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GREETING.

To our Patrons and Friends:

With this our initial number we present ourselves into the field of Philatelic journalism, and patiently await the verdict of the appreciative public on this our venture.

We must say, as reasons for our unexpected presence, that we are not only here to "fill a long felt want," but are even prompted by a far nobler motive, and far more important aim.

What! to fill a long felt want? Yes, our friends. We are fully aware of the number of philatelic journals (whether good, bad, or indifferent,) extant, but we are equally as fully aware of the very small fraction thereof which constitutes the few worthy of the name which they bear, and the cause which they represent, and especially is this true in Canada. Of the few, however, collectors cannot but deem any addition as a "long felt want." We are here to join the ranks of these few, and therefore claim the right of the surname.

Our foremost reason of presence, however, is due to an ardent desire to benefit philately, and an inherent love of our beautiful scientific hobby, a feeling, almost forcible in its nature, and almost natural in the true. The latter is more easily felt than described, and we will not enter into a lengthy topic,

but conclude by assuring the reader that this feeling assures us *long life and prosperity.*

We will end this in a few words, further assuring our readers that this, our first number, is in *no wise* up to our proposed standard, and is rather crude and imperfect, as is usual, but this objection, we trust, will be overcome by our promise to improve the JOURNAL monthly, and make it a leading factor among Philatelic journalism of to-day.

We, therefore, take this opportunity of greeting our friends, and soliciting their foremost patronage.

What Shall We Collect?

BY M. S.

The above question is so often referred to by collectors of all grades, whether advanced, young or otherwise, that a few general remarks on the subject would not be out of place at this busy season of the year, when there is a general return to albums and stamps. The question is such that when treated in philatelic journalism is liable to variations, and a study of all, coupled with common sense, is a sure means to the exact answer.

If you are a *beginner*, collect only *used specimens* and of the cheaper class, as these are the only ones not liable to counterfeit, reprint, and other means of deceit specially framed for that inexperienced collector. Collect such specimens as were used *postally only*,

and such as are treated in a standard catalogue. Generalize your collection and collect only varieties of stamps, giving no attention to perforations, watermarks or shades. Adhere to these advices until you are promoted to the higher sphere of philately as a *young collector*.

If you are a *young collector*, or somewhat versed in the *art* of collecting, you may then extend your territory in the collecting field, and give your attention to both *used* and *unused*, *postage* and *revenue* stamps, and if thought necessary you may also study watermarks and perforations, and collect varieties of the same. Give your especial attention to the issues of your own country, but *be a general collector*. You may also extend your limit to higher priced stamps and, perhaps, scarcities. Do not yet collect surcharges, as they are often counterfeited, and liable to deceive the young collector's eye. You will continue in that fashion, at the same time not forgetting the side-issues of philately, which are nearly as important as itself, including journalism and philatelic socialism, until you have reached the ripe age and period of your promotion to the third and foremost stage of the *scientific collecting*, better and properly known as philately.

If you are an *advanced collector* or philatelist, the several courses of collecting are open to you, and you may make your own selection. You may either generalize or specialize, at your pleasure. You may study and collect postage, revenue, local, telegraph, envelopes, and the other score and ten variations. You may classify your stamps according to shade, perforation, watermark, etc. You may collect pairs and blocks, errors and specimens, provisionals and surcharges, proofs and essays, engravings and lithographs, impressions and albums, and, in fact, everything in connection with them. The collection of all or any of the above oddities, are optional, and you may accept some and reject others.

You have reached the stage when the collecting is your idol—in fact *your second nature*, which will forever linger with you.

Kind readers, I have attempted to outline a brief summary of the three stages of stamp collecting, and what to collect, and trust that I have not encroached upon your time without benefit.

Thanking the editor for valuable space, I will conclude, with hopes of addressing my readers at a future time.

History of the Postal System.

BY SOCRATES.

How many of our young brethren in philately are acquainted with the history and reformation of our now perfect postal system? My experience has taught me that, with the exception of a few, they are not thoroughly acquainted with the same, and for their benefit I will attempt, to the best of my ability, to impart to them some inking as regards its origination. Prior to 1784 it seems that little or nothing was known or cared about the prosperity and management of the system in Great Britain, which consisted in the sender of a letter going to the mailing office with same, and paying charges in advance to the person in charge, who very frequently was not upright enough to place the charges in the right place, but, by mistake (?) removed same to his own interests. Then, also, was it a difficulty to those who had to travel many miles to reach the post office, if such it may be termed. In 1874, however, some postal reform agitators rose on a question for more speed of mail coaches, an argument which met with the obstinate opposition and indignation of the officials. Nevertheless, the former won the day, in that the speed of mail coaches was increased to six miles, and finally to eight miles per hour. The officials, though, had the satisfaction of seeing

this rate attended with a corresponding rise in revenue. Rates were then charged as to weight, distance, and whatever route the mail was sent by the officials. Next, an agitation for distance rates abolition met with a sturdy refusal from the Lords of the Treasury. Such was the system until 1815, when the revenue of the country amounted to £1,500,000 or \$7,500,000 per annum, which continued until 1836. In 1837 Mr., afterwards Sir Rowland Hill, introduced a novel doctrine of postal reform in his noted pamphlet, advocating uniform rate charges, abolition of rates as reference to distance, and numerous other minute transformations especially adapted for mercantile purposes. This proposition was considered, in the view of the officials, as utter extravagance, and it might have been, as usual, ignored, had it not been for the interception of the influential and leading commercial classes, who ignored the proposal. And so it was that, after a brief struggle, postage was reduced to a uniform charge of four pence. Not, however, until December 21, 1839, was a decree issued, and on May 6, 1840, were stamps put before the public, with a reduced uniform charge of only one penny, which has, unto this day, been maintained. The honor of the invention of the first postage stamps lies equally divided between Mr. James Chalmers and Sir Rowland Hill, and between the followers of whom there is a controversy. In 1841 stamps were introduced in the United States and Switzerland, and in three years they were common in France, Belgium and Bavaria. The reduction of charges from the beginning to the present may be stated as follows: 2/6, 1/2, 8d., 4d., and now 1d., which shows the rapid progress it has made. And, instead of mail coaches going at eight miles per hour, we have our mail cars flying at the rate of 50 miles per same period. The system has been introduced into every part of the world, until now we

have a system much to be proud of, and collectors are foremost in acknowledging their gratefulness to the toil of their ancestors.

New York Notes.

BY R. W. A.

R. R. Bogert will be abroad for an indefinite period.

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The typographical appearance of the *Post Office* is what we call "snide." Joseph Holmes is printing it again. Robert Sneider furnishes the cuts, etc.

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New Yorkers have been anxiously awaiting something tangible from Canada in the shape of a nice, lively paper. They will, no doubt, be satisfied now.

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We hear, that a Philatelic marriage is in range, and an editor and publisher of a Philatelic magazine will be the happy recipient of the daughter of a large Metropolitan stamp dealer, as a bride. Who is the fortunate bride-groom?

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The philatelic funny man here is circulating a yarn that there is a plot among New York dealers to depose Queen Victoria and place Mr. N. F. Seebeck on the British throne. This is in order to have a fresh lot of stamps every year for all the British Colonies. Whew!

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He tells another; but it is getting to be a chestnut. He says that seven large New York dealers are to combine and form a company to be incorporated for \$500,000.00. This will entail the discontinuance of three leading monthlies to be superseded by *The Philatelic Standard*, (or is it "*Gazette*"); also that a weekly, four times as large as Mekeel's will be issued. There are threats of lynching going around.

Walter Thorne, the juvenile New York dealer, no longer works for the firm who rent Box 1566. He was recently discharged, so they write me. All dealers or publishers who have accounts against him should sell out at once. His residence is Clifton, N. J.

Auction sales are now going to be quite frequent this season. R. F. Albrecht & Co., J. W. Scott Co., R. R. Bogert & Co., and the Scott Stamp & Coin Company all have large lots of stamps on hand for disposal by that means.

The Columbus Celebration will be fittingly celebrated in this city by the philatelists here. The New York branch of the Sons of Philatelia will hold a special meeting on the 12th or 13th, at which all philatelists from other cities, who are in New York at the time, will be expected to attend. We can promise them a good time. Among the visitors expected are: H. E. Alt-house, F. S. Fox and C. W. Kissinger, of Reading, Pa., R. M. Miller, of New Chester, Pa.; J. D. Bartlett, of South Amboy, N. J., and probably some stampies from Baltimore and Washington.

Ottawa Notes.

BY W. SABOURIN.

Mr. John R. Hooper, President of the P. S. of C., left Ottawa some time ago for Dakota. He will visit on his way St. Louis and other cities of the Western States.

The Ottawa Government will probably give, next month, a contract for a new postal card. We need it very much, and trust that it will be larger than the previous one.

I have in my possession an envelope addressed to a party in Melbourne, Victoria. Same was sent ten months ago and it has been returned because the person could not be found. It is all covered with postmarks of different countries of the world.

The *Ottawa Philatelist* made its appearance last week. The number contains an article on registration stamps of Canada, and another on a "Philatelist's Misfortune," worth reading. We would advise every Canadian collector to procure a copy of the above named paper. Mr. F. L. Chevrier is the publisher.

The P. S. of C. has no official organ yet. Several philatelic papers have made offers, but none were accepted. It seems as if the society was booming . . . down. Members are complaining, and they have grounds to do so. We trust that our officers will make haste and give us, as soon as possible, something to divert our minds during the long winter months.

On a large chart, ten feet by twelve, Mr. F. R. E. Campeau, of the Inland Revenue Department, of Ottawa, has arranged a complete collection of all the revenue stamps in use in Canada since Confederation. These include law, excise, gas and petroleum inspection, tobacco, cigar and other stamps, as the auctioneers say, too numerous to mention, and one for which a philatelist would pay a good round sum. The chart will be sent to the World's Fair at Chicago.

The funeral of the late Eugene Peachy, of the stationery branch of the civil service, who died of typhoid fever after a short illness, took place on October 1st inst. Deceased had been very popular. There was a large at-

tendance at the obsequies. The members of the Numismatic Society, of which he was a member, attended in a body. Deceased was only 31 years of age, and leaves a wife and child to mourn his loss.

Detroit Notes.

BY ONE OF THEM.

Dr. Geo. F. Heath, of Monroe, is to spend the latter part of this month in Colorado and New Mexico. We wish him a pleasant journey.

Mr. T. L. W. Porte, Exchange Manager of the D. P. S., has a very fine collection, and has also a very good library, which is his special pride.

Mr. Theo. Q. Pardee, the Librarian of the D. P. S., is a most enthusiastic collector of philatelic literature, and has quite a fine library, which he is steadily adding to.

Mr. R. S. Appleton, Secretary of the D. P. S., spent a week in Washington during the G. A. R. reunion, but lack of time prevented his meeting any collectors while there.

Mr. A. H. Kessler has left for Ann Arbor, to resume his studies at the University of Michigan. Several other Detroit collectors, we believe, are in attendance there this year, including Messrs. Bolles and Colburn.

The *Detroit Philatelist* is the leading journal devoted to philately in this part of the country. It has steadily grown in interest and favor. It has a free exchange column for the use of its subscribers, and that they appreciate, as is shown by the large number making use of it each month. It contains 16 pages and cover, is well printed, and

contains well written and interesting articles, notes, etc. The subscription price is only 25 cents for 12 numbers.

Mr. S. M. Cutler V. P. of the D. P. S., and Exchange Supt. of the M. P. A., has only been collecting about eight months, but is a most enthusiastic devotee, and has managed to gather a collection of some 4,000 varieties in that short period. Mr. Cutler is a special examiner of the U. S. Pension offices, and his duties take him out of town quite a bit, although he manages to be present at all the meetings of the D. P. S.

The Michigan Philatelic Association is experiencing a steady growth. It now has 58 members, including a most all of Michigan's most active and prominent collectors. However, we want every collector in Michigan to join. The dues are only 50 cents per year, including a subscription to the *Detroit Philatelist*, the official organ. Dr. Geo. F. Heath, Monroe, Mich., is President, and A. H. Crittenden, 169 Twelfth St., Detroit, Mich., is Secretary. Application blanks can be secured of the Secretary.

The Detroit Philatelic Society held its 3rd regular meeting of the season on Monday evening, October 3rd. Fourteen members were present and a rousing meeting was the result. Four new members were admitted. The annual election of officers was held and the following is the result: President, A. H. Crittenden (re-elected); Vice-President, S. M. Cutler; Secretary, R. S. Appleton; Treasurer, R. E. Smith; Librarian, Theo. Q. Pardee (re-elected); Exchange Manager, T. L. W. Porte; Auction Manager, W. F. Dessotell. An interesting essay on the stamps of Nova Scotia, by R. E. Smith, was listened to with much pleasure, and was very instructive. The meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock, to meet again Monday evening, Oct. 17th.

Personal and Pertinent

Mr. E. B. Hill, a leading Detroit collector, is one of the editors of the *Detroit Evening News*.

Mr. Alfred L. Holman, an active Chicago philatelist, is a prominent barrister of that city.

Mr. E. A. Fritz, one of Chicago's leading lights, is the owner of a large brewery at that place.

Mr. S. C. Scott, Calmar, Iowa, is employed as the cashier of the First National Bank of that city.

Mr. E. A. Holton, the great Boston stamp dealer, is also the proprietor of a leading photographic gallery.

Mr. Fred. H. Barker, Treasurer of the U. P. A., is a trustworthy employe in the Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Mr. W. H. Liddicoatt, of this city, occupies the position of head master and principal of the London West School.

Mr. John K. Tiffany, President of the A. P. A., of St. Louis, Mo., besides being a millionaire, is one of the most prominent lawyers of that city.

Mr. G. B. Calman, the leading metropolitan wholesale stamp dealer, is said to already have accumulated over \$100,000 from the business.

Mr. L. Miller, the former P. S. of C official collector, has removed to New York, where he occupies the position of buyer for the firm of Hammacher, Schlemmer & Co., piano and cabinet makers, New York city.

Mr. Jos. Ineson, a leading Canadian collector of Carleton West, Ont., was recently married to Miss Kate McRoberts, of London, Ont., at this city.

Mr. D. S. Newsome, the Librarian of the Iowa Philatelic Society, is the book-keeper and cashier of the Risser Dry Goods Warehouse, of Des Moines, Ia.

Mr. C. B. Corwin, the former editor of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, is a member of the large wholesale house of Stevens, Corwin & Co., of New York city.

Mr. F. H. Pinkham, New Market, N. H., editor and publisher of the *Eastern Philatelist*, is a leading printer, and an editor of a local weekly magazine.

Mr. Philbrick, Q. C., has resigned the Presidentship of the London Philatelic Society, which he had held for the last 23 years. His successor is the Earl of Kington.

Mr. A. H. Crittenden, editor of the *Detroit Philatelist*, is the head book-keeper of the Western Union Telegraph Office of that city. He also does a rushing trade in stamps.

