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FOR THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA.

THE PHILATELIC HUSTLER.

WHEN it comes to a hustler, when a fellow is looking around for a "genuine hustler," and inquiring here and there, he might as well look in our ranks and he can easily pick up somebody that will answer his purpose. As a real "genuine" hustler, I find that, ten to one, the "best" is generally a philatelist. Well, can he hustle? You just ask him, and if you doubt his honest word, just watch him and he will shortly convince you. And so it seems that a fellow, looking around this world for his health and to see the world in general, runs "plumb across" an anxious-eyed, smart-looking, acute-looking chap, who, on being asked "whom he might be," kindly replied that he was a "crank;" but this answer was not decisive enough for the stranger who was traversing through his mind, the appliance of that word, "Crank." "Let me see," says he; "you are not one of those prohibition cranks who carry a 'grindstone' crank on your watch-chain, or look like a dejected sheep or calf, or who talks politics in the post-office, and who chews 'fine-cut' on the sly, and who is sometimes called a 'prohib.'" "No, sir," answers our brother, "I am a 'stamp crank.' I am one who collects stamps for enjoyment and improvement of my mind and moral character, learn the geography of the globe, and add from time to time some rarity which my album fails to entrance." "I see! I see!" says the stranger. "I am

sorry for bothering you, but I declare I didn't think you was a 'whisky crank.'" Our philatelic friend then walked away, being much amused at the "gentleman's evident curiosity." The stranger followed him, and soon saw our friend enter an office near at hand. "I will see what he does," thought our friend; he, on peering through the window, saw this—a philatelist (our friend), who was gazing anxiously over a book, which we find is his stamp album; it is a specialist's album; it is a U.S. stamp album. As we peer over its pages, we find but few "vacant lots." Of course, it would hardly pay our friend to invest in such a "costly piece of architecture" as a \$300 Brattleboro', or hardly in buying a Buchanan; but we find some lots that are well filled with such gems as 1845 N. Y., 5c. black, and also the 3c.; we also find he has an unsevered pair (unused) of the U.S. 1869 90c. issue, which he obtained for their face value of a banker friend; he has a "rare lot" of gems, which were not obtained without a search or struggle. Then, why aren't we hustlers? We hustle for stamps, we hustle for money to procure stamps; we hustle trunks, cases, etc.; we hustle up ourselves to hustle up a gem; in fact, we are hustlers from Hustlersville.

MORAL.

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New York Notes.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co. has issued catalogue for their 120th auction sale, to be held Feb. 23rd.

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The *Stamp* will change its publication office from Long Branch, N.J., to New York City, with its March No.

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The widely-advertised De Coppet sale will certainly be a notable event. New York will be the abode of many foreign collectors at the time.

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How nice it is to disguise oneself under a *nom de plume*! Two New York City correspondents are "Ten Point," *i.e.*, Mr. C. W. Grevning, and "Iceland," *i.e.*, Mr. Ramsay Peugnet.

‡†‡

A local society has, I understand, been formed in Philadelphia. The Quaker City is, truly, mighty slow, but she gets there. Several prominent A.P.A. members are the prime movers.

‡†‡

The *Missouri Philatelist* has been consolidated with the *Stamp*. This is quite an important conjunction. Severn, of Chicago, is to conduct the Review Department of the *Stamp*, I understand.

‡†‡

The banquet of the New York Branch of the Sons of Philatelia passed off very successfully. The event is to be more frequent in the future. Only 75 cents per head, and a dime for the waiters!

‡†‡

I recently saw a piece of thin cardboard, evidently the backing of a writing tablet, covered with representations of the U.S. 1890 issue of stamps. The sheet was referred to the Third Ass't-Postmaster-General.

‡†‡

What the Sons of Philatelia wants is a thorough reform; a new official organ; a new constitution, and a new board of officers. It will have all these things at the next convention, so I am told.

The Bogert & Durbin Co.'s 38th auction sale will be held in New York on March 1st. It consists of the collection of Messrs. McCalla & McAllister, two prominent Philadelphia collectors, who now print the *Quaker City Philatelist*.

‡†‡

The sad death of President Bartlett's father may, it has occurred to me, interrupt his plans for his western tour. Mr. Bartlett was to arrange for a meeting-place for the convention of the Sons of Philatelia near Chicago, in August, 1893. Will he do this?

‡†‡

J. W. Stowell, the well-known philatelic printer, is turning out the *Long Island Philatelist* from his printery now. The firm of W. B. Ogden & Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who printed the paper in its infancy, may soon take hold of it and bring it back to its normal condition.

