

the counterfeits it is of a light gray-black. Also the originals are surcharged on the slate and lilac-gray shades which were printed in Ottawa, whereas the counterfeits appear on the brownish-slate, or Montreal print." Those that I have seen were surcharged very nicely, but my suspicions were aroused by their price, and also by the cancellation bars not extending the entire width of the stamp, thus showing that they were not surcharged in the sheet. Of course there are a great many varieties of the counterfeits.

There seems to be some difference of opinion as to the cause of the difference in size of some of the present issue of Canada. Some time ago I noticed the difference in the ½c. and later on in the 2c. My present collection contains three different widths of the 2c., and two in the length of the stamp. All are o. g., but upon close examination I find that the grain in the paper runs from top to bottom in the narrow stamp, and across in the wide, so one can readily see that the paper shrinks with the grain.

Someone wants to subscribe to a good philatelic paper without a "kick" in it. Can any of our readers give me the address of the editor of such a paper? I sympathize with our friend and will do anything to get him one moment's happiness.

Richmond, Va., the home of the Virginia Philatelic Society, a city claiming one hundred thousand population, does not contain one stamp dealer. Our collectors are well supplied with approval sheets from dealers of other cities.

Mr. R. Hamilton, a dealer of our little town across the river, (Manchester) reports business quite good at present, mail orders especially so.

The April number of the Virginia Philatelist presents to its readers a fine likeness of Mr. Penick Shilton. Mr. Shilton has a very fine collection, also a great many duplicates, and is always ready for a "swap."

THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST (No. 2) arrived on time. Didn't you see an improvement? Look out for No. 3. See if my predictions do not come true? Give the wheel another turn and we will be nearer the top round.

OLD DOMINION.

From Wisconsin.

The Columbian stamps are evidently not extinct yet. In a small town in Wisconsin I came across a Postmaster who had complete sheets of the 8c. and 10c. values that had been laid away in a safe and forgotten. This P. M. is now anxious to dispose of them to anybody who has a desire for complete sheets, unused.

I note also that the 1c., 2c., 5c., and 10c. Columbian envelopes, and the \$5.00 stamp is still on sale at the Washington post office.

Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co., one of the largest stamp firms in America, have disposed of their stock to the American Collector's Company, and will hereafter conduct a commission business only.

Under date of April 9th, the Chicago Record prints the follow-

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