

We accepted no advertisements for No. 1 of our "Philatelic Hand-books," but we have set aside several pages in No. 2 for the advertisements of Canadian dealers, ONLY. The rates will be 50 cents per inch, regardless of amount of space used. We should like to see the Canadian dealers well represented; and, as the book has a circulation of 2000 copies, it cannot but prove a profitable investment to the judicious advertiser.

Before March 15 of this year all the civil service clerks had the privilege of sending and receiving their letters free, but by a recent order of the Government they were deprived of this privilege at the above date.

The poor C. P. A. is wonderfully hard up for members, at least so it seems. A certain Toronto collector, who in Toronto made a practice of swindling stamp dealers, and whose name appears in Merrill's Fraud List, recently moved to London. He applied to the P. S. of C. for membership, but was refused on above ground. We were somewhat surprised, on looking over the March *Dominion Philatelist*, to see that he has been admitted to membership in the C. P. A. Queer, isn't it?

We had no idea of the number of collectors in this city, before opening our new office. Since that, we have made the acquaintance of scores of collectors whom we never before heard of. Philately is experiencing a boom here, and a brisk one at that.

Our worthy official collector, Mr. L. Miller, took a run up to London some days since to endeavor to collect an account placed in his hands against the British American Stamp Co., and found them to be four or five irresponsible boys, who had not called for their mail since October last. Mr. Miller's department is in A 1 order.

Our subscription list is rapidly growing, and now most of the prominent collectors of America have sent in their subscriptions. We shall be pleased to receive yours.

Collectors please note! We have discontinued to send sheets to agents, etc. Lack of necessary time on account of rapid increase of the sale of our packets and mixtures. The large number of collectors who have hitherto handled our sheets are requested to give their patronage to some of the dealers who advertise in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

A large lot of sample copies are sent out this month to specially-selected names. If you receive a copy and are not already a subscriber, forward us the small amount required for your subscription.

We will also be pleased to enter your name for a year's subscription if you induce four of your collecting friends to subscribe.

Advertisers, place your advertisements in our hands if you desire satisfactory results. All copies are carefully placed among active collectors, giving the shrewd dealer a chance to "reap a harvest of shekels." Our Exchange Department is a first-class medium, and for the low rates asked it brings first-class returns. Try it!

At a recent English auction, a Canadian 12½c. green unperforated, sold for £2.6. The Cataloguers classed it as an error. We are inclined to doubt the authenticity of this so-called error. It is in all probability a clipped specimen. We have occasionally come across this stamp with very wide margin, and it would be a very easy matter to clip off the perforation, leaving a seemingly unperforated specimen.

Mr. J. Bernstein, jr., (Vice-President of the P. S. of C. for Quebec, and Vice-President of the United Philatelic Association,) has removed from his late residence at Montreal; and intends to reside in this city in future. We welcome him to our ranks.

Sets of prepaid newspaper stamps are at present in use by Dominion and Canadian Express Companies. Size about 1¼ by 3¾. As far as artistic engraving goes, they are not much to look at; most of them being coarsely engraved.

All subscriptions to this paper must commence with current number; back numbers are very scarce, and can only be supplied at the following prices: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8, are 10c. each; No. 7 is 20c. These numbers are only supplied to our subscribers.

We note with pleasure the rapid increase of the auction business with Philately. Auctions, as a rule we believe, prove financial successes. The prices obtained at auction for a stamp is a more reliable estimate of its value than any priced catalogues are. We find the larger part of the auction business done in England, where high prices are realized.

The Philatelic Literature of this continent on the average, is not near up to the standard of that we receive from Europe. Take, for instance, such large, high-class, newsy papers as the *Stamp News*, *La Echo de la Tymprelogie*, *Philatelic Record*, *Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal*, *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, *London Philatelist*, etc. It is also noticeable, that there are none of the small, trashy papers which sometimes appear on this side of the water; such papers deserve no support.