

in the short time that he has been at the head of affairs, and we sincerely hope that his bill will pass unanimously.

Editor ADVOCATE, Dear Sir, I claim space in your journal, in order to put your correspondent "Invicta" right. In your April No. he ventures to throw doubt upon the truth of my statement to the lay press that I paid \$350., for a "mint" copy of the 12d Canada. An apology is in order, as I did pay \$350., for it, and will pay your correspondent or any one else a like price for a similar copy. Faithfully yours,

W. K. Hall, Peterboro, Ont.

Minor Varieties. Mr. A. G. Allison in "Mekeel's Weekly" asks about a period after the word "cents" in the new 3c Canada. In answer to this, it is stated that the marks before the words are mere blotches and of no interest to philatelists. If these are uninteresting we are sorry to say that the period is in the same state, as we have one stamp with no mark in front of the "three" but has a "blotch" extending from the word "cents" almost to the word "postage." This is probably more or less covered by ink causing it, in some cases, to look like a period. We have a 3c as described by Mr. Allison and the marks would certainly be taken for periods. We also have half cent with a small period after the word "cent."

The present issue of Canada stamps is to be changed; figures will take the place of the maple leaves. It would do no harm if the Queens ear-rings were made smaller.

WARNING! The undersigned desires to warn all persons against dealing with one W. N. Beggs, Denver, Col., who is now retaining a consignment of stamps amounting to net \$27.00 sent him on Nov. 7th, 1896, and who has formally refused to return same or to party calling for it at his residence. —Geo. Carion, San Francisco, Cal.

BEWARE! Dealers look out for K. L. Schnell, Alton, Ill., I sent him a selection of stamps and have repeatedly wrote him to return them, but receive no answer. —W. A. Hatch, Bellows Falls, Vt.

The following application was omitted from the report on page 69, Jas. H. Slater, 80 Victoria Ave., S., Hamilton, Ont. Refs. W. B. Grant and C. S. Applegath.

Study shorthand at home; see F. W. Cutler's adv., page 53, for particulars.

See M. A. Bettman's adv. on page 76.

Price lists, etc. received will be acknowledged next month.



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