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DAWSON A. VINDIN, ESQ., otherwise known as "The Great Australian," is well known by name in every quarter of the globe. He has been actively interested in Philately since a boy. He is now about twenty-five years of age. In connection with Mr. F. Hagen, Mr. Vindin has been the leading Australian dealer for some years, but recently he dissolved his partnership with the above gentleman, and removed to London, England, and now occupies offices at 143 Strand, which street has of late become such an important Philatelic centre in the metropolis.

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OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBORS.

BY ROY F. GREENE.

SINCE I first became enamored by the goddess Philatelia and fell a captive to her charms, I have delighted to call several collectors over the northern borders my firm friends.

I think there has been a greater advancement and more marked improvement in philatelic lines in the Dominion within the last few years than there has been in the States.

On point of numbers, Canada has pushed to the front as regards collectors, and the improvement in the style and character of her philatelic press has been phenomenal.

There seems to have been fostered a warm friendship in spite of national boundary lines and divisions between the collectors of the north and those of the south. Many Canadian collectors have become members, active or passive, of societies with their headquarters in the States, and likewise many collectors scattered over Columbia's domain have joined hands and hearts with Canadian collectors in Canada's societies.

All this has been conducive towards bringing the native Canadian and the native Yankee into closer relationship, from which both have reaped advantages, pecuniary and otherwise.

Many collectors residing in Uncle Sam's land, who formerly collected only the stamps of their own country, have increased their lists and made their specialty to include the stamps of British North America, while our northern neighbors have taken quite well to the idea of collecting United States stamps along with those of their homeland. And this has brought about correspondence between the collectors here and there until many collectors in Canada are as well known to the Yankee as those of his own state, and vice versa.

Those journals which have flourished in the Dominion and heralded the dawn of a new era in philatelic journalism owe not a little of their success to the polished, capable authors residing in the States, and the philatelic press of "Yankee Land" have learned many valuable lessons from Hooper, Bernstein and other Canadian authors.

The metropolitan dealers of New York and Chicago have found the Canadian trade a big item in their business and have learned to cater to their wants; and the Toronto, London and other Canadian dealers have found their business methods and choice selections of stamps appreciated by the collectors across the borders.

That bane of philately, the approval sheet swindlers, has preyed upon both, and the dealers of the Dominion and those of the States have adopted means of self-preservation and worked assiduously towards the extirpation of these frauds with mutual sympathy and mutual benefit.

So that we find a close relationship existing between our northern neighbors and we of the more southern realm.

We hold our interests in common. Nothing that aids materially towards the elevation of our hobby in the States can have other than the same effect upon the Dominion; that which is conducive to the best interests of the one cannot help but be beneficial to the other.

The union between the two is now a close one, but we shall hope that each succeeding month may unite the two more closely, and that future years may bring fame and fortune to collectors and dealers in the States and their honored, respected friends, OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBORS.

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COLORS.

BY GEO. B. KLEBAS.

THERE is nothing in stamps that gives us so much pleasure as studying their various colors. In looking over a garden of flowers one is attracted by the bright beauty of the rose or the pure loveliness of the lily; and so in looking over our collections, which are philatelic flower gardens of various sizes we are surprised and delighted with the variety of the hues that meet our eyes. And, just as in the vegetable world, there is an infinite number of colors, so in the philatelic world there are hundreds of different tints. There are in this one flower 852 kinds of colors—violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange and red, the colors of the rainbow are there, and also hundreds of subdivisions of these principal colors, as, for