

Judgments From Ottawa.

Post Office Department, Canada,
Ottawa, 30th November, 1897.

SIR,—A copy of the October number of *The Philatelic Messenger*, published by you, has reached the Department, and I am directed to inform you that the publication of representations of Canadian or British postage stamps is against the law and cannot be permitted, and to request that you withdraw any such from your journal.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. LESUEUR,
Secretary.

Ottawa, 11th December, 1897.

SIR,—With reference to your further communication of the 5th instant asking that postal privileges be extended to *The Philatelic Messenger*, I have to say that as the paper in question does not appear to be a newspaper in the sense understood by the statute, the Postmaster General is unable to comply with your request.

As regards the publication of representations of Canadian or British postage stamps, even of reduced size, I am to inform you that it is against the law and cannot be permitted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. LESUEUR,
Secretary.

Ottawa, 22nd Dec., 1897.

SIR,—Referring to your communication of the 16th instant, further upon the subject of transmission by post of *The Philatelic Messenger*, I have to say that the Department has always held that the statutory privilege of free transmission does not apply to any publication which is issued as an adjunct to another business in which its owner is engaged.

The regulations of the United States post office department are similar in this respect to those of the Canadian post office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. LESUEUR,
Secretary.

Ottawa, 26th January, 1898.

SIR,—Referring to your communication of the 13th instant, further upon the subject of free transmission by post of *The Philatelic Messenger*, published by you at St. Stephen, I have to say that the Department is still of the opinion that your publication cannot be recognized as a periodical in the sense understood by the statute.

The Department must be governed in such a case by what appears on the face of the paper, and the fact that you offer as premiums so extensive an assortment of stamps must be regarded as an indication that the paper is connected with a stamp business.

I am to say further that the law prohibits the imitation not only of Canadian, but also of foreign stamps and that it will be therefore necessary for you to discontinue entirely the reproduction of postage stamps.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. D. LESUEUR,
Secretary.

Hamilton Notes.

The newly organized local stamp club, branch No. 4 of the D. P. A., held a social evening on the eleventh of this month at the home of the secretary, Mrs. R. S. Mason. The president gave a short but instructive talk on "Paper" (laid, wove, etc.) and explained many things that the members were in doubt about. A number of papers were donated to the library, which by the report of the librarian shows the number of magazines, etc., on hand to be about one hundred, which is a first class showing for so young a society. During the evening the auction manager held a sale of a few stamps which were eagerly bought and fairly good prices paid for them. Mr. Harris is proving himself to be a good auctioneer and is just the right man in the right place.

Leading dealers here report business very brisk at present and we hope to see things continue to be so.

Robert Knox, one of Hamilton's best known collectors and an active member of the local stamp club, has left Hamilton for Grimsby, Ont., where he will be engaged in the "Bank of Hamilton" of that place.

Ed. A. Marris has been appointed Canadian correspondent for the "Herald Exchange" and the "California Stamp."

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