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MR. A. A. BARTLETT, whose photograph appears as a front-piece of this issue, was born in St. John, N. B., Nov. 5th, 1852. Ten years ago he moved to Charlottetown, P. E. I., and has resided there ever since, being an agent in the Maritime Provinces for a Scotch manufacturing house. He began collecting stamps in April, 1888, and it is surprising how one who has collected so short a time should have got together such a superb collection of rarities. Mr. Bartlett collects only Great Britain and her colonies. In Great Britain he has made a specialty of reconstructing sheets and at present has about thirty-five different stamps of this country completely reconstructed. As these sheets are of different sizes and are made up of some 192, some 240, and some 480 stamps, one can imagine the amount of labor required in their reconstruction. He has also a set of plate numbers of the *red penny* in both used and unused condition. His Canadian collection lacks only the *twelve pence*. His British Columbias are complete, including the *five cent* unperforated. In Newfoundland he has all the vermilion issues in many varieties of shades and all the lake issues used, many of them on the entire covers. His Nova Scotias are complete, including four handsome specimens of the *one shilling* and thirty beautiful specimens in shades blocks, and strips of the *one penny*, including one block of five unused with original gum. His New Brunswicks are complete, including the *one shilling*, both used and unused, two unused Connells and two proofs, many blocks of 6d. and 3d. In Prince Edward Island he has everything possible in varieties of shades, paper and perforations, including three handsome specimens of the almost unknown 2d. rouletted. He has about fifty provisionals of British North America on the original covers, including split stamps of every province except of British Columbia. His collection of British Colonials numbers between 5,000 and 6,000, including 75 Sidney views, many lauretted heads, New Zealand on blue paper, pelure paper, Tasmania 4d. about twenty specimens and a splendid collection of Australians generally. Five Cape wood blocks, two of the first issue of Natal and many varieties from Ceylon, Mauritius, Straits Settlements and a very complete collection of West Indies. I omitted to state when speaking of Canada stamps that Mr. Bartlett has all the varieties of the *pence* issues on the original covers and in many combinations. He is a member of the C. P. A., and at present he is Vice President.

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CHRONICLES OF NEW ISSUES, ETC.

Conducted by William C. Stone, Springfield, Mass., to whom all information respecting new issues, etc., should be sent.

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ADHESIVES.

AFGHANISTAN.—The oblong stamps which have been noted in several papers recently turn out to be all right we are sorry to say. There is no design to them as the inscriptions take up all the stamp. As one of our contemporaries we think the cat show was far preferable to these new comers. As we can give little idea of their looks without illustrations we will simply state that they are oblong measuring about 24 x 17 mm. and are printed on pelure paper. 1 abassi, slate blue on rose; 2 abassi, slate blue on rose; 1 rupee, slate blue on rose. The 1 abassi exists *tete beche*.