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IN our next number we shall have a correspondent's column; and in making this intimation, we would say that we shall answer all questions that may be asked, as far as lies in our power. Correspondence solicited.

MR. A. J. McIntosh, of Montreal, has sent us his new Price Catalogue. It contains 16 pages, and is exceedingly well got up. It gives the color and value of the stamp, as well as the price for which it may be obtained from him. Collectors will do well to secure a copy of it. The price is small when compared to that of other price lists. [See advertisement.]

### Newly Issued Stamps.

PRUSSIA.—We present our readers this month with an engraving of the new Prussian 3 pfennige adhesive stamp. The design is exactly the same as the 4 pfennige green, and 6 pfennige red, which can easily be seen by comparing the three: the color being a rich mauve lilac. It is certainly a very pretty stamp.



DENMARK.—The 2 s. envelope of this country has just appeared. The color is blue.

TURKEY.—A new set of Turkish stamps have lately made their appearance. They are eleven in number; and in design and tint are very beautiful. They are all perforated, which adds greatly to their convenience; and in this respect differ much from the previous issue. Their values are, 10 paras, (green,) 20 paras, (yellow,) 1 piastre, (lilac,) 2 piastres, (blue,) 5 piastres, (pink,) 25 piastres, (red). The above are for common use throughout the Ottoman Empire. The remaining five are used in Constantinople only; 20 paras, 1 piastre, 2, 5, and 25 piastres, (brown).

VICTORIA.—The two shilling stamp has been changed. It was formerly *light green*, on a white ground; but is now *dark blue*, on a yellowish green ground.

NEW GRENADA.—A new set of stamps for New Grenada has lately been issued. There are four of them: 5 centimes, (yellow,) 10 centimes, (violet,) 20 centimes, (blue,) and 50 centimes, (green).

PROVIDENCE, R. I., FIVE CENTS.—This stamp, although not a new issue, is new to a great many of our readers. We do not think that there are more than six in the city, and it is for this reason that we put it under the

heading of "Newly-issued Stamps." It was issued by the Postmaster of Providence, R. I., in 1846. It is oblong, and printed in black, on white paper, with the words: Post Office, Prov., R. I., five cents. We learn that there is a 10 cent stamp, but not having seen it, we cannot say anything about it at present.

✓ CANADA.—*Bancroft's City Express*, a new local for Montreal, has just made its *debut*. It is neatly engraved, and presents a fine appearance. The color is blue, value 5 cents, head in an oval to the right. On the left side are the words, 43 *Gt. St. James St.*, with *Montreal* on the right; value in words at top and bottom; figure five in four corners; *Bancroft's City Express* on oval border. This stamp is perforated. We have yet another local to describe before leaving this province. It is the envelope stamp of an extinct Express Company; black impression on buff paper, with the words, "Portland Express, Winslow & Co., No. 3, Place d'armes, Montreal." When we first saw this stamp we thought it was a sort of an advertisement for the Express, something like that which merchants have printed on their envelopes, with their address, &c. We then wrote on to Montreal, and ascertained, from a very reliable source, that the stamp in question was truly *genuine*. This is all we can say at present concerning this stamp. Any of our readers who may know anything further about it, will confer a favor by communicating with us.

The so-called College Stamp, B. S. & Co., blue, rect, is fictitious. It was issued by an enterprising dealer in Montreal and made to *sell* only.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The five cents blue is now printed in a duller blue than formerly, we do not think that it looks as well as the first issue.

### The "Connell" Stamp.

WE do not think it has ever before fallen to our lot to peruse such a piece of arrant humbug, as is the following article which we transcribe from the columns of *The Stamp Collector's Record*, a stamp monthly published in Albany, N. Y. At first we intended only to make extracts from the most absurd portions of it; but thinking it a pity to spoil such a fine specimen of hyperbole, we finally decided to copy it entire, for the amusement of our readers who may not have had the chance of seeing it before, it runs as follows:—

#### "CONNELL."

"New Brunswick has the honor of having produced the rarest stamp in the World, viz.: the "Connell," as it is universally called. Now this stamp is not an essay in any sense of that much abused word, the circumstances are simply as follows: In the year 1861, the Hon. Charles Connell, a gentleman renowned alike for his integrity, genius and benevolence, was the Post Master General of the obscure Province of New Brunswick. Soon after entering on his official duties, Mr. Connell rightly discovered that the postage stamps of the Province were susceptible of improvement, and to that end employed the famous American Bank Note Company to execute a set of stamps in lieu of the unsightly labels hitherto used. Mr. Connell furnished the designs, the idea of