

Correspondence.

MONTREAL NOTES.

(BY ARTHUR R. MAGILL.)

Mr. C. E. A. Holmes, former Montreal correspondent of the JUBILEE PHILATELIST, has removed to Quebec and it is very doubtful if any more numbers of The Mount Royal Philatelist will be published.

Montreal will have two conventions next summer, as both the Dominion Philatelic Association and the League of Canadian Philatelists will meet here.

The Mount Royal Stamp Club has suspended meetings during the summer months but the Montreal Philatelic Association continues to meet semi-monthly.

Mr. Wm. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., who is review editor of The Weekly Philatelic Era, was in this city a short time ago.

Among the new things to arrive during the month was a VRI on the Orange Free State.

ILLINOIS ITEMS.

(BY SHIRLEY E. MOISANT.)

Stamp business is very dull at present and news is therefore very scarce.

Mr. Geo. C. Hartung, Chicago, who announced that he would publish a new paper called The Illinois Philatelist, states that he has given up the idea.

The Monarch Monthly is a new journal hailing from Chicago and devoted mostly to stamps. The contents are quite interesting and the make up neat. Published by The Monarch Stamp and Publishing Co., 1132 Otto St., Chicago, Ill. Subscription 50c. per year. Advt. rates \$1 per inch.

Mr. Alex. Holland, one of the most prominent collectors in New York is about to remove to Chicago.

Mr. A. C. Trask, Chicago, Ill., is now spending a couple of weeks in Canada.

Chicago branch No. 1, of the A. P. A., held a meeting in the Marquette Building on June 15 and unanimously favored C. E. Severn for a member of the Board of Directors.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago, has sent out the catalogue for his next auction sale to take place in the club rooms of the Great Northern Hotel on July 14. Many fine stamps are listed in this. Two pages of the catalogue are taken up to boom the A. P. A.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES.

(BY D. C. EVANS.)

Nothing has stirred the even tenor of our ways this month except the announcements of four new local philatelic papers, who each declare that they and they alone are the finest and biggest papers on this globe. It was rumored here that J. J. Ellwood Lee had received their new private prop. stamps but would not let them out just yet, so acting on this, the writer journeyed up to Conshohocken, only to meet with the words that no stamp fiends are to be admitted. I learned that this was the outcome of the fact that for two weeks the firm entertained about 30 visitors daily who each in turn wanted to be the sole agent for their stamps. That speaks well for the number of collectors in their vicinity.

When the revenue law was first passed, through some neglect or other, a bank in Ambler, Pa., was entirely without stamps, so acting on the advice of the revenue man, they surcharged several sheets of stamps I. R. very similar to the surcharge of the government. This stamp is a true provisional and should receive more attention and respect than it is at present accorded.

A very fine collection, the property of the steward on the "Saale," which was burned at Hoboken last Sunday, was lost at the same time. When he realized that his treasures were on the ill-fated vessel, it was all that the cooler heads could do to prevent him from a vain attempt to rescue them.

Mr. L. P. Head showed me the new 3 cent Japan wedding stamps yesterday. He was the first Philadelphian to possess one.

I am glad to notice the fact that all of the better class of philatelic magazines are one by one eliminating city notes and are having in their place short, concise, interesting articles which are much more enjoyable than stale news.

I have just finished commiserating with a poor dealer who received a lot of unused 10c. stamps all stuck together. It is hard on the o. g. these days.

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