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EDITORIAL.

We have had news for our readers this week. This is the last number of *The Canadian Philatelic Weekly* that will appear. Application was made for second-class rates as soon as the first issue appeared. On January 9th, the Postmaster-General wrote us to the effect that the paper was not in the strictest sense of the term a newspaper, and that on these grounds he refused it the desired rate. A second application was made the following week, and although considerable influence was brought to bear upon the Postmaster-General by our friends in the overment, we were notified that he was unable to alter his decision. *The Canadian Philatelic Weekly* has received during its two months' existence the best of support, and already had a subscription list larger than that of many older journals, still, as our readers can readily understand, it would not be a matter of business to continue the paper unless free transmission were secured. It has been informed that should this application would be useless, and in the face of this we cannot but discontinue publication. All subscriptions have been refunded. We must thank our many

patrons for the liberal support that has been given us in this venture and regret greatly that we are compelled to discontinue. Special attention will be devoted to *The Canadian Philatelic* in future, and we hope to be able to make the latter journal fill the place of this.

Mr. L. D. Bruchart, son of the mayor of St. Cloud, Minn., is one of the most energetic of the Central Minnesota collectors.

We have received the catalogue of the first auction sale of Mr. B. L. Drew, of 122 Oxford street, Cambridge, Mass., which will be held at that place on March 15th, 1894. A very fine line of United States stamps are offered.

We had on hand for publication in this journal a large quantity of very interesting MSS., which will appear in *The Canadian Philatelist*, now that this paper is discontinued. A copy will be sent free upon application.

Mr. E. T. Parker will shortly hold an auction sale at his New York branch, in conjunction with the Mekeel Company. It will take place on March 12th, and a number of very desirable stamps are being offered. Catalogues may be obtained of the above firms.

Mr. Alton Brudaker, of Fargo, N. D., who recently declined the office of international secretary of the S. of P., has recently been appointed president of the National Amateur Press Association, to succeed J. L. Tomenson, of Chicago, resigned.

The latest aspirant to the philatelic honors is the *Bristol County Stamp News*. It is published at Taunton, Mass., by the Bristol County Philatelic Society and is edited by the members of the same. It is a bright and newsy little journal and should be a success.

In a recent issue we published some matter reflecting on the character of Mr. J. Bernstein, jr. Mr. Bernstein now informs us that a sworn statement of the facts are in the hands of the Post Office Department and that they have fully exonerated him from all blame in connection with this matter. We are glad to be able to again set Mr. Bernstein right.

We beg to be excused from collecting Russian local stamps, if only for the reason of the difficulty in pronouncing the names. Here are a few specimens taken from the chronical of *Timbre Poste*; Biejetsk, Bielozerk, Fatoje, Ksan, Ochansk, Orguyeff, Perejaslaw, and Wasil. If we lived in any of the above places we believe that we would either have to move, or our customers would be apt to give up in disgust.

We regret to again have occasion to refer to the fact that we cannot possibly accept advertisements unless payment is made in advance. During the past month we have been obliged to return a large number of contracts which were sent us by dealers who, although reliable enough, seem to be of the opinion that for the sake of their patronage we would depart from our established rules. We also are obliged to insist that all subscriptions be paid in advance, as we cannot under any circumstances go to the trouble of opening an account for such a small amount. We also discontinue the paper promptly upon expiration of the subscription, so that in order that no numbers may be missed it is advisable to renew about two weeks before your subscription expires, as we cannot supply back numbers except at our regular price of ten cents each.

The entire philatelic world seems to be in a state of doubt as to what the result of the speculation that is being carried on with Columbians will be. It is a fact that large quantities are being hoarded up, but demand for these stamps is increasing so rapidly that it seems as if even now there will be a shortage in the supply. The 1 and 2c. values will never in our opinion be worth much more than they are at present, for should the occasion demand it we believe there are enough of them to supply every person in the world with a specimen, or at any rate the greater part of them. With the other values however it is different as the demand is so much greater than the supply that it is quite natural that the price should advance. There have been many thousands of new collectors joined our ranks during the past year and it can be seen that an increased demand will arise from this source alone. Foreign dealers have been buying very large quantities, yet many of them report that they can scarcely supply their retail trade, let alone the heavy orders they receive from other dealers. It is well nigh impossible to obtain the dollar values in either used or unused condition at present, and we feel confident that within a year's time the prices will be double what they now are. Outside of the dollar values the speculators in these stamps are partial to the 3 and 6 cent values, it being thought that these denominations being comparatively little used would command good prices. We ourselves believe that the envelope stamps will rise in price even more rapidly than the adhesives, as the supply of the envelopes is small. A great difficulty has always been experienced in getting used specimens of the higher values that were not cancelled so heavily as to render them almost valueless, for a very large proportion of the dollar values are found cancelled very heavily. On the whole we believe that the real reason that the predictions are made that these stamps will fall greatly in price, is owing to the desire of some large speculators to frighten those who possess only a small quantity into selling them. On the whole it is our belief that so attractive is this set and so great is the demand for them, that there will be no decrease whatever in price. If you have a quantity of them laid by do not be in a hurry to sell.