‡†‡

The *Brooklyn Stamp* is announced from Brooklyn, N.Y., with Mr. Raymond L. Perry at the head. As Perry cannot truthfully be called an experienced philatelist, I have my doubts as to the success of the paper. Mr. Ogden, of the *Long Island Philatelist*, who knows something about publishing and printing, has endeavored to persuade Mr. Perry to relinquish his idea of publishing a paper, but Perry wants to lose a little money, probably.

‡†‡

The *Long Island Philatelist* is entered at second-class postage rates at Woodhaven, N. Y., a country post-office. The publishers mail, on the average, from 75 to 100 lbs. of papers per month. They take the papers to the post-office, where the postmaster is supposed to be (when he isn't shaving somebody). Said postmaster drags the papers into the grocery store next door, where they are weighed on the potato, etc., scale, and then hustled back into the post-office from which institution they are duly despatched. How different from the uncivilized New York post-office! —R. W. ASHCROFT.

Chicago Notes.

Mr. C. D. Reimers, of Western Philatelist fame has taken charge of the *Eagle Philatelist* as business manager.

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The 11th Auction Sale of the Western Stamp & Coin Co. is to be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th. There are 448 lots.

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A Chicago paper has appeared on the field: *The Chicago Philatelist*. An Illinois paper has also been announced to appear about April 1st.

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Now that the excitement has abated, the public have found how unhandy the new Columbian issue is. Many of the large firms of the City greatly object to them on account of their size.

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There will be an opportunity for a live man to distinguish himself during the coming months, by publishing a World's Fair stamp paper. There will be numbers of foreign as well as our own collectors in this City this year, and a paper of this kind published here would reach many of them.

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An observant person can not fail to note that a great interest has been aroused in collecting, among those who had no thought of it before, through the Columbian issue. Many old collectors also have had their interest revived, and are now taking out the old album and re-arranging their collection.

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While running around town a few days ago, I dropped in to see the genial A. P. Hosmer. We had an interesting talk on stamps and stamp societies. A. P. has very decided views on some questions, but he very seldom gets left. Mr. Hosmer was hard at work making out Insurance coupons when I called upon him.

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The boy collector is an important person in stamp circles. A number of

our best philatelists became interested in collecting through their boys. One of the best buyers in this City to day, started collecting for his son. Since that time he has become interested in stamps himself, and now is the possessor of a very fine collection. Moral—take care of the boys.

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Now that the backbone of winter has broken, the stamp collector once more hies himself to his favorite resort, the office of the stamp dealer, and invests his dollars in the fascinating stamp. The weather has been unusually cold, and collectors have been keeping themselves around the fireside. But at last the woodchuck made his appearance, also—the collector.

WILLIAM ROWLEY.

Odds and Ends.

Here is an address supplied in the report of the Postmaster-General. It is decidedly unique. What does the writer mean?

One Pictular Lady belong Foresters
Canada
society of Hamilton ontario
No 113
Emerald street North
in Pictularly of Hamilton
Canada Ontario
Pictular Hamilton ontario canada
to Lady herself belong Foresters

It is not said that this letter reached the "Lady herself," but if it did not, the failure was not from lack of picturesque definition.

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Mr. Kantner tells in the *Penn Philatelist* of how he tried to get an "Officially-Sealed" Canada. He had at last to give it up as a bad job. It is a very amusing article, and shows how long "it must have been thought over" before tried. The Officially-Sealed are not so common, Bro. Kantner. It is easier getting a U.S. "O. S." than a Canadian.

Personal and Pertinent.

Mr. Wright, one of Toronto's leading lights in the philatelic line, is a prominent lawyer of that city.

Mr. Bapty, Dundas street, this city, is in his father's store. They conduct a gents' furnishing establishment.

W. J. Morgan, of New Orleans, is a broker. He possesses a very fine collection of over 8,000 varieties.

Geo. W. Rode, of Pittsburgh, is in the insurance business. His collection numbers about 3,600 varieties.

Mr. Lionel E. Widder, late of Goderich, Ont., has removed to London. We welcome you to our ranks, Bro. Widder.

Mr. O. A. Meyer, of Saginaw, Mich., died recently, after a very short illness. One more gone of our enthusiastic philatelists.

It is expected that this year Chicago will see one of the greatest arrays of collectors that have ever come together in one body.

Mr. A. M. Scott, a druggist, of Woodstock, and a prominent collector, has been visiting in London. Come again, Bro. Scott.

Mr. Robertson, one of Canada's most advanced philatelists, is at present very busy "at law." His firm is the largest in St. Thomas.

Mr. Dickson, publisher of this journal, is also publisher of *The Inter-Collegiate Monthly*, an educational journal of high literary standing.

