

the 3d., red, laid paper, has advanced from 75c. to \$1.00; the 10d., blue, formerly priced at \$4.50, is now worth \$6.00; the 4d., pink, has advanced from \$1.50 to \$2.50; the 4d., pink, on ribbed paper, is catalogued at \$15.00; while the 4d., pink, perforated, is placed at \$5.00; the 6d., perforated, is a stamp which is rapidly advancing in price, it now being worth \$25.00. In the 1859 issue the 10c., violet, is now catalogued at 30c.; the 12c., green, at 30c.; and the 17c., blue, at 75c. The 1869 1c., yellow, has gone up from 10c. to 20c.; and the 1875 5c., olive-green, has advanced from 25c. to 40c.; the 8c., blue register, is now worth \$1.50. In the provincial stamps the following advances have been made: The Nova Scotia 1sh., violet, is now listed at \$60, and the 1sh., mauve, at \$75; the New Brunswick 1sh., violet, has advanced to \$50, and the 1sh., mauve, to \$70; while the 5c., brown, Connell, hitherto unpriced, is listed at \$100. There are a few other advances in the stamps of New Brunswick, but too small to mention. In Newfoundland we notice a general advance in prices, especially those of the scarlet-vermilion pence issue. In Prince Edward Island the different sizes of perforation are at last catalogued, as also are the compound perforations of the issue of 1865. We believe the price for the 1861 issue to be much too low. The 1d., buff, has advanced from 50c. to \$1.; the 4c. and 12c. of the 1872 issue are priced at \$5, which price we believe to be fully five times too high, as our publishers quite frequently sell the same stamp for 75c. and \$1 in used condition. The same stamps are priced at 10c. each unused, which will be quite a temptation to unscrupulous collectors and dealers to forge the cancellations. Reviewing the catalogue on the whole, we consider it to be one which will necessitate a considerable amount of labor for any firm who attempt to sell it. It has improved considerably since the 53rd edition, and we notice that many stamps, hitherto unpriced, now have the prices attached. The pocket edition is a very convenient size, is well bound in red cloth, and we believe that its size will be even more popular than the regular edition.

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New Issues.

The new United States post card, which will appear next month, is to be smaller in size than the large card now in use. It will replace the three sizes now being issued, and will be new in design. The first of the new issue of Cape of Good Hope has appeared. In design it consists of a figure of Hope resting upon an upright anchor, with a view of Table Bay, Cape Town, and the surrounding hills

in the background. The stamp is brown in color, and the design a very attractive one. Austria is preparing a set of unpaid letter stamps with the effigy of the Emperor. The set will consist of six varieties, brown in color, and will be ready shortly. Following the example of Hankow, the City of Catfoo, China, has issued a set of local stamps of five varieties. The new 15c. unpaid letter stamp of Curacao, has just appeared. India is to have a new set of stamps of the value of 2, 3 and 5 rupees. The stamps will be printed in two colors and will be about the same size as the current 5sh. stamp of Great Britain. The 30 and 50c. U. S. postage due are now bright claret in color. Porto Rica is to issue a special 3c. centavos Columbian stamp in commemoration of the discovery of that island. The current French stamps have been surcharged for use in the French post office at Zanzibar as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$ anna on 5c., green; 1 anna on 25c., black on rose; 5 annas on 50c., rose; 10 annas on 1c., bright olive. The 325 and 50 pf. of the current issue of Germany have been discovered in unperfected condition. Holland has issued a 24 gulden, blue and rose, with the Queen's head. The 1d. Great Britain stamp, surcharged "Oil Rivers," has been cut in two and each half surcharged " $\frac{1}{2}$ d." The Natal government have surcharged the 14d. post cards " $\frac{1}{2}$ d." The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. post card of Western Australia is now printed on white paper. The 6d. of St. Helena has been printed in blue, and surcharged "24d." with a short bar. If we were to say that fully two thousand new varieties have been issued during the past year we would not fall far short of the correct figure. The number of new issues that are constantly appearing, many of them for speculative purposes, is killing the general collection.

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Warning.

We desire to warn our readers against a certain R. E. Pentecost, of Aurora, Ill., who has been swindling dealers and collectors all over the continent. On inquiry the postmaster states that this party has left for parts unknown. Mr. W. C. Benson complains of R. Holar, of Rotterdam, Holland, to whom he sent a selection of scarce American stamps, and although the same were sent over a year ago no returns can be obtained. Mr. Frank Kline, of Spring City, Pennsylvania, warns collectors and dealers against Lachin Campbell, of Church Point, Nova Scotia, and Ottawa, Ontario. We are taking legal action against E. E. Raub, of Hyde Park, Mass., who has swindled so many dealers and collectors. Parties having claims against him are requested to forward to us full particulars, as it is our desire to obtain all the possible evidence we can against him.