

THE MONTH.

As our readers will readily see, this is a new department, our object being to give our subscribers all the latest news in as brief a form as possible.—The Halifax branch, Knights of Philatelia, held their regular meeting on March 15th. Attendance only fair. An enjoyable evening was spent. G. E. Nichols, 197 S. Park Place, New York, is the Secretary.—H. A. Fowler, of Toronto, is shortly to issue the *Canadian Journal of Philately*, as will be seen elsewhere. It promises to be a representative magazine, but it seems to us that the subscription is somewhat high.—The new 8 cent stamp of both the Columbian and small issues are now on sale, as also are the Columbian envelopes.—The new official organ of the Western Philatelic Union for the coming year is the *Metropolitan Philatelist*.—Guelph, Ont., has just organized a live Philatelic Club. One of the first things the club did was to forward their subscription to the *CANADIAN PHILATELIST*, which they consider the best philatelic magazine for the price. Secretary, Leonard Galbraith, Box 596, Guelph, Ont.—The 1 cent Columbian has been touched up and appears in a lighter shade than formerly.—We are told that *Roger's Philatelic Blue-Book* will be published and mailed by May 1st without fail. Mr. Rogers is to be congratulated on the successful completion of a work of so much importance to Philately.—Have you ordered a copy of the official catalogue of the American Philatelic Association World's Fair exhibit? You should do so.—The *Pennsylvania Philatelist* is going to issue a special 100 page Columbian issue in May. If the publishers carry out their prospectus to the letter it promises to be an exceptionally fine number.—The business of the Chicago Postage Stamp Co., of Chicago, Ill., is in the hands of the receiver, who states that all accounts will be paid within 60 days.—The P. S. of C. receives 8 new members and 4 applications according to the Secretary's report for April.—The American Dealers' and Collectors' Philatelic Association, which was organized Jan. 1st, 1893, is now well under way with a membership of nearly 50 prominent dealers and collectors. The official organ, the *Eagle Philatelist*, is sent to all members, and will contain full accounts of the doings of this society. The main object of this society is to protect the members from frauds, there being one officer whose entire attention will be to watch for them and notify the members of their existence. The departments will be the same as in any other society, and all good-standing philatelists are invited to join. Dues, 50c. per year. No other expense and no initiation fee. C. D. Keimers, of Auburn Park, Ill., is the newly elected President; L. M. Lang, of 752 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md., is the Secretary.—The exhibit of the stamps of India and Ceylon which was recently held by the London Philatelic Society was such a success that it is intended to hold another exhibition shortly.—It is said that the *Western Philatelist* will not appear.—Now that the Columbian 8 cent stamp is issued someone starts and advocates a 13 cent stamp. Well, some people are never satisfied!—We see by the *Long Island Philatelist* that both Greece and Transvaal are to issue new sets of stamps in May.—Are you a member of the P. S. of C.? If not, you should send at once to the Secretary, Mr. H. F. Mooers, of Kingston, Ont., for particulars, which he will cheerfully forward.—Mr. H. S. Dickson, of this city, informs us that it is altogether probable that he will not issue another number of the *Philatelic Journal of Canada*, probably for the same reason

that caused that Journal to omit issuing a December and January number.—While speaking of Mr. Dickson, we might also say that he has moved from his little office in the Robinson Hall Chambers and announces his intention of retiring as a stamp dealer.—Mr. Alva Davidson has resigned the editorship of the *Post Office*.—Mr. R. F. Albrecht & Co. hold a very important sale of U. S. stamps on April 18th and 19th. It will be their 13th sale, and among the many nice stamps offered will be the following:—6 copies of the New York, 1843, 3 cent blue, various shades and papers; New York, 1845, 5 cent black, 8 copies, amongst which is to be found an unused copy on watermarked paper which is unique; St. Louis 10 cent, unused; Franklin Carrier; an unused and a used 3 cent scarlet, also an unused 3 cent grilled all over, in perfect condition, and another on the entire. The sale is also rich in Confederate Provisionals. You should send for a catalogue to the publishers at 90 Nassau St., N. Y.—The October, November and December numbers of the *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* came to hand about the 1st of April.—The *Stamp Collector's Companion* is now ready for delivery and as it is a book that every collector should possess, you should order a copy at once. The edition is limited to 1,000 copies. See advertisement elsewhere.—The design on the new 8 cent Columbian stamp is Columbus restored to favor, while the 8 cent to correspond with the 1890 issue bears the portrait of General Sherman.—Local societies are now being organized on all parts of the continent. This is a step in the right direction.—S. Allen Taylor says that Canada will never issue any more stamps. He prophesies that at the next election the Dominion will be absorbed by the glorious republic (?). We are thankful we are not of the same opinion.—It is said the *Ottawa Philatelist* is to be raised from the dead. We trust it will be an improvement over its previous numbers.—It is said that counterfeit Newfoundland 10 cent black of the 1866 issue is in circulation. They are unperfected, and evidently have been printed from a catalogue cut, and are obliterated by a piece of cork in imitation of the old post mark.—The following is the latest joke on the Columbian stamps. A few days ago a lady of our city stepped up to the stamp window at the post office and asked for stamps. The always blushing clerk threw out some of the new Columbian style, when she exclaimed, "Oh, I don't wish picture cards." The clerk exploded and the lady is now posting herself on the various styles of new stamps.—The Toronto Philatelic Club have submitted a petition to the Minister of Customs to take some action in regard to the matter of outrageous duties being charged on stamps at Toronto.—It is said that it is not hard to collect the stamps of Afghanistan and native India after you have learned the language.

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