

as within the past year or two many parties have been prosecuted for using cleaned stamps. When the matter was brought to the attention of this party he was able to show from stamps in his possession that the one complained of was a specimen of several others held by him and which he had discovered in his pocketbook where they had been hidden for some months. During that period they had completely lost their salmon color and taken on a much darker tint. For protection therefore of the community generally Mr. Mulock should see to it that a change is made in the color of the stamp which is perhaps, more used than any other in Canada.

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**LITERATURE NOTES.**

There are many incongruities and anachronisms in our stamp papers. A recent number of the Badger Philatelist is "Vol. 1, No. 6, Whole No. 8." The Mankato Philatelist makes itself conspicuous by having two Vol. 1, No. 4s. According to the cover, the Midland Philatelist has two initial numbers but a glance at the inside title page straightens this matter out.

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I have among my stamp papers one which I have not seen listed anywhere as far as I know. It is the Stamp Collector and Messenger of St. Francis Xavier Union of Stamp Collectors, and is published at St. Francis, Wis. The Vol. 1, No. 1 which I have is dated August, 1894. The "stamp collectors" referred to in the title are veritable collectors from the word go—they collect them by the bushel, for

charitable purposes. The number before me contains 24 7 x 11 pages, and is well printed. It has an engraved cover. Whether other numbers were issued or not I am unable to say, but I am inclined to think not.

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In the Hawkeye State Collector (of Wyoming) for March 25 1888. I note this paragraph:

"Twenty-five stamp papers issued their first numbers in 1887. Of these 16 'busted'."

Twenty-four have "busted" now for, there is but one left at the present time, and that one is the Eastern Philatelist, of Newmarket, N. H.

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The appearance of the North State Philatelist from McAdenville N. C. K. W. Henry Publisher, marks the entrance of that state into philatelic journalism. There are quite a number still, however, which have yet to issue their initial publication. Louisiana has never had a strictly philatelic periodical.

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