

THE MONTH.

This department was inadvertently omitted last month owing to the editor's absence. During June, July and August the Toronto Philatelic Club will meet only on the first Wednesday of the month. The Canada 8c. stamp is expected here daily; they are now being printed, and will be a deep maroon in color. The talk of the withdrawal of the 50c. stamp is only talk. The *Ottawa Philatelist* is surely defunct this time, it having had its second-class rates taken from it on account of an article entitled "The Philatelic Mocking-Bird" which appeared in its columns. We see by *The Philatelic Record* that Newfoundland is to shortly issue a new set of stamps, with a portrait of the Queen, as is shown in the new English coinage, with diadem and veil upon the head. Seebeck's 1892 crop has been harvested and is now on the market. All the Hawaiian Island stamps on hand at Honolulu were recently surcharged "Provisional Government." We may yet see the U. S. Columbians surcharged "Hawaiian Islands". Seychelles recently changed her postage rates, and as a result we have an extensive crop of surcharges hailing from this place. The Newfoundland 1 sh., vermilion, which was worth but \$5 in 1870, now sells for \$48; the Nova Scotia shilling has gone up from \$3.75 to \$37.90; the New Brunswick shilling from \$4 to \$40.50; New York 3c., on glazed paper, from 80c to \$15; U. S. 1869 set from 60c. to \$19; St. Louis 10c. from \$2 to \$33.50; Providence 5 and 10c. from 65c. to \$22.05, and so on. In the face of this who can say stamp collecting does not pay. We have a specimen of the Guyane 1c., 1893, which is spelt GUYANE in error for GUYANE. We have not as yet noticed this error in the higher values. Mr. A. Schiff, of the National Collection Agency, New York City, was in Toronto on May 31st. We have received from our friend, Mr. Jules Ledger, of Anderarde, Belgium, the new Belgium Sunday stamp. It consists of two parts which are separated by perforations; if it is desired that the letter be not delivered on Sunday, the lower portion is left on, while if the sender has no objection to its Sunday delivery the lower portion is detached. The Nebraska Philatelic Society which was organized in April, 1892, now has 41 members and 9 applications. Nebraska philatelists are an active body. The first auction sale of the U. P. A. has been postponed to June 15th from date previously set. The famous philatelic poet, Guy W. Green, has gone into writing ballad poetry; in the Columbian issue of *The Pennsylvania Philatelist* he contributes a poem which occupies five pages. *The Stamp News* says: Such a brisk business goes on every Thursday and Sunday at the Parisian Stamp Bourse, which is held in the open air, that it is said the authorities contemplate putting a roof over that part of the Champs Elysees. Mr. W. Hadlow, of London, England, held his 21st sale at Chancery Lane, on May 12th. It has been suggested that in event of the Home Rule Bill becoming law, that the Irish Government thereby created will find it desirable to have a set of postage stamps for use in Ireland. As will be seen by an advertisement in this issue, Queensland, Australia, is to have a new stamp journal to be called *The Australian Stamp News*. Cape wood blocks are using rapidly on the continent. New Zealand now has the backs of her stamps covered with advertisements. We consider that it is a profitable business for the N. Z. P. O. Dept. The Duke of York, at his own request, has been admitted a member of

the London Philatelic Society. We notice that a large number of the nobility are members of this society. Its Hon. President is H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh, K. G. and C.; Hon. Vice-President, H. R. H. the Duke of York; President, the Earl of Kingston. The latest aspirant to fame is the *Western Journal of Philately*, published by L. M. Bates, of Valentine, Neb. A large number of Canada 12d. are turning up, but soon disappear. An error has been discovered in the 2c. and 10c. Columbian envelopes. They appear with and without periods after cents. The 27th meeting of the Philatelic Society of San Francisco was held May 5th. Kissinger's *Philatelic Postal Card* has been excluded from the mails. Who can tell why editors and publishers of philatelic magazines find it too hot to write in the summer months and decrease the size of their papers? Several of the London (England) dealers have had a meeting to consider the advisability of establishing an open stamp exchange similar to the Stamp Bourse of Paris. The Governor of the Straits Settlements has directed that not more than \$500 worth of stamps be sold to one person without special permission. This applies to the Native States as well as the colony. *The Philatelic Journal of America* says: "Upon authority of Mr. A. R. Rogers, of New York, whose information comes from an official source, we learn that the current issue of periodical stamps are to be placed on sale to the public. Collectors can then obtain specimens at face value. This will tend to reduce the present market value of the lower denominations and advance the price of unused specimens of the higher denominations to at least face value." The 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10c. stamps of the Argentine 1890 issue have been surcharged "Official," in black. The A. P. A. convention will be held in the week of August 14-19 at Chicago, near the corner of 35th Street and Cottage Grove Avenue. The *Dominion Philatelist* has decreased in size to 12 pages. Hot weather the probable cause! We hear that a Chicago collector will shortly issue a philatelic postal card, like that issued by Mr. Kissinger. It is to be used for kicking and criticizing. It may be refused the mails, as was Mr. Kissinger's paper of this nature. Mr. E. Y. Parker, of Toronto, called on us recently. We see by the *Southern Philatelist*, that parties who were swindled by the Toronto Stamp Concern, of Yorkville, can obtain recompense by addressing Mr. F. D. Barwick, Post Office Inspector, Toronto, Ont. We recently exposed this firm's fraudulent dealings through this paper. Our Annual List, No. 4, will be ready Sept. 1st, and will be the most artistic and the best list ever issued by a Canadian dealer. Have your name entered for a copy. The *Philatelic Gazette* is a new paper of more than average merit hailing from Ore. England. Six new members and three applications are received by the P. S. of C. for June. The *Chicago Philatelist* is undoubtedly what it claims to be: "Much in a nutshell." It is the best magazine of its size published, perfect in contents and appearance. Among the recent acquisitions to the London Society is a real live prince—no less a person than Prince Boris Shakhofskoi, probably of Russia. The Prince has not been a resident in this country (England), for some time. His name, I believe, came over in a separate vessel. In conclusion, look out for improvements next month.

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