

one cent up to one thousand dollars, making it a possibility to accrue a vast number of varieties on account of paper, surface coloring, surcharging and water marks. The private revenues of Nevada and California have always been overestimated in value, which may account for their seeming seclusion from the collections of those interested in the proprietary. The watermarked, old, pink and silk papers on which the various revenues are to be found, in the general issue, and the private medicine stamps, according to their issue, affords quite an avenue of collecting for the specialist.

Summing up the reason for this style of collecting we must attribute it to the accentuated pleasure of the philatelist, his labors and diligence are awarded by a peculiar find which only makes the desire a greater one for the next approval which will be a worthy one should his talents and knowledge be not of a perverse nature and the effort a noble one, which we hope will emulate the privations of all philatelists into one vast vicissitude of everlasting strength for the increase of our hobby.

MONTREAL NOTES.

BY SANA.

There is a new issue of clerks at our Post Office Registry Department, causing lots of annoyance to those particularly unknown to them, specially our stamp collectors, by holding their registered mails one or two days, until they get acquainted with them.

In future the mails between St. Pierre, Miquelon, and Halifax, N. S., will be transmitted by a French Steamship Co'y.

We have in our possession a curiosity, or rather a rarity, it is a Bank cheque with three postage used as bill stamps. Denomination as follows: 1c., 2c. and 3c. current issue, with the words "Bill Stamp" printed in two lines with red ink, and dated 8-7-75. These provisionals were in the hands of a college boy. Have you heard or seen such a surcharge on Canadian stamps?

A gentleman called on me last week, carrying with him a fine and valuable selection of postage stamps which I recognised to be those of Mr. Vallee's stock; amongst them a beautiful Victoria 2 s. blue on yellow paper, a complete set of Western Australia 1st issue, Saxony 3p. red, Tasmania 4p. blue, Geneva 10c. green paper, and a lot of U. S. and Canada pence issue, representing a value of \$400.00, trying to sell the whole at any price. As I never heard of him, I did not buy any. Where did he get them? Is he a dealer or an agent?

Mr. M. Sweetman, chief post office inspector, is in the city on business connected with the Post Office. The letter carriers and the street box services are to be rearranged and improved, and a number of additional letter boxes are to be put up at suitable points. At least one additional branch post office is to be established immediately. When the street car service is improved, the street cars are to be utilized for delivery purposes.

A new Post Office, to be maintained during the summer months only, was opened on July 1st, on the shore of Lake St. Louis, under the name of D'Ollier, one mile from the G. T. R. Beaconsfield Station.

Telegram received from St. John, N. B., reports that the Post Office of Sackville was entered at one o'clock in the morning of June 20th. The safe was blown open, and its contents, including eleven registered letters and a small sum of money taken. The burglars then set fire to the office, destroying a large amount of stamps and postal cards, but the fire was discovered by parties driving by, before it had made much headway.

The Post Office of Merrickville, Ont., was broken in and robbed of stamps to the amount of \$200 and a small sum of money.

Partly printed and partly written notices issued by societies for the purpose of notifying members of the date and place of meetings to be held, must in future be prepaid at letter rate.

Dating from the 1st proximo, foreign newspapers and periodicals brought into Canada, by mail or otherwise, may be posted in Canada by news agents to addresses in this country at the rate of one cent per pound, payable by postage stamps on each separate package; and British newspapers and periodicals brought into Canada otherwise than by mail may be posted by news agents to addresses in Canada at the same rate payable in the same manner.

NOTES FROM THE WORLD'S FAIR CITY.

The Chicago Philatelic Society held a well attended meeting on the evening of July 7th. Notwithstanding the intense heat, 17 members responded to the roll call.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of over \$90 to the society's credit. A neat little sum, and one that will require considerable tact in keeping it.

Mr. W. H. Nieustedt, formerly of St. Louis, but now permanently located in the World's Fair City, was a visitor at the last meeting.

Mr. C. D. Reimers has also permanently located here. He has been in attendance at the Iowa University, located at Iowa City.

A meeting of Branch No. 1 of the A. P. A. immediately followed the meeting of the C. P. S., July 7th. There were nine members in attendance who took an animated part in the discussion over the A. P. A. Convention which is so close at hand. The following ticket was nominated: President, J. K. Tiffany; Vice-President, W. C. VanDerlip; Secretary, M. C. Walton; Treasurer, K. L. Holman; International Secretary, Jos. Rechert; Board of Trustees, Geo. Watson, G. B. Calman, Henry Clotz. The following recommendations were also proposed: Sales Sup't, S. B. Bradt; Librarian, Alvah Davison; Purchasing Agent, W. Sellschopp. Members of the A. P. A. will do well in considering the above ticket and should give it hearty support.

The prevailing questions of to-day, Do you favor amalgamation? And Have you become a member of the Incorporated A. P. A.?

Amalgamation still continues to be the battle cry, admirably led by the *Post Office*, and championed by all of the leading journals and philatelists.