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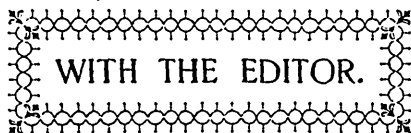
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WITH THE EDITOR.

**A
Merry
Xmas.**

STAMP-LORE wishes its readers one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Thanks to its kind patrons, STAMP-LORE anticipates a very merry Christmas, and the indications for the New Year are very bright. Our aim is to make this journal the best of its kind published at the price, and every subscription received assists us. We are pleased to note that the paper is meeting with the approval of the philatelic public, which is evident from the encouraging letters which arrive with almost every mail. We shall strive to make STAMP-LORE useful both to its advertisers and to its subscribers. We wish each issue to be superior to the one that precedes it, and to that end invite your co-operation and criticism. A valuable series of articles on the stamps of Canada will begin in our January issue.



**New
Issues.**

During the past month we have had the following new issues brought to our notice: *The American Journal of Philately* has seen the Bogota ½c. re-engraved; the letters in the inscription

are larger than in the preceding issue.—Ceylon has recently issued a two-cent reply card of the same type as the current two-cent card.—Two new surcharged sets of official stamps have been issued for Salvador; Seebeck for ever!—A St. Helena correspondent has kindly sent us copies of two new cards recently issued, bearing a view of Jamestown. The cards are very pretty. There are a 1d. card and a 1x1d. reply, both of which are printed in carmine on buff.—We have seen a 50c. bistre of the current type for Panama.—It is reported that the 4½ and 7½ annas of the British East Africa Protectorate have been surcharged "Zanzibar." The current India, 1 rupee, has received similar treatment.—We have seen a very pretty set of seven bi-colored stamps from Johore, which bear the portrait of the new Sultan.—*Le Collectionneur de Timbre-Poste* announces a 5 franc, violet and blue, for Indo-China. It is probable that this value will be added to all the French Colonial sets.—A new ½ pi. stamp has appeared from Cyprus, printed in green and red.



**Two-cent
Postage.**

Canadians, on the whole, seem to think it is a great injustice that they have to pay a 3c. rate on letters, while the citizens of the United States are charged but two. The Boards of Trade of our larger cities recently presented a memorial to the Government asking that the rate be reduced to two cents. The petition has been considered, but the P. O. Department claims that the annual deficit, which is now almost a million, would be half as much again if the two-cent rate were adopted. For the present we must be content and pay the three-cent rate.



**A
Suggestion.**

The holiday season—the time for the giving of gifts—is upon us. When scattering your expressions of good-will among your friends, make use of the opportunity to do a little missionary work for the advancement of philately. A few hundred variety packets distributed among your friends means but a small outlay for you, and yet it will yield considerable pleasure to the recipient, and may add many a recruit to our science. Many of our leading philatelists have built up their collections from such small beginnings, and now carry in grateful remembrance the name of the person who first initiated them into the pleasures of the most fascinating of sciences, Philately.