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An Apology.

For the third time we present the Canadian PHILATELIST before the philatelic public, this time in humble supplication, asking your pardon for the manner in which it has appeared the last two months. The fact is readers, we were behind time on account of sickness of the editor and our printer having disappointed us.

We have changed our printer, and now can promise you a first-class job.

We are now behind about two months, and in order to catch up we will make an extra exertion.

Yours respectfully,
CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

Increase in value in U. S. Stamps.

Written expressly for the Canadian Philatelist.

(BY CANADENSIS.)

To the stamp collectors of 1888; many stamps which were common in 1875 are now exceedingly rare. Looking over the current prices of Scott's 1888 catalogue a great advance is noted in the price of U. S. stamps. A few examples will show this more plainly:—In 1875 a 12c. agriculture department stamp could be got for 8 cts, now it is catalogued at \$1; an executive department 6c. stamp, went a begging for 18 cts, now \$2 is asked for a fine specimen, the 90 cent-justice, which was sold plentifully by Tripet in Boston in 1875 for 30 cts. each, Scott now asks \$3.50, and a navy 7c. sold for 12 cts. is worth at present \$1. The 90c. Navy I bought in 1875 for 25c. but would not part with a duplicate under \$2.

Of the State department stamps, the 30c. and 90c. are now decidedly the rarest, selling for \$1 and \$2.50 respectively, yet in 1875 10c. and 30c. would have purchased them. There has also been a great advance even in so called common Treasury, the 24c. denomination, being catalogued by Scott at \$1.25. My specimen cost me 6 cts. Outside of Canadian bill stamps there has not been such a rapid rise in price on this continent as there has been in U. S. departmental stamps. Nearly all the U. S. newspaper stamps could be had in 1875 for from 25c. to 50c., now \$1.25 to \$5 seems to govern.

Chronicle.

ANTIOQUIA—The new 5c. stamp has been changed to red on pale green.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—A new series of stamps has been issued as follows: ½c. brown similar to the 4c. brown of 1877. 5c. rose same design as 8c. of 1877. 10c. brown same design as 10c. 1878, but with a portrait of Alvearrieda. 15c. yellow brown same design as 15c. of 1867. These stamps are all perforated and lithographed.

BAVARIA.—The current issue has the perforation changed to 14½ instead of 12. The intention is to issue stamps of 30 and 40 pf.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The currency of this colony has been changed, it now being dollars and cents. The following stamps have been surcharged cents. 2c. on 6d.; 3c. on 3d.; 10c. on 4d.; 20c. on 6d. 50c. on 1s.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.—There is a 5c. gray postage and revenue reported.

CUBA.—The adhesive stamps has been changed:—½ mill, black; 2½c., light brown; 10c., blue; 20c., gray.

FRENCH COLONIES.—Surcharged stamp from "Guiana" is reported. The 15c. let-