

Notes and Comment.

By R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

The color of the 1896 G.N.W. Telegraph Co. frank is dark vermilion.

Mr. C Bailey of Toronto informs me that the new 2 cent Canadian post card has been placed on sale there. So far I have not seen one, nor are they on sale at the St. Catharines Post Office.

In the recent large fire in Wallaceburg Ont. a number of stamps and other articles belonging to W.A. Lydiatt were burned.

The Pennsylvania stamp has suspended publication.

The firm of Cook and Dunbar of Bridgeport, Conn. has dissolved partnership. Mr. Cook will henceforth deal in revenues at wholesale.

Mr. W. Kelsey Hall has resigned as Exchange Supt. of P.S. of A. and has been succeeded by the former Supt. Mr. R. F. Maddigan.

The Maryland Philatelist issued but one number and expired. It was a very neatly gotten up paper and we are very sorry to see it go.

Mr. W. Sanford will not issue the Rhode Island Philatelic Hand Book as announced, owing to trouble with his eyes which compels him to abandon all philatelic work for the present at least.

The January (Holiday) no. of the Philatelic Advocate was fine, and each number is better than its predecessor. It will soon be a world-beater if their motto is always adhered to.

Stamp collecting does not seem to be affected by the business condition of the country. This shows that it is really a pastime of the rich and leisure classes.

Indiana Notes.

By H. I. WATTS.

From all reports I judge that this state is gaining more new collectors than she is losing.

A complete history of the now famous Cincinnati local or provisional will soon be published. It will show the different types, three in number, and will be filled with much of interest to philatelists whether owners of one of the stamps or not. Several of these scarcities are held by collectors in Winchester.

The scarcest of the lower value of Columbian stamps is the six cent. Some one must have gobbled up all of them that were sent to the post-offices around here as I have written to over twenty postmasters in vain.

I am sure that Indiana will, by the opening of next season, offer one of the finest fields for "boy trade" in the country. No state of its size has a greater number of intelligent girls and boys, both in the town and in the country. Many of these would become collectors if they had the chance.



NOTES.

By SIDNEY NICHOLS.

The demand for revenues is on the increase, and, as the supply is limited the prices are bound to advance.

There is no law against mutilating or defacing postage stamps of any denomination.

Under the present tariff in the United States, stamps may be imported free of charge.

The postal cards which were sold at the Columbian Exposition are merely souvenirs and have no place in a stamp album.