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## EDITORIAL.

We are a little late this month, owing to a rush of spring trade. Never before has the stamp business been so brisk at this season of the year—at least so say the oldest dealers.

We have to thank one of our correspondents, Messrs. B. E. Watts, of Wellington, New Zealand, for a specimen of the new Queensland stamp not heretofore chronicled. It is of the old design, value 3 pence; color, rich brown.

In my recent trip to New York I had the pleasure of inspecting some very unique stamps in the line of a rarity, it being the property of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. The stamps in question consisted of a beautiful unused, unsevered pair of Canada 12 pence black on wove paper. Another feature in connection, which was probably as unique as the stamps themselves, was the price, which was only \$1000.00! It is not improbable that there are proofs.

Our columns are always open to the readers of this journal for the discussion of any subject of interest to Philatelists in general.

A large number of P. S. of C. members have announced their intention of attending our first National Convention, which is to be held at Ottawa early in August next. We are going to have a big time, and hope that every member who can possibly spare the time will be there. Make it a point to take your holidays first and second weeks in August, then go to Ottawa and enjoy yourself. President Hooper informs us that the Ottawa members will do their full duty as hosts.

In our last issue we noted a paragraph in regard to the two-cent *brown* bill stamp of 1865, stating that it was said only 200 were issued. Some of our readers have written us giving the number of these stamps they have in stock, and already the aggregate is very high, showing that a very large quantity had been issued.

We have been asked a good deal of late for an album for Canadian stamps only, with places for both postage and revenue stamps. We have decided, after some consideration, that we will undertake the work if we can obtain 100 subscribers for it at \$2.50 each. The work will be made in the style and size of *Scott's International Album*, and will contain spaces for every kind of Canadian stamp. Spaces will be arranged to correspond with our catalogue, "*The Stamps of British North America*." We will begin work as soon as the necessary 100 subscriptions have been secured. Send your name on at once. Money need not be sent till book is completed. A valuable and well got-up work is promised.

We have before us "*Rogers' Priced Catalogue of the Market Values of the Postage Stamps of the United States*." It is a comprehensive and valuable work, and reflects much credit on its compiler. It is the only catalogue at present on the market giving the correct value of U.S. postage in single stamps and unsevered pairs. The prices are those current May, '92. Spaces are left for values in the years 1893, '94, '95. Price \$1.00. Published by A. R. Rogers, 75 Maiden Lane, New York.

We are informed that Mr. J. R. Hooper, President of the P. S. of C., has been seriously ill for some time back.

Our Handbook, No. 1, "*The Stamps of British North America*," is selling fast. You should secure a copy at once, if you have not already done so. We commence the addenda to the same in our next issue.