Mr. F. W. Pickard, of Maine, who published the *Phil. Era* before it was purchased by Mr. Jewett, is at present attending college in one of the Eastern cities.

Mr. E. Y. Parker, of Toronto, has been visiting in Montreal, and Dr. Cameron, of the latter city, has been on a visit to Ottawa philatelists.

Mr. Bernstein, of this city, is interesting himself in politics. We understand he will shortly issue a "Young Liberals" journal. Success to him!

Mr. Clark, of Belleville, intends very shortly to take a trip to the old country, and we understand *stamps* will have a *second place*. We wish you *bon voyage*, Bro. Clark.

Mr. Theo. Toppell, who recently conducted a wholesale stamp business at New York, has entered the employ of the Bogert & Durbin Co., at their Philadelphia office.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* for January contains a photo and sketch of Mr. Hooper, of Ottawa, and Mr. H. C. Beardsley, of St. Joseph, Mo., both well-known philatelists.

And still another philatelist dead. This time it is Mr. Isaac C. Martindale, of Camden, N.J. He was stricken down with apoplexy on January 3rd, and died in a few hours. He looked at philately as a "science."

Mr. R. C. H. Brock, one of our well-known A.P.A. members, was lately taken very sick. We trust you will have a speedy recovery, Bro. Brock. We want as many of our philatelists at Chicago as possible. It will be a gala day with philately.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, favored us with a call a few days ago. Mr. Robertson is a very enthusiastic philatelist, and we enjoyed their call very much. Mr. Robertson's name will not be unfamiliar in future to our readers, as he has promised very kindly to lend us a helping hand, for which we are very grateful. Come again, Mr. R., and bring Mrs. R. along, too.

Current Topics.

It is said the *Philatelic Fortnightly* is out, although we have not seen a copy of it. We expect something good.

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Bro. Crittenden seems to be making a success of the *Detroit Phil.* The January No. is to hand with ten pages of advertisements. Patience wins.

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We see by the *Weekly Phil.* that we are to have a new paper here. In Mr. Beasley's hands it ought to be a success. But—why not support what we have?

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"An old firm in a new place." We refer to the Batchelder Stamp Co., which some years back hung out its *shingle* in St. Louis. Where has it been these years? *Sleeping?*

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Mr. Dickson has opened an office in the Robinson Hall chambers, one of the largest buildings in London. He has a library of all the latest journals, and any collector is cordially invited to spend his leisure there, reading the "news."

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One of our most progressive societies is the U. P. A. It has grown immensely since it was re-organized, and promises to be the society of America, the S. of P. not excepted. With the *Penn. Philatelist* as official organ, it is bound to succeed.

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The busy season is now here, and as a consequence new dealers are springing up *everywhere*. Collectors should be wary of these new-comers offering their cheap (?) *stuff*. They vanish about May, and are not heard of again until December.

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Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co. should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free by addressing above firm at 925 I. a Salle St., St. Louis, Mo. (adv.)

Scott's catalogues coming into Canada are taxed 25% and *four cents per lb.* besides. In speaking of this, the catalogues sometimes get into the inland towns and villages "scot free," while we poor city collectors, where there is a "Custom House," have to "fork up."

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"Our" new Society, the "London Philatelic Club," *beats the record* in the way of numbers. They are joining in scores, thus showing that London was badly in need of a society. And now that we have got one we are not going to let it stand. We are going to make a success of it.

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Mr. D. T. Higginson, of Elmhurst, Ill., has bought out the interest of Mr. Bradt in the S. B. Bradt Co., and it will henceforth be known as the Western Stamp & Coin Co. Mr. Bradt will now conduct a mail business only, at his residence, Brookline Park, Ill., which, we understand, is only a short distance out of Chicago. Success to both.

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Collectors' addresses wanted in exchange for advertising space in this journal. I will allow 1/2c. a name for every name *not in my possession*. Have over 6,000. Send lists. Address the office of this journal. Collectors sending the addresses of their fellow-collectors will be allowed 1/2c. a name in exchange for subscription to this journal. Remember, this only applies to those we have not in our possession.

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It has been hinted at that we are to have a book published on the stamps of the "Confederate States." We do not know of any *good* description of the stamps of this short-lived Confederacy, and we do not doubt but that it will be a good thing. Its author is a well-known philatelist of the Eastern States. It is said that every stamp will be minutely dealt with. Let us have it, and have it soon.

