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From our Regular Correspondent.

London Stamp News.

A great stir has been made in Philatelic circles here by the exposure of Williams & Co of Peru. The majority of our stamp papers published that firms advertisements but the few who did not do so are "pegging away" at their less fortunate contemporaries. Those journals which did accept these advertisements are full of excuses. For my part I wondered very much at the number of important journals here which gave space to the so-called Williams & Co, as the said firm gave such poor payment for their advertisements. I believe this was offered in used stamps.

An important auction sale of stamps was held at St. Martin's town hall on February 15 and 16 which was perhaps the principle sale of the season. The sale consisted of 432 lots which realized no less than £1345 17s 6d. The highest price paid for a stamp at this sale was £39 for a 1 penny Turk's Island unused with full gum A Great Britain £1 brown lilac, water marked cross in mint condition fetched £25 while the 10 grey green was sold for £15.10.

News of a daring robbery of the contents of an Exchange Club Packet is just to hand. It appears that some one has changed the Club sheets for plain foolscap paper while in the hands of the postal authorities. The committee of the Stamp Exchange Protection Society has offered a reward of £5 for information heading to the conviction of the thieves.

The new issue of Malta is now in use as is also the series of Virgin Islands stamps bearing the figure of the Virgin Mary with the Infant Saviour in her arms. A new issue is expected for St. Vincent.

That bright journal "Stamps" gives the famous throughfare—The Strand—the nickname of the "Stamp Street" on account of the number of stamp dealers which have their premises there. Messrs Bright & Son, the catalogue firm of Bournemouth are about to add their names to the already long list. They have announced their intention of opening a shop and premises at 16 Strand (the Rivalry),

says another English journal; the Miscellany between the two big catalogue firms, Gibbons and Bright on one street will have no small effect on the prices for many of the stamps which are overpriced by both firms.

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Ottawa Notes.

BY J. S. DALTON.

The society formed is called "The Ottawa Junior Philatelic Society." The membership for this year is limited to twelve. The first meeting was held on Mar. 9th. G. H. LeB. Ross, Esq. was in the chair. There is no cash used in connection with this society. All stamps being settled for in exchange.

List of member.

L. Pereira.
A. R. Morieset.
E. N. Ridley.
G. Pereira, (sec)
G. Macrea.
F. S. Prince,
A. F. Sladen.
G. P. Reiffastein.
G. H. LeB. Ross.
G. H. Newcombe.
— Riraud.
J. S. Dalton.

Most dealers are selling the 2c purple envelope for \$1.00 and \$1.50. This is too dear for the present.

When is Ottawa to have a philatelic paper?

We have another surcharge; the 3c letter card surcharged 2c. Both the old and new ones were done. Only a small number were surcharged.

The Philatelists here have been booming stamp collecting lately. There has been a stamp company and an exchange society formed. The company is known as the Anglo-American Stamp Co., They mount stamps on approval cards and distribute them among the stationers and chemists of the city. They do not publish a price list or send stamps out on approval.

The stamp business here seems pretty brisk. i

It is reported that the 4c and 7c stamps will soon be printed.

New Issues.

COMPILED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Afghanistan.—The M. J. reports the receipt of two more varieties of the registration stamps.

Reg. stamp 2 abasi black and orange.
2 " " yellow.

Brazil.—Has surcharged a half dozen or more of her stamps provisionally.

Canada.—The three-cent envelope and letter card of last year have been surcharged 2c. 2c. black on red.

Ceylon.—The 15c adhesive has received the surcharge "six cents" in black. 6c on 15c sage green.

Chili.—Has a new 30 centavos postage due, in carmine. 30 centavos, carmine.

Colombian Republic.—A new 1 centavo stamp, red on yellow, has appeared. 1 centavo, red on yellow.

Hayti.—Has added a 60c. red to the new designs, with portrait of President Sam. 60c red.

Malta.—Has added four new values to the current issue; a 4 1-2 representing a Gozo boat in full sail; a 5d. representing an ancient galley of the Knights of Malta; a 2/6 bearing an emblematic figure of Malta; a 10s representing the shipwreck of St. Paul on the island.

4 1-2d light brown.
5d red rose.
2/6 bistre.
10/ indigo.

Virgin Isles—A new issue has appeared for these islands. The central design is a figure of the Virgin with lily, in what may be called an ecclesiastical frame, with name above and value and the words "Postage" "Revenue" below.

1-2d green.
1d red.
2 1-2d. ultramarine.
4d brown.
6d purple.
7d dark green.
1/ orange brown.
5/ indigo.

Perak.—The 50c of 1896 has now appeared in green and black color. 50c green and black.