

A New Exchange Club. The Fiscal and Postal Exchange Club is the latest. It has just been formed in Plymouth, England, with the purpose in view of facilitating the exchange of postage and revenue stamps, particularly the later, between collectors. The address of the Secretary is, A. Preston Pearce, of 8 Clarendon Place, Citadel Road, Plymouth, England, who will forward circulars to those desiring additional particulars.

The Canadian Philatelic Weekly. As will be seen from an announcement in another portion of this month's issue, our new publication the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* will appear promptly on January 4th, and will in every respect be the best philatelic weekly published. We refer you to the announcement, and shall be pleased to receive your subscription. Sample copies may be had on application.

Our Handbook No. 5. Our Handbook No. 5, "*The Postage Stamps of the United States*," which is announced as ready in this and the two previous issues of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST, is not yet ready. The covers of the paper on which it is advertised were all printed at one time in the month of September and at the time same were printed it had been expected to have the book ready for delivery by the time the papers were mailed. However, the time and labor involved in the preparation of the book has been so much greater than was first expected that at present appearances we will be unable to mail the work before February 5th. We trust that our patrons that have ordered this work will pardon delay. The book is of such useful nature that we feel assured that it will, when issued, repay purchasers for the delay in receiving it.

Our Christmas Issue. THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST has become so late that it will be impossible to issue the special Christmas edition promised in our September issue, on time. The special edition in question will appear in February, and will be in every respect a very fine number. Our December issue is now in press and will be mailed a day or two after this number. An apology is due our readers for the small size of this and our October issue, but we were so late that it was impossible to get a larger edition out without being put still farther behind.

Our Catalogue. We have received from the publishers advanced pages of *Our Catalogue*, which is being published by a syndicate of American dealers. The catalogue presents a very neat appearance, yet we do not believe it will prove a very dangerous rival to the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s Catalogue, which seems to be the favorite.

Another Swindle. We desire to warn the readers of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST against a certain E. E. Raub, of Hyde Park, Mass., who has of late been swindling collectors and dealers to a great extent. This party succeeded in securing from us a small wholesale lot valued at about \$10, which lot we are now minus. Legal proceedings will be taken against this party, and any of our readers who have lost by him are requested to forward full particulars, with their claims, to us at once. We shall be able to give our readers further particulars shortly.

Mr. Dawson A. Vinden. Mr. Dawson A. Vinden, whose portrait we had intended to present to the readers of the CANADIAN PHILATELIST in this issue, had not arrived up to the date of publication, and we are compelled to go to press without it. It will appear next month.

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 answered in the following number.]

CANADIAN COLLECTORS.

EDITOR CANADIAN PHILATELIST,

It has been thought that a society having membership limited to Canada would do good work. With low dues, reliable officers and active departments, such a society should do well. Please write if interested. Suggestions thankfully received, which should be discussed and passed on. In writing kindly give opinion upon such matters as dues, age limit of officers, working methods of departments, and general policy of Society. Write, ALEX. M. MUIRHEAD, Halifax, N. S.

THE "WITNESS."

The Montreal WITNESS is now offering the remainder of the present year free to new subscribers for next year as an encouragement to give that valuable paper a trial. The WITNESS, both WEEKLY and DAILY, has, during the year, adopted what it declares to be the model form, with neat, small, convenient pages, being enabled, by the possession of one of the most complete printing presses ever built by the Hoes, of New York, to vary the number of pages at will. The paper enters the press at two places, on rolls broad or narrow as required, and the newspapers come out at lightning speed folded, pasted and cut. Besides the improvement in form, there is a remarkable improvement in Typography, the type being set by the wonderful Linotype machine, which attains the speed of five men, and casts a new type face every time. The proprietors invite visitors to Montreal to see these machines. The picture element has so greatly developed in the WITNESS, that it may now be fairly called an illustrated paper. The WITNESS has moved to the busiest corner in Montreal, the junction of Bleury and St. Peter Streets with Craig Streets, and has a spacious building there, which is in some respects as fine a newspaper office as is anywhere to be seen. The price of the DAILY WITNESS is \$3, and of the WEEKLY WITNESS \$1, while the little pioneer paper, THE MESSENGER, costs only 30 cents.

Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co. should send for a copy at once. It consists of 80 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free upon application by addressing above firm at 4 Nicholson Place, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)