Lieut. John R. Hooper, President of the P. S. of C., is on a three months' absence and tour over the United States, on account of failure of health. We trust he will return perfectly well.

Dr. Geo. F. Heath, of Monroe, Mich., is the leading physician, and the possessor of a great practice in his town. He also devotes his spare hours to stamp and coin collecting. He is the editor of the *Numismatist*, and a leading contributor to philatelic literature.

Mr. Ralph W. Ashcroft, the editor of the *Long Island Philatelist*, and a well known philatelic writer, acts in the capacity of private secretary to the President of the W., N. Y. & Pa. R. R. Co.

Mr. J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, Ont., the possessor of one of the finest Canadian collections, and Exchange Superintendent of the P. S. of C., is a member of the firm of McDougall & Robertson, barristers, etc., of that city.

Current Topics.

The *Stamp*, formerly the *New York Stamp*, has been selected Official Organ of the P. S. of C. *pro tem*.

The P. S. of A. and W. P. U. have declared against amalgamation with the A. P. A.

It is estimated that over 600,000 persons in the whole world are interested in stamp collecting.

The first number of the *Ottawa Philatelist*, we hear, has already appeared, but we have not seen it yet.

Detroit stamp dealers, we learn, are endeavoring to form a stock company of dealers, with shares of \$500 each.

There are more stamp collectors of the German nationality, both on this continent and abroad, than of any other.

While Mr. J. D. Rice was absent from home at the A. P. A. Convention, over \$800 worth of his stamps were stolen.

The total value of unclaimed letters and parcels in the London Post Office is something over £10,000, or \$50,000 a year.

The Shah of Persia is said to be an ardent and enthusiastic stamp collector, and possesses a number of rarities.

It is reported that Mr. E. B. Sterling, the hero of the New Haven Stamp find, has already refused \$2,000 for his treasure. He expects to get \$2,500 for it.

Postmaster-General Wannamaker will not respond to the demand for one cent postage in his forthcoming annual report, as it would mean an annual loss of about \$25,000,000.

The Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis, Mo., had six pages full of frauds in the June issue of the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, with an aggregate loss of nearly \$1,500. Whew!

Scott's 53rd edition Catalogue has been announced to appear shortly. It will consist of over 400 pages, and over 3,500 illustrations. The price has been advanced to 50c.

It is expected that the stamp exhibit at the World's Columbian Exhibition in Chicago in 1893, will consist of over \$500,000 worth of stamps, contributed to by the leading dealers and collectors.

Mr. E. P. Newcomer, Pres. of the Iowa Philatelic Association, and a well-known Philatelic writer, is said to be afflicted with rheumatism and in a helpless condition. We trust that he will have a speedy recovery.

The busy stamp season has already commenced, and dealers expect it to be superior to any of its predecessors. Not to be behind time, you must advertise. The *time* is NOW, the *place* is THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA.

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Subscribe at once, and do not miss "Our Album" of the greatest collectors of North America, which will be commenced in our next number.

Editorials.

Kind reader, are you favorably impressed with our first number? If so, you may oblige us by tendering us your full support to make this journal a success. We have, as far as possible, tried to make our first number the first of a successful volume, and it is for you to say as to whether we have accomplished it or not. We have introduced everything possible for an initial number, in order to make it the more acceptable. And we do by no means yet halt. Our future aim will be to develop this new-born journal into the excellence of perfection, and make it not only *the* journal in Canada, but also a leader in the world. The journal will be of especial attraction to our Canadian collectors, but will also be made interesting to our border friends. To that end we are making provisions for contributions and newsy notes from our leading contributors and philatelic centres. We are very sorry, indeed, that we are unable, for various reasons, to don a coat in the form of a cover, as was our intention. We will, however, make amends by donning an especial attractive one when we do, which will be within a few months. In the meantime, if you are a collector, do not fail to subscribe. It is only 20 cents *now*, but may be increased soon. We guarantee you twelve numbers. If you are a dealer, a trial ad. is solicited. Circulation from 1,000 to 3,000 copies monthly guaranteed. Ad. rates are very low and within the reach of all. You are all, therefore, requested to subscribe and advertise at once.

We hear, with regret, of the result of the amalgamation proposal. The W. P. U. has declared against it, and the P. S. of C. did not think it worth its while to decide this momentous question. This, we presume, is due to either the lack of progressive attain-

ments of these, or to the lack of mental qualities of perceiving the utility of the accomplishments of the scheme. To one of these we must account for the result, as the scheme was originally endorsed by the wisest of our realm as beneficial to philately, and we do not, therefore, account the failure to the instability of the scheme. We favored it, and do so still, as we believe that it would be a step in the right direction to benefit philately by more prominence and consideration in the non-collecting world. This we conclude from the fact that there is strength in union, and a large body, whether governed by the A. P. A. or any responsible body, would be a greater credit to us than a dozen smaller ones. Thus we can not but much condemn the decision, and trust that the smaller societies will also awaken to the fact and make amends.

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Another fraud exposed.—We have long wondered that it was never remarked by either journal or society that Thos. O. Pardoe, jr. the irresponsible boy, of Ingersoll, Ont., was a fraud all through his brilliant (?) career as an *advertising dealer*. His name, we are informed, had been contained in the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* several times, and yet not once did any journal dare doubt the reliability of his *great offers and wonderful bargains* (?) A short time ago we had occasion to remark and wonder at his bargains (?) to an editor and publisher of a philatelic journal, who, in return, informed us that if the offer were genuine, he would buy any amount of his advertised goods at the prices, but that he was a fraud of the deepest dye, etc., and yet the journal of the same publisher was adorned with the frequent advertisements of the same fraud. What a mockery of "accepting ads. from reliable sources only," and at the same time adhering to "money before anything else."

The U. S. post office department has announced its intention of issuing a special set of stamps in honor of the Columbian celebration, to be in use only during 1893, at the end of which time the stamps of the present issue will again return into use. This will cause another increase in our collecting field, and, strange to say, the adversaries of the "Seebeck issues" seem to be rejoiced at the idea. Whether the 30c. and 90c., of the present issue, will be succeeded by 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 stamps, according to the resolution at the last A. P. A. convention, it has not yet been decided, but if they do, there will necessarily be a rise in these issues, and dealers are already preparing for an emergency, by increasing their stock of these. Such is the way our dealers prosper.

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With our second number we shall commence a new feature in the form of the photos and biographies of our leading dealers and collectors, to be known as "Our Album." This is an important feature, and one that will interest every reader, as there are many who have a special liking to know about the persons they read about. The feature will be continued monthly, and if you would like to possess the set you should subscribe at once. The photo and sketch of Mr. J. S. Robertson, barrister, of St. Thomas, Ont., a leading Canadian collector, will appear in our next number. Look out for it.

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We are informed, through the press, that the five western States of Venezuela have set up an independent government at Puerto Cabello, with Gen. Eleazar Urdaneta as dictator. This will be regretted by the "anti-Seebeckites," as it will cause, no doubt, another set of stamps, and another addition to the album. If new issues go on at this rate of speed we may soon expect a standard catalogue of over 500 pages, at a charge of 75 cents.

None can but remark the harmoniousness which prevailed during the conventions of the Sons of Philatelia, A. P. A., C. P. A. and P. S. of C., which is cognizant of the fact that philately and its devotees are constantly being promoted to a higher sphere of existence, and we trust that they may continue so for some time. With their new officers and more modern improvements we predict a successful year for each and all of the above.

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With this number we send out a great many sample copies, and if you are not yet a subscriber, send us 20c. at once for 12 months. We shall make this journal during the following numbers, the best one in British North America. The subscription price is very low, and will neither make nor break any collector. So do not lose the opportunity of subscribing and possessing a full and complete volume. If you are a dealer, examine the journal and consider our ad. rates, which are only 50c. per inch. During our next 12 numbers the circulation will be about 3,000 copies monthly, on an average. This is about 15c. per inch per 1,000 copies. So make your contracts early.

Advertisers, do not fail to send us a trial ad. We guarantee that it will pay you. See low rates elsewhere.

Literary Review.

We would be pleased to exchange either one or two copies with philatelic papers, and all received will be impartially reviewed.

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We are in receipt of the S. B. Bradt Co.'s 8th auction sale, to be held October 19th, consisting of 510 lots, the property of Mr. Chas. A. Townsend, of Akron, O.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News comes to hand weekly as regularly as clock work. There is always something attractive in its pages. All the latest news are contained, and for such it is the journal of the world. Published at St. Louis, Mo.

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We have also on hand a copy of the *Revista Filatelica*, the Spanish paper published by the above concern. We do not understand that language, and therefore cannot enumerate the contents, but by appearance, however, we judge it to be good.

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The *Washington Philatelist* is, as usual, sharp on time. "A Postage Stamp's Adventures," "The Pursuit of Happiness," the usual editorials and comments, and *United Philatelic Association* matter, constitute the September number before us.

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The *Collector's Press* is a small 4-page and cover journal, devoted to all kinds of collecting, but more especially to philately. Typographically it is very poor, and the whole contains nothing more than a few copied notes. Published at Howard's Grove, Richmond, Va.

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The *Long Island Philatelist* for August contains only 8 pages, but is nearly all filled with reading matter, editorials, "Approval Sheet Frauds," "Poor Jonathan," A. P. A. and S. of P. matter, and Phresh Phood Ph r Philatelists make up the number. Published at Woodhaven, N. Y.

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The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* comes to hand, but instead of the list of frauds we find letters and correspondence concerning them. Among them we notice the names of a few old-timers, including Gus. C. Lubitz. Editorials and comments conclude the number. Published by G. W. Green, Stromsburg, Neb.

The *Western Philatelist* is improved largely by the addition of a cover, besides having an interesting review column and a breezy "Our Gossip." "Echoes from Niagara" and Canadian notes fill up the remainder of a very good number. We trust that Bro. Reimers will obtain second-class rates. Published at Auburn Park, Ill.

The *Canadian Philatelist* has donned a new cover, which improves it slightly. The contents, however, are much better than usual, with the exception of *Anti-Amalgamation*, by A. Dissenter, which is opposed to our own view of the matter. "Stamp Collecting," by J. C., notes, editorials and clippings, fill up the remainder. Published at London, Ont.

The *American Philatelist*, under its new management, is already showing improvements, and the September number is a specimen worthy of the official organ of the A. P. A. As it is the first number after the convention, the whole number is filled up with the reports and proceedings of the convention. Published by the C. H. Mekeel Co., St. Louis Mo

The *Detroit Philatelist* comes increased to 16 pages of readable matter, and cover. "Philatelic Literature," by P. Rue, is a very instructive work. "Seebeck's Speculation," by A. M. Griggs, calls for some means of excavating the "Seebeck" issues, and treats the subject excellently. H. H. Zobel contributes an interesting article on "Are the Young Collectors a Hindrance to Philately." The remainder is taken up with brisk editorials, impartial review, "Here, There and Everywhere." Canada Notes, by Nemo, California Topics, Costly Postage Stamps, and last but not least, the noted "Grills and Surcharges," by Scott, which has become a regular feature. Published at 169 Twelfth st., Detroit, Mich.

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No. 2

Our Philatelic Album.

THE subject of our sketch first saw the light of day in February, 1860, and, consequently, is now 32 years of age.

He first became interested in stamp collecting in 1872, while attending the Collegiate Institute at Galt, Ont., but ceased collecting after a short time, owing to a misfortune in losing his album.

In 1886 he encountered his missing collection, and was once more awakened to Philately with revived zeal, continuing so ever since.

His collection at present numbers 5,250 postage stamps, about 1,000 revenues, and over 300 cards, &c., an aggregate total of over 6,500 varieties. He won the "first prize" and "bronze medal" for the

best postage collection at the Central Ontario Exhibition held in Ottawa, Sept. last, and "third prize" for a collection of Canadian Revenues.



CAPT. ERNEST F. WÜRTELE.

He was one of the charter members of the C. P. A.; then Vice-President for Quebec, and subsequently Chairman of Trustees. At the last election, however, he was unanimously elected President, the position which he at present occupies. Besides the C. P. A., he is also prominently connected with the Postal Card Society, Montreal Philatelic Society, Societe Tim-

brophile d'Echange de Paris, and several others.

He is also very prominent in military circles, having joined the Royal Military College of Kingston in 1878

and graduated in 1882, when he accepted a commission in the 8th Royal Rifles and served with them ever since, five years as Adjutant and then as Captain. Besides the above he is also the Sec.-Treas. of the Royal Military College of Quebec; and the Treasurer of the Q. M. & C. Ry. of the same city.

In short, in this gentleman, we have a devotee much to be proud of, and we will conclude by wishing him long life and prosperity in the folds of Philatelia.

Written for THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA.

A Plea For Our Better Philatelic Societies.

BY CLEVE SCOTT.

AS years fly by in the course of a Philatelist's career, he looks back to the blooming days of some of our greatest Philatelic societies. He well remembers how much persuading and coaxing it took him to scrape up a dollar, or even twenty-five cents, to join one of the Philatelic societies of the day. It was without the least hesitation as to which of those to join when he had the means to do so. That undoubtedly was due to the scarcity of such at the time, but more likely to the common opinion as to the best and most beneficial. But not so now, when the number of Philatelic societies is legion; when none has a *universal* claim of superiority, and when none is without its qualities nor faults.

But right here, let us say that our duty is nevertheless to patronize the old and well established society and avoid the good-for-nothing and small one that is organized ever and anon. In mentioning the latter, we, of course, do not mean the *young collectors' societies*, as these have a different scope from the ones previously mentioned, but it is the society that is trying to be run on the same basis as our large national and incorporated ones, that we should put down.

Now, some will inquisitively ask the reason of this war against these societies. Our answer is prompted by several reasons. *Firstly*, — We should patronize the old and well-established society which we know is *bound* to stay, and whose benefits can be appreciated. *Secondly*, — The so-called other national society is principally organized for its founders' benefits only, and not for that of the community at large, and cannot offer one fourth the inducements that the larger one can. *Thirdly*, — What goes to the small ineffective one of course takes away so much members and material from the large one. *Fourthly*, — The old should be patronized in preference to the new.

Studying the above facts, we cannot but come to the conclusion that the old one can benefit us more than the newly-organized one, and we are in duty bound to assist the former in its work. So that if you wish to join a good one you must make your choice accordingly.

In speaking of Philatelic societies it would not at all be out of place to mention a few of the better and greater ones. Of these the United States has the following:

- "American Philatelic Association."
- "Western Philatelic Union."
- "Philatelic Society of America."
- "Sons of Philatelia."
- "United Philatelic Association."

Canada also supports two large reliable ones, as follows:

- "Canadian Philatelic Association."
- "Philatelic Society of Canada."

In speaking of societies, we would mention the fact that a person holding an office in one society cannot do full justice to that one if he hold any other offices in other societies. A good rule, we believe for the Constitutions of such would be "that no person holding offices in others can legally hold such in it."

