

Montreal Notes.

The announcements made by the Hon. Mr. Patterson, that after 1st January next the postage on letters from Canada to any part of the British Empire will be three cents an ounce, is another intimation to the British people in all parts of the empire that the Dominion of Canada is not only desirous of cultivating the most friendly relations, but that in order to do so she is prepared to make sacrifices. This action on the part of Canada will, no doubt, lead to reciprocal concessions from the British Government and colonial governments as well. The action of Canada's Government will be an addition to the events of the Jubilee which cannot fail to deeply impress the Canadian people as well as those of the Empire.

At a meeting of La Chambre de Commerce of this city, a resolution was unanimously adopted thanking the Postmaster General for having taken the initiative of reducing the postage to the whole British Empire.

There appears to be a boom in stamp business here. The dealers seem well pleased. Perhaps this is due to the approach of Christmas.

The two cents and five cents new issue came out on the 13th inst. in the rural post offices. I enclose an envelope received that day by one of my friends, with the 2c stamp on it. You will notice the design is the same as the $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, the color being dark violet; the 5 cents being dark blue on bluish paper.

1897. $\frac{1}{2}$ c black.
2c dark violet.
5c dark blue (bluish.)

The six cents rich brown chronicled, in Mekeel's Weekly 363, has not yet made its appearance here, though it is expected some time next week.

A notice was posted at the post office on the 10th inst. in regard to the advertising on the front of the post card. This privilege will be highly appreciated by all commercial people and should result in the increased popularity of post cards.

ATLAS.

That Stamped Envelope.

Some of our subscribers have not received their premiums because they have neglected to send a stamped and addressed envelope. Without this no premium will be sent. Subscribers in the United States and Newfoundland should send an addressed envelope with a 3c stamp *in* it instead of *on* it. Subscribers in other countries may send 40c, which pays for subscription, premium and exchange notice.

Advertisers, remember that annual contract for space in this journal may be made before January 20th at 25c. per inch each insertion. Please sign contract and send copy at once.

U. S. PLATE NUMBERS AT A BARCAIN.

	CAT. PRICE.	MY PRICE.
1890 Plate No. 21, .03	\$.75	\$.35
do do do 72, .03	.60	.30
do do do 24, .30	3.50	2.50
do 3c. purple, unused	.06	.05
do 30c. black, unused	.60	.40
Columbian Envelopes, unused,		
whole, 2c.		.05

With every order of \$1.00 or more I will give a Canada 6 cent new issue or a $\frac{1}{2}$ cent on order of 50 cents or more.

Money order or Registered letter. No stamps taken except in Foreign orders under 50 cents. Postage extra with orders under \$1.00.

FRANK E. PARKS,

76 Summer St., Stoneham, Mass., U. S. A.

SPECIAL SALE OF SETS.

9 Var. N. Borneo.....20c
20 different Match and Medicine Stamps..55c
1 to 10 U. S. Columbian.....15c
Good Approval Sheets at 60 per cent. discount.

WM. H. MATLOCK,

Springfield, Ill., U. S. A.

IF you would like some 'hot' approval sheets send to us.

France 1863, 5 fr.....35c. cat. \$1.00

PAUL CLINE,

Box 191, Tippecanoe City, Ohio.

Wanted: Used Jubilee Stamps of Canada and Newfoundland in Exchange.

For every 10 Jubilee stamps sent me in good condition, I will give an entire U. S. stamped envelope in good condition, catalogued at 15c. For 20 I will give an entire envelope catalogued at 35c; or 6 unused Cuban stamps; or a \$10 Confederate bill. Any quantity taken. Send 5c for catalogue of 150 varieties of old paper money. Address, J. E. HANDSHAW, Smithtown Branch, N. Y.