

WORTH READING.

We have decided not to change our advertising rates at present.

Collectors should examine advertisements closely, as they will find many good bargains in the way of stamps.

Every dealer should try our advertising columns, as our paper has a wide circulation among collectors. Remember you do not have to pay in advance.

We have concluded not to change subscription price at present.

Every dealer should try an ad. in the February number, when they consider the large number of copies that reach the very best class of collectors.

Philately is not a waste of time and a frivolous occupation; there are great men and students engaged in it. Princes, generals, doctors and lawyers can be mentioned.

If you are not a stamp collector, become one at once, you cannot know how interesting it is until you are fairly started.

If you receive a sample copy of the N. F. P. and do not think twelve numbers are worth 25 cents don't subscribe; but if satisfied send that small sum as early as possible.

All the Philatelic papers for Dec. are much more interesting than usual, containing a large amount of valuable information, and the majority appear in an enlarged form.

Those who have been in the habit of crowding a page of matter in an inch space will notice that hereafter we fix 50 words as our limit.

The publishers of this paper are doing all in their power to improve their magazine, and if our readers can make any suggestions, they will be appreciated and acted upon by the majority.

The number of Philatelic papers that have sprung up during the past two

months is something alarming. If this is a sign of prosperity (?) then Philately is indeed in the advance.

Collectors don't fail to see the Feb. number. It will contain several articles of special importance.

Canadian Phil. Ass. members vote for the N. F. P. as official organ of the C. P. A.

As an inducement for collectors to try their hand at writing articles in Philately we have decided to offer the following cash prizes for the best three articles received: 1st prize, \$3.00; 2nd prize, \$2.00; 3rd prize, 75 cents. Any one can compete for these prizes. All articles must be original and written on only one side of the paper and sent postage prepaid to this office. Choose your own subject, sign your full name and address, and if you want articles returned if rejected inclose stamps for return postage. In awarding the prizes we shall use our best judgment and forward the money to the winners by March 2nd, publishing their articles in the March number.

All authors should compete for the prizes offered above. Many young writers do not succeed in getting their "first attempt" published, therefore get discouraged and give it up. If "at first you don't succeed, try, try, again." "Practice makes perfect." Try for one of the prizes; it will cost you nothing.

The Postmaster-General while visiting British Columbia will endeavour to make a new contract for carrying the mails between Victoria and San Francisco. When British Columbia entered Confederation the Dominion Government stipulated that it would maintain steam communication between the two points above mentioned, and to this end for some years past the Pacific Coast Steamship Company has received an annual subsidy of about \$18,000. It is understood, however, that a number of gentlemen are desirous of starting a rival company, and if this is done Mr.