

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

W. J. B., Norfold, Neb.: Yours received. We cannot accept unused postage dues stamps in payment.

A. W. STAFFORD, Los Angeles, Cal.: Your F. F. Law Stamp of Canada, will be found catalogued in "The Stamps of British North America," Nos 531 to 554 inclusive. These were listed "C. F." instead of "F. F." by a mistake.

GEO. C. HARVEY, Constantine, Mich.: The variety of the 5c., '59, you mention is by no means rare. It will be duly described in my paper on "Canadian Omissions," began in this issue. It is probably due to a worn state of the plates.

R. S.: Should be pleased to receive and inspect the Canadian Local you mention. We know *nothing* about it.

C. A. S., City of Mexico: (1.) Your Lacatecas is a forgery. Both the Guadalupe are genuine. (2.) We have never heard of the stamp. Its origin must be spurious. We returned your stamps on Dec. 6th.

R. BOYNE, London, E. C.: We are not in want of a London Correspondent at present, as we have one.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Nov. 24th, 1892.

EDITOR CANADIAN PHILATELIST:—

DEAR SIR,—I received your book "The Stamps of B. N. A." and it was just the book I have been looking for some time. I noticed in reference to the "Nova Scotia Bill Stamps" you state that all those stamps were surcharged at the top except the \$1, \$2 and \$3. Now I possess a number of those stamps, among the rest, two of the \$2 surcharged at the "top". I also have a number of the smaller values, which are surcharged at the "bottom". This is just the reverse of what you state, and I send you this information as it may be some use to you.

Yours truly, R. F. MADDIGAN.

A NEW SOCIETY!

To the Philatelic World:—Through the kindness of the editor of this paper, we the undersigned, are enabled to direct your attention to a proposed movement.

We are fully aware that there are many Philatelic Societies in existence, but this one is mainly for a different purpose. This society, when organized, will eclipse all other organizations of its kind. It will give all the advantages and advancements which all other societies claim to give, thus giving combined inducements. Besides this, we intend to give FRAUDS our MAIN and UNDIVIDED attention.

Our plan is outlined in the following: To have an officer in our society whose sole duty it will be to secure the names of the frauds who are in debt to the society's members; to publish their names in all the Philatelic papers; to confer with the post office authorities; to appoint a member of the society in the city where the fraud resides, if there be one, or to take other decisive steps for the recovery of the loss. This is about the only way in which the pest of a dealer's life—THE FRAUD—can be exterminated.

Another department, which we think is essential to a collector or a dealer, is that for repairing and cleaning stamps at a small per cent. of their catalogue value. At the head of this we intend to have a competent person. Let us hear from all live collectors and dealers, and we are sure that if such a society be formed on good and sound business principles, together upon the platforms of all other societies which are considered a success, it will be something never yet undertaken, and of value to all.

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From our Special London Correspondent.

FROM THE CONTINENT.

A. J. RINNERS.

"New German postage stamps is to be the next undertaking of the German postal authorities. The stamps on which the engravers are now at work will be out by October the 15th, and distinguished from the old ones in form, being six-cornered in appearance, and have the model of the statue Germania. The old international colors are used again, and add to the value which they always had. The cause of the new issue is that there were many forgeries of late issues discovered by the postal authorities, and they now want to make it difficult for the forgers to imitate the design."

The auction season is now in full blast here in Great Britain. Mr. Hadlow held a large sale on October 14th and 15th, the prices realized being good, a number of Scinde Dawks being sold. Messrs. Cherryley & Co. held a sale on 10th, 11th and 12th Nov. Some very fine lots were sold. A New Brunswick "Connel," unused, but perforations gone at bottom and at one side, brought £9 16s., about \$48. The choicest part of the sale was composed of old British Colonials, which brought good prices. The bidding was brisk.

A new kind of specialism is in vogue here—not the kind that does collect the stamps of a certain country, but the kind that leaves out some places, and collects all others.

The Argentine stamps issued on the 12th of Oct., in memory of Columbus, are selling at £4 the pair here. They promise to be rare.

The hosts of San Francisco exchanges are said to be due to the efforts of a local speculator, probably the publisher of the *San Marino Philatelist*, who seems to control them.

Mr. Harry Hiltche's book on reprints is just out, and he is to be congratulated on the successful completion of one of the most successful and useful philatelic works in existence. He was assisted in its preparation by Major la B. Evans and other prominent philatelists.

The world has its "dissatisfied personages" in every class, and of course the Paris Exhibition or no Exhibition was not an exception. We are now trying to secure another large London Philatelic Exhibition. If successful in our attempts, it shall excel all previous efforts.