

## IT IS REPORTED

That among the most ridiculous acts of the U. S. Post Office department, the authorities actually fumigated Canadian mails for England, subjecting them to a delay of nearly a week. This is outrageous, that mail from a country where there is *no cholera*, should be subjected to fumigation.

That the P. S. of C. will let an American paper have the contract for official organship, *pro tem*.

That Messrs. Dickson and Bernstein, of this city, will publish a new journal, the "Philatelic Journal of Canada," sometime during September. It will consist of 16 pages and cover.

That the Mexican unpaid letter stamps are frauds of the worst description. They were issued by a Mexican dealer as a speculation.

That the Canadian Association will abandon its exchange department.

That a party in Geneva, by the name of Henri Gegg, is advertising counterfeit Swiss stamps of rare Cantons, Balse, etc., as repressions, and offers them cancelled at 20 cents each. Collectors should exercise great caution in purchasing these stamps.

By *Canadensis*, in a recent issue of *Mebel's Weekly Stamp News*, that the publication rights of the Canadian Philatelist had been transferred to Messrs. Bernstein and Dickson, of this city; such a step was never thought of, nor even suggested. Where did you get your information, *Canadensis*?

By the *Philatelic Era*, that carmine and rose can be chemically changed into brown, orange, yellow and gray; brick-red, orange and yellow into brown, yellow, green and gray; green into brown, yellow, blue, violet and gray; blue into brown, orange, yellow, green, violet and black; ultramarine into yellow, brown and gray; violet into rose, yellow, green, blue and gray.

That the Bogert and Durbin Co. have undertaken to dispose of Mr. Sterling's rare New Haven Local, and have advanced \$1000 as security on it. Which is the rarest, this stamp or the "Mauritius Post Office"?

That Germany is to issue a new set of stamps in the near future.

That the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* has changed hands.

That there are only six stamp magazines in the world that pay.

By a correspondent of the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, that of a recent provisional issue in Straits Settlement, he holds 230,000 out of the 250,000 issued. Suspicious, is it not?

That the Committee of the *Paris Philatelic Exhibition* expect an attendance of over 10,000 collectors.

That the first issue of the *Nebraska Stamp* has appeared.

## MONTREAL NOTES.

BY SANA.

The next property transfer tax stamps will in future be sold at the stamp office at the Court House.

Mr. Edgar Nelson, of Chicago, was in town the last two weeks. He bought many good stamps for his collection; he then departed for Ottawa.

There are 150 stamp collectors known in Montreal, nearly all French people; also many ladies are interested in it.

Mr. J. David left for Waterloo, Que., on July the 20th, intending to buy a collection of 20 years old. Mr. David has written a fine piece about the Collectors of Montreal. It will be offered to the C. P. later on.

Following up a clue gained by a letter which lay for some time in the St. Jean Baptiste post office, Detective Lafontaine has located Willie Dallas, who left his home in this city eight years ago. He was then only nine years old and his parents were nearly frantic for some time, but at last he was given up as dead. Last week the detective received a letter from Deputy-Sheriff Thompson, of Bellows Falls, New Hampshire, informing him that the missing boy is alive and well at Keene, 18 miles from Bellows Falls. It is probable that Mr. Dallas will go out there to see his long lost son.

Detective Carpenter arrested a native of Damascus named Ameen Abou Loufy, who keeps a store at 49 St. Jean Baptiste Street, in the heart of a small Assyrian colony. He was charged with stealing a registered letter and the circumstances are these: Sometime ago Mrs. Mary Houssan came from New York, where she lived at 97 Washington Street, and stopped at accused's place. It is alleged she asked for registered letters and was told there was none. On returning to New York she found that the letter had been sent. At the Post Office here it was found that Loufy had received the letter, said to contain \$300, from the Post Office. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded.

(Special Dispatch.)

## THOS. O. PARDOE, JR., DECAMPED.

Complaints against the above named party have been very numerous of late. His latest scheme was the advertisement which appeared in various philatelic magazines, offering 4 varieties of Canadian stamped envelopes for \$1. His victims are many. The envelopes, on arrival, proved to be merely the common hand stamped "Paid" envelopes, which are worthless. One of Pardoe's worst sufferers is Mr. J. J. Overton, of Cleveland, who sent \$18 for 18 sets of the envelopes. Complaint was lodged with the Post Office Inspector at London, and with J. J. Hegler, Barrister, Ingersoll, with orders to prosecute. Search proved that, a few hours before, Pardoe and his father had skipped to Grand Ledge, Michigan. No pains or expense will be spared to bring this young rascal to justice. Sufferers may put their claims in our hands, and we will place them in the hands of the department. Collectors should deal cautiously with parties at Grand Ledge. He is at the Hotel Finkham.