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NOTES.

Mr. H. Morell has resumed the stamp business at 76 Baldwin street.

Any one sending us four subscriptions will receive this JOURNAL free for one year.

There are 150 tradesmen in Paris who deal in nothing but old postage stamps.

The number of letters posted in the world every year is said to be 52,000,000,000.

We want agents in every city and town in the world to get subscribers for this paper.

The British government has provided £25,000 for extra mail facilities across the Atlantic.

We send you a copy of this paper as an inducement to subscribe if you have not already done so.

A meeting of the stamp collectors of this city will be held on Friday, the 24th inst., at the office of the Toronto Philatelic Co., 18 Orde street, for the purpose of forming a Philatelic Society.

In a Trenton store window there is on exhibition a revenue stamp of the \$5,000 denomination. According to an inscription on the frame it is "the largest and highest value adhesive stamp ever issued by any government in the world." Its size is $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Quite a number of the stamp collectors of this city are deaf-mutes.

The schools of British Guiana are supported entirely by the profits arising from the postal department.

If the philatelic public will help us in the way of subscription, we shall then be in a position to enlarge our paper.

An old stamp dealer of this city prophesies that the stamp business will not thoroughly revive until the winter after next.

A machine for moistening postage stamps is the latest. Some happy day we shall be able to worry along without the office boy altogether.

We have received a copy of Mr. Lyman H. Low's catalogue of confederate issues. It is one of the best, if not the best, that has come under our notice.

The first number of the *American Journal of Philately* is to hand. It presents a fine appearance, being a large 16-page journal; well printed and on good paper. We wish it success.

We have received the following stamp papers up to date:—The *Hermes*, The *Collector*, *Canadian Philatelist*, *Dealers' Advertiser and Collectors' Exchange*, *Philatelic Advertiser*, *Collectors' Companion*, *Empire State Philatelist*, *Capital City Philatelist*, *Philatelic Courier*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Philatelic Journal of America*, *Philatelic Herald*, *Chair City Collector*, *Philatelic Star*, *The Gem*, *Philatelic World*, *Illustrated Monthly*.

. Publishers of philatelic papers will confer a favor on us by sending two copies of each issue, and we shall be happy to do so in return.

There were 28,090,000 silver dollars made in 1883, and but 300 in 1839. The most ancient date is 1794. From then until 1804 they were coined continuously. Then a skip of thirty two years occurred. The trade dollar is the only thing that has marred the issue since 1836, with the exception of 1837, when none were coined. The silver dollar of 1804 is the rarest American coin. But two genuine ones are believed to exist, and their owners have refused \$1,000 each for them. The 1794 dollar brings \$40. Those between 1795 and 1863, \$3 each; 1836, \$4; 1839, with flying eagle, \$25 each; 1851 and 1852, \$35 and \$40 respectively; 1858, \$36. The trade dollars issued from 1873 to 1878 are destined to become rare.

To the Editor of the T. P. J.:

Toronto, 11th April, 1885.

Dear Sir—Those interested in the collection of postage stamps, cards, envelopes, etc., in this city and vicinity would find it much to their advantage to form themselves into a society whose objects would be the diffusion of knowledge on philatelic subjects, the exchanging of specimens, etc., etc. If you will bring this matter before the collectors of Toronto through the medium of your paper, I have no doubt that you will have a response. There need be no large expense connected with the society. The meetings could be held at the houses of different members once a month, or oftener as agreed upon. If you will call a meeting for a certain evening all details could be arranged.

I am, sir, your truly,

T. J. McMinn.

To the Editor of the T. P. J.:

Toronto, 3rd April, 1885.

Sir—In my collection are two stamps which are not described in any standard catalogue, and I have never seen them in any other collection. A brief description may, therefore, be of interest to your readers.

The 2 k. of the Hungarian emission of 1874 is described as violet in color, and is perforated 14x15. I have a specimen, used, perforated 11x15, and of a dark blue color, similar to that of the 10 k. of the same issue.

I have also the 2 d., 1873 issue, of Victoria, violet on yellow paper, perforated 12x15. I am unable to ascertain the date of issue, but conclude that it was probably in 1878, at the time of the emission of the 1 d. on yellow paper.

The color of the 2 p. is a greenish-yellow, much lighter than the manilla-yellow of the 1 p.

Possibly some of your readers can give some information in regard to the above.

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