The following circular has been mailed to all of our contemporaries that we could get the address of, but in case some have not received it we reprint it below :—

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Publisher's address :—

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Editor's address :—

P. O. Box 364, St Thomas, Ont.
St. Thomas and London, Feb'y, 1893.

Dear Sir,—Owing to several successive changes in the proprietorship and management of this paper, it was found impossible to issue a December or January number. It has now been established on a firm financial footing, and it is the intention to issue it regularly on the 20th of each month. The present month's number will be out promptly on the 20th.

A new department has been added, which will be somewhat in the nature of a Review. With this addition, that one of the leading articles appearing in other journals will be criticised, commented on, and reference made to authorities bearing on the subject of such article; and especially will this be so in regard to articles bearing on the stamps of B. N. A. However, all magazines will be reviewed so far as space will permit, and with that view we desire to exchange two or three copies of all philatelic publications. We have addressed this note to all publishers personally, instead of putting it in the paper, so that it will come to the attention of all, as we wish to make the review as thorough and representative as possible, and to treat all papers the same which wish to be reviewed. This Journal has a large circulation in Canada, and no doubt the Review will be widely read, so if any paper is not mentioned in it after receipt of this, it will not be our fault, but simply because of non-receipt. We gladly submit our new paper for review, and will try and remedy any defects that the critics of other papers may see in it. We enclose necessary postage for an advice whether exchange and review is desired or not.

Publishers receiving this will confer a favor if they will *at once* send us a postcard regarding the above to our *St. Thomas* address, and mail one copy of their publications (beginning with the January number of 1893) to the Editor of the PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA, P. O. Box 364, St. Thomas, Ont., Canada, and one to the Publisher, 57 and 59 Dundas St., London, Ont., Canada.

Publishers of books, pamphlets, etc., wishing same reviewed, will please mail one copy to the Editor at St. Thomas, and one copy to the Publisher at London, and firms carrying on auction sales will also kindly forward priced catalogue of same for review and comparison, if desiring mention.

Yours Philatelically,

THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA.

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We are going to institute a prize guessing competition between our subscribers. To the subscriber who guesses nearest to the number of subscriptions sent in before we go to press again, we will give 100 varieties of good foreign stamps, catalogue value of which will be over \$2.50. To the second nearest we will give 75 varieties, catalogued at least \$1.50. This is a genuine offer, but only subscribers can compete. Send in your guesses on a postal card. The result of this month's guesses will be made known in our next number, and prizes forwarded winners immediately after. Only good, desirable stamps will be given.

Mr. Joseph Reckert, one of the A.P.A.'s old standbys, has completed his long-looked-for work on "The Stamped Envelopes, Wrappers and Sheets of the United States." It was a work much needed, and we congratulate Mr. Reckert on having "gotten out" a work that will "advance philately."

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Mr. F. J. Audet, of Ottawa, one of the Executive Board of the P.S. of C., was recently married to Miss Louisa Harwood, also of Ottawa. The collectors of Ottawa took advantage of the occasion to present Mr. Audet with a gold epergne and a silver and marble clock. Mr. Audet responded. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Audet long life and prosperity.

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Editorial.

After a sixty-day vacation, we again greet our readers, this time in much improved form and with the addition of a cover. Our lengthy absence was unavoidable, as we were getting everything in working order. It will also be noticed that Messrs. Bernstein and Crittenden have retired, and that the Journal is under the sole control of Mr. H. S. Dickson who will spare neither time nor pains to make the PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA a

success. Although our late editor has retired, his name will not be unfamiliar in the future, as he has promised his aid in the perfection of the publication. With our present condition and with a circulation of 2,000 copies per month, we cannot but pride ourselves on being *the best* Philatelic paper in Canada and not inferior to any in America. We have secured the co-operation of every notable writer, and during our future career this will be the most interesting Journal published. We conclude by promising our readers, that hereafter, the P. J. of C. will be regular and timely in its visits.

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The editor of our worthy local contemporary the *Canadian Philatelist*, editorially commenting on a recent paragraph which appeared in the *Toronto Globe*, the leading Liberal organ, and which bemoaned the fact that Canada had not had a new issue for over twenty years and wishing that we had adopted the new Columbian issue, denounces the above as a plea for continental union with the U.S., and further remarks that we ought to be thankful that these Liberal *traitors* are in the minority, and that the *loyal* Tories are more numerous. In reply to the above foolhardy attack upon a party differing from the views of the so-called loyal (?) editor, we beg to say that *not every* Liberal is a *traitor* and that *not every* Tory is *loyal*. Perhaps Mr. Editor, with his brainy logic, has never heard of the Hon. M. P. Sol. White! Eh? As to his political tactics we wonder if he has lately so advanced and now knows the name of the Postmaster-General? At any rate he

should know something about the subject before he discusses it.

