

This is News.

"Aloysius" in his "New York Correspondence" in February Perforator writes as follows:

On or about July 1, next, Canada will adopt the postal note system. Paper notes about the size of a bank bill will be printed on thin linen paper of the following denominations: 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90 cents. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00. The cost of obtaining these notes will be one cent each up to 40 cents, two cents between that sum and \$2.50 and three cents each for all above that amount. These postal notes will replace the Post office money orders for the transmission of all small sums through the mails. The present money order system is a cumbersome and indirect method and wastes much time. It will be continued however, with some improvements, for the transmission of sums up to \$100.00. These postal notes are expected to prove a public convenience, doing away with the payment of accounts in postage stamps, the postal notes being payable at any money order office without the identification of the payee or any condition other than the presentation of the note. The system is very popular in England and the number of notes issued there in 1892, a year after the establishment of the system was 4,000,000, and four years later (1897) had increased to 67,000,000. It would be an excellent idea for the United States post office authorities to adopt this system also. It would do away with the habit of remitting postage stamps in payment to publishers, dealers, for society dues, etc., in the philatelic world.

This innovation will benefit everybody, even the U. S. Government.

While we believe that the above would be hailed with delight by all stamp dealers and collectors, we might say that this is the first we had heard about it.

New Issue Plate Numbers.

The plate numbers of the new issue of Canadian stamps consists of the inscription "Ottawa No 1" across the top of the sheet. The following is a list to date:

- ½ cent—No. 1, 2.
- 1 cent—No. 1, 2.
- 2 cent—No. 1, 2.
- 3 cent—No. 1, 2, 3, 4.
- 5 cent—No. 1.
- 6 cent—No. 1.
- 8 cent—No. 1.
- 10 cent—No. 1.

The higher values have not yet been placed on sale as a supply of the old stamps is still on hand. Additional lists will be given in future numbers of this paper.

Papers Received.

We have received the following publications up to time of going to press:

The International Philatelist, Junior Collector, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, Boy's Own Philatelist, Revenue Philatelist, Stamp Reporter, Allegheny Philatelist, Virginia Philatelist, Perforator, Herald Exchange, Omaha Philatelist, Lone Star State Philatelist, Philatelic Advocate, Philatelic Messenger, Evergreen State Philatelist, Eastern Philatelist, Columbian Philatelist, and Post Office.

Lack of space prevents a lengthy review.