

ACROSS THE LINE.

Massachusetts Items.

BY HERBERT GILE.

At last the U. S. has a genuine surcharged stamp. The denominations surcharged were the 1c and 2c values.

Every patriotic American (whether Canuck or Sammy) should have the stamps of the Cuban Republic in complete sets.

We have noticed that for every paper that dies, there are two or three new ones which are sure to spring up and take their places.

Much disappointment is expressed by collectors over the much talked over Omahas. Very few of the 4, 8, 10 cent values have been used.

The Prop. set of Revenues has received much attention. By this time probably every one has seen them. The workmanship is fair and the "Maine has been remembered". In the estimation of the writer, the 21-2 cent values takes the prize.

A new paper has come into the field of philatelic journalism. It is the smallest we have yet seen. It has been decided to enlarge it. The publisher is Mr J. M. Chandler of Jamaica Plain.

It is whispered that the 4c., present issue, is to have its color changed to red-brown. This will make a change in the 6c. value. The 10c. will have its color changed as will the 5cent. However it will only be a different shade of blue in the 5cent.

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The Secretary's report is unavoidably absent this month.

The members, it is likely, would like to hear from the President. Surely he could find time to write an address if only a short one.

Exchange Superintendent's Report.

Dear Sirs and Brothers,

As my business is increasing daily and I see all my time will be taken up to a great extent. I think it my duty to give up the exchange debt to some one who will be able to devote more time to it than I can at present. I will still continue to be a member and will be pleased at any time to correspond with any of my fellow members.

Yours Fraternally,
JOHN. H. LOWE.