

G. C. Andrews,

316 Woodward Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

**Keep Your Measly Postcard**

Unless you want a sample copy of the

**EVERGREEN STATE PHIL.**

or better have it on trial two months free The Evergreen represents philately for the Pacific Northwest and you will like it at 20c per year; or with Advocate for 25c.

R. W. FRENCH, HARTLAND, WASH.

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ROBIE Contains 20 pages of solid reading WRITES matter each month; splendid original articles, handsomely printed. STAMP Nothing cheap but the price. TALK. 25c a year. Sample Free. Address Stamp Talk, Box 487, Kansas City, Mo

**Fifty Cent's worth of stamps for six cents.**

Edwin Reynolds, Brockton, Mass.

By the catalogue the price of the stamps in this bundle are worth more than fifty cents.

to this paper will have their subscription extended. A number of subscriptions to the *P. M.* expire this month. From these we solicit a renewal and direct your attention to the Premium offers. Every renewal is entitled to a premium. For the benefit of those who have never seen a copy of this paper before, we wish to state that the *ADVOCATE* is the oldest stamp paper in Canada and the only one that has issued thirty numbers without missing an issue or appearing later than the 15th of the month.

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Many persons collect stamps to learn the history connected with them. Believing that many of our readers are interested in this study we have arranged with a prominent writer, who has made the history of stamps his hobby, to furnish us with a sketch of some interesting stamp each month. His article will be found under the nom de plume "Apemantus".

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Miss Georgia Le Maire, Elkhart, Ind., writes us that she has discovered two more varieties in the 2c Canada Imperial. One has a period after the word "Canada" and the other has no parallel lines between New Zealand and Australia.

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It pays to advertise in the *ADVOCATE*. Mr. Thos. J. Renaud, New Orleans, La., writes, "The one inch advertisement I had in your Holiday number proved to be all right. I have received nearly 300 replies to it, and they are still coming. If I have any more stamps to sell I will certainly put an ad. in your paper."

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**Publishers, take notice.**

Publishers who are running our exchange ads. please discontinue until further notice.

The funniest book ever written.  
257 pages of funny stamp stories.

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# STAMP HUNTING

and this paper one year for 50c.  
STARNAMAN BROS., BERLIN, ONT.

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All former offers are hereby cancelled. 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:

Premium No. 1.

### To Get Subscribers

to the Philatelic Advocate.  
we offer

## \$1.05 FOR 25 CENTS.

- 18 Japanese stamps and 3 post cards mounted in a finely colored album made of rice paper worth .50
- 12 blank Approval Sheets. . . . . 10
- PHILATELIC ADVOCATE one year. . . . . 25
- 20 word adv. on Bargain Page of same .20
- Total \$1.05**

**All for 25c** postpaid with 4c stamps

- No. 2. 8c unused Canada Jubilee.
- No. 3. One 5, 6 or 8c, Canada, (maple leaf) used or unused.
- No. 4. 1000 PERFECT hinges.
- No. 5. 50 Can. four maple leaf 3c used.
- No. 6. 100 stamps ALL DIFFERENT.
- No. 7. Half inch adv. in this paper.
- No. 8. Lone Star State Philatelist one year.
- No. 9. Perforation Gauge and Mill. Scale.

**We will give 5 subscriptions, with premium to each, for \$1.00.**

Renewals are entitled to premiums the same as new subscribers.

STARNAMAN BROS., Berlin, Ont



# 5th Mail Auction Sale.

Postage paid on all lots, we guarantee all lots as advertised in the sale. All are fine copies unless otherwise stated. Send bids early. Sale closes March 25th. \*means unused

