

to purchase 25,000 \$5.00 stamps? Or have they been cornered by post office employees?

The way in which the issue and sale of the stamps have been managed is very discreditable to the Postmaster General, and may have the effect of lessening the interest in them. But this effect will be temporary, and very few collectors will want to be without at least a partial set of these beautiful stamps.

I understand that New York dealers who tried hard to corner some of the values, are condemning the issue as speculative. Remember the fox and the grapes. No doubt the issue was speculative in part, but not as much so as the U. S. Columbian issue, and that is responsible for the pernicious example of containing the high value stamps. The present \$5.00 United States stamp is purely speculative. The postal service has no use for it. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

Perhaps, after this gentle criticism, it will be of no use for me to make any suggestions to the P. G. I understand from the parliamentary reports that he does not take criticism very well. At any rate, when he gives us another issue I hope there will be no stamps of a higher denomination than the postal service requires.

I suppose the jubilee plates are now destroyed, and the P. G. cannot have another edition run off. But he can do the public the justice of letting the \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 stamps sell themselves (and the P. G.), and selling the balance of the stamps now on hand in sets of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c. and card, at \$1.22 per set. There are lots of Canadians who would like to be loyal and get a few sets, but who are too poor to pay so high for them.

I expect to have more to say about these stamps in next Messenger and shall be thankful for fresh information.

## MATTHEW R. KNIGHT'S Quarterly Price List

Of Postage Stamps for Collections.

### SPECIAL NOTICES

Which Should be Carefully Read  
Before Ordering from this List.

(This List annuls all previous quotations.)

Terms: Net cash in advance. No DISCOUNT WHATEVER. Remittance must in every case accompany order, together with sufficient for return postage if order amounts to less than \$2.00.

Letters of value should be registered, as I cannot, under any circumstances, be responsible for letters lost in transit.

Remittances should be made by Post Office Order, American Express Order, or Bank Notes at current rates of exchange. Private cheques will not be accepted.

Fractions of a dollar may be remitted in current unused stamps of any country. These should be folded so that they will not stick together. Stamps stuck together will be returned at sender's expense.

Money orders should be made payable at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, or Calais, Maine.

Every communication should bear the sender's address in full, to avoid all possibility of mistake.

Correspondence in English, French and German.

ALL STAMPS SOLD BY ME ARE WARRANTED GENUINE.

### New Issues Wanted.

Correspondents in Africa, Asia, Australia, South America and the West Indies are requested to send me stamps to the value of \$1.00 or \$2.00 of any new or provisional issues that may appear, and I will remit the amount by return mail, with 10 per cent. cash commission for ordinary issues and 20 per cent. cash commission for provisionals, if the stamps are sent within 30 days after their appearance.