

ENGLISH NOTES.

BY C. J. COX.

Messrs. Thompson and Co., of Bishop, Auckland, have been successful in their tender for the remaining stock of the stamps of Antigua, Dominica, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christopher and the Virgin Isles, the price offered being between £5,000 and £6,000. This firm of dealers purchased the stock of Fiji stamps some time ago.

The late prosecutions which have been causing such a stir in all Philatelic circles, have now assumed a different aspect, the society which took the steps for the extermination of the forgers is now asking for donations for the amount of the expenses, which are over £500.

A Newfoundland 6d. stamp, orange, 1857, realized £1, 1, 0. at an auction sale recently.

A new post card has been issued, value 1d., slightly smaller than the old issue, and is, no doubt, a nice change, as it has not got the head of Queen Victoria as usual, but a full length portrait of Her Majesty, similar to the type of the 3d. card. Color, red on buff.

The latest part that Philately takes is on the boards of the theatrical stage. A piece is now being performed over here in which an ardent collector takes the life of a lay figure! belonging to a friend, an artist, for the sake of securing a rare blue Mauritius.

A box recently sent through the post was thought to have something inside alive, and upon being opened was found to contain four young alligators, alive; the parcel had come from Egypt.

A new set of Costa Rica has been issued, which do great credit to the printers: Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, of London.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

C. P. A., Winnipeg.—The *Quaker City Philatelist* of Philadelphia is the official organ of the society you refer to. For particulars regarding officers, write for sample copy, address as above.

E. H. J.—Should like to have matter by 12th of each month.

J. C. E., New York.—Your Nova Scotia sixpence is genuine. Your Saxony 3 pf. is a forgery.

A. B., San Francisco.—The A. P. A. convention is held at Niagara Falls the first week in August, immediately after the C. P. A. hold their convention.

E. O. R., Halifax.—(1), 2500; (2), No. 311849.

Clippings.

All Clippings from newspapers thought by the Editor to be of interest to Collectors will be published in this column. Subscribers are invited to send clippings, which always prove acceptable.

From "The Stamps of British North America."

BANCROFT'S MONTREAL CITY EXPRESS.

This stamp I found for the first time, the month of issue of this catalogue, and my information regarding it is limited. The stamp is finely engraved, and printed in blue on white paper. In design it consists of the head of, I suppose, Mr. Bancroft, a white space above and below this head. In the space above, the word "Bancroft's," below the head the words "City Express." In each upper and lower corners of the stamp was the figure "5"; across the top, in a straight line, the words "five cents." Down the left-hand side were the words "43 Gt. St. James St." On the right-hand side two small stars and the word "Montreal"; across the bottom the words "five cents."

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.	New.	Used.
660	(?)	5 cent	blue		

THE G.N.W. TELEGRAPH CO. FRANKS.

There has been but little known of these stamps, which, as far as beauty goes, are quite equal to those in use by the Telegraph Companies of the United States. They are all the same in design, the only difference in the varieties is that they are printed in a different color each year, and the date on the stamp is changed. In design they consist of "Great North-Western Telegraph Company," in a half circle; inside this, a little lower, the words "of Canada"; below this, in two straight lines, "Frank," "No"; and below this again a blank space, in which is printed the registered number. In a curved line across the bottom, "Complimentary"; above this a facsimile signature of H. P. Dwight, the Vice-President and General Manager; at the top in each corner the date; between the two dates the word "the." The groundwork of the stamp is composed of fine engraved lines.

No.	Date.	Color.	New.	Used.
661	1890	blue		.25
662	1891	carmine		.35
663	1892	olive green		

C. P. R. TELEGRAPH FRANKS.

The design of the C. P. R. Franks is an unique one. It consists of a map of North America in a circle, around which are the words "Canadian Pacific Railway" above, and "Telegraph" below; half of the date at each side of the map. Below the circle was the signature of the manager, and below this, in one straight line, the word "Complimentary"; at the top of the stamp the word "Frank," and below this the registered No. in red.

My list of these stamps, I am aware, is not complete, and should feel grateful to any readers of this catalogue who can furnish me with correct information of the whole set.

No.	Date.	Color.	New.	Used.
664	1887	black		
665	1888	black		
666	1889	black		
667	1890	black		