

All the leading periodicals devoted to the pursuit will be found on the study table of our model. They are carefully read and are nicely bound volume for volume. While possessing an extensive philatelic library he is not a literature collector in the ordinary sense of the term. He subscribes to the current magazines and buys old journals and books pertaining to the hobby, not for the mere desire to possess them, but for the laudable purpose of instruction and self-improvement. His great knowledge of stamps obtained by ceaseless study and research, and his determination to propagate a scientific philately, lead him to make valuable contributions to the literature of the day. In the philatelic press his voice is heard on the leading questions of the time. He does not pose as a regular writer, and for this reason perhaps his productions are always well written and of high

literary merit. Seclusion is not one of the characteristics of the model stamp collector but rather union and the being in touch with his fellows. Thus he is not entirely dominated by any one territorial division of philately, but is fully awake to the existence of the pursuit as a whole. He is as conversant with affairs in England and Germany as in America.

To fully describe the model stamp collector, as he is, would require a long and elaborate work. In these pages an attempt has been made to point out a few qualifications which are deemed necessary. Much has been left unsaid, but the reader can supply requisite details from his own conception of the ideal. The present standard is not too high for emulation, however, and it is a matter of satisfaction that collectors do exist who fulfil the required conditions.

CANADA'S NEW STAMP. SOME INTERESTING FACTS AND OPINIONS ABOUT IT.

THAT POSTAGE PLACARD

Admiral Do Horsey Utters a Protest Against Its Motto.

The following letter appears in the London Daily Graphic:

Sir—I read in the Daily Graphic of this day a report that the Canadian Imperial penny stamp is to be inscribed with the words "We hold a vaster Empire than has been."

If a man were to adorn his hat with the motto "I have a vaster estate than anyone else," passers-by would both ridicule him and be inclined to knock his hat off, if not his head.

Similarly the proposed inscription on the penny stamp will only excite the dislike and ridicule of other nations.

Doubtless the Daily Graphic is largely read in Canada. Pray use your influence to stop such silly braggadocio, and to induce the authorities to substitute the simple, but grand, words, "British Empire."

If the postal department in Canada has already printed these stamps with the vain-glorious motto, may I humbly suggest their obliteration and subsequent sale at (say) half-a-crown a-piece to stamp collectors, who would quickly buy

them up as monuments of bad taste—so far as the motto is concerned.

Yours faithfully,

ALGERNON DE HORSEY.

Cowes, December 10, 1898

Of The Imperial Stamp.

A correspondent asks where the quotation on the imperial postage stamp is taken from. It is from Mr. Lewis Morris's "Songs of Britain," and may be found on page 181 and 182 of the volume, entitled "Song of Empire":

We love not war, but only peace,
Yet never shall our England's power
decrease!

Whoever guides our helm of State,
Let all men know it, England must be
great!

We hold a vaster Empire then has been!"

No wonder "We hold a vaster Empire than has been." On some stamps we have annexed about half of the United States. The British Isles are situated in France, while the Falkland Islands have moved to some part of South America.

There are four distinct shades of the sea on these stamps, lavender, white light blue, and Prussian blue.

The four shades can in some cases be found all on one sheet.

Speaking of the Imperial stamp, the Montreal Gazette says editorially that it is "too large for a postage stamp and too small for a wall map."

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