

SOME STAMP FINDS.

WITH APOLOGIES TO BARON WM. CHAUSEN AND LEWIS ROBIE.

BY A. LLOYD JONES.

(Continued From Last Number.)

"Well," said another collector, a Johnny Bull in every pore of his body "I've made some of the dearest finds, don't you know and had some of the 'ardest luck with stamps that I believe ever fell to lot of stamp collector. In the middle eighties I made ha business trip, you know, through halmost hall the British colonies. Halthrough the primary hobject was not to search for stamps I made hit my business to look around and gather hin all the "wee bits" I could. Hin many of the colonies and specially hin Australia I picked up some sweet stamps. These I would always send at once to London so as not to be bothered with carrying them. But the greatest of hall great finds hever made, I believe, was made by me on that trip. I've never told any one of hit before for I was hafraid I would not be believed. Well this great find, as you might guess, was made in Mauritius and consisted of a rare old Mauritius one penny and two pence stamps. But, now hold your breath, the great thing about hit was that hit consisted of full sheets of these stamps! I found them in the house where I was staying in the proverbial scrap album. They had been bought, and were the first sheets sold, to keep as a relic. "Well I bought them for just face value. I thought I would not trust them to the mails, you know, so I started for London with the stamps halong with me, but the stamps were fated never to see England. On the trip to London once when I was on deck examining my treasures, a mischievous monkey that was on board slipped up behind me and grabbing the stamps hout my ands ran haloft with them, me right after him. Then when that blarsted monkey saw I was going to catch him what did 'e do but just tear the sheets into little bits and throw them in the air to be blown away. Well, I was so mad that I just pulled my pocket knife, the only kind of a weapon I had with me, and cut that devlish monkey's throat with the knife. Then when I tried to recover the value of the stamps from the captain instead of being able to get anything he compelled me to pay him for killing his blarsted pet monkey.

ODDS AND ENDS.

BY J. SYDNEY DALTON.

New motto: Freeze on to Transvaal stamps.

There have been a great many new papers started in the last three months but most of them have died with Vol. 1, No. 1. There are some exceptions, however, and this paper is one.

We are expecting something good when Mr. Chapman's new paper appears.

Canada can boast of having three good monthly papers now anyway and if the Manitoba Philatelist stays in the ranks it will make the number four.

Collectors and dealers don't seem quite satisfied about the price of the 1/2c. and 6c. Jubilee for there are hardly two dealers that sell them at the same price.

The Maple Leaf issue is in great demand and there is a good sale for them.

Porto Recian stamps should be a good investment for they will not be in long.

The Evergreen State Philatelist had twelve pages and cover last month and out of the twelve had seven pages of good reading matter. It is a nice little paper.

Another new paper the Philatelic Chronical and Michigan Philatelist appeared last month and is very good having sixteen pages and cover. Success Bro. Williams.

We are pleased to note that the 59th edition of Scotts' catalogue is nearer the market prices than formally.

The 2c. purple envelope is not such a good investmedt after all, owing to the quantity some Canadian Philatelist have on hand.

The Capital is about the slowest place in Canada as to stamps. There is not one company, and very few dealers.

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