This would result in that an officer would work exclusively for the one, and keep strictly out of the affairs of all

others. Referring to the above comment, we can cite incidents where one holds an office in no less than three different societies, and how can he do justice to all?

Our course and duty is therefore clearly defined. We must not only wholly give our time and devotion to *one*, but it must also be the *old* and *national* one. So make your choice, brethren.

New York Notes.

BY R. W. A.

I hear that excellent prices were realized for U. S. stamps at Roger's private sale. Bids at 25 % to 40 % above reserve price were away down.

A man was known to fiddle with a string and he received a shower bath. How does this apply with new Canadian papers? Success to the PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA.

R. M. Miller tried, rather unsuccessfully, to ingraft some of Gus. Luhn's natural and sparkling grammatical constructions into "Our Washington Trip," in the last number of the *Collector*. The general opinion is that Miller is too conscientious to be funny.

The Metropolitan Press Club was organized on the 29th day of October, in New York. Among the organizers were the following, whose names will be familiar to philatelists: R. Perkins Spooner, Beecher Ogden, C. Whittier Grevning, Ralph W. Ashcroft.

The post office department has experienced a great change lately. The result is that the *Florida Philatelist*, the *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, and the *Stamp*, have procured second class rates, while the *Long Island Philatelist*

will have them shortly. Had the *Malden Philatelist* issued another number, they would have procured them.

Scott's 53rd Standard Catalogue is out with a pink cover. Fifty cents is the price this time, postage free, and it is well worth it. Among the advances I note that the 6c. used U. S. present issue is priced at 5c. The stamp is unobtainable at several large post-offices already. The '69's' also show an advance, but, — wait.

The man who writes "Pokes" in the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* ought to have his head poked into a barrel of molasses. Such rhymes as the one he inserted in the October number of that journal are ignominious. New Yorkers who are acquainted with "Charlie Grevning" are indignant. By the way, Grevning is now employed by Henry Gremmel.

There is a great rush now to get into the ranks of the Sons of Philatelia. It is indisputed, here and elsewhere, that the S. of P. is *the* society of the future. I note that S. B. Bradt and P. M. Wolsieffer have both placed their youngsters among the list of applicants. Probably to find out what the real advantages are! The result will be that they will join themselves, sooner or later.

Quite an amusing incident occurred lately here. A philatelist called up one of his friends on the phone, and told him that Mr. C. H. Mekeel was at his side and would like to talk with him, as his train left in less than two hours. Quite an interesting conversation followed. The man who was called up still believes that he was speaking to the original Charles Haviland.

We have an excellent supply of good things for our next number. So do not fail to receive it. Subscribe at once.

Chicago Notes.

BY K. O. DAK.

A. P. A. matters are booming here. A great many Chicago collectors have joined recently, and we now have a branch in this city which holds meetings once a month.

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During Dedication Week Chicago was favored with the presence of many well-known collectors from all parts of the country. It was a foretaste of what to expect in 1893.

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The resolution in regard to Passive Members came up for action at the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society, held Thursday evening, Oct. 20th. After considerable discussion the resolution was carried unanimously.

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One of the best known of the Chicago Philatelists is Mr. C. E. Severn, Secretary of the Chicago Philatelic Society. Mr. Severn is literary in his tastes, and contributes many articles to stamp papers. They are always interesting and instructive.

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The S. B. Bradt Co.'s 8th auction sale was held on the evening of October 19th. The sale was the collection of Mr. Chas. A. Townsend, Akron, O., and consisted of 510 lots. The collection abounded in no special rarities, but fair prices were realized. The total of sales was \$662 15.

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On Tuesday evening, October 18th, the S. B. Bradt Co. tendered an informal reception to Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J. Mr. Deats exhibited a part of his collection to the attending Philatelists. A great number of rarities were shown. A fine block of sixteen 1869, 90 cent stamps, un- used, attracted considerable attention.

Many writers are now agitating a State society for Illinois. Chicago Philatelists will always welcome and aid any good work for Philately, and if a State society should be organized it will receive full support from Chicago collectors. It would be a good idea for some of our brother philatelists who live in the country, and have not the advantage of a local society, to express their views in regard to the same. They will have the good of it and are the ones that need it most. Let us hear from all.

Personal and Pertinent

O. E. Klapp, St. Paris, Ohio, is "devil" in the office of the *Era-Dispatch* of that city.

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W. H. Linn, a leading S. of P. spirit, is engaged in the spring-bed business at Hannover, Pa.

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Frank S. Scammel, a leading Canadian collector, is one of the largest coal and commission merchants of St. John, N. B.

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Frank Kline, of Reading, Pa., and F. Scott, of Woodstock, Ont., are both leading druggists of their respective cities.

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Mr. Jas. I. Thompson, editor of the *Toronto Journal of Philately*, is a law student in one of the leading law offices of Toronto.

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Geo A. Lowe, Sec.-Treas. of the Toronto Philatelic Club, is the principal of the famous "Lowe's Commercial Academy" of Toronto.

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R. W. Ashcroft, editor of the *Long Island Philatelist* and Secretary of the U. P. A., is now on a railroad tour over New York and other States

H. H. Zobel, of San Francisco, Cal., is a large tea and coffee importer of that city. He is also the Secretary of P. S. of S. F. and a prominent writer.

J. E. Weldon, Lindsay, Ont., manager of the Lindsay Stamp Co., is a law student at that city. He is also an editor of a local monthly educational journal.

P. J. Stanton, editor of the *Philatelic Tribune*, prophesied the election of "Ben." and the G. O. P. in his last issue. Sorry you're left, Bro. Stanton.

W. Kelsey Hall, of Peterboro, Ont., is a law student, but is also interested in stamp dealing. He has just been appointed V. P. of the S. of P. for Ontario.

Mr. J. Oswald, of Montreal, Que., devotes all his time to stamp and coin selling at his office on St. Catherine street, and, we believe, does a rushing local trade.

Major Fred. J. Grenny, of Brantford, Ont., is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, and most advanced collectors of B. N. A. He is engaged in the post office of that city.

Current Topics.

Philatelic journalism in Canada is taking a turn for the better. Three new ones in October beats the record.

Scott's 53rd edition catalogue is out at last. A noticeable fact about it is that the U. S. envelope stamp illustrations are discontinued owing to the law in regard to same.

A new local society, the "Toronto Philatelic Club" has been organized in Toronto, Ont., on a grand scale.

"Canadensis," in the *Weekly Stamp News*, hints that the *Ottawa Philatelist* will not issue another number. Very sorry!

The *Philatelic Fortnightly* is announced to appear Nov. 15th, and every two weeks thenceforth, from Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. L. M. Staebler's "Canada and Her Stamp Collectors" is out at last. It is a very valuable book, and especially for dealers and publishers.

The S. of P. election for the vacant offices resulted in the election of Dr. R. J. Russell, as Inter-Secy.; Roy F. Greene, as Librarian; and Geo. W. Achard, as Attorney.

A new weekly, called the *Weekly Philatelist*, is announced to appear shortly, by R. M. Miller, of New Chester, Pa. As the subscription will only be 25c. per year, we do not expect much. At least Mekeel need not worry.

The *Malden Philatelist* and *Western Philatelist* have "given up the ghost" on account of being unable to secure second-class rates, and several others are doomed to the same fate. Evidently there is "no love lost" between the P. O. Department and our "stampies."

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's. price list, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed, and, together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle street, St. Louis, Mo.

Written for the P. J. of C.

Our Young Collectors.

BY OMEN.

So often are we attracted by the various charges hurled at our young collectors by our so-called journalistic exponents, that a brief defence of that part of our community would not be out of place at this stage.

The chief and only reasonable cause of this attack is, as they say, that our "younger collectors threaten to discredit the advanced social standing of Philately in the non-collecting world," an argument which, in certain cases, bears evidence of truth.

We cannot but agree, to our sorrow, that the aspect is very threatening, when we consider the amount of roguery practised by some of our younger collectors, including the hateful "approval sheet fraudery" and others equally as galling to our better part. But yet we must remember that the practice is limited to a small number of these, and in condemning the latter we must not include the whole race, as is done when referring to "our younger collectors."

And is it not yet quite evident that the younger collectors are the future PHILATELISTS and promoters of our cause? If you are not absolutely *sure* of the fact, we would wish to impress upon you that all past experiences have shown that it is more than impossible to impress our older non-collecting friends of the advantages of Philately, and that we would now have a wretched field before us, had it not been for the former boys—our present representative Philatelists.

As our space is limited we must conclude right here, trusting that we have at least convinced our readers that we must uphold and befriend the better class of our young collectors.

Are you a subscriber to Canada's national journal?

Spying Around.

BY BEN. ABOUT.

While in Detroit recently we had the pleasure of looking over Mr. Crittenden's photograph album, and saw—well I guess Mr. C. wouldn't like us to give it away entirely. She was there, anyway, and we can tell you she doesn't disgrace the album, either. Perhaps he intends making a stamp collector of her, or better still, a *genuine* philatelist. Time will tell.

So Tom has turned heels and fled. We suppose the P. S. of C. book he was to publish will never materialize. We hoped it would as it is something we want. We think every society ought to get out something like *his proposed*, say every six months. It would pay both the society and the advertiser.

Not long since we read some Canadian notes written by one Colonialius, from Montreal. We know, for a fact, that there is no collector in Montreal writing under that name. Can you guess who it is? Perhaps you could tell by the nature of the language used and especially against the P. S. of C., and he is one of the founding members of the Society, too.

My, how the Sons of Philatelia do go ahead. We think it is a Society worthy of the support of all collectors. A great deal of its success is due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Miller, the Secretary.

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Correspondence.

Under this heading we will insert any clippings or correspondence of interest sent us.

F. C. R., Ottawa, Ont.—We are unable to use your MSS. Send postage for their return.

J. E. W., Lindsay, Ont.—We are unable to publish your article this month on account of lack of space.

EDITOR P. J. OF C. :

Dear Sir,—Over one year ago I tried to expose one Thos. O. Pardoe, Jr., of Ingersoll, Ont., and published him as a fraud in the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*. I tried to show him up in other papers, but he headed me off with his "wonderful bargains" in each paper I wrote to. I wrote to the P. M. at Ingersoll, who answered that evidently I had been swindled, yet he was unable to do anything. As a consequence, no goods of mine for the past year have crossed the border owing to distrust of foreign parties.

To show that Pardoe was an "ignorant" fraud I may state the fact that he positively denied having received a "registered" letter, and, what is more, I could get no information as to the contrary from the authorities there. Had Pardoe been in the U. S. I have enough evidence against him to send him up for a term of years. As it is, I can do nothing.

If not asking too much, please publish this letter over my signature, and oblige,
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M STEFFAN.

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Editorials.

We are indebted to Mr. F. H. Barker, of Washington, D. C., for a copy of the new U. S. domestic Reply Card, sent us on the 25th of October, the date that they were placed on sale. As such a long time has transpired since that date and the publication of this number, and as most of our readers have probably seen it, we will not enter into a full and particular description of it, more than remarking that the card presents a neat and tasteful appearance, and reflects great credit upon its designer

The stamp season is now in full blast, and dealers, collectors, societies, and journals are experiencing its effects. Auction sales are in line, trade at its highest, societies in a state of prosperity, journals at their best, and collectors on the increase. In all, every devotee of Philately has reason to be happy, as the season promises to excel all its predecessors. This, no doubt, we owe to the general promotive power of Philately during the last year. With such, we predict that Philately will soon stand foremost as a recognized factor in the social world.

A notable event in Canada for the past month was the appearance of three Canadian journals the *Ottawa Philatelist*, *International Philatelist*, and *Philatelic Journal of Canada*, all seemingly hale and healthy and above the average. We would not, however, be called selfish in professing the apparent superiority of the initial number of the latter, although they all deserve Philatelic support. Canada can now pride herself with five fine journals, distributed as follows: Two in London, and one each in Belleville, Ottawa and Toronto. We can only say in the words of Rip Van Winkle, "May they live long and prosper.

For certain reasons we were unable to procure the photo of Mr. J. S. Robertson this month. We have, however, obtained that of Capt. Ernest F. Würtele, of Quebec, President of the C. P. A., for this issue, and are certain that our readers will appreciate it, as it is a rare treat to possess the photo of this gentleman, who is one of the greatest of Canada's collectors. We shall continue the feature regularly, and would be pleased to receive your subscription if you wish to possess the series. In the meantime watch out for our Christmas Number. It will be a "dandy."

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The United Philatelic Association has held its second annual elections, with the following results: President, J. Bernstein, Jr.; Vice-President, Carl Young; Secretary, R. W. Ashcroft; Treasurer, Fred. H. Barker; Librarian, C. J. Tyren; Exchange Superintendent, Dan. E. Hazen; Purchasing Agent, H. S. Dickson; Executive Committee, Messrs Carter, Whitall, and Barnes. This is the best staff of officers it had ever had, and we predict a successful year. This association, though only one year old, possesses a large and

growing membership. Every department is now in full working order. The dues are only 25c. per year, including a subscription to its official organ. Every collector should join. Address Secretary R. W. Ashcroft 242 South 3rd street, Philadelphia, Pa.

It is only one month since we stepped into the Philatelic arena, and yet our presence has effected a wonderful improvement, and a marked addition to Philatelic journalism. Our initial number, though undoubtedly the most imperfect of the series, was given a royal reception by all young and old, beginner and advanced. This is shown by the scores of congratulatory letters of welcome which greeted our appearance, and hailed us into the ranks of Philatelic devotees. But not only have we been encouraged with kind wishes and words, but also with patronage in the form of subs. and ads. in abundance. In all, we are well satisfied with our prospects of long life and growth, and heartily thank those dealers and collectors who have extended us a helping hand and liberal aid.

Is there no means of ridding Philately from an everlasting malady, and a dangerous enemy? In our last issue we made mention of another of the many frauds threatening to discredit Philately. Later we received a letter from Mr. M. Steffan, Memphis, Mo., a leading American stamp dealer, on the same subject, a portion of which we reprint. The rascality of the fraud is quite evident from previous experience, but what surprises us is the encouragement of fraudulent practices by our so-called journalistic exponents who adorned their pages with his entrapping ads. after he was pronounced and published as a serious fraud. It is galling enough to bear the evil itself, without encouragement from those who should rout it. If this can not be

stopped in any other way we would suggest that all honest collectors and dealers should withdraw their patronage from such self-interested journals. So, stop it, brothers! stop it!

Literary Review.

We would be pleased to exchange either one or two copies with philatelic papers, and all received will be impartially reviewed.

The *Florida Philatelist* appears increased to 20 pages brimful of reading matter. The number also contains a photo and short sketch of Aug. De-jonge, Pres. of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, besides several interesting articles. We are also treated with some more of "Uncle Phil's" pointers, which are so entertaining. Published by D. Hazen, Thonotossa, Fla.

