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## Editorial.

**Canada's New Issue.** Samples of the new Canadian stamps have just reached us from the P. O. Department at Ottawa.

The general idea of the stamp is the same as in the old issue, but the design materially differs. The oval containing the Queen's portrait is larger and touches the outer line on all sides. It is a better picture of Her Majesty, and the oval being larger it shows to better advantage. The maple leaves have been left in the upper corners but have been replaced in the lower corner by figures.

There is nothing to find fault with, so Canada will likely be free from new issues for some time unless it is the intention of the Government to celebrate the different Agricultural Fairs by issuing a set of stamps for each.

Thanks to Bro. French's modesty, only part of the "fig leaves" were removed.

We will give a 20 word adv. on the Bargain Page for every copy of our May, 1898 number returned in good condition.

**Pithy Philatelic Points.** For the past year we have made the Pithy Points a feature of this paper. Until our May number they were furnished by John R. Hooper under the name of "Reginald Kinnersley." Since his removal to Kingston Mr. Hooper has been unable to furnish these points, and one of our staff Mr. Geo. W. Starnaman, will in future, gather in the Pithy Points, always giving credit to the writers.

**Cleaning Cancelled Stamps.** In a recent number of the Lone Star State Philatelist, there appeared an article, written by Mr. G. A. Hunt, entitled "How to Determine Cancelled Stamps."

We are sorry to see that such articles should be allowed to be printed in any magazine. There is given, in this article, information whereby anybody is enabled to erase the cancellation marks from stamps so that the marks may be seen but very indistinctly. As a result, no doubt on account of this appearing in that journal and which was also copied by Mekeels Weekly Stamp News, we have received, lately remittances that contain stamps which have been attempted to be cleaned and will in all probability be used for postage by some unknowing persons.

We were surprised that such information should be given in a monthly journal, but we are still more surprised at the Stamp News reprinting such articles, which are a hindrance to the Government and may lead to some arrests being made at a later date. The penalty for passing these stamps is very heavy—the same as passing counterfeit money.