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person who may apply for them, and in any quantity. No reference is required, no deposit asked for, and no inquiry made as to standing.

The consequence of this loose and unbusinesslike transaction is that quantities of these stamps fall into the hands of unreliable boys, frauds, dead beats, and persons using fictitious names and addresses. It is then sought to make the Division of Post Office Inspectors an agency for the collection of these bad debts, on the ground that the mails have been used to further a scheme to defraud.

The above ruling changes a practice that has prevailed, and was welcome news to the officers in the Philadelphia division, as this class of business has grown up to be an irksome and intolerable nuisance, and was carried on to the neglect of more important public service."

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day of the New Year while it is yet dark, let him repair himself to that portion of the Bay of Fundy which has never been fathomed, and silently consign his efforts to the deep. It will be unnecessary to attach any weight to them—to make them sink—there will be enough mud in them to bear them down a "thousand fathoms deep." By carefully following these instructions it is hardly likely any person will ever discover his mental infirmities.

MR. WM. R. ADAMS has placed on our table a copy of his new Catalogue of Canadian Revenues. What appeals to every collector in connection with the catalogue is the very low prices at which the stamps are listed. Up to the present time Canada revenues have been listed somewhat too high, with the consequence that a feeling of uncertainty prevailed among collectors as to their real value. In the new catalogue, prices have been placed at net cash figures, and it is thought dealers will not be able to allow much,

if any, discount from these figures.

In the future we intend to devote considerable space to newsy notes from different places in Canada. We would like to procure correspondents in Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, Ottawa, London, Hamilton, Winnipeg and Victoria. Any collector in any of these cities who would be willing to send us monthly letters, kindly write for terms. We can also use some good MSS.

COMPLAINT has been made to us of a number of collectors throughout Canada who have been acting in a most contemptible manner in regard to selections sent them on approval. Too cowardly to steal an entire selection, they have resorted to such low methods as substituting for good stamps the veriest trash. Others will remit a few cents short of the actual amount due, while some will send damaged or washed stamps in payment. It is time a stop were put to these small practices and in next number of the CANADIAN we will give a list and short "biography" of those of this character whom we are able to discover. We will also give as complete a list as possible of all the approval sheet frauds in Canada. If this paragraph is marked, it means that you are not square with some of your fellow collectors.

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