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## Our Monthly Chat.

Although this number of the Messenger is dated May 1st, it is published well on in the month of June. We hope, however, to get back soon to the printed date and appear on time.

We are to have a special delivery service in the Canadian cities and a 10c stamp will be issued for the purpose.

Collectors and dealers will hail with satisfaction the intended reduction of domestic postage to 25 per oz.

The Dominion Philatelic Association will soon hold its Annual convention. Perhaps that is why so many stamp papers have been started or revived in Canada of late. There can be but one official organ.

It appears that Mr. Samuel W. Carter, of Georgetown, British Guiana, whose advertisements have been prominent in some of the stamp papers, was lately an office-boy in the employ of a Georgetown solicitor. He has swindled Mr. Scheindling, of Libau, Russia, out of \$400 worth of stamps. His successors in his peculiar business appear to be Messrs. Cyril Brewster & Sons, established 1882, exporters of sugar, coffee, cocoa, hides, gold, &c.; importers of every variety of gold and silver jewelry, electroplate, ladies' and gents' dress materials, boots, books, music, machinery, tools, patent medicines, perfumery, soaps, &c. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

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The design has been prepared, it seems, for the new Canadian issue; and we may look for some of the denominations very soon. The type is the same as before except that large numerals of value are added in the lower corners.