

less than nothing, as they show the advertiser to be a chump not worth listening to. And it is to save our patrons this unnecessary indignity that we make the above rule. The advertising rates as will seen by the schedule on page four are as low as those of any first-class magazine. The reading matter will be contributed to by the most renowned author: in the philatelic world, whose services are at our disposal. The aim of this paper is to advance, not retreat; to conquer, not to be conquered; and to keep up this will be the earnest effort of everyone in connection with THE TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL.

NOTES ON CANADIAN STAMPS.

The 1868 issue, except the half cent black have all been found on water-marked paper. It is not a government watermark, but probably the maker's name. The fifteen cent violet is the rarest.

It is stated that some two cent vermilion registered stamps were in a safe somewhere in Nova Scotia. Burglars blew it open, and the powder-smoke caused the stamps to turn *brown*. Hence two cent brown registers.

The $7\frac{1}{2}$ d and 10d. stamps, are found in three varieties. The difference is in the size of the oval.

Very few collectors have genuine used specimens of the New Brunswick five cent "Connel" stamp

VICTOR.

PHILATELIC NOTES.

A philatelic society has been formed in Queensland. Mr. T. Brand, MacKay is the Secretary.

The following is an extract from an advertisement in *The Monthly Echo*, Nova Scotia, Jan., 1883:—

"We will give \$1.00 per 100 for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, if well assorted." Only eleven years ago! Many persons would now give—well \$60.00 for a Nova Scotia shilling.

I have recently seen a new stamp album. On the cover are the fifteen varieties of the Columbian stamps, lithographed in brown. They are poorly done, but nevertheless distinguishable. "Made in Germany" is printed in small letters on the front page.

TRUE BILL AGAINST HOOPER.

HIS TRIAL WILL COMMENCE ON JANUARY 3 AND WILL LAST TWO WEEKS.

JOLIETTE, Que, Dec. 15.—At 5 this evening the grand jury in the Hooper case returned a true bill. Hooper entered the dock, and after the clerk had read the charge of murder he said, "I am not guilty."

The prisoner will be allowed a mixed jury. The case will be tried on Jan. 3 and will probably last 2 weeks.

Our February number which will be mailed before Feb. 1st, will contain reports of the trial. Collectors should be sure and get a copy, as it will interest them.

TWO-CENT POSTAGE.

At the meeting of Council of the Toronto Board of Trade, last week, there was a lengthy discussion on postage. A resolution was drawn up advising a reduction to two cents on country letters, and to one cent on drop letters for delivery in towns and cities.