The *Philatelic Era* for October is simply perfect in everything. Forty-four pages full of interesting reading matter is a rare occurrence in Philatelic journalism. The Philatelic Review by Mr. Small is the most impartial in the world, in our opinion. The number contains matter to interest old and young. Our congratulations, Bros. Jewett & Small, on the success of your *Era*. Published at 502 Congress St., Portland, Me.

The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* was the first November number to hustle into our sanctum, and a better one never was seen. Articles for old, articles for young, poetry, notes, "Pokes," editorials, and some other interesting matter, constitute the number. It is evident from the number that Bros. Kantner & Kissinger believe in "variety is the spice of life." Published at Reading, Pa.

The Oct. number of the *Nebraska Stamp*, and the first we have seen, was "up to date," 12 pages and cover of choice reading matter. "My Canada Cousin" is becoming interesting already. Editorials, a poem, notes and articles, conclude the number. The journal is very neat and tasty, and published by the "Hon." Cleve Scott, of Central City, Neb.

The initial number of the *Ottawa Philatelist* has appeared, consisting of 8 pages and cover. The contents are not what we expected. "A Philatelist's Misfortune" and "A Warning to Stamp Collectors" (both of which have appeared in the *Eastern Philatelist* some time ago), a short article on the Registration Stamps of Canada, Editorials, and Reviews, fill up the number. Published by F. P. Chevrier, Ottawa, Ont.

A pleasant surprise was the initial number of the *International Philatelist*, hailing from Toronto. It consists of eight pages and cover, presenting a neat appearance, but we believe that a little more original matter would be most welcome. By the way, Bro. Weatherston we would advise you to use your covers for ads, as it would look much neater, besides giving the journal more room for reading matter. Published by W. S. Weatherston, Toronto, Ont.

The *Detroit Philatelist* for October is better than ever. Among the many good things we notice "How to Become a Successful Philatelist," "The Philatelic Magazine of To-day," "Origin of Postage Stamps," "A Progressive Service," Cleve Scott's noted "Grills and Surcharges," and a poem entitled "My Fantasy" by Guy W. Green. The usually brisk Editorials, Reviews, Notes, &c., complete an A No. 1 number. Published at 169 12th St., Detroit, Mich.

The *Stamp* for November to hand. The contents are fair, but rather condensed, as the P. S. of C. matter takes up fully three pages. And the review—well, we knew a thing or two about the “fearless and independent” Mr. Chas. W. Grevning, but we never imagined that he was so poor a mathematician, that is in reviewing this journal. It is also evident that he is not “seriously in love” with new Canadian journals, and we can guess at the reason, too. In all, it is a pity that Editor Spooner cannot attend to the review also, and give us something worth reading. Published at Long Branch, N. J.

In addition to the above we have been favored with copies of the “Washington Philatelist,” “Postal Card,” “New Jersey Philatelist,” “Philatelic Tribune,” “Pennsylvania Philatelist,” “Philatelic Facts and Falacies,” “Philatelic Journal of America,” “Electric Philatelist,” “Monthly Visitor,” “One Dime,” “L. Echo de la Timbrologie,” and “Mekeel’s Weekly Stamp News,” which we are unable to review on account of lack of space.

“Errata.”

In our last number, in the article entitled “History of the Postal System” on page 2, line 25, “1874” should have read “1774.” Also in the 4th line of the second editorial, page 8, “P. S. of C” should have read “P. S. of A.”

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**W**HEN it comes to a hustler, when a fellow is looking around for a "genuine hustler," and inquiring here and there, he might as well look in our ranks and he can easily pick up somebody that will answer his purpose. As a real "genuine" hustler, I find that, ten to one, the "best" is generally a philatelist. Well, can he hustle? You just ask him, and if you doubt his honest word, just watch him and he will shortly convince you. And so it seems that a fellow, looking around this world for his health and to see the world in general, runs "plumb across" an anxious-eyed, smart-looking, acute-looking chap, who, on being asked "whom he might be," kindly replied that he was a "crank;" but this answer was not decisive enough for the stranger who was traversing through his mind, the appliance of that word, "Crank." "Let me see," says he; "you are not one of those prohibition cranks who carry a 'grindstone' crank on your watch-chain, or look like a dejected sheep or calf, or who talks politics in the post-office, and who chews 'fine-cut' on the sly, and who is sometimes called a 'prohib.'" "No, sir," answers our brother, "I am a 'stamp crank.' I am one who collects stamps for enjoyment and improvement of my mind and moral character, learn the geography of the globe, and add from time to time some rarity which my album fails to entrance." "I see! I see!" says the stranger. "I am

sorry for bothering you, but I declare I didn't think you was a 'whisky crank.'" Our philatelic friend then walked away, being much amused at the "gentleman's evident curiosity." The stranger followed him, and soon saw our friend enter an office near at hand. "I will see what he does," thought our friend; he, on peering through the window, saw this—a philatelist (our friend), who was gazing anxiously over a book, which we find is his stamp album; it is a specialist's album; it is a U.S. stamp album. As we peer over its pages, we find but few "vacant lots." Of course, it would hardly pay our friend to invest in such a "costly piece of architecture" as a \$300 Brattleboro', or hardly in buying a Buchanan; but we find some lots that are well filled with such gems as 1845 N. Y., 5c. black, and also the 3c.; we also find he has an unsevered pair (unused) of the U.S. 1869 90c. issue, which he obtained for their face value of a banker friend; he has a "rare lot" of gems, which were not obtained without a search or struggle. Then, why aren't we hustlers? We hustle for stamps, we hustle for money to procure stamps; we hustle trunks, cases, etc.; we hustle up ourselves to hustle up a gem; in fact, we are hustlers from Hustlersville.

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The widely-advertised De Coppet sale will certainly be a notable event. New York will be the abode of many foreign collectors at the time.

How nice it is to disguise oneself under a *nom de plume*! Two New York City correspondents are "Ten Point," *i.e.*, Mr. C. W. Grevning, and "Iceland," *i.e.*, Mr. Ramsay Peugnet.

A local society has, I understand, been formed in Philadelphia. The Quaker City is, truly, mighty slow, but she gets there. Several prominent A.P.A. members are the prime movers.

The *Missouri Philatelist* has been consolidated with the *Stamp*. This is quite an important conjunction. Severn, of Chicago, is to conduct the Review Department of the *Stamp*, I understand.

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The sad death of President Bartlett's father may, it has occurred to me, interrupt his plans for his western tour. Mr. Bartlett was to arrange for a meeting-place for the convention of the Sons of Philatelia near Chicago, in August, 1893. Will he do this?

J. W. Stowell, the well-known philatelic printer, is turning out the *Long Island Philatelist* from his printery now. The firm of W. B. Ogden & Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who printed the paper in its infancy, may soon take hold of it and bring it back to its normal condition.

The *Brooklyn Stamp* is announced from Brooklyn, N.Y., with Mr. Raymond L. Perry at the head. As Perry cannot truthfully be called an experienced philatelist, I have my doubts as to the success of the paper. Mr. Ogden, of the *Long Island Philatelist*, who knows something about publishing and printing, has endeavored to persuade Mr. Perry to relinquish his idea of publishing a paper, but Perry wants to lose a little money, probably.

The *Long Island Philatelist* is entered at second-class postage rates at Woodhaven, N. Y., a country post-office. The publishers mail, on the average, from 75 to 100 lbs. of papers per month. They take the papers to the post-office, where the postmaster is supposed to be (when he isn't shaving somebody). Said postmaster drags the papers into the grocery store next door, where they are weighed on the potato, etc., scale, and then hustled back into the post-office, from which institution they are duly despatched. How different from the uncivilized New York post-office! —R. W. ASHCROFT.

## Chicago Notes.

Mr. C. D. Reimers, of Western Philatelist fame, has taken charge of the *Eagle Philatelist* as business manager.

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The 11th Auction Sale of the Western Stamp & Coin Co. is to be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th. There are 448 lots.

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A Chicago paper has appeared on the field: *The Chicago Philatelist*. An Illinois paper has also been announced to appear about April 1st.

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Now that the excitement has abated, the public have found how unhandy the new Columbian issue is. Many of the large firms of the City greatly object to them on account of their size.

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There will be an opportunity for a live man to distinguish himself during the coming months, by publishing a World's Fair stamp paper. There will be numbers of foreign as well as our own collectors in this City this year, and a paper of this kind published here would reach many of them.

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An observant person can not fail to note that a great interest has been aroused in collecting, among those who had no thought of it before, through the Columbian issue. Many old collectors also have had their interest revived, and are now taking out the old album and re-arranging their collection.

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While running around town a few days ago, I dropped in to see the genial A. P. Hosmer. We had an interesting talk on stamps and stamp societies. A. P. has very decided views on some questions, but he very seldom gets left. Mr. Hosmer was hard at work making out Insurance coupons when I called upon him.

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The boy collector is an important person in stamp circles. A number of

our best philatelists became interested in collecting through their boys. One of the best buyers in this City to day, started collecting for his son. Since that time he has become interested in stamps himself, and now is the possessor of a very fine collection. Moral—take care of the boys.

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Now that the backbone of winter has broken, the stamp collector once more hies himself to his favorite resort, the office of the stamp dealer, and invests his dollars in the fascinating stamp. The weather has been unusually cold, and collectors have been keeping themselves around the fireside. But at last the woodchuck made his appearance, also—the collector.

WILLIAM ROWLEY.

## Odds and Ends.

Here is an address supplied in the report of the Postmaster-General. It is decidedly unique. What does the writer mean?

One Pictular Lady belong Foresters  
Canada

society of Hamilton ontario  
No 113

Emerald street North  
in Pictularly of Hamilton  
Canada Ontario

Pictular Hamilton ontario canada  
to Lady herself belong Foresters

It is not said that this letter reached the "Lady herself," but if it did not, the failure was not from lack of picturesque definition.

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Mr. Kantner tells in the *Penn Philatelist* of how he tried to get an "Officially-Sealed" Canada. He had at last to give it up as a bad job. It is a very amusing article, and shows how long "it must have been thought over" before tried. The Officially-Sealed are not so common, Bro. Kantner. It is easier getting a U.S. "O. S." than a Canadian.

## Personal and Pertinent.

Mr. Wright, one of Toronto's leading lights in the philatelic line, is a prominent lawyer of that city.

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Mr. Bapty, Dundas street, this city, is in his father's store. They conduct a gents' furnishing establishment.

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W. J. Morgan, of New Orleans, is a broker. He possesses a very fine collection of over 8,000 varieties.

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Geo. W. Rode, of Pittsburgh, is in the insurance business. His collection numbers about 3,600 varieties.

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Mr. Lionel E. Widder, late of Godrich, Ont., has removed to London. We, welcome you to our ranks, Bro. Widder.

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Mr. O. A. Meyer, of Saginaw, Mich., died recently, after a very short illness. One more gone of our enthusiastic philatelists.

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It is expected that this year Chicago will see one of the greatest arrays of collectors that have ever come together in one body.

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Mr. A. M. Scott, a druggist, of Woodstock, and a prominent collector, has been visiting in London. Come again, Bro. Scott.

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Mr. Robertson, one of Canada's most advanced philatelists, is at present very busy "at law." His firm is the largest in St. Thomas.

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Mr. Dickson, publisher of this journal, is also publisher of *The Inter-Collegiate Monthly*, an educational journal of high literary standing.

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Mr. F. W. Pickard, of Maine, who published the *Phil. Era* before it was purchased by Mr. Jewett, is at present attending college in one of the Eastern cities.

Mr. E. Y. Parker, of Toronto, has been visiting in Montreal, and Dr. Cameron, of the latter city, has been on a visit to Ottawa philatelists.

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Mr. Bernstein, of this city, is interesting himself in politics. We understand he will shortly issue a "Young Liberals" journal. Success to him!

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Mr. Clark, of Belleville, intends very shortly to take a trip to the old country, and we understand *stamps* will have a *second place*. We wish you *bon voyage*, Bro. Clark.

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Mr. Theo. Toppell, who recently conducted a wholesale stamp business at New York, has entered the employ of the Bogert & Durbin Co., at their Philadelphia office.

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The *Philatelic Journal of America* for January contains a photo and sketch of Mr. Hooper, of Ottawa, and Mr. H. C. Beardsley, of St. Joseph, Mo., both well-known philatelists.

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And still another philatelist dead. This time it is Mr. Isaac C. Martindale, of Camden, N.J. He was stricken down with apoplexy on January 3rd, and died in a few hours. He looked at philately as a "science."

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Mr. R. C. H. Brock, one of our well-known A.P.A. members, was lately taken very sick. We trust you will have a speedy recovery, Bro. Brock. We want as many of our philatelists at Chicago as possible. It will be a gala day with philately.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, favored us with a call a few days ago. Mr. Robertson is a very enthusiastic philatelist, and we enjoyed their call very much. Mr. Robertson's name will not be unfamiliar in future to our readers, as he has promised very kindly to lend us a helping hand, for which we are very grateful. Come again, Mr. R., and bring Mrs. R. along, too.



## Current Topics.

It is said the *Philatelic Fortnightly* is out, although we have not seen a copy of it. We expect something good.

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Bro. Crittenden seems to be making a success of the *Detroit Phil.* The January No. is to hand with ten pages of advertisements. Patience wins.

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We see by the *Weekly Phil.* that we are to have a new paper here. In Mr. Beasley's hands it ought to be a success. But—why not support what we have?

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"An old firm in a new place." We refer to the Batchelder Stamp Co., which some years back hung out its *shingle* in St. Louis. Where has it been these years? *Sleeping?*

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Mr. Dickson has opened an office in the Robinson Hall chambers, one of the largest buildings in London. He has a library of all the latest journals, and any collector is cordially invited to spend his leisure there, reading the "news."

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One of our most progressive societies is the U. P. A. It has grown immensely since it was re-organized, and promises to be the society of America, the S. of P. not excepted. With the *Penn. Philatelist* as official organ, it is bound to succeed.

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The busy season is now here, and as a consequence new dealers are springing up *everywhere*. Collectors should be wary of these new-comers offering their cheap (?) *stuff*. They vanish about May, and are not heard of again until December.

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Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co. should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free by addressing above firm at 925 La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo. (adv.)

Scott's catalogues coming into Canada are taxed 25% and *four cents per lb.* besides. In speaking of this, the catalogues sometimes get into the inland towns and villages "scot free," while we poor city collectors, where there is a "Custom House," have to "fork up."

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"Our" new Society, the "London Philatelic Club," *beats the record* in the way of numbers. They are joining in *scores*, thus showing that London was badly in need of a society. And now that we have got one we are not going to let it stand. We are going to make a success of it.

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Mr. D. T. Higginson, of Elmhurst, Ill., has bought out the interest of Mr. Bradt in the S. B. Bradt Co., and it will henceforth be known as the Western Stamp & Coin Co. Mr. Bradt will now conduct a mail business only, at his residence, Brookline Park, Ill., which, we understand, is only a short distance out of Chicago. Success to both.