Lot No.	United States.	Cat val.			
1. 2.	3c 1855 unused o. g.	\$ .20	41. 3.	5c 1893	--
2. 1.	1c 1855	.15	42. 1.	1sh South Australia Scott's no. 57, torn in side	5.00
3. 1.	10c 1855	.50	43. 4.	var Hawaiian Islands	.15
4. 5.	2c 1862	.30	44. 1.	3 p Gr. Britain '77 on cover	--
5. 5.	2c 1862	.30	45. 28.	var foreign	.86
6. 1.	10c 1861 on very soft paper	--	46. 21.	16 -3c 5 5c '87 Nfd. damaged	--
7. 8.	10c 1861	1.20	47. 67.	assorted, damaged	2.00
8. 2.	2c 1862	.12	48. 124	assorted U. S. and foreign	2.40
9. 1.	24c 1862	--	49. 1.	Austria Scott's no 21 damaged	.60
10. 7.	3c 1867-68 grilled	--	50. 1.	12c 1866 Nfd, poor copy	.60
11. 4.	2-3c 1869, 1-2c 1869	.19	51. 1.	10c 1887 corner missing	.20
12. 1.	2c 1869	.15	<b>Canada.</b>		
13. 1.	1c 1869	.75	52. 1.	3p. laid damaged	1.50
14. 1.	6c 1869	.75	53. 2.	strip *5c 1859 part gum	.80
15. 1.	1c 8870 grilled	.50	54. 1.	*2c pink 1859 gum	2.50
16. 1.	15c 1873	.75	55. 1.	5c large '75 corner miss	.50
17. 7.	2c 1871-73	--	56. 8.	15c 1892 fair	.80
18. 11.	assorted postage	.62	57. 10.	2c Jubilee	--
19. 1.	6c 1870	.20	58. 5.	* $\frac{1}{2}$ c 4c maple leaf	--
20. 9.	var.	.80	59. 50.	3c Jubilee	--
21. 9.	assorted	.40	60. 44.	3c Jubilee	--
22. 3.	6c 1873	.30	61. 38.	1c 4 leaves	--
23. 2.	6c 1882	.20	62. 60.	2c "	--
24. 9.	3c 1890	.27	63. 79.	3c "	--
25. 6.	3c 1887 vermilion	.72	64. 100.	1c figures	--
26. 6.	6c 1890	.36	65. 100.	3c "	--
27. 6.	4-8c 2-15c 1890	.32	66. 135.	3c "	--
28. 4.	6c 1890	.24	67. 500.	3c "	--
29. 12.	4 sets 1890 3, 6, and 8c	.52	68. 500.	3c "	--
30. 4.	5, 6, 8, 15c 1893	.40	69. 1000	3c "	--
31. 6.	3, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 15c 1893	.50	70. 50.	2c " purple	--
32. 52.	2c 1875-79	--	71. 5.	Xmas first print	--
33. 3.	*1c, *2c and 3c used	.28	72. 100.	1c Jubilee	--
34. 5.	Special Del. 3 blue 2 orange	.50	73. 1.	5c Nova Scotia on cover	--
35. 2.	5 and 10c dues 1879	.50	74. 1.	10c 1851 U. S. fair	1.00
36. 1.	12c 1870	.50	75. 1.	30c 1861 " little heavy can.	--
37. 1.	12c 1873	.50	76.	25 books made to hold 120 stamps	--
38. 73.	U. S. and foreign assorted	1.80	77.	50 books same as above	--
39. 18.	U. S., Can. assorted fair	1.00	78.	100 books same as above	--
40. 36.	25 -1c and 11 2c Omaha	--	79.	150 books as above	--

Lot 80. 5c Newfoundland envelope watermarked 19 large letter unused fine.

N. B. There are several of our bidders who seem to bid for pleasure and do not remit when notified that their bids were accepted. We will publish under this heading next month a list of those who have not yet remitted for stamps in 3rd and 4th sales. We do this in justice to ourselves and patrons who bid honestly.

**JAS. F. IRWIN, Box 433, St. Catharines, Ont.**

**The Canadian Collector.**

10c per year ad rates 10c per inch.

Next issue goes to press March 15th

We want approval sheet agents and allow 50%. Give reference. Collector free to agents. Write now.

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One dollar Jubilee . . . . .90

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Canadian Philatelic Review 25c per year.

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D. P. A. Reports continued.

**Librarian's Report.**

Received since last report: From S. A. Nichols, Montreal Phil. Vol. I 7. Rocky Mt. Stamp 37. American Collector V 2. Ont. Phil. II 4. Stamp Reporter II 3, Texan Phil. I and IX. Evergreen 57.

