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THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

THE Canadian Convention was called to order on Wednesday morning, July 31, in the Young Men's Christian Association Building, at Halifax, President Hechler occupying the Chair. Among those present from the States were Messrs. W. L. Emory, W. H. Goodrich and W. C. Stone, of *The American Philatelist*. Although in name a Canadian Convention, in reality our friends from across the line only lacked three votes of having a controlling voice. Eleven members were present in person, while forty were represented by proxy; of the latter, Mr. Stone held twenty, and Mr. Craig seventeen.

The majority of the Executive Committee being absent, Messrs. Stone and Larsen were appointed to help count the ballots. The Chair then announced the Committee on Credentials as follows: Messrs. Larsen, Emory and Hart; after which the Convention adjourned for dinner.

Upon reassembling the rules of the last Convention were adopted for the present. As there was some trouble about the ballots, the committee reported progress, with the understanding that they would finally report on Friday. The President then said a few words of welcome:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: In calling this the Second Annual Convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association to its deliberation, I cannot refrain from expressing the gratification felt by the Nova Scotia branch at having the opportunity to greet so many of the members of the Association from the sister provinces. We also gladly welcome our friends from beyond the borders of the dominion. Though they are foreign to us in their national allegiance, we meet them here on—I will not say neutral—but on common ground as philatelists. As such, we extend to them a most hearty, cordial and brotherly greeting.

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"This is in a certain sense a new association, and we have, as natural, met with difficulties and disappointments, but, I am happy to say, with none that have not been surmounted with more or less ease.

"During the short period in which I have had the honor to fill the highest office in the gift of this Association I have experienced that, through the want of sufficient inducements to members, some of them have dropped out of our ranks. I cannot too strongly impress on the proper committee the advisability of revising the statutes and regulations so that members of this Association, whether they are members of their respective provincial branches or not, shall have equal access to the exchange sheets. At present they do not enjoy this privilege.

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"The success of all societies, as of this, depends upon members working harmoniously together for the common good."

The report of the Secretary showed that there were 141 members, and that he had a balance on hand of \$32.16. The Treasurer's report exhibited a balance of \$57.98, and that about \$100 was still owing the Association.

The Exchange Superintendent reported that ninety-two books had been put in circulation since last September. His statement showed that this department was not in a flourishing condition, as the expenses amounted to \$6.12 more than the receipts.

After the appointment of the standing committees, the Convention adjourned till Thursday morning. The following were the Chairmen: On Finance and Official Organ, W. L. Emory; On Library, A. J. Craig; On Exchange and Purchasing Department, F. C. Kaye; On Constitution and By-Laws, H. Hechler.

On Thursday, August 1, the Convention was called to order at 10.30 A.M. On motion the ruling of the Executive Committee in relation to members in foreign countries was declared null and of no effect.

Montreal received forty-seven votes for the next Convention, against three for Niagara Falls; the time was left to the Executive Committee, with the understanding that at least three months' notice should be given. Just here I might remark that if it had been certain that the American Philatelic Association would meet next year at the last-named place it would undoubtedly have been chosen for our next Convention. After the transaction of some minor business, the Convention adjourned till afternoon.

When the Convention reassembled numerous reports were read, the most important of which was from Mr. Stone, recommending several changes in the Constitution; but as the number present was not sufficient the amendments will be acted on by mail.

On Friday morning we were called to order at 11.15. The Executive Committee reported as follows on the election for officers: Number of members entitled to vote, 115; necessary to an election, 76; number of votes cast, 77. For President—A. J. Craig, 52; H. Hechler, 21; A. B. Hart, 4; Vice-President—E. Y. Parker, 71; scattering, 5; Secretary—D. A. King, 77; Treasurer—C. E. Cameron, 76; H. L. Hart, 1.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association expresses its emphatic disapproval of such postal contracts as have been lately entered into by certain Central American States, and urges its members to do all they can to discourage the collection of such issues of stamps.

The Chalmers-Hill controversy was resurrected; as so many societies had made fools out of themselves on this question, and as it is likely that the American Philatelic Association will take some definite steps to settle it this fall, it was deemed wise to postpone it till next year; the vote stood 27 to 21.

The Nova Scotia Philatelic Society received a vote of thanks for its hospitality; and then our friends from across the line helped to thank themselves for attending. The Convention then adjourned to meet at the call of the Executive Committee.

