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## GENERAL CANADIAN NEWS.

The current Canadian 1c. Envelope exists in three distinct shades, dark, medium, and pale blue.

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I was recently shown a fine block of 11 Canada 3/4d. pink. I believe they are unique in this condition.

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An unused Nova Scotia, 6d. dark green, sold for \$17.50 at Drew's sale, held on the 30th of April, while a used New Brunswick 6d. brought \$20.50.

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Mr. W. H. Allison, C. P. R. train despatcher, one of London's leading collectors, will move to Toronto on June 15th. London's loss will be Toronto's gain.

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Younger collectors are on the increase in Canada, although from reports it seems there has been a falling off in the U. S. Canadian dealers report that business in the cheaper class of stamps is better than it has been for some time past.

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A new set of Canadian Revenues has been recently issued for Electric Light Inspection. They are similar to the Weight and Measure and Gas stamps, are red in color, and have the registered number printed in blue across the centre. The following values compose the set: 25 and 50 cents, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10.

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Some collectors do not seem to be aware of the fact that the Canadian bill stamps have been obsolete for a long time. When in use, commercial paper was required to have these stamps affixed, and the following rates were charged: \$25 or less, 1c.; \$50 and over, 2c.; \$100 and over, 3c.; each additional \$100 or fraction of \$100, 3c.

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There has been considerable talk from time to time of organizing a provincial philatelic association in Ontario. The plan is certainly a good one, and if some well-known and energetic collector would place himself at the head of the movement, there should be no difficulty in forming a good society, as Ontario is the garden of the Dominion, from a philatelist's as well as an agriculturist's point of view.

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The publication of *The London Stamp and Coin Journal*, to which I referred last month, has been postponed until the fall. *Stamp Lore*, I expect, will appear this month, and will be one of the best of Canadian philatelic journals. The first issue of *The All-Around Stamp Advertiser* appeared from St. Hyacinthe, Que., as I announced last month. The publishers claim for their first issue a circulation of 15,000. Personally, I received several sample copies of this issue, and if all the copies were placed in this way, the value of the 15,000 circulation would be materially decreased.

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I am pleased to note that the Canadian Government is adopting some of the new cancelling machines, which have been in use for some time in the United States. They are certainly a great improvement on the old hand stamps, which, in the majority of cases, were practically valueless, in that it was almost impossible to decipher the cancellation. At the time of writing I have seen three different types, Union Jacks, etc., somewhat similar to the U. S. cancellations. It is probable that these machines will soon be adopted in all the large cities throughout the Dominion.

W. CULEN BROWN.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

## GENERAL CONTINENTAL NEWS.

A 50 öre Norway of the new type has just appeared.

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*The Societe Philatelique Francaise* has recently been amalgamated with *The Societe Francaise de Timbrologie*.

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At the recent election of the *Salisbury Philatelic Society*, Hon. Judge Philbrick, Q.C., was elected President.

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Bright's ABC Catalogue, which has been advertised so extensively, is having a large sale. Its low price and neat appearance has made it a favorite, and it will doubtless prove a keen competitor to some of the older catalogues.

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*The London Philatelist* is always to the front with valuable articles, and Mr. J. Tilleard's paper, "Notes on the De La Rue Series of the Stamps of India," which has just appeared in this journal, is an exceedingly valuable and painstaking treatise on these interesting stamps.

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Messrs. Chevely & Co. will hold three auctions during May: their 88th sale takes place on April 30th and May 1st; 89th sale on the 12th and 13th; 90th sale on the 26th and 27th. Some very choice varieties are offered in these sales. This firm have given up their stamp dealing, and in future will devote their attention exclusively to their auction sales.

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I take the liberty of quoting the following from *The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*:—It is stated that the designs of the new Japanese stamps which are to commemorate the late war with China have now been approved by the Mikado. One will bear the portrait of the late Marshal, Prince Arisugawa Sambito, "chief of the staff of the army of the Japanese empire," and the other a likeness of the late Lieut.-General, Prince Kitashirakawa, commander of the Imperial Guards engaged in the subjugation of Formosa.

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"The New Collector" is still being boomed here. Messrs. Brown and Whittell King appear to be at the head of the movement, and while many favor the collecting of only issues subsequent to 1890, it is still difficult to say just to what extent the collecting of new issues will go, but it certainly is undeniable that the older and rarer issues are running up in price so rapidly as to place them beyond the reach of the majority of collectors, and this is causing many collectors to devote their attention to the more recent issues which can be obtained at merely nominal rates.

A. J. RINNERS.

## CLIPPINGS.

A dainty fad for philatelists is the wearing of their favorite specimens mounted in cuff buttons. The small 5c. black of Canada, mounted in gold cuff buttons, has the appearance of onyx, and the effect is very striking.—*Daily Stamp Item*.

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The cancellation which one frequently meets with on the Belgian stamps, consisting of a long narrow band, with diamond-shaped figures, is that used in the postal savings banks. Such stamps have never been used for postage, and are about on a par with the punched Spanish stamps, which, however, are used to denote use in telegraphing.—*Boston Stamp Book*.