From W. D. Boyd. Simcoe: Penn. Phil. VII 4, 5, 6, VIII 1-6, IX 1, 4. P. J. of America 70, Springfield Phil. II 5, 6, S. N. Y. Phil. V 1, 2. Can. P. Weekly (Berlin) III 2. Can. Phil. III 2. Progressive Phil. 1. Herald Exchange V 3. Advocate V 6. Intern. Phil. VII 4, VIII 2. Can. Phil. Mag. X 1. Weekly Era IX 12, 27. Phil. Newsletter I 3. Stamp Lore I 3. Essex Co. Phil. 4. Stamp Reporter I 1, 12. II 1, 2, 3. Stamp World V 37. Fil. Facts and Fall. IV 9, V 4. Southern Phil. II 2. Eastern Phil. X 1. Ph. West V 2, VII 3. Washington Phil. VII 1. Parker's Price list 59. Halifax Phil. II 9. Rocky Mt. Stamp I 6, 9. IV 1, 2. Texan Phil. IX 2. Evergreen Phil. III 3, 5. IX 55, 57, 58. Mich. Phil. (Coldwater) 14, 10. The Stamp III 10. American Phil. Magazine III 12. Mekeel's Weekly 270 (2), 276. A copy of Dickerman's U. S. Treasury Counterfeit Detector Feb. 1893, also a number of Price Lists and circulars.

From publishers: Advocate: Can. Phil. Weekly Berlin, N. Y. Phil.

Yours, asking for donations

F. I. WEAVER, Librarian.

**Wanted.** To trade good U. S. stamps on a printing press and outfit 6-9 or larger. Write enclosing stamp for reply with full descriptions, etc. R. L. Doak, Pearl, Ohio.

**25c** sends you postpaid 25 blank sheets, Jubilee 1-5, 8c Jubilee and 2nd issue map unused. E. A. Greene, Orillia, Ont.

**Snaps.** 1000 stamps 35c, 500-25c 400 diff \$1.00, 100 15c 50-10c all for \$1.80 10 app sheets goes with it. Fred Shinn, Waterloo, Ont. 3

**Jubilee** ½c-17c, 6c same 30c, 8c-11c 2nd issue map 4 for 15c E. A. Greene, Orillia, Ont.

**Notice.** Stamp Agent and stamp collector. L. Doering, Waterloo, Ont Box 363,

**A. L.** Austin, Stamp dealer, Box 334, Durban, Natal, South Africa.

**100** var stamps 12c. If not satisfactory return it. Money refunded. F. M. Richardson, Hartland, Vt.

**Exchange** desired with collectors. Send sheets and receive mine. Foreign collectors send 10 to 1000 stamps and receive equal American. Frank C. Winter, 3000 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

**Honduras** 1896 10c-4c \*Mauritius ½p on 10p rose 10c; Canada 3rd issue Revenue \$1.00--15c, \$2.00--35c ½c maple leaf 3c; 8c 5c; 100 Japan 15c; 200 fine stamps \$1 Approval sheets with 25 stamps @ 1c-20c @ 2c-40c C. S. Stewart, Port Arthur, Ont.

**Another Philatelic Death.**

We regret to learn the *Texan Philatelist* is no more. The last number was Vol. IX, No. 6, February, 1899, and announced that the *Low Star State Philatelist* will fill the unexpired subscriptions.

See E. A. Greene's big Prize Contest.

The Inland Stamp Co., of Indianapolis, Indiana, although new advertisers, have been doing business in that city for a long time. They come well recommended and deserve good patronage.

**WHOLESALE.**

Canada 3c 1869-96 per 1000	.15
" " " " 10,000	1.20
" 8c 1890-96 2 shades per 100	.50
" 5c " 2 " " 100	.30
" 5c Register 2 " " 100	.75
" 3c rose 1872 cat 5c each per 10	.25
" Jubilee, Maple leaves and numerals mixture $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 2 3c per 100	25c

**United States.**

1861 3c rose per 100	.30
1875 1c blue " "	.25
" 2c vermilion " "	.50
" 3c green " "	.05

Clean picked, bunched copies. Postage ex. on orders under 50c. Remit by M. O. or silver, no stamps accepted.

C. Bailey, 85 Euclid Ave. Toronto, Ont.

**I Am Prepared**

to furnish all the current adhesives, cards and envelopes unused of the Bahamas at 10% over face. State which values you wish when ordering. Enclose registration fee when writing for stamps, if you wish them registered. Furnishing the trade a specialty.

I am also in a position to furnish manuscript for philatelic papers at their current cash prices. Good stamps taken for one-half amount, when publishers desire.

Lieut. BERTRAM J. BISHOP,  
NASSAU,

NEW PROVIDENCE Is., BAHAMA IS.

**WE WANT****Happy Days****Bicycle Coupons.**

We will give any of the following for Happy Days Bicycle Coupons cut from Nos. 224 to 235.

