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ABOUT POSTAL CARDS.

BY A. O. EAST.

THE editor has requested me to furnish the readers of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST with a few jottings each month in reference to the collecting of postal cards, and I feel that this new department is one which will be appreciated by the readers of this journal, as post card collectors have been increasing very rapidly of late. Regarding my notes on the subject I do not claim that they are all original, yet I shall gather from various sources only such matter as I believe will interest my readers.

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The Postal Card, that little sheet so useful to every card collector, has reached its 117th number, an age which comparatively few publications attain.

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An interesting discussion has been going on during the last month or two, regarding the Provisional cards recently issued in Bermuda, and after reviewing the evidence, on the whole I feel inclined to believe that they are not an issue that should be collected, as it appears that they were never on sale to the public, being made only to gratify a certain P. O. official.

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Belgium has issued two new cards, the stamp in the corner being the same type as the Sunday stamp. There is a 5c. green on buff paper, and a 10c. carmine on blue paper. The former card with arms, and the latter with head of the king.

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Perak has issued two new cards with the tigers head, which appears on the stamps. They are 1c. green, and one by 1c. reply.

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I see by *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, that a postal card sent from Berlin to Bremen was returned after eight years, and as it had become obsolete in that time 10 pf. postage due was charged.

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Travancore has issued a reply card similar to the single cards now in use. The card is folded at the top and perforated: eight by eight cash, pale red on buff.

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Every post card collector should join *The Post Card Society of America*, which is the only Society in the world devoted solely to the interests of card

collectors. It is also one of the few societies whose benefits are real. In many societies the benefits exist only in the minds of the officers. Mr. Geo. H. Watson, of 223 W. Grand St., Elizabeth, N. J., will supply application blanks and additional particulars on application.

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NEBRASKA NOTES.

BY GUY W. GREEN.

Cleve Scott was offered the unsevered pair of Livingstone, Alabama, locals that were afterwards discovered to be counterfeits. These were offered him by the New England Stamp Co., but had he purchased them the money paid would have been refunded, as the New England is one of the firms that a man runs no risk in dealing with.

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Louis Brodstone's article in the *Christmas Penny*, favoring the holding of the next P. S. of A. convention in the west, has been well received by Nebraska collectors. Every effort possible will be made to have the convention held in our section of the country.

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Ed. W. Wilkinson, of Lincoln, who has heretofore contributed liberally to the philatelic press under a *nom-de-plume* will hereafter use his own name. Mr. Wilkinson is a forcible writer, and I am surprised that he has not decided before this to come out from behind the concealment of a pseudonym.

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In a letter recently received from a prominent Nebraska collector he states that he knows of one case at least in which the experiences of a man have been similar to those of my hero in the poem, "What Philately did for Revolla," which appeared in the *Christmas Penny*. In the case he mentions, a philatelist knew a young lady, but was not particularly impressed with her charms until he discovered that she collected stamps. And then—well, a wedding is to occur in the near future.

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I notice, in reading a recent copy of the *Fullerton Journal*, that Dr. J. S. McAllister, of that place, recently went down to Genoa and extracted a lot of teeth without pain. (Whether without pain to himself or the patient is not stated.) The Doctor is quite a pooh bah. Besides a wholesale trade in stamps, coins and souvenirs, he is a dentist, a physician, and he runs a photograph gallery.