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# THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

VOL. I. SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 1, 1867. No. 10.

## EDITORIAL.

We have to express our cordial thanks to those friends who so kindly remembered us on our appeal "To our Patrons." Most of the amounts yet received are small but they make a fair total. Several gentlemen sent us stamps which, next to money, are quite acceptable. Several, we presume, will yet send us something. Thanks, kind thanks, to all. We wish to ask a favor of our friends, which is to send us a list of all the Stamp Collectors they know of and their P. O. address, that we may disseminate the Postman's Knock as widely as possible. Will all be kind enough to advise us in this particular? We respectfully solicit advertisements. If we had a few more we could enlarge to our old size. At least all dealers could send us cash enough to have their names inserted in our "Collectors' Directory," which we commence in this number. If we only could be assisted to enlarge we would be able to make the paper so much more interesting. We have lots of tit-bits that we cannot publish and all for want of room. Then come forward dealers to our aid, and let us next month gladden all collectors eyes with a double sized Postman's Knock!

Fair priced Stamps are in good demand at present, more especially Australian, while North American obsolete Colonials are in good demand from the European market; but the prices offered are too small; consequently exportation has almost ceased.

## NEW STAMPS.

SHANGHAI.—There is a new issue nearly similar to the last.

MONTEVIDEO has issued a 1 centesimo stamp, also two official Envelopes.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—These Islands join the philatelic ranks with a new issue consisting of two Stamps, a 1d. and 5d.

SERVIA.—The 1 and 2 paras noted last month are obsolete and others reign in their stead.

ITALY has a new 20c stamp.

LUXEMBURG.—The 37c is now bistré.

QUEENSLAND sports a new 4d.

CYLON comes forth with a 3d.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Essays have turned up. They are most probably bogus.

The collection of Essays by Timbrophilists appears to be, to use an Americanism, "thoroughly played out." There is no demand for them and consequently no sales. This, we think, is the right way to use them. They are almost invariably imposters, manufactured by some enterprising dealer and "made to sell." We notice in a transatlantic paper the statement that there are 700 varieties of one kind of these proofs; they are for Holland, if we remember right. Isn't that proposterous. All we have to say to collectors is, "exclude them all from your books."

Collectors would do well to buy in a stock of North American Colonials, as we are now sure of having Confederation, and the present issue will then at once become obsolete.

We have appointed Mr. J. C. Johnson, of San Francisco, our California Agent Price Lists, Pickets, &c., may be ordered through him.

What is that sticketh closer than a brother? A postage stamp, (when the mucilage is good.)

N. B.—The above is entirely original by a friend of ours and the copy right is secured. We might state that as it is well known that great natures cannot stand some shocks that the mental labor incident to the production of the above con, has told on the young man so severely that he is not expected to live. Poor fellow!

Foreign Stamp Magazines approve of the idea of collecting whole Envelopes instead of merely clipping the stamp from the corner. This appears to be the Continental custom, and we, ourselves, deem it the best; but what album is there that allows room for whole Envelopes? That's the drawback. Evidently to meet this view a new kind of album is required.

Philatelists resident in Foreign Countries will be kind enough to take notice that if they wish this paper they will have to send us 2s. stg. worth of unused Stamps of low values to pay for it for one year. We really cannot afford to print it, give it away, and pay heavy postage besides.

The Prince Edward's Island Essays, mentioned in our new stamps as bogus, are as we say This we have direct. We expect full official information in a few days, and will publish it (if received) in our next.

There appears to be three varieties of the Nova Scotia 3d stamp, viz:—Light blue on white, black-blue on white, and blue on blue paper. The two latter kinds are rather rarer than the others.

The Excelsior Stamp Association wants Colonials of all kinds in exchange for Foreign Stamps.

We are extremely sorry to notice the great numbers of forged Stamps sold on this Continent. We are sorry as we believe "fac-similes" too have done stamp collecting a great injury; but this much we will say, that in one sense of the thing, collectors can only blame themselves if they *must* have the rarest stamps known for 3 or 4 cents. They cannot expect them to be genuine. We have lost a great many customers because they thought our prices too high; but they will find out, in the long run, that it is better to buy undoubtedly genuine stamps at fair market rates, than to rush head-long into the purchase of undoubted forgeries at next to nothing. We tried an experiment (involving a great loss) with one of our friends who was always complaining. We marked him a lot of stamps at *one-half* the price charged by the cheapest European price list we had and he returned them as "too dear." After that we thought he had better trade with some one else. We sell none but genuine stamps and we cannot sell them at fac-simile prices.