25 stamps all different for	1 coupon.
100 " " " " "	2 "
150 " " " " "	3 "
400 " " " " "	40 "
3 var. Venezuela for	3 "
1 inch ad. in this paper for	8 "
2 inch ad. in this paper for	14 "
20 word Bargain Notice "	4 "

Coupons must reach us one week after No. 235 is issued. See other ad. on page 94.

**Starnaman Bros. Berlin, Ontario,**

**Stamps****that are in demand.****Canada.**

3 pence wove fine	\$ .16
1859 1c and 5c fine	.06
1668 $\frac{1}{2}$ c black fine, only	.09
1868 2c green	.07
1868 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c blue, scarce, only	.15
1872 2c green and 6c brown old color	.02
1892 6c, 8c and 10c fine	.03
1892 15c and 20c	.14
Jubilee 1c, 2c and 3c fine only	.03
1875 2c and 5c register fine only	.03
1898 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 8c 4 maple leaves	.12
2c Xmas first issue used	.04
5c beaver '59 on cover	.03
2c register " "	.03
1c envelope 1877 and 2c Jubilee	.04
1895 2c envelope with 1c maple leaf	.03
1898 3c letter card unused	.05

**Newfoundland.**

1876 5c blue rouletted	.26
1880 1c, 3c, 5c fine	.12
1887 $\frac{1}{2}$ c unused fine	.03
1887 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 3, and 5c	.10
1890 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 3, and 6c fine	.12
1898 1c carmine, 2c orange	.08
1898 1c " 2c orange, unused	.10
1898 1c green used, 3c orange used	.03
3c Jubilee used fine	.03

**Nova Scotia.**

5c blue fine used	.16
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**New Brunswick.**

1, 2, 5, 10, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 17c set fine	.55
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Send for our price list. No. 2 is free for the asking,

We have enough of the above to supply a large demand. Orders under 50c postage 2c extra. We would like to purchase a good lot of Canada, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia postage stamps for cash.

I have a fine copy of the 2c 1868 Canada on laid paper, how much am I offered for it? It is a rare one.

**JAS. F. IRWIN,**

**Box 433,**

**St. Catharines, Ont.**

Member D. P. A. No. 36.

## Dominion Philatelic Association.

Organized Sept. 1, 1894.

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## Secretary's Report.

### NEW MEMBERS

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211. W. H. Arrowsmith, Pomona, Ont.

212. Thos. E. Morgan, Delhi, Ont.

213. E. A. Greene, Orillia, Ont.

214. J. C. Lyons, Waterville, N. S.

215. F. A. Crowell, Sydney, C. B.

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217. Thos. H. Hayhurst, Hamilton, Ont.

218. J. R. Seavey, Hamilton, Ont.

The above will receive their membership card on payment of dues to Jan. 1st 1900, amounting to 25c.

### APPLICATIONS.

Ross D. Breniser, Box 292, Johnstown, Pa. Age 18, Student. Refs Cecil Rawson, Geo. W. Starnaman.

Chas. F. Robinson, Modeltown, N. Y. 15, student. Starnaman Bros.

R. S. Godfrey, Meaford, Ont. 20, clerk. Geo. W. Starnaman, A. G. Bright,

D. H. Cooke, 6010 Jefferson Ave., Chicago, Ill. 16, Stamp Dealer. Geo. W. Starnaman, M. M. Cooke.

John Mardon Jr., 161 W. Springfield St. Boston, Mass. 30, book-keeper. Starnaman Bros. S. E. Medford.

Miss Georgiu Le Maire, 60 B. E. Jaxon Ave., Elkhart, Ind. Student, Refs W. A. Starnaman, Geo. W. Starnaman.

Arthur W. Moser, Box 108, Danvers, Mass. 25, Machinist. E. V. Campion, W. A. Starnaman.

Herbert W. Campbell, care of B. B. College, Belleville, Ont., 17, student. R. S. Mason, C. S. Applegath.

G. F. Davidson, Trinity University, Toronto, Ont. 27 clergyman. R. S. Mason C. S. Applegath.

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Fred T. Gory, 22 Wentworth St., Ham-17. R. Mason, C. S. Applegath.

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A. A. Van Wie, Shenectady, N. Y. 19, clerk. Geo. W. Starnaman, R. E. Shaw.

Siven Goranson, Box 513, Lockport, Ill. Age 23, tailor. E. V. Campion, Chas. S. Waterman.

