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## Ourselves.

We must caution our advertisers against their putting too many words in their copy. A certain space will only take a certain amount of type, and it is useless to attempt to crowd more into it. If small advertisers would confine their copy to no more than fifty words to an inch their ad. would then be set up in proper shape.

An advertisement in this paper reaches about 1000 collectors every every week.

Did you ever try a column?

If you receive a sample copy of this magazine, please consider it an invitation to subscribe. Unless you do you will not see us again as only one sample is sent to one person.

When answering advertisements seen in the Stamp Reporter, our readers will confer a favor on us and on the advertisers by stating where they saw them. It will cost you little time, but will benefit us very much.

Believing that the majority of our readers are collecting, chiefly, the stamps of British North America, we are publishing every week one or more articles on these stamps. Even if they are mostly reprinted from other journals, we hope that they will accomplish their object, i. e. be the means of enlightening our readers on points about these stamps, which before may have been doubtful.

## Notes of Interest.

Philatelists will be interested to learn that the great Taping collection of postage stamps in the British Museum is now nearly all arranged in systematic order, and will soon be available for purposes of comparison and study. Mr. E. D. Macon, who has been engaged in the work for the past four years, has carefully annotated every issue with the name of the printer and designer, and the date of issue. The collection is preserved in a very strong iron chest in one of the rooms of the National Library, but when its arrangement is finished it is probable that some device may be adopted so that those who wish to consult it can do so without having access to the stamps.

The French papers report that a modification of the postage stamps of France has been decided upon. The proposition is that the stamps shall be in three types—First low values (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 centimes), for circulars, newspapers, etc., second, medium values (10, 15, 20, 25 centimes), for ordinary letters, etc., third, high values (30, 40, 50, 75 centimes, and 1 franc), for registered letters, heavy parcels, etc. The object aimed at is the possibility of confining the printing of all the stamps of five colors—red, blue, green, brown and purple.

Porto Rico has a new set of stamps. They are the current United States issues, surcharged "Porto Rico." The denominations and quantities are as follows:

1,000,000 1 cent green.  
2,000,000 2 cent red.  
500,000 5 cent blue.  
500,000 10 cent brown.

No issues are announced as yet for Hawaii and the Philippines.

Our current postcards appear on two varieties of paper, one on a smooth and cream color card, the other on a coarse wove card of a much darker tint.

The United States Periodical Stamps are twelve in number, the denominations are \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$2, 50c., 25c., 10c., 5c., 2c. and 1c. The stamps are extremely beautiful, and many sets will be framed and treated as pictures by persons who are not stamp collectors. The low price of \$5 per set brought them within the reach of every earnest collector, and will undoubtedly tend to bring about a revival of interest in collecting. Dealers are already asking \$7.50 per set. The Government issued 50,000 sets.

Russia has issued a letter sheet, 7k blue on white with a pelican and young in upper left corner. The net receipts are for the benefit of the the Foundling Hospitals founded by Empress Marie, wife of Paul I.

If the new collector is given a correct view of stamp collecting, as it should be, his days in philately will be full of delight.

It is well enough for the collector to hear all the philatelic advice that he can, but he should act only upon that which his judgment and position commend.

In listing the unused seebecks the collector is in no danger whatever of being deceived. If he wishes to purchase a pretty picture he can do so, and he knows just what he is getting, and no one is deceived. On the other hand, should he purchase a postally-used specimen, how is he going to know that it is a postally-used specimen, and not a forged cancellation? The only way to be sure of a seebeck is on the original cover, showing both forward and receiving postmarks.

The T. Eaton & Co., departmental store, of Toronto, and in fact the largest store in Canada, save all the stamps received in their mail. They recently disposed of a four months' accumulation to a Toronto dealer for \$400.

When placing high value stamps in packages or envelopes, keep them away from the edges.

## A Few of Our Premiums.

given to every new yearly subscriber, providing a self-addressed stamped envelope is sent.

1. Special delivery stamp, unused.
2. 10c numeral issue, unused.
3. 2c Xmas stamp, unused.
4. Scott's supplement to 58th.
5. 2c letter card (surcharged).
6. 15 var. Canadian stamps.

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