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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

We beg to inform our patrons that we have bought out the entire stock of Mr. George A. Lowe (including THE TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL). We shall not continue the collecting of accounts, as our time will be wholly devoted to the stamp business. Kindly address all correspondence as follows:

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## NOTES.

We want agents in every city and town in the world to get subscribers for this paper.

Mr. W. G. Whilden, Jr., Pelzer, S. C., has been defrauded by Mr. Fondren, of Langstan, Ala., and warns all parties against him.

The postmaster of New York finding that deaf-mutes could be used for certain work, there are now three in the post-office engaged in stamping and one in sorting. "When we get two noisy men," says the assistant superintendent, "we put a 'mute' between them, and so secure quiet."

A French lady, accompanied by her maid, went into a postoffice to purchase a stamp to affix on her letter. As soon as she had been furnished with the stamp she made a sign to her maid, who immediately offered her tongue, over which the lady gently passed the stamp, and then affixed it to the letter.

We send you a copy of this paper as an inducement to subscribe if you have not already done so.

Mr. W. G. Whilden, Jr., of Pelzer, S. C., is our authorized agent to receive both subscriptions and advertisements.

We have received the following papers since our last issue, publishers will please accept our thanks:—Stamp Collectors' Journal, Capital City Philatelist, Current, Gem, Orient, Museum, Collector, Exchange, Foreign Stamp Collectors' News, Canadian Philatelist, Collectors' Companion, Youth's Leader, Briefmarken-Zeitung, Empire State Philatelist, Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, Buck's Monthly, Tidings from Nature, Youth's Gazette, Agassiz Association Journal, Pine and Palmetto.

## NEW ISSUES

That have appeared, or are about to appear:

*Angola*.—Postal cards of the value of 20 and 30 reis are in use.

*Bermuda*.—A stamped  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny card has been issued, so it is said.

*Cape Verde Islands*.—Two other postal cards are announced, viz: 20 and 30 reis.

*Finland*.—The stamp on the 20 penni envelopes is now printed in orange, and that on the 25 penni blue. The stamp on the postal card has been changed to red.

*Gambia*.—The set has been seen surcharged in small type.

*Luxemburg*.—The 10 centime card comes printed carmine on buff.

*Macao*.—Another provisional has been received, 20 reis on 50 reis, green. There are also a couple of postal cards, 20 and 30 reis.

*Mozambique*.—This colony also rejoices in a couple more postal cards of the value of 20 and 30 reis.

*Peru*.—There are said to be two other values of the provisional stamp with the date (1883-1884) at the sides, viz: 25 centavos, blue, and 1 sol., brown.

*Sirmoor*.—A series of stamps, bearing the head of the native prince, has been issued. They are as follows:—3 pies, brown; 6 pies, green; 1 anna, blue; 2 annas, rose.

*Sorouth*.—There is a 1 anna red of the first issue which somehow we have never

mentioned, and it is also missing from our catalogue. It is of the same design as the 1 anna blue.

*St. Christopher*.—A 1 shilling orange has been added to the current set.

*St. Domingo*.—The 5 cent envelope has appeared on amber paper.

*St. Thomas & Prince*.—This colony has also been supplied with 20 and 30 reis cards.

*St. Vincent*.—The colors of the 1 and 4d. have been changed to lake and claret respectively.

*Timor*.—The complete set of Timor stamps is as follows:—5 reis, black; 10 reis, green; 20 reis, red; 25 reis, violet; 40 reis, yellow; 50 reis, blue; 80 reis, gray; 100 reis, lilac; 200 reis, orange; 300 reis, brown. Post cards: 10, 20, 30 reis.

*Trinidad*.—The penny news bands have been surcharged "Half Penny" and used for the lower value.

## SOMETHING ABOUT STAMP COLLECTINGS— FANCY PRICES PAID FOR OLD STAMPS.

Some time ago the following interesting but somewhat doubtful item went the rounds of the associated press:

"Yesterday a rag-picker, Joseph N. Harkins, found an old letter containing a cancelled stamp of the Brattleboro, Vermont, Postoffice. A stranger immediately offered him three hundred dollars for it. Believing him insane Harkins took the money and suddenly decamped. There are eight Brattleboro stamps extant, and these are uncanceled. A gentleman here who owns one values it at one thousand dollars. The only one cancelled was that found by Harkins, and it is held to be of great value."

This now turns out to be nothing more than a hoax and a contrived scheme on the part of some enterprising New York stamp dealer, who received an ingenious and gratuitous advertisement, his name having been mentioned in nearly all the stamp and coin publications. It was proved the other day and exposed, as he was unable to show up the rare Brattleboro stamp when asked by the editor of a philatelic journal. There is such a stamp in the possession of a San Francisco collector, however, not on the original envelope, but nevertheless a genuine original for which the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars has been frequently refused. There are a number of very large collections of stamps in San Francisco; one of these owned by a gentleman containing 8,500 varieties, which, besides containing a very rare