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TO OUR READERS.

There being few stamp papers of any importance published in Canada, we have started this paper, THE TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL, as a means of advancing our science in this country. There are numerous stamp publications in the United States, but none that have ever started in Canada seem to have survived the first year, whether we shall do so or not, remains to be seen. In this paper which we now publish we shall keep a **BLACK LIST**, under which heading we shall give the names and addresses of stamp frauds. In general we shall make it as interesting as possible for collectors, regardless of expense.

We beg to express our thanks to those gentlemen who have favored us with their advertisements, and hope they will help us in future as they have done.

NEW ISSUES

That have appeared, or are about to appear:

Argentine Republic.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo of the 1884 issue is nearly the same as that of 1882, but lighter, while the 1 centavo is brighter than that of the former issue; the 5 centavo is surcharged "4c."

Bermuda.—This colony has issued a $2\frac{1}{2}$ penny stamp, the color is blue.

British Honduras.—The 1 penny stamp has been changed from blue to rose.

Cundinamarca.—A new type, 5 centavo is said to have been issued.

Dutch Indies.—A $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. stamp has been issued, same design as 2c., the color is grey.

Egypt.—The colors have been changed in these stamps, 10 pa. green; 20 pa. red; 1 pi. blue, and 5 pi. grey.

Gold Coast.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ penny bistre has been changed to green.

Levant.—The color of the 7 kopee is now dark blue.

Nevis.—This colony has issued a 6 penny stamp, the color is green.

Paraguay.—The 1 centavo, green, will shortly appear.

Russia.—A 1 kopee stamp has been issued, the color is orange.

St. Vincent.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ penny stamp has been changed from orange to green.

St. Christopher.—The 4 penny stamp has been changed from blue to slate.

St. Helena.—A $\frac{1}{2}$ penny stamp has been issued, surcharged on the 6 penny, the color is green.

St. Domingo.—Will issue a new set of stamps shortly, they are being prepared in New York.

Uruguay.—All the new sets have been surcharged for official use.

Virgin Islands.—The $2\frac{1}{2}$ penny stamp is changed from claret to blue.

PRIZES.

We offer the following prizes for philatelic articles:

For the best article of 200 words or more, we will give 50 cents worth of stamps, the winner's selection from our approval sheets.

For the best article of 500 words or more, we will give \$1.00 worth of stamps, the winner's selection from our approval sheets.

For the best article of 1,000 words or more, we will give a collection of 300 stamps in one of Stanley, Gibbons & Co.'s No. 3 Improved Stamp Albums.

Conditions:—All articles must be original that have never been printed before, and must contain at least the specified number of words. It is the author's privilege to select his own subject, write on one side of the paper and write plainly, giving your full name and address.

All articles must be sent in before 1st May, so that we can publish the winning articles in our May number.

UNUSED STAMPS.

Some collectors imagine that because a stamp is unused it must be bogus, they never think that it is as easy to counterfeit used as it is unused stamps; for this reason many collectors do not collect the latter, but collectors, with common sense, collect both. It can easily be seen by the engraving, whether a stamp is genuine or not. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it will be found that it is used stamps which are counterfeited. If a collector is determined to have nothing but used stamp in his collection, of course, it will not be a very large one, as there are many stamps which can be obtained unused, where they cannot be had, used. In some instances, to suit their customers, dealers will deface unused stamps, so as to appear that they have been used on postal service, the collector is the wiser, it is a used stamp and must be genuine.

Mr. W. G. Whilden, Jr., of Pelzer, S. C., is our authorized agent to receive both subscriptions and advertisements.