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HOOPER ACQUITTED.

For the past two weeks the trial of John R. Hooper, for the murder of his wife, has been going on in the little French Canadian town of Joliette, Que. The evidence pro and con is all in, the eminent counsel on both sides have delivered masterly orations in closing their side of the case and we now give our readers a synopsis of the Judge's charge to the Jury and their verdict. The Court House was crowded when Judge Delorimier began in an impressive voice, as follows :

"Gentlemen of the Jury—We have now nearly come to the end of the most important and sensational murder case ever known in this country." The judge then reviewed the evidence. He told the jury that they were the real judges in the case, and as such should be above all prejudice or fear. The appeals that had been made to their feelings should not influence them. They must be fearless and honourable, and do their duty like soldiers and true men, and not for one moment forget the oath they had taken. It was true the scaffold had never been erected in Joliette, but that fact should not influence their minds. "I charge you to render a verdict of guilty if you think the facts presented to you warrant such a verdict," he said. If there was any reasonable doubt, the prisoner, however, was to be given it. The prisoner was charged with poisoning his wife on September 18. The question to be decided was, had deceased met her death by natural cause or by poison? The Crown had contended that all the symptoms of her death coincided with death caused by prussic acid, and consequently deceased had not met a natural death. The Crown had also shown what the prisoner's conduct had been at Louisville, and had maintained that such conduct was a strong proof against the prisoner that he did commit the crime charged against him. In reply to these charges the defence had said that the Louisville part of the story should have no bearing on the case, and that they had proven that prisoner had not poisoned his wife, as no poison had been found in her body. They also had, in vivid language, told the jury what dangerous circumstantial evidence was. His Honour showed the jury that circumstantial evidence at times was the strongest kind of evidence and should not be made light of. In poisoning cases circumstantial evidence especially should have much weight. Poison was the weapon of the coward. The evidence had conclusively shown that the prisoner had paid attentions to Miss Stapely while his wife was in an asylum, and had passed himself as a single man. "And there, gentlemen, the drama begins," said his Honour. "The defence had tried to explain that the prisoner's attentions meant nothing. Whether they did or not you will have to decide.

fully consider it. It appeared that deceased could only have died from two causes, fatty degeneration of the heart or poison. They would have to decide which. If they had any doubt, prisoner was to get it.

Judge Delorimer finished his charge to the jury that evening at about 6:30. He then asked the jury to adjourn and decide on a verdict, but Mr. MacMaster rose and proposed that the court adjourn for supper while the jury were preparing their verdict. The court then adjourned till 8 o'clock.

A long time before eight large crowds flocked to the court-house to hear the verdict, and by 8 o'clock it was packed to suffocation with a noisy crowd, hooting and yelling.

The jury up to this time could not agree on a verdict, and it was near nine o'clock when they came into the court-room and answered to their names. The clerk of the court then asked them if they had agreed on a verdict, and they replied that they had, and then declared him "Not guilty." Hooper was remanded to goal till Tuesday, pending action in regard to the Louiseville attempted murder. He seemed to be in very high spirits before the jury delivered their verdict, as if confident as to the result. It is estimated that this case will cost the Government ten thousand dollars, and that it will cost the defence the half of that amount.

Hooper has been taken to Three Rivers, Que., there to be tried next June for the attempted murder of his wife by trying to drown her.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Members of the C. P. A.

GENTLEMEN,—We are commencing the year 1894 and membership fees of \$1.00 for the year are now due. MAY I ASK EACH OF YOU TO REMIT PROMPTLY ENOUGH TO PUT YOU STRAIGHT ON THE BOOKS TILL THE END OF THE YEAR WITHOUT ANY WRITTEN NOTICE FROM ME. The prospects of success are very bright as you will see by examining list of applicants and I hope to see our old debts largely reduced during this year, if not altogether wiped out. I have now \$9.44 in hand for the creditors of the Exchange Dept. under Mr. Ketcheson and I expect by the end of February to have \$20 more and hope at that time to send an instalment to each of the creditors. In addition to this I have about \$22.00 on hand on General fund and if members pay promptly I hope to be in a posi-

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tion at the of February to declare a dividend on the Grenny Exchange Department arrears.