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Is this not a neat, entertaining Journal?

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We Canadians can pride ourselves on having the best governed local societies in America. The cities of Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, Ottawa, London, St. Johns, Halifax, St. Catharines, Lindsay, etc., are already in line, with others to follow. This reminds us of a suggestion lately made by a member of the London Club, which, to say the least, finds favor with us. It mainly constitutes a closer union of these clubs, which are mostly governed on the same basis as a *Grand or Supreme Council*, composed of the presidents of each club, who would provide for the respective clubs, etc. This would place us in the position of any I. O. F., I. O. O. F., Mason, etc., Lodge, and would be a credit to Philately. With such men as Messrs. Dr. Cameron, Hooper, Brouse, Wurtele, Liddicoatt, etc., at the helm, we can surely succeed. The most attractive point, however, is that it would do away with the two so-called rival national societies, whose chief aims, it seems to be, are to increase feud and strife. We think this is a splendid suggestion and should be considered. Pro. editors Ketcheson, Staebler, Weatherston, Sanbourin and Beasley, what are your opinions on the question?

Notes and Comments.

Regularity is one of the chief aims of philatelic publishers, the progressive ones at least. This will be one of our main points in future; therefore, if you have anything for the JOURNAL, try and have it in by the 5th of the month, on

which date we go to press. We will try and appear every month on the 20th of the month.

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Perhaps all our readers do not know of the assignment of C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., of St. Louis, Mo. They were one of the largest firms on the American continent. Liabilities are placed at \$45,000, assets \$150,000, so that it is probable they will resume business in a short time.

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In speaking of the Mekeel assignment, reminds us of a dealer who had lately purchased one of their Gem (?) stocks. It was one of the most trashy "stocks" ever sent out by any one firm, and not at all up to what it was advertised to be. There are a great many dealers who offer the same kind of "trash." It is the same thing as acting a lie, (we cannot put it in any weaker terms), by not giving what is advertised. We would advise our readers to "look sharp" before purchasing any of these so-called bargains.

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Will positively advance to 25 cents next month.

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In our opinion one of the most audacious acts of any dealer was brought to our notice recently. This particular dealer (he doesn't live a thousand miles from here, either) has been in the habit of mailing his price list inside of his journal to his foreign subscribers and readers. This is acting very mean, especially to his advertisers who place their confidence in him, and who expect that he mails the journal just as they would mail it themselves. We might speak of other things this particular publisher has been doing to injure his advertisers' trade, but will not say anything more just yet. Advertisers—be on the alert for anything of this kind.

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"Large oaks from little acorns grow" is a familiar and popular saying, and it fits well just here. Mr. Fleming, Business Manager of the London Advertiser, in speaking of how he came to collect stamps, said: "One day one of my little boys was arranging a few stamps in a scrap-book which he used for an album, and I thought to myself that that was a sort of harmless amusement. I bought an album for him and started him at it, but before very long I was head over heels into it myself," "and," he added, "I never regretted it." Mr. Fleming is one of Canada's most ad-

vanced philatelists, and takes a great deal of interest in philately. He lately came across some very good Canadian stamps of the pence issue. Canadians are his specialty.

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We have often wondered what the Canadian press thought of the large size of the U. S. Postal Card. Here is what the editor of the *Canadian Journal of Commerce* thinks of it:—"The Canadian Postal Card has a very gingerly look when placed side by side with the new and large one sold in the States for 2 cent. Couldn't the Ottawa folks take the hint and give us a little more card for the same money without sensibly reducing the visible supply of manilla? It might help us to close our eyes to the primitiveness of the design that has for so long been masquerading in Italian sky-blue ink on the address side."

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Apropos to the above, we can say that the Canadian Government will issue a larger size of postal cards, and that they will be placed in the hands of the postmasters in a short time. The Postmaster-General, in his Annual Report, says that it is the intention of the Government to issue 20c. and 50c. denominations of postage stamps. They also intend to issue a stamped envelope of the 2c. denomination. The color, design etc. has not yet been decided on. It is to be hoped the above will be issued in a short time, as Canada is badly in need of them.

Mr. Dickson, publisher of this journal, having lately bought out the stock of the Star Stamp Co., and which, added to his own large stock, makes it one of the best in Canada, has lately had printed a very neat price-list in two colors, consisting of 16 pages, which will be sent to any collector, along with an unused foreign stamp, *free* on application.

