

Massachusetts Items.

Edmund L. Smiley, Boston, spent over a week in New York, during October, in the interests of the special New York edition of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

Our correspondent in Kewkiang, China, sends us a set of the current issue surcharged 'postage due.' This is unchronicled in Scott's or Smiley's supplementary catalogue in the Stamp Book. It is certainly to be classed with unnecessary issues and will no doubt find its way there in Scott's 58th. These issues for the treaty ports of China have by this time been superseded by the imperial postage.

Ohman, St. Johns, Newfoundland, in mailing his price list to Boston dealers, has introduced a new surcharge to them, ONE CENT upon the 3c. slate brown, of the 1890-97 issue. Other surcharges are expected ere the new set becomes a reality.

In referring to the Nashville convention of the Sons of Philatelia last issue we suggested that all the Massachusetts candidates for office might not be elected, but they were! Gardner R. Kennedy was elected vice-president and purchasing agent; Geo. M. Frame, treasurer; Chas. E. Shaw, supt. of sales, and J. A. Wainwright, attorney.

The meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society on Oct. 19 was one of unusual interest, being marked by an informal address by Howard K. Sanderson of Lynn upon 'Philately in Europe,' special attention being paid the London exhibition. The attendance was large and Mr. Sanderson held the attention of his auditors to the end. Four new members were elected. There was an auction sale of little note.

Every week finds a new candidate for honors as a dealer springing into view. A list of the so-called dealers in Boston and vicinity would startle a casual observer. A few approval sheets, a job lot of stamps and the die is cast.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s auction sale of Oct. 18 offers a few prices of interest. Quotations are given upon perfect stamps only.

	Cat. price.	Sold for.
U. S. issue of 1855-60, 24c, unused, o g	\$7 50	\$3 75
do do 30c, do do	12 50	5 87
do 1868, 90c, used, very fine	18 00	10 25
do 1869, 90c, lightly cancelled	20 00	13 50
do 1872, 24c, used	2 00	1 00
do 1893, \$1, Columbian, unused, o g	6 00	2 40
do 1893, set, do do	26 42	14 40
do Justice, 2c, unused, o g	4 00	1 87
do do 30c, used, fine	25 00	8 50
Hawaii, 1853, 13c, unused, o g	12 00	3 50
New Brunswick, 1851, 3d, fine copy	4 50	2 35
St. Christopher, 1879, 6d, perf 14, o g	4 00	1 38

A complete set of Newfoundland, Cabot issue, realized \$2.94. It would pay the buyer of this set to read the *Messenger*. Drew's next sale takes place Dec. 9, when the entire stock of the Granite State Stamp Co. will be offered for sale. Editor Pinkham will devote his time in the future to journalism and job printing.

H. F. Dunkhorst of Washington, D. C. made a flying trip to Boston early in November. Stone of Concord, N. H., whose specialty is entire U. S. envelopes, was an October visitor.

A sheet of 100 Newfoundland, Cabot issue, 1c, sold for \$8.00 at the auction sale of Colonial Stamp Co. last month. Holders of this denomination have an article as good as wheat.

The editor hinted last month that his ideal stamp paper was one filled with information about stamps and not stamp collectors. A few prices from the auction sale of the Colonial Stamp Co. held Oct. 26 in Boston may prove of interest. All stamps in first class condition:

	Cat. price.	Sold for.
U. S., 1861, 24c, lilac, unused, o g	\$10 00	\$3 25
do 1869, 24c, fine used copy	7 50	3 10
do 1893, \$1, Columbian, used,	5 00	2 00
do do \$1, do unused, o g	6 00	2 50
do Agriculture, 10c, used, good copy	6 00	1 25
do State, 1c, unused, o g	3 50	1 50
do War, complete set, o g	2 50	2 50
do Treasury, 24c, used	5 00	2 20
Nova Scotia, 84c, used, fine	12 00	1 75
France, 1853, 1 franc, used	5 00	96
New Foundland, 1857, 3d, used	4 00	50
do do 5d, used	6 00	1 25
U. S., Navy, 7c, unused	10 00	2 00
do State, 15c, unused	5 00	1 13

Willard O. Wylie of the Boston Philatelic Society was prohibition candidate for lieutenant governor in the recent state election.

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