Allow me to draw your attention to the following :

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

Labelle, A. E.—212 St. Hubert, Montreal.

RESIGNATIONS.

191. Breder, C. M.

APPLICATIONS.

Hollick, Rich., Birmingham, Eng.; *Reference* : Bartlett, A. A. and King, D. A.
Clark, H., Kinnault, Augmering, Warthing, England ; *Reference* : Clark, T. S.
and Ketcheson. H. F.

Dingman, H. J. S., 44 Close Ave., Toronto ; *Reference* : Fowler, H. A. and
McMahon, Walter.

Walker, Harton, 596, Spadina Ave, Toronto ; *Reference* : Fowler, H. A. and
McMahon, W.

Withrow, Walter A., Lock Box 15, Earl Park, Indiana ; *Reference* : Fowler,
H. A. and Clark, T. S.

Buehler, Edw. H., 108-110 Randolph St., Chicage, Ill. ; *Reference* : Fowler,
H. A. and Wurtele, E. F.

Green, Wm. Lawrence, 475 Broadway, Albany, N. Y. ; *Reference* : Fowler,
H. A. and Wurtele, E. F.

Walton, Wm. G., Handsworth, Birmingham, Eng. ; *Reference* : Fowler, H.
A. and Wurtele, E. F.

Bryant, Geo. Isaac, 118 Thomas St., Kennington Park, London, Eng. ; *Ref-
erence* : Fowler, H. A. and Wurtele, E. F.

Hine, Geo. F., 702 James St., Syracuse, N. Y. ; *Reference* : Fowler, H. A.
Wurtele, E. F.

I will have a sorry task next month for I will be obliged to publish a list of
those DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES. NOW LET EVERY ONE PAY UP.

Yours in philately,

T. S. CLARK, Sec. Treas.

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W. SELLSCHOPP & CO., 108 Stockton Street, San Francisco, Cal.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 11, 1893, To balance, - - - - -	\$24 03
Dec. 15, Hollick, R., with application, - - - - -	1 00
Shuttuc, W. B., balance Ketcheson Ex. Dept. - - - - -	10
Jan. 22, 1894, Dues received up to date from Nos. 9, 298, 288, 287, 294, 290, 289, 131, - - - - -	8 00
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	\$33 13

EXPENDITURE.

Dec. 27, 1893, By paid E. F. Wurtle, for postage, - - - - -	\$1 00
Jan. 22, 1894, Balance on hand, - - - - -	32 13
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	\$33 13

T. S. CLARK, Sec. Treas.

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EXCHANGE AND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

I have the pleasure to present the following report, being the first since my election to the office, in August last:—

Filled sheets received,.....78

Total value of the above,.....\$513 79

Owing to delays brought on by the late superintendent in returning the filled sheets, then in his hands, at the expiration of his office, the first circuit could not be sent before the end of October last.

Five books are on the eve of completing circuit, when accounts will be rendered to those having participated in them.

In October I had circulars printed and sent to all members, inviting them to give encouragement to the Association by sending stamps and putting in their

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names on the circuit lists. Many have answered to the call, but still many remained silent.

List of members having sent sheets of stamps with their values :

G. N. Campbell,	5 sheets,	value,	\$8 92
Rev. M. R. Knight,.....	7 "	"	32 95
C. M. Taylor,.....	3 "	"	35 85
C. W. Price,.....	3 "	"	9 82
J. J. Codville,.....	1 "	"	13 57
C. C. Morency,.....	10 "	"	43 03
T. S. Clark,.....	11 "	"	92 10
Paul Sicotte,	15 "	"	103 86
Dr. Burgess,.....	5 "	"	15 93
S. R. Sircom,	5 "	"	33 30
D. A. King,.....	6 "	"	91 68
E. F. Wurtele,.....	1 "	"	0 58
R. M. Spencer,.....	3 "	"	14 35
M. Joseph,	1 "	"	1 95
Dr. Chas E. Banks,.....	1 "	"	8 93
J. O. Judge,.....	1 "	"	6 98
Total,.....			78
			\$513 79

The expense account runs as follows :

RECEIPT.

