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## Here and There.

BY RUSSEL YATES.

The motto "We hold a vaster empire than has been" on the Imperial stamp should not be considered as twitting that once powerful "has been"—Spain—nor as a disparagement of the leading opposition newspaper—Mail and "Empire."

After its late philatelic dissipation it would be natural if Canada would settle down to its former practice of using the same set for twenty-five years, but Dame Rumor has it that an entire new set is among the possibilities. It is to be hoped that it is only a rumor, as Canada, with her Jubilee and 2 cent purple speculations, occupies no enviable position in the eyes of collectors generally.

A new set of law stamps has appeared in blue with control number in red, in 10c 25c, 30c 50c \$1.00 and \$5.00 values. They are about  $1\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{2}{3}$  inches and are beautiful stamps.

The re-issuing of the maple leaf stamps is not regarded in a friendly light by certain speculators who had been cornering these stamps, nor is it applauded by Canadian collectors.

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There 11,000,000 more letters posted in 1898 than 1897 hte total number for 1898 being 134,975,000.

Look up the Central Stamp Co., page 98.

## Toronto Notes.

BY OBSERVER.

The department store of T. Eaton & Co. which probably conducts the largest mail-order business of any firm in Canada evidently have an idea of the value of the stamps which paid the postage. An accumulation of four month's mail was sold to a local stamp dealer for \$400.00.

I have been informed that the 5 cent numeral has been placed on sale in the Hamilton post office. Up to date of writing this is the first post office in Canada, to my knowledge having them on sale. During the past few weeks, Toronto collectors have been served with many of the values of 1870-93, Jubilee, Maple leaf and and Numeral issues. The department was evidently anxious to dispose of their stock of remainders, before placing an entirely new issue of stamps on sale, as I learn on good authority that we may have a new issue shortly.

At the last regular meeting of the Philatelic Club of Toronto, a lively discussion on the recent postal emissions of Canada, took place. During the discussion many interesting facts were brought out and our worthy representative at Ottawa was censured for permitting to allow the many alleged errors, surcharges and provisionals. By doing so he has placed our beloved stamps of Canada on a level with the Seeback countries.