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Collectors' addresses wanted in exchange for advertising space in this journal. I will allow 1/2c. a name for every name *not in my possession*. Have over 6,000. Send lists. Address the office of this journal. Collectors sending the addresses of their fellow-collectors will be allowed 1/2c. a name in exchange for subscription to this journal. Remember, this only applies to those we have *not* in our possession.

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It has been hinted at that we are to have a book published on the stamps of the "Confederate States." We do not know of any *good* description of the stamps of this short-lived Confederacy, and we do not doubt but that it will be a good thing. Its author is a well-known philatelist of the Eastern States. It is said that every stamp will be minutely dealt with. Let us have it, and have it soon.

The following circular has been mailed to all of our contemporaries that we could get the address of, but in case some have not received it we reprint it below :—

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Editor's address :—

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St. Thomas and London, Feb'y, 1893.

Dear Sir,—Owing to several successive changes in the proprietorship and management of this paper, it was found impossible to issue a December or January number. It has now been established on a firm financial footing, and it is the intention to issue it regularly on the 20th of each month. The present month's number will be out promptly on the 20th.

A new department has been added, which will be somewhat in the nature of a Review, with this addition, that one of the leading articles appearing in other journals will be criticised, commented on, and reference made to authorities bearing on the subject of such article; and especially will this be so in regard to articles bearing on the stamps of B. N. A. However, *all* magazines will be reviewed so far as space will permit, and with that view we desire to exchange two or three copies of all philatelic publications. We have addressed this note to all publishers personally, instead of putting it in the paper, so that it will come to the attention of all, as we wish to make the review as thorough and representative as possible, and to treat all papers the same which wish to be reviewed. This Journal has a large circulation in Canada, and no doubt the Review will be widely read, so if any paper is not mentioned in it after receipt of this, it will not be our fault, but simply because of non-receipt. We gladly submit our new paper for review, and will try and remedy any defects that the critics of other papers may see in it. We enclose necessary postage for an advice whether exchange and review is desired or not.

Publishers receiving this will confer a favor if they will *at once* send us a postcard regarding the above to our *St. Thomas address*, and mail one copy of their publications (beginning with the January number of 1893) to the Editor of the PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA, P. O. Box 364, St. Thomas, Ont., Canada, and one to the Publisher, 57 and 59 Dundas St., London, Ont., Canada.

Publishers of books, pamphlets, etc., wishing same reviewed, will please mail one copy to the Editor at St. Thomas, and one copy to the Publisher at London, and firms carrying on auction sales will also kindly forward priced catalogue of same for review and comparison, if desiring mention.

Yours Philatelically,

THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA.

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We are going to institute a prize guessing competition between our subscribers. To the subscriber who guesses nearest to the number of subscriptions sent in before we go to press again, we will give 100 varieties of good foreign stamps, catalogue value of which will be over \$2.50. To the second nearest we will give 75 varieties, catalogued at least \$1.50. This is a genuine offer, but only subscribers can compete. Send in your guesses on a postal card. The result of this month's guesses will be made known in our next number, and prizes forwarded winners immediately after. Only good, desirable stamps will be given.

Mr. Joseph Reckert, one of the A.P.A.'s old standbys, has completed his long-looked-for work on "The Stamped Envelopes, Wrappers and Sheets of the United States." It was a work much needed, and we congratulate Mr. Reckert on having "gotten out" a work that will "advance philately."

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Mr. F. J. Audet, of Ottawa, one of the Executive Board of the P.S. of C., was recently married to Miss Louisa Harwood, also of Ottawa. The collectors of Ottawa took advantage of the occasion to present Mr. Audet with a gold epergne and a silver and marble clock. Mr. Audet responded. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Audet long life and prosperity.

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**Editorials.**

After a sixty-day vacation, we again greet our readers, this time in much improved form and with the addition of a cover. Our lengthily absence was unavoidable, as we were getting everything in working order. It will also be noticed that Messrs. Bernstein and Crittenden have retired, and that the Journal is under the sole control of Mr. H. S. Dickson who will spare neither time nor pains to make the PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA a

success. Although our late editor has retired, his name will not be unfamiliar in the future, as he has promised his aid in the perfection of the publication. With our present condition and with a circulation of 2,000 copies per month, we cannot but pride ourselves on being *the best* Philatelic paper in Canada and not inferior to any in America. We have secured the co-operation of every notable writer, and during our future career this will be the most interesting Journal published. We conclude by promising our readers, that hereafter, the P. J. of C. will be regular and timely in its visits.

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**Subscribe before the price is raised.**

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The editor of our worthy local contemporary the *Canadian Philatelist*, editorially commenting on a recent paragraph which appeared in the *Toronto Globe*, the leading Liberal organ, and which bemoaned the fact that Canada had not had a new issue for over twenty years and wishing that we had adopted the new Columbian issue, denounces the above as a plea for continental union with the U.S., and further remarks that we ought to be thankful that these Liberal *traitors* are in the minority, and that the *loyal* Tories are more numerous. In reply to the above foolhardy attack upon a party differing from the views of the so-called loyal (?) editor, we beg to say that *not every* Liberal is a *traitor* and that *not every* Tory is *loyal*. Perhaps Mr. Editor, with his brainy logic, has never heard of the Hon. M. P. Sol. White! Eh? As to his political tactics we wonder if he has lately so advanced and now knows the name of the Postmaster-General? At any rate he



should know something about the subject before he discusses it.

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**Is this not a neat, entertaining Journal?**

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We Canadians can pride ourselves on having the best governed local societies in America. The cities of Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, Ottawa, London, St. Johns, Halifax, St. Catharines, Lindsay, etc., are already in line, with others to follow. This reminds us of a suggestion lately made by a member of the London Club, which, to say the least, finds favor with us. It mainly constitutes a closer union of these clubs, which are mostly governed on the same basis as a *Grand or Supreme Council*, composed of the presidents of each club, who would provide for the respective clubs, etc. This would place us in the position of any I. O. F., I. O. O. F., Mason, etc., Lodge, and would be a credit to Philately. With such men as Messrs. Dr. Cameron, Hooper, Brouse, Wurtele, Liddicoatt, etc., at the helm, we can surely succeed. The most attractive point, however, is that it would do away with the two so-called rival national societies, whose chief aims, it seems to be, are to increase feud and strife. We think this is a splendid suggestion and should be considered. Bro. editors Ketcheson, Staebler, Weatherston, Sanbourin and Beasley, what are your opinions on the question?

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## Notes and Comments.

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Regularity is one of the chief aims of philatelic publishers, the progressive ones at least. This will be one of our main points in future; therefore, if you have anything for the JOURNAL, try and have it in by the 5th of the month, on

which date we go to press. We will try and appear every month on the 20th of the month.

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**Subscription, 25 cents after this month.**

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Perhaps all our readers do not know of the assignment of C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., of St. Louis, Mo. They were one of the largest firms on the American continent. Liabilities are placed at \$45,000, assets \$150,000, so that it is probable they will resume business in a short time.

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**Subscribe now and support the best.**

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In speaking of the Mekeel assignment, reminds us of a dealer who had lately purchased one of their Gem (?) stocks. It was one of the most trashy "stocks" ever sent out by any one firm, and not at all up to what it was advertised to be. There are a great many dealers who offer the same kind of "trash." It is the same thing as acting a lie, (we cannot put it in any weaker terms), by not giving what is advertised. We would advise our readers to "look sharp" before purchasing any of these so-called bargains.

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**Will positively advance to 25 cents next month.**

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In our opinion one of the most audacious acts of any dealer was brought to our notice recently. This particular dealer (he doesn't live a thousand miles from here, either) has been in the habit of mailing his price list inside of his journal to his foreign subscribers and readers. This is acting very mean, especially to his advertisers who place their confidence in him, and who expect that he mails the journal just as they would mail it themselves. We might speak of other things this particular publisher has been doing to injure his advertisers' trade, but will not say anything more just yet. Advertisers—be on the alert for anything of this kind.

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**Advertisers, can you get better display of your ads?**

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Announcement! With the April number we will enlarge to 24 pages and cover. The extra 8 pages will be given to our "Review," which will be one of the best in the world, and only one in Canada. Every paper will be "treated," but more attention will be given to the reviewing of Canadian articles. One of Canada's foremost philatelists has charge of the department. We do not promise to remain at the twenty-cent rate, neither do we promise to leave the advertising rates as they are. We should think "a word to the wise collector or dealer was sufficient." Did you notice the ten per cent. discount in ad. rates?

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**The neatest and best Journal in Canada.**

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"Large oaks from little acorns grow" is a familiar and popular saying, and it fits well just here. Mr. Fleming, Business Manager of the London Advertiser, in speaking of how he came to collect stamps, said: "One day one of my little boys was arranging a few stamps in a scrap-book which he used for an album, and I thought to myself that that was a sort of harmless amusement. I bought an album for him and started him at it, but before very long I was head over heels into it myself," "and," he added, "I never regretted it." Mr. Fleming is one of Canada's most ad-

vanced philatelists, and takes a great deal of interest in philately. He lately came across some very good Canadian stamps of the pence issue. Canadians are his specialty.

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We have often wondered what the Canadian press thought of the large size of the U. S. Postal Card. Here is what the editor of the *Canadian Journal of Commerce* thinks of it:—"The Canadian Postal Card has a very gingerly look when placed side by side with the new and large one sold in the States for a cent. Couldn't the Ottawa folks take the hint and give us a little more card for the same money without sensibly reducing the visible supply of manilla? It might help us to close our eyes to the primitiveness of the design that has for so long been masquerading in Italian sky-blue ink on the address side."

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**You lose more than we do by not subscribing.**

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Apropos to the above, we can say that the Canadian Government will issue a larger size of postal cards, and that they will be placed in the hands of the postmasters in a short time. The Postmaster-General, in his Annual Report, says that it is the intention of the Government to issue 20c. and 50c. denominations of postage stamps. They also intend to issue a stamped envelope of the 2c. denomination. The color, design, etc. has not yet been decided on. It is to be hoped the above will be issued in a short time, as Canada is badly in need of them.

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Mr. Dickson, publisher of this journal, having lately bought out the stock of the Star Stamp Co., and which, added to his own large stock, makes it one of the best in Canada, has lately had printed a *very* neat price-list in two colors, consisting of 16 pages, which will be sent to any collector, along with an unused foreign stamp, *free* on application.

## The Canadian Philatelic Review of Reviews.

Publishers wishing their publications reviewed will please send one copy to Box 364, St. Thomas, Ont., and two copies to the publisher. This is imperative. If any paper is not mentioned, it will not be our fault, but simply because of non-receipt. Subscribers wishing the addresses of the following publications *must enclose postage for reply.*

THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA presents to its many readers a new department, which it trusts will be appreciated. It is purposed to make this not only a review in the nature of abstracting articles from other magazines, but to expand them, collect authorities and give references, so that this may be rendered of service to the studious collector, whose desire is information, and who has not, perhaps, a philatelic library near at hand. With the hope that we may be to some extent considered successful in our object, we submit our first effort to an indulgent philatelic public, willing to accept all criticism that may be passed on our venture, and ready to accept all and any suggestions that may be offered tending to improve this department and make it more servicable to all, and we hope the "more expert craftsmen" will aid our work by discussion, to which the columns of this paper will ever be open.

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*American Philatelist*, received Jan'y 16th, was the first to hand this month, and it contains the article we propose to deal with particularly in this number as THE article of the month. It is "British North America," by Mr. Harte. Mr. Harte is a personal friend of the writer's, and is particularly qualified to write an article on this subject. As to the comparative rarity of the various stamps, Mr. Harte says:—"Among the specialties that have become a feature of stamp collecting the last few years, is collecting stamps on the original envelopes, and among the rarest of the B. N. A. is the 1d. Nova Scotia. By this I mean a single copy on the original envelope or letter. They are used more often in strips of three for the 3d. postage. I have seen

but two single copies on the original envelope. There are two shades of the 1d., the bright red brown being the scarcest. Unused copies are now very scarce." The writer has an unsevered strip of unused red browns, with original gum, he got from Mr. Harte. In regard to the 3d. stamps, there are numerous shades, some almost black, others with light centre and dark blue border, the dark blue being used first and the light last, although the latter is the scarcest stamp, only having been used from 1858 to 1860.

The 6d. stamp consists of three varieties: Light and dark green, and a dark green on blue paper, which is very scarce. In this stamp there is a reversal of the order in which the 3d. dark and light were used, so that the dark blue 3d. was used before 1858, with the light green 6d. before 1857, while the light blue 3d. was used after 1858 with the dark green 6d. The 1s. also appears to have been used the same as the 3d., viz., the darker shade first. All of the Nova Scotia stamps of the pence issue are very hard to obtain unused, and the used ones have advanced greatly in the past five years.

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On turning over the pages of the *Halifax Philatelist* we find a Mr. A. W. Doan advertising a complete set of Nova Scotia "pence and cents" for \$25, his ad. running from January till April, when some one appears to have grasped the bargain. Now, a shilling alone sells for \$35 easily.

Mr. Harte refers to a very entertaining story of his chase after a shilling stamp, which he evidently captured near the North Pole, if the state of the thermometer is any criterion.

Regarding the cent issues there are, according to Mr. Harte, three varieties



of the 1 cent, viz., on white, grey and yellow paper, the grey being very rare. The 2 cent is only on white paper; the 5 cent on blue, white and yellow, and the  $8\frac{1}{2}$ , 10 and  $12\frac{1}{2}$  on white and yellow. The  $8\frac{1}{2}$  and  $12\frac{1}{2}$  are very scarce on the originals. The London Society's work on the stamps of B.N.A. does not give the variety on grey paper at all. It will be as well for the information of those who have not got that work or the old *Halifax Philatelist* at hand, to give the dates of the issue of the Nova Scotia stamps, not noticing the varieties of color or paper. These dates are to be found in the January No., 1888, of the *Halifax Philatelist*, page 10, and page 50 of the London Society's work :—

|                                                         |   |                                                                               |
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| 3 pence                                                 | } | 1st September, 1851.                                                          |
| 6 "                                                     |   |                                                                               |
| 1 shilling                                              |   |                                                                               |
| 1 penny                                                 | } | about June, 1853. See<br><i>Halifax Philatelist</i> , Jan'y,<br>1889, page 5. |
| 1, 5, $8\frac{1}{2}$ ,<br>10 & $12\frac{1}{2}$<br>cent. |   |                                                                               |
| 2 cent—                                                 |   | 1st October, 1860.                                                            |
|                                                         |   | 11th May, 1860.                                                               |

The pearl grey shade of this latter stamp is very rare, and I have never been able to capture one yet.

Mr. Harte then proceeds to give a list of the cut or provisional issues of B. N. A. A list of these was attempted in the *Quaker City Philatelist* of August, 1891, at page 122. Since then others have been discovered, and it might not be uninteresting to form a list supplemental to the admirable one of Mr. Harte's:

#### NOVA SCOTIA—

3 pence (a)— $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6 pence cut diagonally. This can be collected in the various halves of the stamp, giving different words on each half. There is also the light and dark green. 8 varieties can be formed thus.

