

paper, which, in the counterfeit, has a satin finish, somewhat similar to bond or light parchment paper.

As the imitations of these stamps are offered on part or on entire newspapers, especially set and printed with a date of about thirty years ago, it is very hard for the collector who does not know of this to tell the difference.

I would advise collectors of postal franks to drop these stamps from their list for three reasons:

They are not postage stamps in any sense of the word.

The genuine copies are very seldom found.

The counterfeits are so well made that even the best informed are deceived, and there is more probability of having a counterfeit palmed off on you than there is of securing a genuine specimen.

There are also some of the lower values of postage stamps of France that are offered as newspaper stamps. These stamps are canceled by printed matter, and were used to denote the payment of the fiscal tax on posters, handbills, etc. They have absolutely no value whatever.

In fact, the French Government has never issued a stamp especially designed for use on newspapers to prepay postage. Consequently there can be no newspaper stamps of France.

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Hamilton Notes.

It was of great surprise to all collectors here that the Ontario Philatelist had changed hands

We regret to lose the O. P., as it was newsy, and one thing

above all was that it was always on time.

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We only hope Mr. and Mrs. Stamp Reporter every success in their new life.

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There are about sixty special delivery stamps on envelopes passing through the mail a month for delivery in the city. These stamps are eagerly sought for by both collectors and dealers.

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Canada's 6c numeral used are being bought up by dealers at 1 1-2 cent each. The demand for them is great.

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Foreign exchange has got to be quite a hobby of late among collectors and the result is that many new dealers, or so-called, start up. This has hurt the approval business badly of late.

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Much to our pleasure, fine specimen and medium value stamps are bringing much higher prices than a year ago. I think it would be better for all dealers who sent the better class of stamps out, to allow only 25 per cent and 33 1-2 per cent. It would be to his interest to do so, and a great help to philately.

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The 4 maple leaf Canada is a scarce article in this city. They seem to have been all bought up, and now that the rush on, it is a hard matter to scrap them up to fill it. The demand for these stamps is great, and the result is that high prices now rule.

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Business within the past month has been of a brisk nature; mostly local trade.