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After perusing Mr. Robertson's "Rules of Exchange Department," "Exchange Department Agreement," his report, etc., the shrewd collector cannot help but see the able and painstaking care of Mr. Robertson in his endeavors to make this department a grand success. It is true, he has been somewhat long getting it into running order, but we are sure that all will be amply repaid the slight delay by the almost perfect arrangements that have been made.

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Dealers, as well as collectors, interested in the success of our paper are requested to send us the names of their collecting friends and customers whom they think might subscribe. Send along your list; it will benefit you indirectly and confer a favor on the publisher. To such as have already done so we extend our earnest thanks.

The editor of this paper would like to receive a few *good, original* articles on any branch of *Philately*, (not postal statistics). Address this department.

It may interest some of our readers to know the exact numbers of U. S. department stamps issued by the different departments. The issues were as follows:—Executive, 1,800; State, 58,338; Treasury, 1,442,650; War, 1,144,573; Navy, 81,493; Interior, 533,622; Justice, 25,470; Agriculture, 86,800. The above figures show the ratio of their comparative rarity. Do not omit to purchase these stamps because of the seemingly high prices of some, for in five years from now you will not be able to obtain them at double the present prices.

Mr. T. S. Clark's auction sale was held in Montreal on New Years Day. Total of sale, \$563.31. Prices were on the whole *fair only*.

We were obliged, for the first time, to leave out the matter for the *Canadian Stamp Catalogue*. Next month and thereafter it will be continued regularly without fail.

The value of a good Philatelic library is now being fully recognized as an essential and useful companion to every *true* Philatelist. This is shown by the hundreds of advertisements in the exchange columns of stamp papers for the purchase and exchange of the same. Another thing that shows us the increase of this class of collectors, is the increasing demand for back numbers of this paper. Have you a Philatelic library? If not, we would advise you to form one. By this we by no means infer that a collection of Price Lists, Magazines of no merit, and such like should be collected, for it is our opinion they should not. But a good collection of fine Magazines form an invaluable companion to the collector.

A recent resolution passed by the P. S. of C. Organizing Committee was that of patronizing only such dealers as were members of the P. S. of C. We are pleased to note that nearly all of the P. S. of C. members are aiding the committee to carry out this resolution, and we extend our cordial thanks to such members as have favored us with a share of their trade.

A correspondents' column is opened this month, and we trust a liberal use will be made of it, as in future considerable space will be devoted to it.

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At Mr. Duncan S. Wylie's recent sale, a New Brunswick shilling brought \$27.50; a Nova Scotia shilling brought \$31.00; and a like stamp of Newfoundland brought \$41.00. Who will say that British North American stamps are not a good investment?

Patronize the exchange department. It is read by all, and the rates are very low, placing it in reach of all. Try it!