

Notes.

BY INVERTED WATERMARK.

In order to comply with the Postal Union Regulations, the New Zealand Government intend altering the color of the $\frac{1}{2}$ p to green, 1p to red, and 2p to dark blue. This will make it necessary to alter the color of the 4p and 6p, the colors for these have not yet been selected. The alterations will take place as soon as the present stock of stamps is sold out. The old perforating machine, measuring 11, will be used until worn out.

The Gov. Life Ins. 2p is to be found in two distinct colors, red brown, and dark brown, the latter is the scarcer of the two.

Williams & Co., of Peru, appear to have given philatelists in all parts of the world a turn. The New Zealand Philatelic Society freely circulated their price lists of cheap sets, etc., of Peru, to all its members and I know of several who sent away for large orders. The prices seemed so low, and the firm bore such a big name, that no doubt as to their genuineness seemed to have existed. However, once bitten twice shy, and those who have fallen in on Williams & Co. will not be in such a hurry to buy up any catch line from foreign firms in the future.

More Philosophy.

BY ZURA.

Specimens and reprints are like twins; if you separate them you destroy both.

A damaged stamp is worth more than no stamp, as it utilizes space.

Some boys find more wisdom and knowledge in their stamps than they ever can in books.

How many of us pay dearly for experi-

ence and never advertise it? Bro. Bach would be in this class, if rival publishers had not advertised for him.

After all the moonshine whiskey we hear about from Tennessee, the best "Pub. Lev" can offer visitors is hard cider.

Counterfeits are a good cover for dullness or a blank space: there is nothing too ornamental for a fool.

Good stamps increase with age. Sec-becks never do.

Chinese locals, made in New York, are just as pretty as those supposed to have been made in China and when it comes to surcharging them "Boston" printers can do a good job.

An o. g stamps needs more watching than a red-hot enemy because he's a stick-er.

On the backs of the New Zealand stamps we see "Use Sunlight Soap" they use it there to wash the gum off.

Canada is the center of the philatelist's attention at present. This paper is the *only paper in Canada* which appears on time and contains the latest philatelic news of Canada.

"Vaster" Than Ever.

ORILLIA PACKET.

While gazing on a letter from a friend of mine,

My eyes fell on the stamp of '99;

I noted with much pleasure and surprise

How our young country had increased in size,

And stretches boldly east and west till she

Would e'en incarnadine the deep blue sea.

A British crown adorns the northern pole

And Uncle Sam's dominions are swallowed whole;

So if that postage stamp don't lie like sin,

"We hold a vaster empire than has been"