

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.]

Toronto, March 30, 1892.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST:

DEAR SIR,—Our Philatelic brethren over the border have lately been urging the question of putting stamps on the free list, and in consequence a bill is going through Congress now to that effect. But we poor Canadian dealers and collectors are still being fleeced, and nobody seems to be doing very much in the matter. I will give one instance by way of illustration: A short time ago I sent to a dealer in the United States for a selection of rare Mexican stamps on approval. A few days afterwards I received a card from the custom-house authorities saying there was a parcel (?) held for duty addressed to me. I called at the office next day, and found they had stopped three sheets of stamps weighing about one ounce. I opened the letter and the clerk examined the sheets. The total value was about \$14.00, and he said, "Well, I guess we'll have to charge you 35 % duty on these—\$4.90, please." Of course I didn't pay the \$4.90, but sent the sheets back, and I guess they won't improve the dealer's opinion of the Canadian Government when he receives them. This is a most decidedly outrageous state of affairs, and the sooner there's a row about it the better.

Thanking you for your valuable space, I am, sir,
yours respectfully, E. J. PHILLIPS.

St. Thomas, April 13, 1892.

The Editor Canadian Philatelist:

DEAR SIR,—I was just notified to-day that this new branch was added. I believe it will be an excellent feature. The Stamps will be sold at reserved bids, so there will be no slaughtering. I trust you will get this in this month's Canadian Philatelist. Let all members send in their stamps for the May sale, on or before May 10th. I have already some enquires for such a department, and trust now it is established it will be well patronized.

Yours truly,
J. S. ROBERTSON.

S. STAMP CO., Sunderland, England.—Our subscription to England is. 6d., therefore we have only credited you with 6 months subscription for amount received.

L. G. D., Nashville, Tenn.—All subscriptions must commence with current issue.

SANA, Montreal.—Your notes and clippings are always welcome.

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO NON-SUBSCRIBERS.—Every non-subscriber who orders goods to the value of \$1 or over at one time will receive as a premium a year's subscription entirely free. This is an opportunity not to be missed: take advantage of it now.

Our Sister Societies.

[We desire the Secretaries of all Societies to send us brief reports of their meetings each month, and such will be published free, and we trust that Societies will not be slow in taking advantage of this privilege.]

We are informed by Mr. J. Bernstein, jr., that the publication of *The United Association Philatelist*, the official organ of the United Philatelic Association, has been discontinued; the Society expect to obtain *The Washington Philatelist* as their official organ. It is possible that this Society will amalgamate with the P.S. of C. in the near future. Negotiations to that effect are now under way.

The *Sons of Philately* are still in a prosperous condition; each month brings in many new applications, mostly those of young collectors. The official organ, *The Collector*, has again been enlarged.

According to the March *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, the INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION seems to be in a flourishing condition; 8 new members, and 6 applications are published, and there are about 255 members on the roll.

Leading U. S. Philatelic papers are agitating a movement for the amalgamation of all the smaller societies with the A.P.A. It would be advantageous to both the A. P. A. and smaller societies, but owing to the independence manifested by some of the latter, it is our opinion that but little will come of the matter.

The Stamp Collector's Exchange Society is a firmly-established corresponding society, founded and controlled by the publishers of the *Stamp Collector's Monthly*, a leading English magazine.

The Middle-Atlantic Philatelic Association is only two months old, but its success has been very great. It now has exchange sales, purchasing and postmark departments, also library and official organ. Dues only 25c. per year, no fee. President, E. P. Simrock; Vice-President, C. P. Farley; Treasurer, Ira Apgar; Secretary, J. Neubauer; Exchange Superintendent, T. G. Kitchin; Purchasing Agent, B. P. Thomas; Assistant Purchasing Agent, N. B. Craig; Librarian, J. K. Hand. For application blank, address, J. Neubauer, 407 East 87th-St., N. Y.