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LONDON, CANADA, JANUARY 14th, 1894.



Mr. W. H. Schmalz, a prominent Berlin collector, called on us recently.

Mr. Kisinger's new philatelic paper *The Stamp Collectors Weekly* has not yet appeared.

The P. S. of A. organized their first branch in Chicago on the 27th of November last, and is progressing favorably.

Mr. Frank S. Kline, of Spring City, Pa., was recently bereaved of his mother. We extend to him our sympathy in his severe affliction.

Mr. A. H. Milligan, a local collector, is again about, after having been confined to the house with a broken leg, for nearly six months.

The P. S. of A. are advertising their first auction sale. No date is set, but we suppose that it will continue indefinitely, or until all the lots are sold!

Recently there was a rumor to the effect that the current issue of Trinidad had been surcharged on the H. M. S. We have official information to the effect that no such varieties have been issued or even contemplated.

The *Canadian Philatelist's* special edition which was to appear on Dec. 1st was postponed till Feb. 1st owing to a pressure of business. It will appear promptly, and has a circulation of 8,000 copies. Advertising rates remain unchanged.

The Nebraska Philatelic Society, which was organized in 1892, has made great progress, and is now one of the largest state societies in existence. It has at present 73 members and 8 applications, a good showing for so young an organization.

The eighteenth sale of R. F. Albrecht & Co. took place on Jan. 10th and 11th, and consisted of about 800 lots. We have not yet received a price catalogue so cannot give the results. If the prices are anything like those obtained at the seventeenth sale they will be very low.

Russian local stamps are in demand on the continent where we are told they are collected quite extensively; here, we seldom see, and seldom find a collector who bothers about them. There is no end to the varieties that may be obtained, and European journals chronicle them regularly.

Mr. Dawson A. Vinden, the well-known Australian dealer, has sold out his Australian business and is proceeding to London, England, where he will again enter the ranks of stamp dealers, and rumor has it that he will prove no mean rival to the other large metropolitan dealers.

We have succeeded in securing the services of a talented lady collector as a regular contributor to our columns, and expect her first contribution next week, and regularly thereafter. We are also glad to have secured the services of Mr. Walter A. Withrow, who will supply us with weekly articles.

No exchange advertising can be accepted by this paper. We state this in order to save our brother publishers and dealers making us offers, as some have already done. We conduct this publication on a strictly cash basis, and will not depart therefrom even though we do not secure a single advertisement.

Philately is advancing in new directions in England. At a recent meeting of the Manchester Philatelic Society there was a lecture on counterfeits, the types of genuine and counterfeit being thrown on a screen by aid of a magic lantern. It is said that this new departure was well received. It certainly is a novelty.

The Boston Philatelic Society held its annual banquet on December 29th, which affair was a success in every particular. Previous to the banquet the election of officers was held, which resulted as follows:—*President*, W. C. Van Derlip; *Vice-President*, H. E. Woodward; *Treasurer*, L. L. Green; *Secretary*, Howard H. Sanderson.

Leopold, King of Belgium, has just issued a decree to the effect that a special set of stamps shall be issued for the World's Fair, which will be held in Antwerp in 1894. The decree states that the said set of stamps shall have in their design the arms of that city. The designs and values it is expected will be made known at an early date.

We see by a writer in the *Philatelic Era* that Seebeck has raised the price of his remainders in so-much that two of the leading wholesale dealers have refused to handle them in the future. We sincerely hope that Mr. Seebeck will place his prices still higher so that eventually he will be unable to find any collector or dealer who will handle them.

Our prominent philatelists are apparently not all beyond reproach. We learn that Lieutenant and Quartermaster Thorpe, of the Royal Irish Rifles, who is well-known in philatelic circles, has just been court-martialed for the embezzlement of over £2,000, neglect of duty and false reports. The accused was found guilty and sentenced to be cashiered without pension.

A correspondent in Brazil sends us information to the effect that the current 500 reis olive has been changed in color and is now a slate color. The new Journal stamps have appeared and are 200 reis black and 300 reis violet. The present state of affairs in this place makes it doubtful whether the Republic will stand or be succeeded by the re-established monarchy. In the latter case an entire new issue will result.

The new Canadian criminal code provides for a penalty of fourteen years imprisonment on conviction of counterfeiting, using or selling counterfeit stamps of Canada or any other country. Should any case be brought to our notice we shall make every effort to secure the conviction of the guilty parties. If the United States collectors, and those of other countries would cooperate we should soon stop the counterfeiting of stamps.

The quantities and endless list of varieties of Hawaii stamps of the "Prov. Govt., 1893," which are now being flooded upon the market, leaves little doubt as to their origin. We would advise collectors to leave this trash alone. It is apparently a swindle. The last ship to come in brought the information that all the envelopes and postal cards have been surcharged like the adhesives, and it is quite probable that they will contain scores of different varieties.

The progress of the Philatelic Sons of America has never been equalled by any other Philatelic society. It was organized in August last, and has already nearly 300 members, while in the December issue of the official organ nearly one hundred and seventy-five applications were published. If the applications continue to come in at this rate, it will not take long for the Society to get 1,000 members.