

his letters into a well-corked bottle, and to insure their delivery, he incloses at the same time a plug of twist tobacco or a cigar. The wind speedily impels the bottle to the shore of the mother island, where people are usually on the look-out, who are willing to deliver the contents of the bottle in return for the inclosed remuneration.

News in Brief.

Have you paid in your subscription? If not do so at once.

Local dealers hold the 6 cent jubilee at 65 cents and the 7 cent at 40.

We are glad to see Mr. R. Walker, one of the leading stamp collectors here, around again after his severe illness.

A new address book of Ontario is being got ready by R. Widdicombe. He promises it to be better than his former one. It is expected to appear Dec. 1st.

A new philatelic club was formed in Halifax Sept. 2nd known as the Halifax Philatelic Club. The dues are \$1.00 per annum and a joining fee of 15 cents. The club starts with seven members. The following officers were elected:—

President—A. M. Muirhead.

Vice Pres.—J. Foster Rood.

Sec. Treas.—E. A. Whalen.

Counterfeit Detector—Henry Hechler.

Official Organ—Halifax Philatelic Magazine.

It is stated that an official high up in the Post Office Department—in the legal branch in fact—has given it as his opinion, privately and unofficially, of course, that

the suit by the department against the New York dealer from whom the newspaper stamps were confiscated will come to naught. It is to be hoped this will be the case.

A Washington dealer who has recently returned from Europe imparts the following interesting information relative to Newspaper and Periodical stamps of the United States. He says: "The Servian Government recently sent several complete sets of these stamps to Berlin for sale. The Postal Museum in Berlin has sold, and is still doing so, numerous sets of them (including the current Bureau 1-cent to \$100 set), and uses the money thus obtained to purchase other stamps to increase the museum collection. A brother-in-law of the museum director is said to be philatelically connected, and disposes of the sets. Is it any wonder, then, that American collectors find it easy to legitimately purchase Periodical sets when every dealer in Europe has them for sale?"

The 18-cent and 24-cent stamps of the recent North Borneo issue have been withdrawn, on account of an error in the printing, though what the error was is not stated.

A San Francisco collector had some money invested in wheat, and is said to have made \$100,000 out of the recent rise in that cereal. He made more money in this deal, and made it quicker than by dealing in stamps, but he was not nearly so sure to make, and ran the risk of losing all; in investing in stamps there is no such danger.