

are stuck together in solid masses, which have to be put into hot water and steamed. If they come out in full sheets the task of reckoning them is easy.

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.

Clerk. Here is an advertisement that was Wanted! recently printed in a local paper:

"Wanted.—A dry goods man—one who knows dry goods when he sees 'em, and who does not need inward wetting himself too often. I want a man who can sell goods in a country store. One who can tell a jigger from a hayseed. I don't want a liar, but I don't want a man who is too much a stickler for the truth. There are churches handy in the town, where forgiveness may be obtained at regular intervals on private terms. None but experienced men need apply. Address: Baxter Springs, Mo."

Notice! The Editor was in Toronto for some days this month in connection with the stamp business, and called on a number of customers in that place. He expects to visit Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and Detroit during August, and will call on a number of his customers in these places.

The Press. Mr. Henry Ades Fowler, of the *Canadian Journal of Philately* has purchased the *International Philatelist* from Mr. Lowe. He will continue both magazines, *The Philatelist* is going to issue a 10,000 edition in July. There is again talk of discontinuing the *American Philatelist*, the official organ of the American Philatelic Association. The C. H. Mekeel Co., who so kindly published the magazine for the Society during the past year, now make the Association an offer of a different nature. They propose that the *American Philatelist* be discontinued, and offer to print all reports, etc., of the Society in the columns of *The Philatelic Journal of America*. For several years the *American Philatelist* caused the convention some trouble, and will probably do so again at Chicago next August.

Change in Publication date. There has always been a disadvantage attached to publishing a paper on the 25th of the month. When published on this date, if a few days late, the paper is not delivered until the following month.

This is very unsatisfactory both to subscribers and the publishers. If a journal published on the first of the month is a few days late the lateness is not noticed so much as in the previous case. We have been unavoidably late with our last two issues; and after consideration of the above we decided to change our publication date to the first of the month. To do this it has been necessary to issue two numbers (July and August), within a few days of each other, hence the slight reduction in size of this and our August issues. The August number will be mailed within a couple of days after this. Notwithstanding the decrease in size, we have made the contents equally as good as our other numbers. Volume III. of this Journal, which begins with the issue of September, will be greatly improved. See prospectus.

Sample Copies. A large number of sample copies of this issue are sent out to collectors who are not on our subscription books. We trust you will examine this number, and should you desire to see us regularly, forward your subscription, for we send but one sample to one person. We guarantee 12 numbers, or refund subscription. You should subscribe.

Prospectus. Our September issue begins our third for Vol. III. volume. From that issue THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST will appear to much better advantage. We are about to make a large number of improvements in its make-up and contents. Among the improvements which will be introduced we may mention: Each number will be illustrated with the portrait of some prominent collector or collectors. An illustrated catalogue of U. S. stamps will be continued from month to month. This last will be an important feature. We are also making arrangements with the leading writers to supply us with original articles monthly, and on original subjects. We have in the past perhaps admitted to our columns some articles not strictly first-class. For this we are to blame. We shall carry out the above to the letter, and as a result shall have the best 25c. philatelic paper in existence.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's price list, consisting of 64 pages and cover and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed, and together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)