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The subject of this sketch has been a general collector since 1889 and has acquired quite a nice collection during this short time. Short articles have been written on stamp collecting and how he became an admirer of the art. He can also be found giving gratuitous advice and dealing on matters connected with philately, besides having a goodly supply of duplicates to dispose of at odd times. He regards stamp collecting as something enticing; that it favorably influences one's choice to try and acquire the needful. He will no doubt add many rare beauties to the cause of philately as time rolls on.

De Coppet Sale.

The De Coppet sale at New York has been going on as advertised, and if we can read the signs of the times the results promise a new era in philately. We regret exceedingly that a larger representation of Canadians was not present, for on no occasion have such a choice lot of British North American stamps been offered. However, though they were not present (with one exception) still, they had not forgotten to forward bids to be entered for them and numbers of these latter stamps will, if they have not already found their way back to Canada.

The audiences that assembled at these sales were composed of representative men (the school boy element was not there) and would do credit to the call of any monetary, scientific or other prominent institution or association. Some idea of the importance of the sale may be gathered from the fact that all the prominent daily newspapers, from the Herald, Times, etc., down, published daily quite full and

interesting accounts of the previous day's sale. This shows the active and substantial interest that is being taken in this line. One of New York's most prominent philatelists stated recently in answer to the question, if collecting was on the wane or otherwise and the probable effect of the recent sales of advanced collections, "that for one collection sold, ten new ones made their appearance. A proportion of these would no doubt drop out in a short time, but the others became active and in due course prominent collectors. A consensus of opinion shows that nothing that has happened of a similar nature or indeed in philately in this hemisphere tends to revive and increase interest, and place it on a higher prominence than these several sales. We regret exceedingly that this magnificent collection of Mr. De Coppet's has been broken up and scattered, but welcome the news that he is not to be lost entirely to the philately world. He is going to devote himself to a similar field in making a specialty of Mexico, of which he even now has a very advanced showing. Men of Mr. De Coppet's prominence and vast research are indeed few, and cannot be spared from our ranks. He regrets at parting with old friends in his collection will no doubt be softened considerably by the remembrance that his famous British Guinea, 1850 issue, 2c circular on rose paper, cut round, neatly mounted on a piece of the same paper cut square, used, brought the neat little sum of \$1010.00, being the highest price ever paid for a single specimen at auction. It might be added that this stamp is one of six only known to exist, three of which were in the famous Tappling collection, and now are reposing in the British Museum. The 12 penny Canada realized \$179.00; and the 2½ pence, pink, used, unperforated