

Collectors should take more active interest in inducing their friends to start the formation of a collection. How easily it is done ! Those common and (to you) useless duplicates you have lying around; what good do they do you? Would it not be better to put them to a good use? Give them to some friend whom you think would be apt to form a collection. We have known of scores of collectors who have started their collection by a slight act of some friend who gave them a few duplicates. Start your friends now.

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There are some two or three P. S. of C. members who have of late not being conducting their dealings with their brother collectors in a honest and straightforward manner. Such must not and cannot be allowed to pass unobserved. The by-laws of the society are very stringent on this point, and on complaint to the executive, the offending member will be tried; and if found guilty, the executive have full and *lawful* authority to expel said member, and take such steps as they may deem wise. We would warn these members. Pay up your liabilities in an honest way. Do not have it necessary for your case to be brought before the executive. We trust that these members may profit by this timely and friendly warning.

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It is possible that but few of our readers understand the distinction and difference between the Hartford and Philadelphia *dies* of the Centennial envelope. For such as do not, the following short explanation may throw some light on the subject. The envelopes were first printed in Hartford, but the *die* was removed to Philadelphia during the exhibition, and on its removal, the line under the word "postage" in some way became injured, and to remedy it the line was re-engraved, making a double line of it; therefore the distinction is:—the Hartford die has a single line under "postage," while the Philadelphia die has a double line.

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THE SEA POST-OFFICES.—Much has been said in regard to their establishment and trial. When matter relative to the same was published in the various Philatelic magazines, collectors gave it but little attention, looking on it as merely an item published to fill up space. It should not be regarded in that light, for the sea post-offices will be an important factor to the collector or dealer who has any foreign correspondence whatever. When the mail for this country is sorted coming over on the ship, it can be immediately forwarded to its destination on reaching New York, instead of being subjected to a delay of two or three days, as has been the case in the past. Collectors all know what a few days' delay means, when it is considered that foreign correspondents are generally slow.

Five or six years hence, the *Philatelist* of that day will most likely be filled with articles discussing the "Great Canada Provisionals of 1892." For the benefit of the *learned* publishers of that day we may cite an example: Mr. N. F. Johnston, of Brantford, Ont., had a letter posted to him by a collector of that city, which bore the lower diagonal half of a current 3 cent stamp. This *new* provisional came safely through the post-office, finally cancelled by the Brantford postmaster, and, furthermore, no *due postage* was charged, although not a government issue. Mr. Johnston informs us that he values it highly, and that, as the government accepted it as postage, he considers it worthy of place in his collection, it being carefully preserved on the original envelope.

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Collectors please note ! We have discontinued to send sheets to agents, etc. Lack of necessary time on account of rapid increase of the sale of our packets and mixtures. The large number of collectors who have hitherto handled our sheets are requested to give their patronage to some of the dealers who advertise in the CANADIAN PHILATELIST

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Our price lists on the *cover* have been thoroughly gone over, and been almost entirely changed this month. The quality of goods offered has been improved, and we would ask you to examine the same, and we feel sure that it will *result* in an order and your future patronage. We introduce this month a series of dealers' and collectors' stocks, which we feel sure will meet your approval. Dealers, try our "fine mixtures," and you will use no others. See revised list on last page of cover.

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Auction catalogues for the the coming sales of the National Philatelic Society, New York; S. J. Bradt & Co., Chicago; Bogert Dubrin & Co., New York, and W. Sellschopp & Co., San Francisco, have been received, for which we thank the cataloguers.

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A large lot of sample copies are sent out this month to specially-selected names. If you receive a copy and are not already a subscriber, forward us the small amount required for your subscription. We will also be pleased to enter your name for a year's subscription if you induce four of your collecting friends to subscribe.

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Advertisers, place your advertisements in our hands if you desire satisfactory results. All copies are carefully placed among active collectors, giving the shrewd dealer a chance to "reap a harvest of shek-ls." Our Exchange Department is a first-class medium, and for the low rates asked it brings first-class returns. Try it !