

Some of our correspondents have expressed a desire to know the meaning of the various surcharges on the law stamps of Canada. The surcharges and their meaning are as follows: C. F., Court Fees; F. F., Fee Fund; L. S., Law Society; J. F., Judges' Fees; B. F., Bailiffs' Fees; L. C., Lower Canada. Further information will be found in the "Stamps of British North America. See adv.

"The flowers that bloom in the spring." New papers are as usual very plentiful this spring. They come, they go, and are seen no more. Among the most foolish absurdities indulged in by young dealers, who have an ambition for assuming the pleasure (?) of the editorial profession, is to publish a paper. Many of these start with barely enough to pay for the first number, with the idea that after the first issue the paper will pay for itself. The result is nearly always the same, the paper issues but one number and disbands. We are always pleased to welcome a paper backed by capital, and a publisher prepared to pay his way to success, but we do object to parties starting papers unprepared to continue their publication. We trust, however, that this spring the papers will pan out better than usual, and that, to use their own words, "They have come to stay."

The catalogue of the first P. S. of C. auction will be found in this issue. Many fine stamps are offered. Forward your bids at once.

"Amalgamation" is the constant cry among our brethren over the border. Of course, the A. P. A. members are the main supporters of the movement, together with most of the U. S. Philatelic papers, which seem to have taken to the movement in order to fill up space. We are of the opinion that nothing outside of "talk" will come of this agitation.

We will be pleased to enter your name for a year's subscription if you induce four of your collecting friends to subscribe.

In a number of recent date, we noted the probability of the bill to put stamps on the free list being passed by the U. S. senate. The bill, we are now told, is as good as dead, it having been placed in the hands of the committee on "Ways and Means" to deal with at some time when the House is not busy, which is not very likely to come in a good while. We are of the opinion that a little *capital* would push it through.

All subscriptions to this paper must commence with current number; back numbers are very scarce, and can only be supplied at the following prices: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8, are 10c. each; No. 7 is 20c. These numbers are only supplied to our subscribers.

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A meeting of the leading Philatelists of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was held at that city on Wednesday, March 2nd, for the purpose of organizing a State Society. W. F. Schad, 150 Reed St., Milwaukee, Wis., was elected Secretary.

Have you secured a copy of "The Stamps of British North America?" If not, you should secure a copy at once, as it is worth many times its price to you. See advertisement elsewhere.

The Philatelic Protective Association is doing a good work. Not only has it promptly warned collectors of new forgeries around at present, but it has been instrumental in prosecuting and punishing some of the worst stamp forgers in England.

Although we are down on the Central American Seebeck Issues from one standpoint, we must say that for handsome and unique design and tasty color, they are unequalled, and reflect no small amount of credit on their designer.

Collectors please note! We have discontinued to send sheets to agents, etc. Lack of necessary time on account of rapid increase of the sale of our packets and mixtures. The large number of collectors who have hitherto handled our sheets are requested to give their patronage to some of the dealers who advertise in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

The *Philatelic Tribune*, a little semi-monthly, hailing from Smyrna, N. Y., says that there is probability that the collectors of the U. S. will be favored (?) with many new issues of the U. S. revenues. A bill is shortly to be brought before congress, by a Southern congressman, for the re-establishment of the old tax on matches and patent medicines. The bill will require that all bottles or packages of the above shall have a stamp affixed that shall represent 5% of its value. This, if passed, will be a great (?) and welcome addition to the collections of collectors; but, as the editor of the above paper says, "It will be a bitter pill for patent medicine firms and pill manufacturers to swallow." We heartily sympathize with both the collectors and patent medicine firms. They are both the victims of bad luck.

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