3 pence (b)— $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6 pence cut perpendicularly. This is *very* scarce. A copy of this is No. 4 on the artotype plate with the December, 1888, number of the *Halifax Philatelist*.

$4\frac{1}{2}$  pence— $\frac{1}{2}$  of 3 pence, blue and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6 pence, green. (No. 526 in Scott & Co's 120th sale.

6 pence—diagonal  $\frac{1}{2}$  of shilling.

$7\frac{1}{2}$  pence (a)—6 pence, dark green, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 2 pence, dark blue, of which there can be 4 varieties, according to the half of the 3 pence 4 additional varieties can be made by the 3 pence light blue. Another 8 can be made by the use of the 6 pence light green.

$7\frac{1}{2}$  pence (b)—two 3 pence blue, light or dark, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  3 pence. (One collector the writer knows has 15 different varieties of this value or combination.

$7\frac{1}{2}$  pence (c)— $\frac{1}{2}$  of shilling and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 3 pence.

$7\frac{1}{2}$  pence (d)—6 pence, yellow-green, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 6 pence. (Lot 527 in Scott & Co's 120th sale.

9 pence—6 pence and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6 pence, being used for registered letters.

1 shilling,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  pence—Mr. Harte says this stamp is in possession of Mr. Crane, of Halifax. The combination is not given, but the rate from Nova Scotia to Australia was 1 shilling, 3 pence, as given in the *Halifax Philatelist* of April, 1889, page 50, while the rate in 1854 was 2 shillings to Adelaide and 2 shillings, 1 penny to Australia, according to the same magazine of January, 1888, page 7, and the London Society's work, page 52.

The "cent" issue was also cut, as follows :—

2 cent— $\frac{1}{2}$  of 5 cent, used as 2 cent, the county rate. (King collection, lot 1132a in Casey's 23rd sale.) We have also a specimen of this stamp.

5 cent—Stamped on 3 pence blue in double line circle. King collection, lot 1121 in Casey's 23rd sale, selling for \$9.50. This was No. 2 in artotype plate with December, 1888, number of *Halifax Philatelist*.

5 cent— $\frac{1}{2}$  of 10 cent, cut diagonally, of which you can get 4 varieties.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 10 cent cut perpendicularly. (This latter is in C. B. Corwin's collection.)

5 cent—Two 2 cent and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 2 cent.  
 8 cent—5 cent, 2 cent and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 2 cent.  
 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  cent—5 cent,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 5 cent and  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 of 2 cent. (Lot 529, Scott & Co's  
 120th sale.)

10 cent—8 $\frac{1}{2}$  cent, 1 cent and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1  
 cent.

10 cent—Stamped on 6 pence green,  
 in double circle. Mr. T. Bull, in  
 his 31st sale (March 18 and 19,  
 1892), sold two of these on original  
 envelope, for £4, being lot 216.  
 See cut 1 on the artotype plate with  
 December, 1888, number of *Halifax  
 Philatelist*.

12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cent (a)—10 cent and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 5  
 cent.

12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cent (b)—Two 5 cent and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  
 5 cent.

12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cent (c)—10 cent, two 1 cent and  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 cent.

13 cent—10 cent, 2 cent and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 2  
 cent. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cent and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 cent.

13 $\frac{1}{2}$  cent—12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cent and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 2 cent.  
 15 cent—10 cent and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 10 cent.

All these stamps we have seen or  
 have authority from reliable sources  
 that they exist. The first mention  
 made of these stamps is in the Decem-  
 ber, 1888, number of the *Halifax  
 Philatelist*, where Mr. D. O. King  
 mentions some of these stamps, and  
 all the rest have been unearthed since.  
 A very good artotype plate accompan-  
 ies this. To the best of our knowledge  
 the above includes all the provisional  
 or cut stamps of Nova Scotia.

We have taken so much time with  
 this article so far that we must leave  
 the *American Philatelist* now and go to  
 some of our other papers, and we trust  
 in a future article to give a list of the pro-  
 visional stamps of the other provinces.  
 This number also contains a valuable  
 paper on Canadian stamp papers, from  
 the pen of Mr. Tiffany, showing 44  
 papers to Canada's credit (in quantity  
 if not quality), also papers on the Mani-  
 toba and British Columbia law stamps.  
 We doubt if a more interesting, in-  
 structive or valuable number for the  
 collectors of British North American  
 stamps has ever been issued, and all

we can say to the editors is, "More  
 strength to your arm."

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*The Stamp*, received January 18th,  
 contains a very interesting article on  
 leading American dealers, the one se-  
 lected for this number being Mr. J. W.  
 Scott; others to follow. From the  
 article, Mr. Scott seems to have had,  
 like others, his ups and downs; but  
 we sympathize with him in the loss of  
 his competency, which has forced him  
 again to join the ranks of the "horny  
 handed sons of toil." Mr. Scott intro-  
 duced auction sales, now becoming so  
 popular, the first being the one at Mer-  
 cantile Library Building on May 28th,  
 1870. He also began the good work  
 in England on March 18th, 1872; and  
 some years before, in 1866, he found-  
 ed the *American Journal of Philately*,  
 the second series whereof is now pub-  
 lished by the Scott Co. (limited). Mr.  
 Hooper then has an article, partly on  
 stamps and partly on natural history,  
 dealing principally with codfish in New-  
 foundland and kangaroos in Australia,  
 "which will out-run a thoroughbred  
 horse for miles." This may be useful  
 to the turfmen, and show them a way  
 to improve the speed of their steeds,  
 but it is too obscure for the average  
 philatelist. A very interesting story  
 from the popular and versatile philate-  
 lic writer, Guy W. Green, comes  
 next, and a discussion on U. S. regis-  
 tered letter rates shows how absurd is  
 the fee charged there. No notice is  
 taken of the fact that the rate has been  
 lowered to 8 cents, but even in view of  
 this, much of the article applies, even  
 to the new rate. A 5-cent rate should  
 satisfy any P. M.-G., but in all govern-  
 ments there is so much spent uselessly  
 that they never seem to consider that  
 "the P. O. Department is not a money-  
 making machine." It has always ap-  
 peared to us that this department,  
 above all others in a government, should  
 receive help from other sources, and  
 that, as it reaches "the millions," in  
 fact, every citizen of every country,  
 he rates should be such that the re-

ceipts should never much exceed the disbursements. A comparison of prices of stamps during the last two years is made under the heading: "Two years' difference." The figures are taken from the Scott catalogues, but experience has taught us that catalogue prices are no criterion of value in rare stamps at all. This number is unusually good, and many things are contained that deserve perusal.

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*The Stamp News*, received January 19th, contains a continuation of the interesting "Reminiscences" of A. A. Bartlett. As a "truly loyal" British subject, he compares the "English" and "American" dealers, much to the disadvantage of the latter. The part that strikes our eye is his description of Pemberton & Co's exhibit at Amsterdam. Ye gods! listen—here it is, so far as B. N. A. is concerned: "Ten 12 pence black (*ten*, mark you), three *fine* copies of the shilling, Nova Scotia, and the same of New Brunswick" were among them. Even there they seem to admit forgeries. Mr. Bartlett says: "Among the stamps \* \* \* I noticed rank forgeries of the 1 penny and 1 shilling, Nova Scotia, and on pointing this out to the gentleman who seemed to have charge of the exhibit, he at once agreed with me and said there were many forgeries in this same collection, that of a Mr. Manns, Amsterdam. The Nova Scotia stamps were so palpably bad that one could not help wondering how any philatelist with his knowledge should have been deceived." Those in charge knew of this, evidently. Why should they have allowed them there? All the educational advantages of an exhibition vanish when such things as that are allowed, as unless one learns correctly, better not at all, and a great number go to these exhibitions to learn about stamps. If forgeries are exhibited, label them as such. For a description of Nova Scotia forgeries, see *Philatelic Journal of America*, December, 1892, at page 418, but a fuller description of the 6-penny forgery

is to be found in the February number, 1892, of the *American Journal of Philately*, page 82. We do not remember of ever having seen a description of the forged 3d. or shilling, although we saw a forged copy of the latter in the collection of a prominent collector of Toronto. A very good chronicle of new issues appears, and a reprint about Corea stamps, from *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*, is given. The result seems to be that no Corean stamps were ever used, the 5 and 10 had been received and it was the intention to use them, which intention was frustrated by a riot, which nearly resulted in killing the King and Queen. "The Cid" shows that Wells, Fargo & Co. still do a large letter-carrying business, and their service is so prompt and reliable that they can charge the same rate as the P. O., in addition to the postage. The law does not prohibit the carrying of letters by others than the U. S. mail; all it requires is that the postage shall be paid and the stamps cancelled. "The Dundee Stamp Exhibition" opens the door for a renewal of the Hill-Chambers controversy to be waged again, so we drop it like we would a red-hot piece of iron. "Practical stamp collecting" contains very valuable information on perforation, which it would pay all to read, and we wish we could reprint it in full, but as we cannot, we do not know what part to select, so take none at all. "Recent auctions" shows enormous prices for Australia and English stamps. "Notes and Queries" fills a long-felt want, and we wish other papers would have a similar department.

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Just as we go to press we receive remainder of Review, but as we do not wish to be out late we will fully make up for it next month.

One of the leading "funny" papers, in speaking of the size of the U.S. stamps, says that if the mucilage manufacturers were to "combine," the price of mucilage would likely "bust" the Government. Not much danger, though.



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| COUNTRY AND STAMP.                  | SALE. | PRICE.  | CONDITION. |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|------------|
| <b>NEW BRUNSWICK—</b>               |       |         |            |
| 6 pence, yellow.                    | b     | £1:14:0 | o. f.      |
| 6 " "                               | b     | 1: 0:0  | o. b.      |
| 7½ pence, ½ shilling and ½ 3 pence. | a     | 4:12:6  | x. c.      |
| 1 shilling.                         | b     | 6:10:0  | x.         |
| 1 " violet.                         | c     | \$40.50 | x.         |
| <b>NEWFOUNDLAND—</b>                |       |         |            |
| 2 pence, vermilion.                 | e     | £1:10:0 | o. f.      |
| 4 lower right ½ 8 pence, vermilion. | c     | \$12 00 | x. f. c.   |
| 6 pence, orange.                    | c     | 10 25   | x.         |
| 6 " "                               | d     | £1: 5:0 | x. f.      |
| 6½ " vermilion.                     | a     | 2: 4:0  | x.         |
| 6½ " "                              | c     | \$27.50 | x.c.f.     |
| 1 shilling "                        | c     | 48.00   | x. f.      |
| 1 " "                               | c     | 26.25   | x. b.      |
| <b>NOVA SCOTIA—</b>                 |       |         |            |
| 6 pence, green (2).                 | b     | £1:11:0 | x.p.c.f.   |
| 1 penny, strip of 3.                | a     | 2: 4:0  | x.         |
| 1 shilling.                         | c     | \$37.90 | o. b.      |
| <b>BRITISH COLUMBIA—</b>            |       |         |            |
| 1865, 10 cent, blue.                | c     | 11.50   | im. o.     |
| 10 cent, rose and blue, 12½.        | e     | £1:16:0 | o. p.      |
| <b>CANADA—</b>                      |       |         |            |
| 6 pence, lilac.                     | c     | \$27.00 | f. o. p.   |
| 6 " purple.                         | e     | £2:15:0 | x. p. f.   |

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 x.—Used. p.—Perf'd. b.—Not good condition. p. c.—Post cover.

| NO. | AUCTIONEER.            | DATE.             | WHERE.     | SALE. |
|-----|------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------|
| a   | Mr. Hadlow.            | Dec. 17, '92.     | London.    | 14    |
| b   | Ventom, Bull & Cooper. | Dec. 20, '92.     | "          | 22    |
| c   | Scott & Co.            | Jan'y 18-26, '95. | New York.  | 118   |
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## The New One and Two-Cent U. S.

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The new one and two-cent stamps which Postmaster-General Wanamaker has caused to be put upon a confiding public become more interesting the more they are studied, says the *New York Evening Sun*. It is evident that a mistake has been made somewhere in the personal appearance of Columbus. The engraving of the one-cent stamp shows Columbus standing at the port rail of his ship. He is in the attitude of a tragedian when he says: "What! no salary yet?" At the feet of Columbus, and clasping one of his hands, is a gentleman in a long coat, who is evidently begging for the temporary loan of a couple of doubloons. The same request has evidently been made to others in the party, because there stands behind Columbus another gentleman, apparently engaged in the pleasing pastime of informing one of the crew that Columbus is the only one in the crowd who has a bit of coin. The engraving of the one-cent stamp represents Columbus with a perfectly smooth face and his hair hanging down on his shoulders. It is entitled "Columbus in Sight of Land." The engraving on the 2-cent stamp shows plainly the remarkable transformation which took place in his appearance between the time he sighted this land of ours and set his foot upon it, twelve hours later. It has been a matter neglected entirely by historians, to whom the engravings are undoubtedly intended as a neat rebuke. When he has reached the 2-cent period, Columbus is on land. His face is adorned by a moustache and beard. The 2-cent stamp is labelled "Landing of Columbus." Why the discoverer should be represented with a bare face for one-cent, and a heavy beard and a hair cut for two, cannot at this time be explained, except it is accounted for by the fine commercial instinct of the Postmaster-General, who believes that the American public should receive more for two cents than for one.

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## CANADIAN PHILATELIC UNION.

BY J. BERNSTEIN, JR.

**A**BOUT one year ago the amalgamation scheme so thoroughly expounded by Mr. Davison and the *Post Office*, and so energetically indorsed by our more prominent collectors, was first aired into existence and received such a splendid ovation by the better class of our press and people. Although so well received, it met with quite a sturdy opposition when put to a vote, and was accordingly dropped by its promoters. Such is the history of the amalgamation agitation in the United States. But now let us come nearer home and consider whether a union of the two Canadian national societies would be a progressive policy and whether it would meet with more success.

It is quite true that the unsuccessful outcome of the American plan stares us in the face, but is it not worth the trial? We must first consider that the Canadian organizations are placed in quite a different position than were the American societies. There, there were many difficulties that cannot be encountered in the bringing about of a union of the Canadian Philatelic Association and Philatelic Society of Canada. It must be remembered that the P. S. of A. was originally part of the A. P. A., and was organized for the main purpose of rivalry, and how could we expect support from its members? The W. P. U., on the other hand, was organized with the only aim of a help

to the western collectors, who claimed that the A. P. A. was neglecting them in the matter of benefits, officers and representatives, and how could its members co-operate with the A. P. A. amalgamationists except to return to their former source of grievance? Another and more general cause of the failure of the scheme was the fact that there were *three* societies included, and naturally involved more difficulties. Undoubtedly, with more officers to contend with, who, with the aspect of losing their honors and positions, would do their utmost to oppose the effecting of the plan, the task was rather more increased. Still another important drawback was the provision of the scheme which asked the P. S. of A. and W. P. U. to disband and enter the ranks of the A. P. A., a clause which could certainly not be in accord with the views of these organizations, who would be far from inclined to again re-enter the old society, and, as we would say, "beg pardon." Had the agitation been commenced prior to the incorporation of the A. P. A., and had the scheme provided for a union of the three societies under a different name and constitution, success would certainly have followed. As it was, however, this could not be, as the incorporation business was in the way. Thus, with these few, and many other, causes in opposition, the scheme failed.

