

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

[We will be pleased to answer any questions which readers of this journal may send. To benefit all is the aim of this department.]

M. Binland, of the British America Bank Note Co., of Montreal, in a recent letter mentions as a fact that his firm did not issue the registered (Canada) stamps, as stated in our last issue. To stamp collectors this will be of interest, as it is most difficult to obtain such information from the Government, and it has always been thought by many that the above company were the issuers of registered stamps. The American Government have all their files on such matters open for inspection, and it is known just how many were issued, the engravers, year, etc., all of which is interesting.

Canada revenues, such as bell, law, gas inspection, weights and measures, etc., are collected by many now. They surpass postage stamps from an artistic point of view, and as the collector to-day is branching out owing to the costliness of completing a postage collection, this probably accounts for the demand in revenues.

France still retains a colony in British North America, namely, St. Pierre and Miquelon, the stamps issued being the same as those of her other colonies.

It is strange how some stamps come to be in demand. The trouble in Hawaii, Japan-China war, South America, and now the demand is for Transvaal and Cuban stamps. The rebels of the latter island have issued a new set of stamps, from which they hope to realise means to aid them in gaining their liberty.

In February Bulgaria issued a new set of stamps bearing the portrait of Prince Boris.

Many will wonder how it pays Canada, for instance, to deliver what mail comes addressed here from the other side when the total sent from here is so small in comparison. The Government of the United States, and of all other countries comprised in the Universal Postal Union, will begin weighing all incoming and outgoing mail on May 1st, and such weighing will continue for 28 days. This is done every three years by all of the Governments, and on its result depends the amount of compensation given by every country for the carriage of its mails in the territory of others. After these figures are gathered they will be multiplied by 13 to secure the weight for the 52 weeks of the year, and the reports then will be interchanged by the respective Governments.

Sixteen auction sales of stamps held during January netted the sum of \$55,199.40. Were the results of all sales for that month totalled it would probably be twice that sum.

Be sure and write, and young collectors are especially requested to make use of these columns, as what interests one nearly always helps another.

POSTAGE STAMPS



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