
SEEN AND HEARD.

THAT an error has been discovered in the 3 cent Prince Edward Island stamp. The new discovery has a full stop between Prince and Edward thus : Prince . Edward.

THAT some well executed photos of the V.R. black English have been put about.

THAT Whitfield, King & Co. and Hagenstein, Paris, are calling each other names in the European philatelic press, and all on account of the Samoan labels.

THAT no less than 11 clerks are employed in the different departments of the firm of Stanley, Gibbons & Co.

THAT a batch of "Provisionals" may be looked for since President Mr. Gros has been deposed in the "Republic of Independent Guyana."

THAT some advertisers are growling because their "ads" did not appear in our last issue. To those we may say that we failed to discover the remittance, which in all cases is required with orders.

THAT few people seems to realize the fact that the "space" is the publisher's stock in trade, which can only be procured by paying the equivalent in dollars and cents.

THAT J. W. Palmer & Co. are the happy possessors of probably the rarest fiscal stamp in the world. This consists of one of the identical stamps by which George III tried to force upon the inhabitants of what was then British America, the obnoxious tax upon imported teas.

Correspondence.

THE OFFICIAL SEALED DEAD LETTER OFFICE STAMP OF CANADA.

While endeavouring to afford some information about those interesting and handsome adhesives emanating only from the Dead Letter Office at Ottawa, I regret being unable to give all of their history or chronology, what is said here, the writer has gained his knowledge by observation and experience, doubtless there are others who can speak of matters connected with these stamps which the writer knows nothing of. In the first place, they are scarce, very, and is to be accounted for when we consider the manner of their use. They are never found on Local Dead letters, registered or unregistered. What have been seen here, have all come from the U. S., and always on returned dead registered letters? I discovered the manner of their use quite accidentally. A friend who travels in Canada for a U. S. firm, showed me a letter which had been returned to his address in Mich., and which he had posted in Canada for a Canadian address and registered and for some reason, misdirection or what not, the letter was not delivered to party addressed, had been sent to D. L. O., Ottawa, where on being opened to ascertain address of writer, it was resealed and adorned by D. L. O. crown official seal stamp, sent to D. L. O., Washington, U. S., and then sent on registered to the writer address in Mich., where he obtained it, and exhibited it triumphantly to me.