We have heard that the "Collectors Guide" sleeps with its fathers. We are extremely sorry for it as it was a fine little paper and really deserved well of the collectorial public. Perhaps it will be revived. We would like to see this accomplished.

We would particularly call the attention of our friends to our Christmas Packets, they are really good. We wish all to try one while there is yet a chance, for we have a good many now unsold.

A certain Wisconsin gentleman (?) who is indebted to us had better liquidate such debt at once or we will publish him in a way not relished by honest persons. A word to the wise is sufficient.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor Postman's Knock :

Allow me through the medium of your columns to offer you my most sincere thanks for the regularity in which I have received your neat little paper. I assure you that all my fellow-companions, (stamp collectors), who have seen it, speak highly of it and its enterprising proprietor, who has spared no pains in getting up that which will enable *stamp seekers* to complete their collections which I conceive most valuable. Stamp collecting is, I think, as good as geography to those who take an interest in that pleasant pass-time. I, myself, have learned more of the world than I did when at school. Wishing you ever success,

I remain yours truly,  
A. O. ANDY.

Ottawa, 9th Jan., 1867.

☞ We call especial attention to Mr. F. A. Hunter's advertisement.

ROANOKE!

C. C. RANDOLPH  
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STILL issues to an admiring public those wonderful marvels of cheapness the "Roanoke Packets," all prices. See former advertisements in this paper.

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The Excelsior Stamp Association,  
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SEE advertisement concerning those packets. Read it and send in your orders at once.

FINLAND.

A LARGE lot of Finland stamps just received and for sale low, wholesale and retail. The Excelsior Stamp Association.

"STAMP ARGUS."

A FEW full sets of this defunct paper are for sale. Price, per set of 5 numbers, 25c. U. S. currency. Apply at once to The Excelsior Stamp Association.



Frederick A. Hunter,

STAMP DEALER,

P. O. Box 273, Saint John, New Brunswick,

THANKFUL for the liberal patronage he has received since his commencement at business, he is to inform his friends and the public generally that he has received by late mails an enormous assortment of Stamps which he is prepared to sell at the very cheapest rates, and wishes to call attention to his rules:—

1st—Every Stamp sold by him is warranted genuine or the money refunded.

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Another lot of "ATLANTIC CABLE PACKET," ranging in price from 25 cents to \$25. He respectfully solicits a trial of these Packets, they are the best yet offered. Remember you can have one at any price. In ordering please state whether you wish used or unused, present or obsolete or mixed. Als, remember that I keep no Stamps on sale except those I warrant to be truly genuine. F. A. H.

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Saint John, New Brunswick.

## Collectors Directory!

FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMP- can be procured from any of the undermentioned persons (who are dealers in the same) at fair rates:—

The Excelsior Stamp Association, Box 145, Saint John, N. B.

Andrew D. Robertson, Box 23, Saint John, N. B.

Fredorick A. Hunter, Box 273, Saint John, N. B.

Conrad C. Randolph, Saint John, N. B.

The charge for each insertion in the above Directory is 40 cts. U. S. Cy. or 25 cts. gold in advance; 6 months \$2 U. S. Cy. or \$1.25 gold, also in advance.

## Christmas.

\$1.00 U. S. Cy.    \$1 U. S. Cy.

THE Excelsior Stamp Association have just made up 100 CHRISTMAS EXCELSIOR PACKETS of mixed used and unused Stamps. Each Packet contains 50 varieties of good Stamps. Among the unused are stamps of Nicaragua, Meelenburg, Strelitz, Saxony, Moldavia, &c. These packets are the best ever issued. The packets are numbered from 1 to 100, and every purchaser will have a chance to draw a neat little collection of 250 varieties which we have made up. The way we intend doing is this: on the 1st of March, before going to press, we will have placed in a hat and well shaken up tickets from 1 to 100, one number will be drawn out and whoever purchased the Christmas Packet corresponding will be entitled to the Collection. Send in your orders at once, you can lose nothing as you get the worth of your money and you may win the collection. Collectors having a fancy for any particular number can have it if unsold at time of application. Colonial collectors can send 70 cents in unused stamps of the lowest values. Name of winner will be published in the March number of this paper.

STAMP COLLECTORS

## MONTHLY GAZETTE.

PUBLISHED on the first of every month, 50c (gold) or 75c U.S. Cy. per annum. Address GEO. STEWART, JR., Box 67, Saint John, N. B.

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