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American Philatelist, received Jan'y 16th, was the first to hand this month, and it contains the article we propose to deal with particularly in this number as THE article of the month. It is "British North America," by Mr. Harte. Mr. Harte is a personal friend of the writer's, and is particularly qualified to write an article on this subject. As to the comparative rarity of the various stamps, Mr. Harte says:—"Among the specialties that have become a feature of stamp collecting the last few years, is collecting stamps on the original envelopes, and among the rarest of the B. N. A. is the 1d. Nova Scotia. By this I mean a single copy on the original envelope or letter. They are used more often in strips of three for the 3d. postage. I have seen

but two single copies on the original envelope. There are two shades of the 1d., the bright red brown being the scarcest. Unused copies are now very scarce." The writer has an unsevered strip of unused red browns, with original gum, he got from Mr. Harte. In regard to the 3d. stamps, there are numerous shades, some almost black, others with light centre and dark blue border, the dark blue being used first and the light last, although the latter is the scarcest stamp, only having been used from 1858 to 1860.

The 6d. stamp consists of three varieties: Light and dark green, and a dark green on blue paper, which is very scarce. In this stamp there is a reversal of the order in which the 3d. dark and light were used, so that the dark blue 3d. was used before 1858, with the light green 6d. before 1857, while the light blue 3d. was used after 1858 with the dark green 6d. The 1s. also appears to have been used the same as the 3d, viz., the darker shade first. All of the Nova Scotia stamps of the pence issue are very hard to obtain unused, and the used ones have advanced greatly in the past five years.

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On turning over the pages of the *Haitfax Philatelist* we find a Mr. A. W. Doan advertising a complete set of Nova Scotia "pence and cents" for \$25, his ad. running from January till April, when some one appears to have grasped the bargain. Now, a shilling alone sells for \$35 easily.

Mr. Harte refers to a very entertaining story of his chase after a shilling stamp, which he evidently captured near the North Pole, if the state of the thermometer is any criterion.

Regarding the cent issues there are, according to Mr. Harte, three varieties

of the 1 cent, viz., on white, grey and yellow paper, the grey being very rare. The 2 cent is only on white paper; the 5 cent on blue, white and yellow, and the $8\frac{1}{2}$, 10 and $12\frac{1}{2}$ on white and yellow. The $8\frac{1}{2}$ and $12\frac{1}{2}$ are very scarce on the originals. The London Society's work on the stamps of B.N.A. does not give the variety on grey paper at all. It will be as well for the information of those who have not got that work or the old *Halifax Philatelist* at hand, to give the dates of the issue of the Nova Scotia stamps, not noticing the varieties of color or paper. These dates are to be found in the January No., 1888, of the *Halifax Philatelist*, page 10, and page 50 of the London Society's work:—

3 pence	} 1st September, 1851.
6 " "	
1 shilling	
1 penny	} about June, 1853. See <i>Halifax Philatelist</i> , Jan'y, 1889, page 5.
1, 5, $8\frac{1}{2}$, 10 & $12\frac{1}{2}$ cent.	
2 cent	} 1st October, 1860.
	} 11th May, 1860.

The pearl grey shade of this latter stamp is very rare, and I have never been able to capture one yet.

Mr. Harte then proceeds to give a list of the cut or provisional issues of B. N. A. A list of these was attempted in the *Quaker City Philatelist* of August, 1891, at page 122. Since then others have been discovered, and it might not be uninteresting to form a list supplemental to the admirable one of Mr. Harte's:

NOVA SCOTIA—

3 pence (a)— $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 pence cut diagonally. This can be collected in the various halves of the stamp, giving different words on each half. There is also the light and dark green. 8 varieties can be formed thus.

3 pence (b)— $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 pence cut perpendicularly. This is very scarce. A copy of this is No. 4 on the artotype plate with the December, 1888, number of the *Halifax Philatelist*.

$4\frac{1}{2}$ pence— $\frac{1}{2}$ of 3 pence, blue and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 pence, green. (No. 526 in Scott & Co's 120th sale.

6 pence—diagonal $\frac{1}{2}$ of shilling.

$7\frac{1}{2}$ pence (a)—6 pence, dark green, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2 pence, dark blue, of which there can be 4 varieties, according to the half of the 3 pence 4 additional varieties can be made by the 3 pence light blue. Another 8 can be made by the use of the 6 pence light green.

$7\frac{1}{2}$ pence (b)—two 3 pence blue, light or dark, and $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 pence. (One collector the writer knows has 15 different varieties of this value or combination.

$7\frac{1}{2}$ pence (c)— $\frac{1}{2}$ of shilling and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 3 pence.

$7\frac{1}{2}$ pence (d)—6 pence, yellow-green, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of 6 pence. (Lot 527 in Scott & Co's 120th sale.

