

SURCHARGED STAMPS.

In the AMERICAN PHILATELIC MAGAZINE for October there is a furious tirade against surcharges. Despite the fact that certain persons and certain papers have tried their utmost to stop the branch of collecting, it is painfully evident that their united efforts have come to naught, and to-day the surcharge is one of the principal things sought after by the collector. It has come to stay. With philatelic surcharge the scientific collector should be able to draw the line, but the most interesting part of philately is when you come to the genuine surcharge, standing out boldly as the oasis in the desert. As long as one collector will have surcharges there will be a certain value to them, and as long as there is a value to them nine-tenths of the collectors will not throw them away. The A. P. M. states he has no objection to Nova Scotia surcharges!! If he will point out one genuine case of real government surcharge in Nova Scotia he will be able to clear up a mystery. The writer has three N. S. 3c. stamps, on one is a large figure "3," on another "5," and still on another in a lined oval "5c." These are not surcharges but hand stamps put on the specimens after they were posted. British Bechnanaland possesses the best series of surcharged extant genuine and authorized. Because they are counterfeited, are we to cease collecting the genuine. Not much! put the counterfeit in prison is the proper mode. In conclusion this writer, who, by the way assumes a very appropriate NOM DE PLUME, i. e. "Queer-Cuss" asks what ought to be done! We would advise him to learn the sad fate of the late lamented Anti-Surcharge Society, which rose like a meteor in the Eastern sky, but sank to rise no more—the laughing stock of Philately. "Requiescat in pace."—Canadensis.



THE PHILATELIC OUT-LOOK IN CANADA.

As the season advances it becomes more apparent that stamp collecting has been given a decided boom during the past year. With our national association, The Philatelic Society of Canada incorporated and properly equipped collectors have better facilities than ever become acquainted with the art, science or hobby of "Philately." The stamps of British North America have risen in value wonderfully and before many years some of them will be quoted as unobtainable, except for very large sums. Take for instance the 1. shilling Nova Scotia, sold for \$27. in 1890 \$36. in 1891 and this year reached \$45. and \$51.25 at sales. There is no better investment for your money than rare stamps. There is no better pastime than collecting stamps. There is no better educator combining pleasure with profit, than in a