

"BLACK LIST."

We have received a letter from Mr. J. A. Caron, St Luce Sta, Rimouski, in which he states that on February 11th, 1887: "I have forwarded a money order to the value of \$7, to L. D. and J. K. Ferguson & Co., London, England. Also, on May 9th, 1887, I sent 50c. to Sayles A. Riptan of Marlboro', Mass. The two above amounts were to pay for stamps, and although I have written to them several times, I could get no answer."

We should advise all collectors to be very careful in dealing with the above two named firms.

FROM an article in a recent American paper we glean the following, regarding the stamps attributed to Corea, which may be of interest to our readers. The Progressionists had inaugurated a Postal system; and the necessary stamps and arrangements were made so as to conduct it according to foreign methods. The opening of the Post Office at Seoul, and the inauguration of the scheme was the event which precepted the *emeute* and ended in the overthrow of the Liberal party. The Post Office was burned, the postmaster beheaded, and the large and excellent assortment of stamps that had been printed in Japan at a great cost, have since been sold as curiosities.

It is calculated that during the last 12 months, the people of this country have individually and severally put their tongues out 1,968,341,000 times to moisten the postage stamps for the billions of letters and millions of news-

papers, periodicals and parcels that are carried and delivered by the government. And yet 45 years ago there wasn't a postage stamp in the United States.—*Buffalo Courier*.

THE following increase in the number of Post Offices in the Dominion of Canada from 1867 to 1887, will, no doubt, be of interest to our readers to know.

1st July, 1867.....	2333
" 1868	3638
1st Jan., 1870.....	3756
" 1871.....	3820
" 1872.....	3943
" 1873.....	4135
" 1874.....	4518
" 1875.....	4706
" 1876.....	4892
" 1877.....	5015
" 1878.....	5161
" 1879	5378
" 1880.....	5606
" 1881.....	5935
" 1882.....	6171
" 1883.....	6395
" 1884.....	6475
" 1885.....	6851
" 1886.....	7114
" 1887.....	7322

THE stamps that we pay two cents a piece for cost the Government but seven cents a thousand. The Government evidently wants the earth.—*Puck*.

OCCASIONAL gatherings of Halifax Philatelists are being held. As soon as the C. P. A. has its Constitution formed, Halifax will at once form a branch society adopting the regulations of the C. P. A. That is the way Halifax feels at present.

WE are anxiously looking for our Toronto Brother.

WE are also looking for the second issue of *Young Canada*.