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This paper is under a new management, and during May, June, July and August, it will appear fortnightly only.

Beginning in the next issue, a Canadian dealer will commence a Catalogue of Canadian Revenue Stamps, with prices, basing it on the usual discount rates.

A firm that recently published a new catalogue, complete, without minor varieties, that the total number of the world's different stamps to date would amount to just under 14,000.

All the dies, plates, etc., of the Newfoundland stamps from 1866 to 1896 have been destroyed.

A great stamp robbery at Buda-Pesth has just come to light. It appears that sheets of stamps from the State printing office ordered for destruction, have for some time past fallen into unauthorized hands, and that several persons in high positions are said to be implicated.

Very great confusion, and no end of trouble has been caused by the refusal of the Maltese Government to accept the Imperial Penny Post Stamp. At the present time, every letter received bearing only the 1d stamp, is charged 3d on delivery.

The fourth centenary of the discovery of Brazil will be celebrated in 1900 by a new issue of stamps.

The new Malta stamps are manufactured by De la Rue & Co.

All Finnish postage stamps are to be withdrawn at the end of the year.

The designs for the Cuban envelopes have been accepted and an order given to have the dies made. The head of Columbus as used on the 50-cent piece of 1892-93 (Columbian half-dollar) was finally decided upon. There are to be two denominations, both of same design, 2c red and 5c. blue. The word 'Cuba' appears at top and 'Dos' or 'Cinco Centavos,' respectively, at bottom. The figure of value appears twice at side, surrounded by foliage. A circle of pearls surrounds the head. No word has been received from Cuba as to sizes and paper varieties wanted. It appears that for the present the regular U. S. paper will be used for their manufacture, but later on a distinctively Cuban watermark will probably be adopted. The prospects for a sufficient number of varieties are therefore quite bright.

At last the Philippines are to be favored with a colonial set. The Post Office Department is now preparing to send to Manilla stamps for use on the islands. They will be the same as those now in use, but will be surcharged with the word "Philippines," which will probably be printed diagonally across the face of the stamp, similar to the Porto Rico surcharge.

They do some things better on the Continent. A new postal departure has just been instituted in the Grand Duchy of Baden, which has much to recommend it. If it happens that in the course of a journey the traveller wants to despatch a telegram all he has to do is to write his message on a post card with the intimation that he wishes it wired, affix the requisite amount of stamps and drop it into the letter box attached to the train. When the train stops the box is cleared and the wires sent off without further trouble.

It is reported that only 6000 2c Purple envelopes were issued.