DOMINION.

BUFFALO GOSSIP.

THE stamp trade in this vicinity is as dull as might be expected for this season of the year, yet the Buffalo Philatelic Society continues to secure members at a lively pace. The society is about to become an American Philatelic Association branch, and we suppose it is for this reason the membership is increasing. The society contains thirty-two members, most of whom are wide awake and active collectors.

The Buffalo Philatelic Society is trying hard to have the 1890 American Philatelic Association Convention held at Niagara Falls, and some of the leading members have expressed it as their opinion that the Society will succeed.

Some of the collectors of this city are considering the advisability of holding an exhibit at the great international fair, which will be held in this city from September 3 to 13, inclusive. Yes, boys, we want an exhibit, as we think it will do much toward reviving the interest that was once prominent here. Should an exhibit be given, I will furnish the readers of THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST with an account of it.

H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J., was in the city for a few days on the 25th of last month. He expressed himself as surprised at the number and character of the philatelists in this secluded place. Come again!

C. B. Corwin has not the sympathy of the majority of the members of the Buffalo

Philatelic Society in his continued grumblings against the American Philatelic Association and its officers. I imagine I hear him mumbling between the puffs at his cigarette, "Who wants the sympathy of that little one-horse society. I'm C. B. Corwin and able to look out for myself."

CLARENCE J. MANNING.

A NEW YORK JAUNT.

A COLLECTOR visiting New York will find that city and its environs comprise the philatelic metropolis of the United States. Many large collections are numbered within its borders. We first paid our respects to Mr. Bogert, who by the way generally is the first to receive a call from travelers, because he is near the ferry; as usual we found him up to his ears in business. Besides having a large local trade he has also one of the largest mail trades in this country.

We next went to Twenty-third street, and saw the new store of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co.; it is a vast improvement on their old Broadway store, and is bright and cheerful. Mr. Henry Calman explained the various improvements which were being made.

Our next call was on Mr. J. W. Scott, one of our American Philatelic Association Trustees, at his new establishment on Fulton street. He reports business unusually good for this season of the year. Mr. Scott expects to issue a catalogue in the near future that will be something entirely different from what we now have and of far greater superiority. He notes with much interest the rapid strides of our Association and thinks that in a few years it will be a power in the philatelic world.

We also called on our new Treasurer, Mr. Charles Gregory; but owing to his absence, we will have to offer our congratulations here and not in person.

By the way, the vote for Treasurer showed that our friend Corwin is very popular with the rank and file, notwithstanding his antipathy to office-holding.

When we called on Mr. J. Oakley Hobby he took complete possession of us; he is certainly a model host. We spent many pleasant hours looking over his collection, which is mounted in a Staten Island album. We also took great interest in examining his album of prominent philatelists. Mr. Hobby takes much pleasure in his collection, which contains nearly all the American Philatelic Association members and quite a number of our foreign brethren. On the last page are placed the portraits of Mr. Pearson Hill and Mr. Patrick Chalmers. From their faces one would not think that they were capable of saying so many hard things about one another. Our visit to Mr. Hobby will ever remain green in our memory.

When too late to call we learned that our old friend Warner had been an invalid for some time.

Knowing that Mr. Corwin is always busy, we thought best not to disturb him; we regret having missed him, for upon arriving home we found a letter stating that he was sorry to have missed us, as he had an afternoon to spare.

Before closing we have just one word as regards the American Philatelic Association Convention in 1890: Vote for New York, you won't regret it. M.

IN the National Museum at Washington, among the Grant relics, may be found a solid gold card, upon which is engraved an invitation for him to attend a Grand Masque Bal in San Francisco, on September 23, 1879. Beside it there is a solid silver envelope bearing the name of Ex-President U. S. Grant, and in the usual place there is one of the old red two-cent stamps.

A NOVEL advertising card has come to our notice. The name and address of the firm is printed across the face of the card and in the upper right-hand corner is placed a picture of their building—representing a stamp; next to this is a circular postmark as it were, with the words "Open till 10 P.M."

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WE can predict a lively time for the coming convention at St. Louis. Mr. Corwin has announced his intention of attending, and is soliciting American Philatelic Association members to appoint him as their *agent* to vote as their proxy. We don't like this wording; it looks very innocent and for aught we know may be so intended. But the powers and privileges of an agent are much more sweeping and comprehensive than those of a mere proxy.