9 pence—6 pence and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 pence, being used for registered letters.

1 shilling, $9\frac{1}{2}$ pence—Mr. Harte says this stamp is in possession of Mr. Crane, of Halifax. The combination is not given, but the rate from Nova Scotia to Australia was 1 shilling, 3 pence, as given in the *Halifax Philatelist* of April, 1889, page 50, while the rate in 1854 was 2 shillings to Adelaide and 2 shillings, 1 penny to Australia, according to the same magazine of January, 1888, page 7, and the London Society's work, page 52.

The "cent" issue was also cut, as follows:—

2 cent— $\frac{1}{2}$ of 5 cent, used as 2 cent, the county rate. (King collection, lot 1132a in Casey's 23rd sale.) We have also a specimen of this stamp.

5 cent—Stamped on 3 pence blue in double line circle. King collection, lot 1121 in Casey's 23rd sale, selling for \$9.50. This was No. 2 in artotype plate with December, 1888, number of *Halifax Philatelist*.

5 cent— $\frac{1}{2}$ of 10 cent, cut diagonally, of which you can get 4 varieties. $\frac{1}{2}$ of 10 cent cut perpendicularly. (This latter is in C. B. Corwin's collection.)

- 5 cent—Two 2 cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2 cent.
 8 cent—5 cent, 2 cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2 cent.
 8½ cent—5 cent, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 5 cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2 cent. (Lot 529, Scott & Co's 120th sale.)
 10 cent—8½ cent, 1 cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 cent.
 10 cent—Stamped on 6 pence green, in double circle. Mr. T. Bull, in his 31st sale (March 18 and 19, 1892), sold two of these on original envelope, for £4, being lot 216. See cut 1 on the artotype plate with December, 1888, number of *Halifax Philatelist*.
 12½ cent (a)—10 cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 5 cent.
 12½ cent (b)—Two 5 cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 5 cent.
 12½ cent (c)—10 cent, two 1 cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 cent.
 13 cent—10 cent, 2 cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2 cent. 12½ cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 cent.
 13½ cent—12½ cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2 cent.
 15 cent—10 cent and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 10 cent.

All these stamps we have seen or have authority from reliable sources that they exist. The first mention made of these stamps is in the December, 1888, number of the *Halifax Philatelist*, where Mr. D. O. King mentions some of these stamps, and all the rest have been unearthed since. A very good artotype plate accompanies this. To the best of our knowledge the above includes all the provisional or cut stamps of Nova Scotia.

We have taken so much time with this article so far that we must leave the *American Philatelist* now and go to some of our other papers, and we trust in a future article to give a list of the provisional stamps of the other provinces. This number also contains a valuable paper on Canadian stamp papers, from the pen of Mr. Tiffany, showing 44 papers to Canada's credit (in quantity if not quality), also papers on the Manitoba and British Columbia law stamps. We doubt if a more interesting, instructive or valuable number for the collectors of British North American stamps has ever been issued, and all

we can say to the editors is, "More strength to your arm."

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The Stamp, received January 18th, contains a very interesting article on leading American dealers, the one selected for this number being Mr. J. W. Scott; others to follow. From the article, Mr. Scott seems to have had, like others, his ups and downs; but we sympathize with him in the loss of his competency, which has forced him again to join the ranks of the "horny handed sons of toil." Mr. Scott introduced auction sales, now becoming so popular, the first being the one at Mercantile Library Building on May 28th, 1870. He also began the good work in England on March 18th, 1872; and some years before, in 1866, he founded the *American Journal of Philately*, the second series whereof is now published by the Scott Co. (limited). Mr. Hooper then has an article, partly on stamps and partly on natural history, dealing principally with codfish in Newfoundland and kangaroos in Australia, "which will out-run a thoroughbred horse for miles." This may be useful to the turfmen, and show them a way to improve the speed of their steeds, but it is too obscure for the average philatelist. A very interesting story from the popular and versatile philatelic writer, Guy W. Green, comes next, and a discussion on U. S. registered letter rates shows how absurd is the fee charged there. No notice is taken of the fact that the rate has been lowered to 8 cents, but even in view of this, much of the article applies, even to the new rate. A 5-cent rate should satisfy any P. M.-G., but in all governments there is so much spent uselessly that they never seem to consider that "the P. O. Department is not a money-making machine." It has always appeared to us that this department, above all others in a government, should receive help from other sources, and that, as it reaches "the millions," in fact, every citizen of every country, the rates should be such that the re-

ceipts should never much exceed the disbursements. A comparison of prices of stamps during the last two years is made under the heading: "Two years' difference." The figures are taken from the Scott catalogues, but experience has taught us that catalogue prices are no criterion of value in rare stamps at all. This number is unusually good, and many things are contained that deserve perusal.