Ralph W. Tucker, Box 3276, Boston, Mass. G. W. Starnaman, A. S. Tucker, Adolph Wessely, Boerne, Texas 16, clerk. E. V. Campion, H. B. Windler.

W. A. Platt, Pheipston, Ont. Age 32, Merchant. Starnaman Bros. R. H. Platt.

Chas. J. Thomas, 18 Ottawa St., Toronto, Ont. 41, Mgr. for J. D. Davison. Starnaman Bros. Robt Raunbrain.

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

### RESIGNATION.

Geo. A. Katzenberger, Greenville, Ohio.

# GRAND PRIZE CONTEST.

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O—A—A. A recent U. S. stamp      —O—O— —O. A Canadian city.  
 —UB— —E— an obsolete Can. stamp. G—AD— —O—E a late statesman.  
 A—V— —A—E. a swell stamp paper. H—NG— a sticker.  
 M—P—EL— —F an obsolete Can. stamp — —CT—R— — a Queen.

And every fifth thereafter receives one 8 cent jubilee or 2000 hinges or Adam's Revenue catalogue or 100 printed envelopes.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

W. Russell Brown, Port Arthur, Ont.  
Nels. T. Thorson, 308 No. 16th St., Omaha  
Neb.

APPLICATIONS (Omitted from page 91).

H. W. Ernst, Berlin, Ont., clerk, age 21  
F. I. Weaver and W. A. Starnaman,  
Wm. Whitney, Burlington, Ont. Age 17  
Bank clerk. R. S. Mason, C. Applegath.

Objection was filed against E. J. Mackey,  
Superior, Neb., (No. 187). On investiga-  
tion the Trustees found that the charges  
were purely personal, and decided in Mr.  
Mackey's favor.

The following is a list of the numbers of  
those members who have not paid their  
dues for 1899. All who wish to participate  
in the various departments, should send  
their dues (25c) to the Sec'y-Treas at once,  
See Constitution, Art. VIII. Sec. 2.

1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33, 44,  
46, 49, 51, 52, 57, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 70,  
71, 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 83, 85, 87, 88, 89, 91,  
93, 96, 98, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 114, 115,  
117, 118, 121, 124, 127, 135, 138, 140, 144, 82.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Balance last report.....	\$20.29.
Received for dues, etc.....	10.59.
	<u>30.88</u>

Expenditures.

Paid Official Organ.....	1.76.
Postage.....	1.27.
Paid 500 membership cards.....	1.75.
Stationery.....	.40.

Balance on hand 25.70:  
30.88.

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Fellow Members:—The Dept is now run-  
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E. L. SHOVE, Unionville, N. Y.

N. B.—We need more buyers than any-  
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D. P. A. 9th Auction Sale.

Bids must be in by Mar. 20th. A card  
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when they are expected to remit, and  
stamps will be forwarded.

Stamps are used unless otherwise stated.

All lots to be offered for sale, must be in  
the hands of the Auction mgr. on or before  
the 15th of the month.

Postage extra on all lots under \$1.00.

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Lot No.	Reserve.
1. 50 3c U. S. 1855-60 and 1861 mixed	\$.25
2. 12 ½c Maple Leaves	
3. 60 2c " "	
4. 15 ½ penny Barbadoes Jubilee.	
5. 10 2½ " " "	
6. 20 ½c Canada, 1882-90 small, ur used.	
7. 4 2c " Canada, orange register.	
8. 2 Nova Scotia 5c used	
9. 50 U. S. Columbian 2 cent	
10. 40-½c small black 1882-90 Canada	
11. 10—2c registered orange.	
12. 1—2c Nova Scotia on original cover.	
13. 1-10c U. S. '61 green " "	
14. 1-2c U. S. '62 " "	
15. 2, 1-1c Can '68, & 1 P. E. I. 2c fair	
16. 36—½c small '90 Can.	
17. 24—3c Can. grey	} no 16-20 .40
18. 24—8c Canada	
19. 23—6c Can. brown	
20. 3-10c Canada	
21. 20-8c Columbians	
22. 1--20c Jubilee, slightly torn	.10
23. 3--3c Can. red, '68 2 slightly torn.	
24. 5--2c " register & 4--5c Can. reg.	
25. 4 vols. Daily Stamp Item	1.00
26. Mekeels Weekly vol VII, VIII	1.00

E. B. Mc GILLIVRAY, Auc. Mgr  
47 Elizabeth St., Toronto, Ont.

Reports continued on page 89.

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