In Canada, however, we cannot have

these contentions and difficulties. Although the P. S. of C. was organized with a thought of rivalry to the C. P. A., it now has a different scope of existence, and the feeling which formerly characterized the two societies has about completely vanished by this time, and for the simple reasons that the P. S. of C., with a much larger membership than its sister society, considered itself above such feeling, while the C. P. A., with a much more perfect material, lost all such thoughts. So that now each works independently and for its own welfare *only*. The second difficulty, again, which accosted our American cousins cannot approach the Canadian organizations, as, fortunately, there are only two societies, and the officers, although of the very first class, are completely outnumbered by large membership rolls, in which we have an advantage.

With these two hardships out of the way, why *cannot* the C. P. A. and P. S. of C. be united under one banner and constitution, and why *should* they not? In union there is strength, and united only we can stand. The C. P. A. is now enjoying many benefits and distinctions which the P. S. of C. cannot lay claim to, and the P. S. of C. can pride itself on privileges which none but it can wield. The P. S. of C. has might; the C. P. A. has right; and why should might contend with right? A leading American poet truly said:—

“All are needed by each one;  
Nothing is fair or good alone.”

Exemplify it by this case:—The C. P. A. has material, the P. S. of C. has numbers; the C. P. A. has an active exchange department, the P. S. of C. has an excellent library; the P. S. of C. is incorporated, the C. P. A. is not; the C. P. A. is well established, the P. S. of C. is not. What, then, could be of more benefit to each than a consummation of all the virtues contained in, and all the privileges and distinctions enjoyed by each? Neither the P. S. of C. nor C. P. A. can lose anything by

union, while both have much to gain.

Amalgamation must come, and the sooner the better. The tide of Canadian Philatelic opinion is fast flowing in its direction, and thought, words and opinions must eventually culminate into action. How many would favor the union? It seems to us that every sensible collector would. Already dozens have expressed their opinions personally to the writer, and *all favor the course*. Already the editors of the *International Philatelist*, *Canadian Philatelist* and *PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA* have expressed themselves in accord with such a move, and already Mr. John R. Hooper, President of the P. S. of C., says that it is not a bad idea, while Mr. Ernest F. Würtele, President of the C. P. A., says that he will consider it! What, now, is to hinder action? The conventions of the C. P. A. and P. S. of C. are soon to be in session, and why should this not be the all-absorbing topic of discussion and the issue of the day?

The one serious difficulty seems to be a plan of action and a basis of union, and we may suggest the means to master it. Why not air the subject out and out and consider public opinion? Why not meet and agree upon convenient terms? Why not refer to the Canadian Philatelic press, or why not call for a popular vote? These would be some of the means that would lead to thought, voice, action and lastly success. In the next number we shall have more to say on a specific plan of agreement, and in the meantime will trust that this will be the means of awakening our Canadian collectors to their surroundings.

In conclusion, the writer begs to thank the kind editor for his interest in the matter and the valuable space so willingly granted.

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The new special delivery stamps are now out. The design remains the same as before, but the color has been changed to orange yellow.



Written for THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA.

## THAT FIND.

I. E. WELDON.

PERHAPS some of the many readers of the JOURNAL, upon viewing the above heading, will murmur to themselves:—"Humph! Some more Philatelic Romance." But, brother Philatelist, do not be alarmed. I am not going to relate the startling find of a Brattleboro, which loses its existence upon the awakening, from a dream, of its proud possessor, nor yet am I about to recount the thrilling and finely concocted story of the finding of some hundred dollars' worth of rare stamps. I wish simply to relate the circumstances of an event which actually happened.

While in my philatelic infancy, I was seated one afternoon in the courtroom in one of the County Towns of Ontario. The case occupying the attention of the court—a civil one, and devoid of anything sensational—was dragging along very uninterestingly, and so it was no wonder that my mind reverted to a more interesting theme—stamps.

While musing thus, I espied the grandson of the janitor of the Court House. I beckoned him over to me, and inquired of him if he knew where there were any old letters or papers. Of course (as is always the case when one inquires for old stamps) he did not know where I could find one. The promise of a pecuniary reward, however, seemed to sharpen his wits, for, after some fishing, I managed to glean from him that there might be some old letters in the garret over the courtroom.

To reach the garret it was necessary to pass through the court-room into a small lobby. A door from this ante-room opened upon the stairway leading to the garret. This door was without a lock and was kept shut by means of a short board, one end of which rested in a small crevice of the floor of the

ante-room, the other end being tightly jammed under the door knob, so that a person on the stairway, if the board were in place, would be unable to get out unless assisted by someone in the ante-room.

The boy conducted me to this stairway and demanded a quarter. He then informed me that he would be unable to accompany me up stairs, as he was going on a fishing expedition, and would not be back before night.

Having ascended to the attic and having looked a long time without finding anything, except some common revenue stamps, to reward me for my trouble, I was about giving up my search when I thought I would investigate the contents of an old basket, which I had hitherto left untouched, as it seemed to contain nothing but old rags. I took out three or four handfuls of rags, but it seemed as though there were "only these and nothing more." I tried again with the same result. One more—rags. "Third time's the charm," I muttered, and sure enough it was. I soon discovered some old papers, and later a large number of old letters bearing the stamps of the 1859 issue. The letters seemed to have been placed in the basket just as they had been received, for the further I rummaged down into the basket, the older the stamps became. The first letter had been written in 1837, so that it may well be imagined I had a fine lot of stamps when I got through. The only thing I regretted on that occasion was that Canada had not begun to use stamps about twenty years sooner.

However, without stopping to moralize much, I detached the common stamps from the envelopes, and, in the case of the rare ones, prepared to take letter and all. When I got through sorting my treasures, I had a pile about

a foot high. Where should I stow them? As my pockets would not hold half of them, I unbuttoned my coat and padded myself until I somewhat resembled a full-grown "pouter" cock, and could only walk by holding my head "high in the heavens." Covered with cob-webs and dust I prepared to make my descent, down through the court room and off home.

As I descended the stairs, my head highly elevated, I stepped upon some old clothes, which I had not noticed when coming up, and, oh, horror of horrors! went crashing down stairs like "a thousand of brick." I arose, trembling and bruised, and what was my consternation to hear His Honor the Judge, in a deep and harsh voice roar, "Policemen, do your duty. The High Court of our Sovereign Lady the Queen must be respected." I did not wait to hear anything more, but betook myself, at a very lively gait, up stairs again. Where could I hide? I caught sight of an old bed-tick, lying in a secluded and darkened corner of the attic. Into this I plunged, head first.

Breathing in bushels of chaff and dust, the accumulation of twenty or thirty years, I lay as still as possible, and waited. But the policemen (as is generally the rule with the "move-ons,") only came as far as the bottom of the stairs, and then returned to the court-room. Arising from my downy couch, I appeared rather the worse for wear. My face, I imagine, would have borne fair comparison with that of the greatest Indian dandy when arrayed in all his gorgeous war paint. My clothes somewhat resembled those of a chimney sweep, and as all the letters with which I had padded myself had slipped down somewhere in the region of the pit of my stomach, I had suddenly become of very Aldermanic proportions.

Having "adjusted" myself, and after having had a miniature house-cleaning, I once more descended the stairs and found to my sorrow that the rascally policemen had done their duty only too well—far better than they had

intended. They had placed the board against the door, and I was a prisoner. Sick at heart, I once more travelled those weary stairs, and, having seated myself on the heap of rags I had hauled out of the basket, I amused myself in abusing the world in general and myself and stamp collecting in particular.

While thus contemplating on the trials and tribulations of this life, my eye caught sight of a small window far up the side of the building. By means of the beams and rafters supporting the building, I managed to reach the window and succeeded in opening it. With a drop of about six feet I safely landed on the roof of a wing of the court house. Once here my task was easy. An iron ladder led to the ground. This I soon made use of, and in a very short time was at home, trying to steady my nerves after all the fearful shocks they had encountered.

When turning over those leaves of my album, on which are mounted some of the best Canadian and United States stamps, or when standing within the old walls of the court house, which I do almost daily, my mind always reverts to a certain event in my stamp collecting career, and I have been heard murmuring to myself:—"I'd rather be here than there."

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## Canadian Gossip and Chit-Chat.

It is reported on reliable authority that Edward C. Biggar, a collector of Niagara Falls, Ont., and late of Nebraska, left that State in quite a hurry, forgetting to pay his creditors, who are now after him. This should be a warning to Canadian dealers and collectors.

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I notice in a certain journal a note stating that "the weekly which was to be issued from *Montreal* has not yet appeared." Such is the case, but it was not from Montreal that it was to appear, but from a certain Western Ontario centre and by a dealer whose chief aim in life seems to be to "make promises and not fulfil them."

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The new issue is out, and is quite satisfactory, especially the 20c. and 50c. adhesives and the large post card, which present a splendid appearance. The letter sheet is a little too small and rather rough, but is well enough for a first effort. We trust that the Government will issue a new and complete adhesive set, as Canada is rather in want of something interesting in that line.

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Loose again. Such is the latest report regarding that renowned fraud, Thos. O. Pardoe, jr., late of Ingersoll, Ont., but who is now completing the good (?) work from Yorkville, Ont. The P.O. authorities are yet at work on the case, and the sooner Philately is rid of him the better.

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A serious question is now being agitated by Canadian collectors. It proposes a union of all the local societies of Canada with a Supreme Council at the head. This would do away with the two useless national (?) societies, who are continually engaged in warfare, and would be a "move in the right direction."

Three new stamp papers are announced for Canada. The *Queen City Philatelist*, and *Canadian Philatelic Monthly* from Ontario, and the *Nova Scotian Philatelist* from Nova Scotia. Canada is now well up in Philatelic publications, all the new ones, with the exception of the *Ottawa Philatelist*, being yet alive. Should these three materialize, Canada will have seven journals. Whew!

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The PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA last month was the largest Canadian journal ever issued outside of the *Dominion Philatelist*, whose subscription price is 50c., and whose contents for the most part are reprinted. As far as neatness is concerned, it was unexcelled by any. Twenty pages and cover of well-written matter is no small thing for a three months' old publication.

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A leading Canadian collector is now compiling a complete history and catalogue of the Postage and Revenue Stamps of British North America, which will undoubtedly prove the most useful and interesting ever issued on this side. It will be published in a 100 page form, and will be "the filling of a long-felt want."

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It seems strange that neither the C. P. A. nor P. S. of C. have yet taken any active means to contribute towards the World's Fair Stamp Exhibit, as was promised. We trust that they will take the hint and set to work at once.

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Ye heavens! can this latest be true? and are we Canucks to have the largest and highest priced Philatelic journal published in the world? It would seem so from a circular from Mr. Hy. A. Fowler, of Toronto, who announces a large 60-pp. or more monthly, christened the *Canadian Journal of Philately* at the very small subscription price of \$3



per annum. The materializing of this publication would undoubtedly be quite an event, and we trust it may, although we rather believe that the exorbitant price will be a draw-back to its success. We, however, await further progress.

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Surprise upon surprise, and before we could digest the preceding announcement comes another to the effect that the PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA will, after May 1st, be issued as a *semi-monthly* and in its present form. Quite an awakening in Canadian circles of late. A weekly is all that can be desired now. —NEMO.

### Chicago Notes.

The Western Stamp & Coin Co.'s 11th auction sale took place Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th. The following are some of the prices realized:—

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Lot No. 1—New York 5c. black—Un- |         |
| severed pair on original         | \$10 25 |
| " 33—U.S. 1865, newspaper 5c.    |         |
| blue border.....                 | 3 05    |
| " 89—U. S. Interior—Complete     |         |
| set in blocks of four—un-        |         |
| used.....                        | 4 65    |
| " 99—U.S. State Dept., 90c.....  | 3 10    |
| " 401—Switzerland and Zurich—6   |         |
| R. perpendicular lines           | 3 95    |
| " 402—Switzerland and Zurich—6   |         |
| R. horizontal lines.....         | 5 00    |
| " 436—West Australia—1856 2d     | 8 25    |
| " 448—Mixed lot of 3,180 foreign |         |
| stamps.....                      | 10 65   |

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An engraver's proof of the new 8c. Columbian stamp is in the possession of one of the postal clerks at the Chicago post office. The design represents Columbus kneeling before the Queen—"Restored to favor." The color is not yet known.

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I received an electric shock a few days ago, when a sample copy of the *Electric Philatelist* was handed me. The following lines appear in same:—  
 "There was a man by the name of Vance,  
 Who had a passion for collecting stamps;  
 Until one day, all of a sudden,  
 He turned into a stamp, Oh, what a pudden."

What the object was in putting this "rot" in is hard to determine, unless the editor wanted to fill up space. Such stuff as this is a disgrace to Philately.

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A dealer's life is by no means an easy one. The following incident will serve as an illustration:—A short time ago a "stamp fiend" walked into the office of a prominent dealer in this city and asked to be shown some good foreign stamps. The obliging dealer immediately brought forth his several stock albums, feeling sure from the appearance of the gentleman that he knew what he wanted. After calmly looking through the several albums and commenting on the poor appearance, etc., of the stamps, he asked the dealer, who by this time had become impatient, what discount he allowed off prices marked. On being informed that a discount of 25% was allowed, he, after searching through an album again, remarked that there were but few stamps in the lot that he did not already possess, but he would take one particular stamp that he was in need of, marked at 5c., if the dealer would let him have it for 3c. It is needless to say that he did not get it. But he did get something for which he had not bargained, for Mr. Dealer let forth the vials of his wrath upon his head, and Mr. Fiend, thinking "discretion the better part of valor," made good his escape.

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It is a deplorable fact that the Chicago Post Office is one of the worst in the country. Many efforts have been made to secure a new building or at least get the present one in decent repair, but it is so far gone that it is almost impossible to make any marked improvement on it. Considerable money has been spent on it during the past year, but without much success. Chicago philatelists are by no means proud of the structure, and would gladly steer the visiting brother in another direction, but to a philatelist the post office has a peculiar charm, which draws his thoughts and footsteps to it.

WILLIAM ROWLEY.

