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EDITORIAL.

Our Subscription List. Our subscription list is not nearly so large as it should be. We are well aware that many of our patrons are interested in the success of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, to such an extent that they would not object to assist us in the matter of securing subscriptions. We have therefore decided to offer any person who will secure us the subscriptions of four of their friends, and forward same, together with \$1, we will send the paper one year to each of the names sent, and also send you the paper one year for your trouble. If you are already a subscriber, you may have your subscription extended a year, or have the paper sent to some friend. Take advantage of this offer.

Special Notice.

Our local customers will please observe that our office will close every Thursday during the months of June, July and August at 1 o'clock. Kindly note.

The Problem Solved.

A story has been going the rounds of the philatelic press of a young lady who entered the post office, and handing the clerk a dollar, requested him to give her twice as many two cent stamps as one's, and the balance in three's. The clerk was so puzzled that he had to let the dollar go. He could have correctly given her any of the following lots: 2 1c., 4 2c. and 30 3c.; 5 1c., 10 2c. and 25 3c.; 5 1c., 16 2c. and 20 3c.; 11 1c., 22 2c. and 15 3c.; 14 1c., 28 2c. and 10 3c.; 17 1c., 34 2c., and 5 3c. Though the problem at first appears difficult, a little thinking easily solves it.

The Bolivia Journal Stamp.

We have now to expose a fraud which nearly every large dealer fell victim to. The Bolivia Journal Stamps are now known to be bogus. "As far as we can gather, the history of these stamps is as follows: The first intimation of them, we believe, was at the Paris Philatelic Exhibition of last year. A frame was exhibited there containing these stamps, and in the name of the Bolivian Government. This alone was strong presumptive evidence that they were absolutely genuine, but we are able to establish, beyond a doubt, by the aid of Monsieur J. B. Moens, and Messrs. T. H. Buhl & Co., that they are absolutely bogus. The Bolivian Legation in Paris deny any knowledge of such stamps, and there is no doubt that the man who sold them, namely, R. Moens, of Paris, entirely originated and carried out this bold swindle. One fact that led us to have additional faith in these stamps was, that on April 5th last we received from Bolivia a parcel of them, supposed to be sent us in the ordinary way to be exchanged for other sets or packets. These copies had various postmarks, but the peculiar fact was that the envelope was franked with current issue of Bolivia, rouletted, also from the date of the letter, we found it had been five months on the journey. There appears to be no doubt but that it was written in France, and sent out to Bolivia to be posted to us. R. Moens must have dated it at the time he wrote without thinking. Our esteemed *confrere*, Monsieur Moens, of Brussels, made a special journey to Paris on this case, and after full investigation, he placed the matter in the hands of Mons. André Delanuey, Advocate, 51 Rue St. Anne, Paris, France, and he was successful in getting back the amount he paid. We have placed the matter in the hands of the same gentleman, and trust we shall be able to obtain the greater part of the £80 paid for the stamps we bought from R. Moens. In conclusion, we would point out that we think some slight care should have been taken by the Committee of the Paris Exhibition to ascertain that the stamps were a *bona fide* Government Exhibit. We consider that this is the cleverest swindle that has been perpetrated on the philatelic public since that arch-