Before signing your innocent-looking card an explanation would not be out of place. Give us an outline of your plans; for what are you working and what do you hope to accomplish?

WHILE in Washington we had the pleasure of meeting a philatelist whose name is known to the collectors throughout the world. In the course of conversation we were surprised to learn that he did not belong to the American Philatelic Association, and naturally we asked the reason why. He said that previous to the organization in New York, in August, 1886, he, like the rest of us, had sent in his vote and the necessary fee of twenty-five cents. That was the last he heard of it, till he was surprised one day to read that he had been suspended for non-payment of dues. He had received no notification whatever, and was in total ignorance of the fact.

He wrote three or four letters endeavoring to straighten matters out, and to only one of these did he receive a reply. Mr. Bradt wrote that he did not know anything about the case.

He declares that he is now done with the Association until some of its officers shall trouble themselves to rectify his case. In conclusion, we would say that if any of the officers take a lively enough interest in this affair and desire to inquire into it, we shall only be too happy to furnish them with the name and address of the party in question.

SPEAKING of the stamps to be issued by the Hamilton Bank Note Company, for some of the Central American States, *The American Philatelist* advises collectors to boycott them and adds, "They will not be chronicled in these columns."

To say the least, we are surprised to hear such talk from this quarter. The boycott is useless and impracticable. Was it not tried against the envelope trust? And to-day these very envelopes are prized all the more on account the talk and fuss made over them. We hope Brother Brock will reconsider what seems to have been a hasty conclusion, and when these stamps appear duly chronicle them.

DURING this month occurs the third anniversary of the American Philatelic Association. We think we can safely say that it is more than fulfilling the sanguine expectations of its projectors. The stamp and literary exchanges are in good working order and the purchasing agents are making such a success of their department that many dealers are casting about for means to prevent its continued usefulness.

That the Association is flourishing we need no better proof than that there are kickers in our midst. At least, it shows that a deep interest is taken in its affairs. With the disappearance of strife the gradual setting in of a dry rot may be looked for; so that while we may deplore kicking as kicking, still it is a sign of a good vigorous circulation.

The full history of the period of formation of the Association has never been written; perhaps because no one person possessed the necessary documentary material. It would certainly make interesting reading.

That this early history may be written and the manuscripts preserved, ye editor, who was one of the five of the Committee on Organization, suggests that each member of that body give all his correspondence relating to the formation to the Librarian, who would thus be enabled to write up the subject.

The editor not only makes this suggestion, but will set the example by depositing all his letters on the subject with the designated officer.

BEFORE being called away again we would advise the Editor-in-Chief of a certain Western contemporary to leave his charge in the hands of one who, at least, understands the use of ordinary English words.

He says, "It looks to us as though this criticism was but a cropping out of the old-time *jealousy* of the progress of Chicago, and which seems still to rankle in the editorial breast of THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST."

It would be impossible for THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST to entertain the jealousy imputed to it. Jealousy can only exist between equals. And in the dilemma our estimable contemporary *very magnanimously* adjudges to THE QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST superiority in position; however, it does not intentionally do this. But as has been said that it is the function of language to conceal thought, so in this case we perceive the honest thought and a very poor attempt to hide it in berating us. "Murder will out."

We are free to admit that the Chicago Society is entitled to all the privileges offered by *The American Philatelist*, but that is no reason for abusing them. We repeat what we have before said, the report of the Chicago Society occupies too much space in *The*

American Philatelist; it makes no difference whether the report covers one or one dozen meetings, it is too long.

Of what interest is it to the members of the American Philatelic Association to know that "the Furniture Committee was continued in service," that "Mr. _____'s membership was changed from active to passive," etc. Much of this detail could and should be omitted.

In fact, our e. c. admits that the C. P. S. report is of little or no interest to the general reader when it speaks of it as being *counterbalanced* by twenty or thirty pages of other matter. If it were of the importance they would have us believe, no counterbalancing would be necessary.

"IN peace prepare for war." This may appear strange to many, but we are now addressing the trade. The summer season is fast drawing to a close, and before we again greet you will be a thing of the past. Now is the time to prepare for the fall trade. Advertise you must. The only question is where?

To be continually harping on our circulation grows monotonous; you know all about it. But there is one fact we have not told you. Without exaggeration we can safely say that EVERY MONTH WE HAVE AT LEAST 500 READERS WHO NEVER SEE ANY OTHER PHILATELIC PAPER. This may sound like mere brag, but we can assure you it is a cold fact.