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The Stamp News, received January 19th, contains a continuation of the interesting "Reminiscences" of A. A. Bartlett. As a "truly loyal" British subject, he compares the "English" and "American" dealers, much to the disadvantage of the latter. The part that strikes our eye is his description of Pemberton & Co's exhibit at Amsterdam. Ye gods! listen—here it is, so far as B. N. A. is concerned: "Ten 12 pence black (*viz.*, mark you), three *fine* copies of the shilling, Nova Scotia, and the same of New Brunswick" were among them. Even there they seem to admit forgeries. Mr. Bartlett says: "Among the stamps * * * I noticed rank forgeries of the 1 penny and 1 shilling, Nova Scotia, and on pointing this out to the gentleman who seemed to have charge of the exhibit, he at once agreed with me and said there were many forgeries in this same collection, that of a Mr. Manns, Amsterdam. The Nova Scotia stamps were so palpably bad that one could not help wondering how any philatelist with his knowledge should have been deceived." Those in charge knew of this, evidently. Why should they have allowed them there? All the educational advantages of an exhibition vanish when such things as that are allowed, as unless one learns correctly, better not at all, and a great number go to these exhibitions to learn about stamps. If forgeries are exhibited, label them as such. For a description of Nova Scotia forgeries, see *Philatelic Journal of America*, December, 1892, at page 418, but a fuller description of the 6-penny forgery

is to be found in the February number, 1892, of the *American Journal of Philately*, page 82. We do not remember of ever having seen a description of the forged 3d. or shilling, although we saw a forged copy of the latter in the collection of a prominent collector of Toronto. A very good chronicle of new issues appears, and a reprint about Corea stamps, from *Philatelic Facts and Fallacies*, is given. The result seems to be that no Corean stamps were ever used, the 5 and 10 had been received and it was the intention to use them, which intention was frustrated by a riot, which nearly resulted in killing the King and Queen. "The Cid" shows that Wells, Fargo & Co. still do a large letter-carrying business, and their service is so prompt and reliable that they can charge the same rate as the P. O., in addition to the postage. The law does not prohibit the carrying of letters by others than the U. S. mail; all it requires is that the postage shall be paid and the stamps cancelled. "The Dundee Stamp Exhibition" opens the door for a renewal of the Hill-Chambers controversy to be waged again, so we drop it like we would a red-hot piece of iron. "Practical stamp collecting" contains very valuable information on perforation, which it would pay all to read, and we wish we could reprint it in full, but as we cannot, we do not know what part to select, so take none at all. "Recent auctions" shows enormous prices for Australia and English stamps. "Notes and Queries" fills a long-felt want, and we wish other papers would have a similar department.

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Just as we go to press we receive remainder of Review, but as we do not wish to be out late we will fully make up for it next month.

One of the leading "funny" papers, in speaking of the size of the U.S. stamps, says that if the mucilage manufacturers were to "combine," the price of mucilage would likely "bust" the Government. Not much danger, though.

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The new one and two-cent stamps which Postmaster-General Wanamaker has caused to be put upon a confiding public become more interesting the more they are studied, says the *New York Evening Sun*. It is evident that a mistake has been made somewhere in the personal appearance of Columbus. The engraving of the one-cent stamp shows Columbus standing at the port rail of his ship. He is in the attitude of a tragedian when he says: "What! no salary yet?" At the feet of Columbus, and clasping one of his hands, is a gentleman in a long coat, who is evidently begging for the temporary loan of a couple of doubloons. The same request has evidently been made to others in the party, because there stands behind Columbus another gentleman, apparently engaged in the pleasing pastime of informing one of the crew that Columbus is the only one in the crowd who has a bit of coin. The engraving of the one-cent stamp represents Columbus with a perfectly smooth face and his hair hanging down on his shoulders. It is entitled "Columbus in Sight of Land." The engraving on the 2-cent stamp shows plainly the remarkable transformation which took place in his appearance between the time he sighted this land of ours and set his foot upon it, twelve hours later. It has been a matter neglected entirely by historians, to whom the engravings are undoubtedly intended as a neat rebuke. When he has reached the 2-cent period, Columbus is on land. His face is adorned by a moustache and beard. The 2-cent stamp is labelled "Landing of Culumbus." Why the discoverer should be represented with a bare face for one-cent, and a heavy beard and a hair cut for two, cannot at this time be explained, except it is accounted for by the fine commercial instinct of the Postmaster-General, who believes that the American public should receive more for two cents than for one.

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