

We wish it understood that we did not intend any personal reflection on Mr. Paterson in the item regarding the *Virginia Philatelist* in last issue.

We will give a year's subscription (without premium) for a five cent unused Canada Beaver. Or we will give a two inch adv. for an unused 3c Beaver.

Since the notes on page 69 were in print Ceylon has signified her adherence to Imperial penny postage.

Mr. Lydiatt's Toronto philatelic weekly has appeared but the publisher has inaptly chosen the name of *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* which is the same as Mr. Weaver's publication of this city. This will lead to confusion, and as Mr. Weaver was the first to choose this name, Mr. Lydiatt should find some other name. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

We want good MSS. in exchange for adv. space. Send what you have with price. Enclose stamp if you wish reply. We do not want notes, except from regular correspondents.

We accept unused stamps for amounts under \$25.00.

Points and Pointers.

By CRESCENT.

Collectors would do well to get the Newfoundland one cent red and two cent orange '97, as a rise is sure on account of the necessary change of color.

Now is the time to buy up the U. S. War issues while these stamps are in such an unsettled state. The authorities find it necessary to introduce several new denominations, and it may just be possible

that one or two of the present values may be retired on this account. There is also a possibility of a change of color in some.

If the war cloud that hovers over Fashoda should happen to break, collectors of British Colonies would be gladdened by several new issues from some of the French Islands in different parts of the world, with the pleasant features of Queen Victoria thereon. Even as it now stands they may soon expect some from China.

Since the last issue of the *ADVOCATE*, the half cent of the current Newfoundland issue has appeared bearing a portrait of the Duke of York's infant son. This is just as predicted by "Crescent" last month and helps to confirm his prophecy of the coming set.

A well worn subject of discussion among philatelists is that of albums. Now, I don't want anyone to consider this in the shape of a kick, but rather as a "gentle reminder" to the compilers, publishers, etc., of the next edition of the "International." Namely that the illustrations of the stamps of the United States of America are both too few and too far between. No doubt the advanced collectors may be well able to classify their different specimens to perfection, but, they must consider the rising generation, with five or six hundred varieties just starting upon their philatelic voyages.

We notice the following in the *Philatelic Bulletin* of October under "Ontario Notes" edited by Geo. W. Hicks: "Starnaman Bros. promise an extra big special of the *PHILATELIC ADVOCATE* for January. A prompt 'snug' newsy paper is the *ADVOCATE*. We would feel that we had lost a trusty friend were it to go 'with the silent majority.'" Right you are Bro. Hicks.