

of nearly all members are paid, but there are still a few who have not yet paid their dues, and such are requested to have same on hand before my next report.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

Membership heretofore reported,	237
New members,	19
Applications,	7
Less Resignations,	0

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Yours in P.S. of C.,

L. M. STÆBLER, *Sec.-Treasurer.*

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

THE PROPOSED NEW POSTAGE STAMPS.

To Editor Montreal Star:

Sir—I notice in your issue of the 19th inst. a suggestion by "Philately," which I believe ought to receive a much broader consideration than it now does. It is, in a certain measure, a suggestion of greater importance than seems to the bare mind. The writer intimates that the Government should make special postage stamps, in view of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of this city. To my mind, this statement has two attractions worthy of note: First in importance is the knowledge that such an action will serve as a memorial in years to come, and tend to bring up pleasant memories in the minds of our offsprings. And, secondly, it will not only remind our own subjects of this especial feture, but will also tend to place Canada, and even Montreal, in a more broad-minded sphere of existence in the world than it now enjoys. Then, again, it is a certain attraction also to scientific researches of the present days, among them those interested in philately, a science which is fast finding its way among the more intelligent and aristocratic class of researches, and which is very extensively practised in circles of royalty and nobility. I hope that the Government will consider the *pros* and *cons* of the matter, and I only beg to remind all of the jubilee stamp of our Mother Country and the living monument it affords in the hearts of all patriots. Trusting for a favorable result, I thank you for the use of your most valuable space. J. BERNSTEIN, Jr.

THE CZAR DOESN'T WANT STAMPS.—Different monarchs have different manners. When Her Majesty Queen Victoria receives

one of those innumerable gifts of every kind, from a pin cushion to an Indian shawl, which it is the lot of kings and queens to receive, she acknowledges it with a courteous letter, and, except in very rare cases, accepts the gift in the spirit of which it is offered. His Imperial Majesty, the Czar of all the Russias, does business on a different plan, at least so it would seem from a letter received by Mr. Glackmeyer, the City Clerk, yesterday. Some time ago Mr. S. Burford Gibson, of Montreal, sent the Czar a collection of 53 postage stamps of every nation on the American Continent, neatly pasted on a sheet of paper. It was an interesting philatelic exhibit, and was no doubt offered in a gracious spirit. But the Czar did not look at it in that light and returned the stamps to the Russian Imperial Embassy in London, with the request that, owing to the absence of Russian Representatives in Canada, it should be sent to the Canadian Government for transmission to the sender.—*Montreal Gazette.*

POST OFFICE ROBBERIES.—SMART SENTENCES.—*Henry Burgoyne Bassey*, 34, postman, and *William Bassey*, 56, clerk, pleaded "guilty," the former to stealing, and the latter to receiving, a letter, the property of the Postmaster General. The commissioner sentenced William Bassey to five years' penal servitude, and the other prisoner to three years.—*Walter Coates*, 16, pleaded "guilty" to stealing a post packet containing cigarettes. He was sentenced to twelve months' hard labor.—*Henry Hearne*, 19, a letter carrier, was sentenced to six months' hard labor for letter stealing.

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