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NOTES.

It is said the original brass stamp used for cancelling the lake issue of Newfoundland is in the hands of a prominent collector.

The Canadian Weekly Stamp News has doubled up, and is now issued with a smaller page. I like the larger page better. This sheet supplies a want, and I trust it will have a prosperous career.

Mr. Wm. Brown, of Salisbury, England, is about to issue a new paper to be devoted entirely to advertisements, and to be sent out as a supplement to the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.

The auction catalogues are beginning to come in. Three of Bogert & Durbin's and one of Gremmel's have been received. This auction season promises to be a lively one.

If you receive more than one copy of this paper, you will confer a favor upon the publisher if you will hand the extra copy to some philatelic friend.

The big find of Nova Scotia remainders is one of the most important since the birth of philately. Prices are now away down, and will be down much lower. Scott's Catalogue prices the set of five values, 1c, 2c, 8½c, 10c and 12½c, at \$15.50. They are advertised in the Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly at \$3.75, and I would advise intending purchasers of single sets to wait. There will be plenty to go round.

Some collectors buy none but the fashionable stamps, and consequently in most cases pay more than the stamps are worth. Others prefer to buy the stamps which for the time are unpopular, because they can buy them at a lower figure, and because they know that every stamp country, like every dog, has its day.

I purpose commencing in the January number of this paper a Chronicle of New Issues in the British Colonies.

A correspondent of the Daily Stamp Item professes to have information that the total face value of the recent find of Nova Scotia Stamps is about \$10,000. It seems that there were about twelve thousand of the 12½c, and probably about forty thousand each of the other values, except the 5c, of which there were no remainders.

WORDS TO THE TARDY.

Those who find a pencil mark opposite this paragraph are reminded that they have kept approval lots beyond the time allowed, and are requested to make immediate returns.