We want to tell you how we do it, but are not quite ready to disclose our plan. However, if any prospective advertiser would like to know and will write to us pledging himself to secrecy we will tell him.

JOTTINGS.

SINCE we last greeted you, ye editor has been off on a ten days' jaunt, having been to Baltimore, Washington, Mt. Vernon, Annapolis and Pen Mar, in the Blue Mountains. Everywhere he was welcomed with an hospitality only known to Southerners.

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AMIDST all the pleasant sight-seeing, philately was by no means forgotten, he having made the personal acquaintance of several old correspondents and having seen many sights which would recall a familiar page in one's album, and having heard, at least, one song which recalled a series of stamps which remain as a kind of monument to the late civil war.

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It was one day while walking through Druid Hill Park, in Baltimore, that he was astounded to hear coming from a picnic party the strains of a song which one might expect in the North, but in the city which was once a hot-bed of secession he was rather surprised to hear this jolly crowd singing, with a will, the old song, "Hang Jeff Davis to a Sour Apple Tree."

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AGAIN, while standing beside the tomb of Washington, he could recall a greater and grander struggle, which commenced in rebellion and ended in revolution. And he could all the better picture the features of the former inhabitant of Mt. Vernon, "The Father of His Country," from the intimate knowledge he had of the many stamps which bore his profile.

IN Baltimore he had the pleasure of meeting W. v. d. Wettern, a stout, genial German. All his time, when he is not fishing, is devoted to his stamp trade.

AFTER another short walk, he ran across William E. Baitzell, an old timer in the stamp business. Mr. Baitzell is a very busy man in the commission business and has not been able to give as much time to his stamp trade as he would wish, but in the fall, with the assistance of a clerk, he hopes to make things hum around Baltimore.

DR. MASSAMORE was the next to receive a visit. But unfortunately the doctor, who by the way is a dentist, had stepped out to lunch. He is very pleasantly located under the Masonic Temple, on one of the busiest streets in Baltimore—Charles.

WHILE in the Monument City he learned a piece of information, which, as it was not told confidentially and as he heard it from several, he feels free to divulge.

Many of the older dealers will recollect A. N. Ridgely, who at one time did a thriving business in Baltimore. After inheriting a fortune, he started out to go around the world, not forgetting early issues were valuable. He made overtures to many foreign governments for large lots of canceled reprints and we know of one case in which he came near succeeding. It was in the Sandwich Islands that he had completed a bargain for several hundred thousand reprints of the early issues, but at the last minute for some unknown reason the scheme fell through.

Mr. Ridgely is at present visiting in Baltimore, but will soon leave for Australia *via* South America. So if the early issues of any of the countries lying in his track should become numerous, we have, at least, a possible theory.

IN Washington it was ye editor's good fortune to make the personal acquaintance of Mr. Rothfuchs, who was kind enough to give him a cursory glance at his magnificent collection of some 8000 specimens. It is at present mounted in one of Scott's albums, but the owner intends to transfer them to the more modern and convenient album issued by the Staten Island Society.

MR. ROTHFUCHS called our attention to a specimen which he said, as far as he knew, had never been chronicled. It is the Argentine Republic envelope, eight-cent red on amber paper.

The head is larger and rather squarer than the well-known type; around it extends a colorless border of about one-sixteenth of an inch, in shape the same as the outline of the head. This border seems to be embossed, but not so heavily as the head proper. The numerals, lettering and frame-work are not embossed as in the regular type.

Mr. Rothfuchs thinks that it is one of a very few struck from a die which was recut and from which the 1878 issue were printed.

ANOTHER unique specimen in his collection is the 5s. Barbadoes of 1878, surcharged on each side 1d., and rouletted vertically through the centre.

MR. R. says that very few of the Congressmen are collectors, while quite a number are good customers. This at first sight may seem strange, but is easily explained from the fact that many of the constituents, thinking that their Congressman can for mere asking obtain the earlier issues, write on for them. And as this is one method of currying favor at home they seek to buy the desired stamps. And it may be added when they hear the prices there's gnashing of teeth.

"ARE you going away this summer?" said one stamp dealer to another.

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"How?"

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To the Trade.

PHILADELPHIA, August, 1889.

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