

It appears, from figures furnished by the Postoffice Department, that the average person in Massachusetts, including men, women and children, spends \$2.30 on postage per annum. New York comes second, with an expenditure of \$2.27, and D. C., third, with \$2.16 Colorado is fourth, with \$1.93, and Connecticut is fifth, with \$1.80. The States ranking lowest in this regard are South Carolina, with 25 cents per capita; Mississippi, with 34 cents; Alabama, with 35 cents; Arkansas, with 37 cent, and North Carolina, with 41 cents.

A Talk about Stamps.

BY NORTH SIMCOE.

A writer in the Stamp Exchange July No. tells us that the stamps of N. Brunswick which have been sold lately at 50c a set, are remainders which were recently sold to dealers.

He also states that Canadian Revenues are becoming more popular since the issuance of the new issue, which all reports say are very pretty, although as yet he had not seen them. He omitted to mention that all the unused Cuban and Porto Rican stamps now for sale are remainders which had been sold to dealers.

In the case of New Brunswick, whatever stamps were on hand when Confederation took place, were of course remainders and as there were not many collectors in those days quite a few stamps remained in some country post-offices—until hunted up lately by energetic stamp dealers and I only wish there had been a few of the British Columbia and Nova Scotian stamps left over as remainders, which would have been good enough for poor people.

I think Canadians will be surprised to hear that there is to be a new issue of Revenue stamps, perhaps they are the new Tobacco and Cigar stamps. They are indeed much handsomer than the old stamps, but the fellow who goes around cancelling them on boxes of Tobacco, nearly always manages to render them useless to collectors by punching the Queen's head full of holes instead of punching them only on the spot marked "Cancel here".

I have not seen any Newfoundland stamps offered at wholesale, advertised or mentioned in any Philatelic Paper except by the above mentioned writer in the Stamp Exchange.

"Odd Collections"

BY ZURA.

The average collector only secures one specimen of each stamp issued by a given country and little dreams of the freaks and oddities collected by the specialist. He in turn is ignorant of many unique and "Positively Unique" (this latter by permission of "Drew" of Boston) collections which one will find in this country and abroad.

One collector collects in pairs, used or unused, and then in blocks of 4, 6 or 8 as the case may be, still another collects stamps by the entire sheets. A certain collector in England has a collection of the 1d blacks 1840, on the entire covers, each one dated and used each day while the issue was in use.

Some American collectors procure entire envelopes by the box. A collection of this kind is arranged on shelves the date, issue and size of the envelope being on each succeeding box, of course only the rich can indulge in this wholesale accumulation.