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we are highly gratified. The scores of commendatory letters and kind words that have reached us have convinced us that the P. J. of C. has become a most welcome and acceptable visitor among philatelists of every grade, and we can pride ourselves on our exceptional success. We have been treated to a solid foundation, and we are now ready to reciprocate in the form of a repayment for the kindness. After due consideration, we have determined that we can with credit to our readers and ourselves make the P. J. of C. a *fortnightly magazine* instead of a monthly, and with the further assistance of our philatelic friends we are sure of carrying our point. As it will require some time in making preparations for this grand effort, we shall commence to issue this fortnightly from May 8th. After that, it will appear promptly on the 7th and 22nd of the month, carrying with it the very latest news. Subscriptions will be received until the 30th of April at the present rate, when they will be advanced to 40 cents. The advertisements will be same as now *each issue*. Advertisers placing contracts *now* may do so at the rate of 75 cents per inch per month (2 issues) or  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times present rate for larger space. Remember, this only holds good until the end of April, and we shall *positively not cut rates*.

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**Subscribe before the price is raised.**

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Unless a certain gentleman (?) of Belleville sends us the amount due us by next issue of this Journal, he will have the pleasure (?) of seeing his name in print, as we have written him several times, apparently without effect.

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**Is this not a neat, entertaining Journal?**



We think this thing of *Small* versus *Canadensis* and *vice versa* is being carried a little too far, at least by the *small* side of it. Perhaps Mr. Hooper does not write as good an article now as he used to, but it must be taken into consideration that half the time lately he has been on the sick list. In fact he has been so sick that he is thinking seriously of giving up his situation in the Post Office Dept. at Ottawa. We trust he will soon recover his wonted strength and give us some more of the excellent articles which have made him famous.

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It has been announced by the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* that the *original* (?) plates of the rd. first issue Mauritius have been unearthed. Could not these plates be made to order and then announced as the *original* plates? It is a shame to think that when you have a rare stamp in your collection, one perhaps no other collector has got, that the same stamp (reprint) can be bought for a mere song. Perhaps there are a very few collectors who do own the rd. orange Mauritius and who look with disgust, and justly so, on the discovery of the plate (?). Somebody's gain, somebody's loss.

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We have added a new department this month, which we think will be acceptable to all of our readers. It is, as its name implies, "Canadian Gossip and Chit-Chat," the doings of collectors in Canada. This department is in the hands of a well-known philatelist, who, we know, will bring it up to a very high standard. Canadian collectors can help us to make it a valuable as well as instructive department by sending any notes of interest, accounts of finds,

meetings, etc. Please address them to Editor "Gossip and Chit-Chat," PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA, 57 Dundas St., London, Ont.

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As an inducement to non-subscribers, we will send this journal one year (including the *Fortnightly*) to all purchasing goods to the amount of \$2.50 from the publisher's list printed herein. As the goods are as cheap as any dealer's, this an opportunity not to let pass. To all our friends we beg leave to say that the publisher's price-list will not be ready until April 1st. It will be brought fully up to date.

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The following are a few of the many letters we have received:—

Capt. E. F. Würtele, President of the C. P. A. says:—"Your paper, the PHIL. JOUR. OF CANADA, came to hand to-day, and to my mind presents a *very neat appearance*." Mr. T. R. Ferris, a prominent W.P.U. member says of one of our new departments:—"Your Auction Epitome of Sales published in your paper strikes me in the right place, as it is just what I want." Mr. C. A. Allen, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, says:—"I was very pleased indeed to welcome your fine paper, and wish *long life and prosperity* to it." Among others we have received commendatory letters from the following:—J. K. Tiffany, President A. P. A.; Wm. N. Beggs, M. D.; Max Meyenberg, M. A. Steffan, Walter McMahon, Frank Scammell, J. E. Welton, F. H. Barker, Cleve Scott, Thos. A. Wilson, Geo. A. Holland, Edwin B. Todd, L. Brodstone, S. C. Gensel, etc., etc. We might fill the whole page, but the above are sufficient to show that our efforts are appreciated. Others are satisfied, are you? If not

already a subscriber, please forward the same at once as per notice elsewhere.

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The publisher of this Journal was the first city dealer in London to receive the new Letter Card and 20 cent postage stamp. We have to thank Mr. Wilson, of Belleville, for the Letter Card, and Mr. McMahon, of Toronto, for the 20c. stamp. We have also to thank Mr. Rowley, of Chicago, for a specimen of the new Special Delivery stamp. It was also the first to arrive here.

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As will be noticed, Mr. Bernstein contributes an article on the subject of a Union of the two Canadian Societies, the C. P. A. and P. S. of C., with which we fully agree, and hope the scheme may soon be accomplished. We see no reason why there should be one cause and two factions, and would like to see the evil remedied. In this number is printed a form, and we would request all members of both the C. P. A. and P. S. of C. to copy, with their views, on a postal card and send as soon as possible. A copy of this number will be sent to all C. P. A. and P. S. of C. members, and all are requested to voice their sentiments. Don't fail to do it, as now is the time for action before the Conventions are in session.

## Forgeries.

### FORGED SURCHARGE.

The Canadian Bill Stamps of the 3rd issue have been surcharged N. S. by an unscrupulous Canadian dealer. It has been done pretty cleverly, so look out for them

### FORGED ½ D.

We learn that forgeries of the ½ d. stamps are out. The work is not very

well done, and any collector with a genuine specimen can easily detect the forgery at sight.

☞ The above are the only forged stamps of Canada that have been brought to our notice this month. Readers will be informed each month of any new forgeries. We would earnestly request any of our readers coming across any other forgeries of Canada to send us an account of same, or better still, send us specimens. By so doing you might help some other collector who would not think perhaps to look closely at the specimen he might be purchasing. The stamp or stamps will be immediately returned after issue of the *Journal*.

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Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co. should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free by addressing above firm at 925 La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo. (adv.)

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There seems to be a general revival of stamp collecting in the London Public Schools and Collegiate Institute. One day last week one of the masters in the Collegiate Institute wanted to know the proper pronunciation of Philately.

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Did you notice our advertisement? Canadian Stamp Co., Harriston, Ont.

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It may not be generally known that Mr. Alvah Davison has resigned his position as editor of the *Post Office*. Mr. Gremmel is looking for another to fill his position, but he will be hard to get.

## New York Notes.

Rogers' American Philatelic Blue Book is not out yet, and it is March 15th already. However, Mr. Rogers confidently expects to have it in the hands of the public by April 1st, 1893.

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The yellow Special Delivery Stamp was on sale at the New York P. O., at midnight, Wednesday, March 8th. The reported eight cent stamps have not yet appeared, nor have the Columbian envelopes.

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Bogert & Durbin Company's Thirtieth Auction Sale will be held at 25 Ann Street, on Wednesday evening, March 29th, 1893. The sale comprises the collection of a prominent Western collector. The Departments are complete, including the rare \$5 State. Bidding will no doubt be lively.

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At this writing, *The Brooklyn Stamp*, of Brooklyn, has not shown up. To be behindtime with the first issue is not very flattering.

†††

Mr. H. G. Strong, late of Rochester, N. Y., is now at New Haven, Ct. He was in this city a few days ago, the guest of R. P. Spooner. Mr. Strong wants the Presidency of the Sons of Philatelia, so I am told.

†††

But he won't get it. There are two nominees in the field, both Pennsylvania men, C. W. Kissinger, of Reading, and R. J. Russell, M. D., of Hanover. Mr. Kissinger has a sure thing, as no one who has any sense of justice or honor will vote for a man who inserts such libellous epistles in the Society's official organ as Dr. Russell has done.

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Why cannot the Philatelic Society of Canada secure a Canadian paper for official organ? There's plenty of them now. *The Stamp* has deteriorated considerably since it accepted the official organship.

The present President, Treasurer and Exchange Superintendent of the Sons of Philatelia are holding their respective offices in direct violation of the Constitution, which says they shall be *twenty-one years*. They are all *over* twenty-one years of age. Great Constitution!

†††

The J. W. Scott Company is to remove its quarters to 40 John St. on or before May 1st, 1893. John St. is one block from Fulton St. I trust the members of the firm will take occasion to straighten up things in the office and store, as, at present, they are the acme of confusion. I hear that *The Metropolitan Philatelist* will soon have another editor, which accounts for a recent resignation in that line.

†††

I was walking past 722 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, the other day, with a collecting friend, a stranger in the village, and I pointed out to him the medium-sized office of the Bogert & Durbin Co. on the second floor of the building. He looked very much surprised, and said he thought the concern occupied the whole building. He then gazed upward, hoping to see the imaginary flag-staff floating the colors of the B. & D. Co., but he was disappointed. He then tried to distinguish the name, "Bogert & Durbin Co." over the fourth story of the building, but he was again disappointed. He said it was the biggest misrepresentation he ever struck. However, it's business. I should not be surprised if the B. & D. Co. was to advertise a cut of the massive Tribune Building of this City, and label it "Our New York Office."

RALPH W. ASHCROFT.

"Do I have to stick this stamp on myself?" asked a dude of the P. O. clerk.

"Oh, no," replied the clerk, "you couldn't go in the mail bags, and besides this is a letter stamp, and you are not first-class male matter."



## Auction Epitome for February.

| COUNTRY AND STAMP.                               | SALE. | PRICE.  | CONDITION.        |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|-------------------|
| <b>BRITISH COLUMBIA—</b>                         |       |         |                   |
| 10 cent, blue, 1865                              | c 2   | \$12.50 | x. im. e.         |
| do rose-pink and blue.                           | f     | 6.60    | o. f. p.          |
| do do                                            | c 2   | 14.00   | o. f. p. 12½      |
| \$1.00 (one dollar) green and blue.              | c 2   | 16.00   | o. vf. p. 14      |
| <b>CANADA—</b>                                   |       |         |                   |
| ½ penny, pink.                                   | j     | 6.25    | o. f. p.          |
| do do                                            | e     | £0:16:0 | x. f. p.          |
| 6 pence, purple, wove.                           | g     | \$2.10  | x. im.            |
| do do                                            | e     | £2:15:0 | x. f. p.          |
| 7½ pence, green.                                 | c 2   | \$8.00  | x. vf.            |
| 10 do blue.                                      | e     | £0:18:0 | x. f.             |
| 12 do black ("specimen" washed out).             | c 2   | \$ 6.25 | proof.            |
| 1 cent, red-brown, laid paper.                   | c 2   | 5 25    | x. pt (2)         |
| 3 cents, red, watermarked.                       | h     | 1.00    | x.                |
| 12½ cents, blue do                               | h     | 1.10    | x. d.             |
| <b>NEW BRUNSWICK—</b>                            |       |         |                   |
| 6 pence, yellow.                                 | f     | 5.50    | x. f.             |
| do do                                            | c 3   | 7.10    | x. vf.            |
| 7½ pence, 6 yellow, 3 red (upper ½).             | c 2   | 13.00   | x. 3 is cc.       |
| 1 shilling, violet.                              | c 2   | 35.00   | j. cc.            |
| do do                                            | j     | 42.25   | x. vf.            |
| do do with 3 pence, red.                         | e 2   | £6: 5:0 | x. f. h.          |
| 5 cent, Connell (no "specimen").                 | c 2   | \$5.80  |                   |
| <b>NEWFOUNDLAND—</b>                             |       |         |                   |
| 2 pence, vermilion.                              | d     | £1:15:0 | * o. f.           |
| do do                                            | h     | \$ 4.00 | o. f.             |
| 3 do green (sheet of 80).                        | c     | 42.40   | o. f.             |
| 4 do vermilion.                                  | c 2   | 5.20    | x. d.             |
| 4 do orange.                                     | c 2   | 7.80    | x. s. k.          |
| 5 do violet-brown (sheet of 20), watermark'd.    | c     | 13.00   | o. f.             |
| 5 do do do 40 do                                 | c     | 26.00   | o. f.             |
| 6½ do vermilion.                                 | a     | £2:18:0 | o. f.             |
| 1 shilling do                                    | e 2   | 6: 5:0  | x. f.             |
| do do                                            | d     | 6: 0:0  | x. f.             |
| do orange.                                       | c 2   | \$22.00 | x. s. k. s. l. c. |
| <b>NOVA SCOTIA—</b>                              |       |         |                   |
| 1 penny, red-brown.                              | h     |         | x. f.             |
| 3 pence, m. a. ½ 6 pence, dark green.            | c 3   | 3.75    | x. vf. g.         |
| 4½ do l. ½ 3d., blue + r. ½ 6d., green.          | c 3   | 7.25    | do                |
| 6 do green.                                      | h     | 16.50   | x.                |
| 7½ do unsevered yellow-green 6 & n. ¼ 6d.        | c 3   | 3.75    | x.                |
| 1 shilling, violet.                              | d     | 15.60   | x. vf. g.         |
| do do                                            | d     | £2:15:0 | x.                |
| do do                                            | d     | 3:10:0  | x.                |
| do mauve.                                        | c 2   | \$38.00 | x. f.             |
| 5 cent, vermilion, m. s. ½ of 10 cent.           | c 2   | 50.00   | j. vf.            |
| 8½ cent, green.                                  | c 3   | 7.50    | x. q.             |
| 8½ do 5 cent, blue + n. r. a ½ 5 + n. r. a       | h     | 1.80    | x. f.             |
| ½ 2, mauve.                                      | c 3   | 12.50   | x. f. g.          |
| <b>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—</b>                     |       |         |                   |
| 9 pence, green, 6d., green + m. l. a 6d., green. | c 3   | 35.00   | x. f. g. p. q.    |

EXPLANATIONS.

- |              |                      |                 |              |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| a—Diagonal   | f—Fine               | l—Left          | q—Pinhole    |
| b—Horizontal | g—Entire envelope    | m—Lower         | r—Right      |
| c—Corner     | h—Part envelope      | n—Upper         | s—Slight     |
| cc—Creased   | im—Imperforate       | o—Unused        | t—Tear       |
| d—Damaged    | j—Lightly cancelled. | og—Original gum | vf—Very fine |
| e—Cut close  | k—Oxidized           | p—Perforated    | x—Used       |
- p t ( )—Perforations trimmed on ( ) side

| NO. | AUCTIONEER.               | DATE.             | WHERE.    | SALE.     |
|-----|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| a   | Mr. Hadlow.               | Dec. 17, '92      | London    | 15        |
| b   | Ventom, Bull & Cooper.    |                   |           |           |
| c   | Scott & Co.               | Dec. 13 & 14, '92 | New York  | 117       |
| c 2 | do                        | Feb. 8 & 9, '93   | "         | 119       |
| c 3 | do                        | Feb. 23, '93      | "         | 120       |
| d   | Messrs. Smith & Co.       | Dec. 17, '92      | Edinburgh | Not given |
| e   | Cheveley & Co.            | Dec. 21 & 22, '92 | London    | 34        |
| e 2 | do                        | (Not given)       | "         | 35        |
| f   | J. W. Scott Co.           | Dec. 6, '92       | New York  | Not given |
| g   | S. B. Bradt Co.           | Dec. 14, '92      | Chicago   | 9         |
| h   | Western Philatelic Union. | Dec. 15 & 16, '92 | "         | 1         |
| j   | Henry Gremmel.            | Feb. 2, '93       | New York  | 7         |

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|           | Heligoland, Wrappers, 3 var. ....        | 05   |           |
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