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EDITORIAL.

We take this opportunity of wishing our readers a happy New Year, and a New Year's gift in the shape of a specimen copy of the CANADIAN PHILATELIC WEEKLY.

It is customary when a new aspirant to journalistic honors appears, for the editor to state that it supplies a long felt want. Usually this want is chiefly felt by the editor or publisher. We will not say how badly this paper has been needed, or anything on that strain, but simply state that our object is to give stamp collectors a first-class weekly, and thereby make the paper not only a literary, but a financial success.

A few words in reference to some special features, which will appear in our columns during 1894. First, and most prominent, is our illustrated catalogue of U.S. envelopes, which appears solely in our pages, and forms a valuable and unique feature, as it enables a collector to distinguish the rare die varieties. This feature is alone worth the subscription price. A portion of the work will appear weekly until completed, which will probably be next October. Our chronicle of new issues

is one of the best. Each week we present the portrait of some prominent dealer or collector, thus making our readers better acquainted with one another. Our special correspondents furnish us with weekly letters from the leading philatelic centres. We have made arrangements with the very best philatelic writers for their best articles, a number of which will appear each week. In consideration of these and other special features, we believe that our readers will support us in our claim of being the leading philatelic weekly.

Advertisers who are reliable, and known to us to do what they advertise, are cordially invited to try our advertising columns. For the protection of our readers and advertisers, we are determined to exclude from our pages every questionable advertisement, and under no circumstance will the advertisements of any firm we believe to be unreliable be allowed in our advertising columns. We desire that the advertisers of the CANADIAN PHILATELIC WEEKLY shall be beyond reproach.

The swindling and crooked dealing that has been carried on lately must be stopped. This paper will do its share of the work. Cases of swindling and crooked dealing should not be allowed to lay several months before proper action is taken, but should be promptly reported, in order that others may be saved from losing as you have done. The aid of the post office inspector should be used a little oftener. Our columns are always open for showing up these parties in their proper light; but never write us in reference to a party's reliability until you have given him what would be considered a fair chance. If you cannot secure a reply, a letter addressed to the postmaster of the place, requesting him to make inquiries as to the receipt of your letters, quite often brings the party to time.

A party whose business methods and honesty will not bear investigation is one E. E. Raub, of Hyde Park, Mass. We notice some of our contemporaries insert his advertisements quite frequently in their paper. We consider that a publisher who inserts the advertisement of such a party is guilty of a breach of faith to his subscribers. This E. E. Raub obtained from our publishers, on the 6th of last March, a small wholesale selection, valued at a little over \$10, for which returns were promised within ten days. The goods were sent by registered mail, and he acknowledged receipt of same, but since that nothing has been heard from him, although he has been written several times. The case is now in the hands of the post office inspector at Boston, and post master at Hyde Park, and developments may be expected in a week or two. We had intended to speak of several others who deal similarly, but have been obliged, owing to pressure of the matter, to put this off till next week.

Our readers will doubtless be glad to receive additional information regarding Mr.

J. R. Hooper, the President of the Philatelic Society of Canada, who is charged with the murder of his wife. The Assizes opened at Joliette, Que., on Dec. 15th, and the case of Mr. Hooper was brought on. The jury were out till nearly 4 o'clock, and brought in a true bill against him. The court was crowded, and Hooper was the centre of attraction. He was dressed as he had been at the preliminary examination, and wore a black tie. He was quite pale, and showed signs of nervousness. "John Reginald Hooper," called the clerk, "hold up your right hand, and take it down again," Hooper put it up, but did not heed the latter injunction. He kept his hand above his head during the reading of the indictment, and at its close, his hand still pointing to heaven, in a clear voice, he answered, "Not guilty," pausing between words, as if to give emphasis. The jury which try Hooper are to be half English and half French. Hooper's case has been postponed until after the holidays, and will be brought on Jan. 3rd. The readers of the CANADIAN PHILATELIC WEEKLY will be kept informed regularly in regard to the progress of the case. We shall have a report of the opening on the trial and proceedings in our next week's issue.

A good deal has been said of late about the grilled stamps of the United States. We were quite amused at an article which appeared recently in the pages of one of our contemporaries hailing from San Francisco. The author went on so far as to state that the rare grilled issues were practically no better than the ungrilled, as a grille could be easily forged so that even an expert could not detect the forging. In proof of the assertion, the publisher presented with the said article a U.S. 1890 3 cent carmine, with forged grille. This stamp itself was enough to show that the writer of the article was astray in his statements so strongly made. The grille was such that even an amateur might see at a glance that it was spurious.

In the latter part of his article, on *Philatelic Crooks*, Mr. Quackenbush has struck the keynote of the best method of waging war against dishonest collectors. A philatelic protection association, as he suggests, should do good work if properly organized. The English Association has been, and is, a great benefit to philatelists the world over. We should like to hear from our brother editors and readers regarding this matter.

The Philatelic Society of Canada seems to be dead. The annual convention was to have been held in August, but has not been held up to date. The Society has been without an official organ for months. The terms of the officers have expired, and, according to the present state of affairs, it seems as if the Society is no more. Can the Secretary or other officers enlighten us?

Our contemporaries, several of them, at any rate, have declared war against any matter