118 Exchange blank sheets, sold at 5c \$5 90

EXPENSES.

400 blank sheets and covers \$1 55

Blank books, rubbers, &c.,..... 1 40

Circulars to members 2 10

Postages, &c.,..... 1 91

\$6 96

CLEO. C. MORENEY,
Exchange Superintendent C.P.A.

Quebec, January 23, 1894.

The October number of Filatelic Facts and Fallacies.

It will consist of 32 pages and cover, and will contain, besides other valuable and interesting matter, a sensational article about the GRILL on U. S. stamps and its COUNTERFEITING.

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Auction Sup't, E. Y. PARKER, 57 Huron St. Exchange Sup't, A. G. ALLISON, 41 Grange Ave.
 Sec'y-Treasurer, GEO. A. LOWE, 49 Adelaide St. East. Librarian, W. S. WEATHERSON, 13 Peter St.

Meetings held First and Third Wednesday of each month.

Club Rooms : 14 Odd Fellows' Building, Cor. Yonge and College Sts., Toronto, Ont.

The regular meeting of the Toronto Philatelic Club was held on the 6th Dec. in the Club's room, and may be said to have been one of the most successful held.

The Chair was occupied by the President, and twenty-four members responded to the roll call, with visitors present, Maj. Foster, T. D. Dockray of Toronto and C. Wesley Price of Plymouth, Detroit, Mich.

The evening, as announced, was devoted to "Canada." A paper by Mr. E. Y. Parker on that subject was to have been read, but in its absence the President gave a resume of a paper he had written commenting on several varieties of our earlier issues of Canadian, which up to the present had not been publicly noticed. By permission, later on, it is expected that a copy of the paper will be placed in the hands of the members. Afterwards the President placed his magnificent collection of British North American Stamps in the hands of Mr. Parker, who gave a lengthy and descriptive oration upon the many curiosities which it contained. Among the many specimens it contains might be mentioned 15 of each of the shillings of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland, while other stamps of the same issues are also to be found in proportionate numbers. There is an abundance of strips and shades without end. The conclusion expressed was that the collection is possibly the foremost of its kind known.

Mr. C. Wesley Price, one of the visitors present, gave an interesting speech of his experience in stamp collecting, after which a vote of thanks was moved by the Vice-President, and seconded by R. K. Sproule.

The meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock.

MEETING OF THE TORONTO PHILATELIC CLUB, HELD DEC. 20, 1893.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by the President in the Chair.

The roll called showed sixteen senior members present.

A communication was received from Mr. H. A. Fowler tendering his resignation as a member of the Club, which was referred to the executive for consideration.

A communication was read from the President, offering the use to the Club furniture for its room, which the Secretary was directed to acknowledge, accepting same with the thanks of the Club.

In accordance with notice of motion made at the annual general meeting of October 18th last, it was moved by Mr. A. G. Allison and seconded by Mr.

Wetherson, that the offices of Librarian and Exchange Superintendent be established, and that officers be appointed by the executive committee, which was carried.

Mr. Wetherson proposed that the Club should establish a counterfeit collection, which matter was referred to the Executive for consideration.

It was resolved that an auction sale be held at the next meeting, and Mr. W. S. Wetherson was requested to read a paper on some interesting subject in Philately.

The Committee reported that Mr. W. J. Wells and Maj. Foster had been elected members of the Club.

Several rare and unique specimens were exhibited by members present. Among others, Mr. F. A. Fleming displayed some peculiar combinations of the high valuation of Columbian stamps on the original cover. Mr. J. W. Barry exhibited as a curiosity three 25c. Canadian "shin plasters" unsevered.

The report of the Executive was read which announced that Mr. Allison had been chosen Exchange Superintendent, and Mr. W. Weatherston as Librarian.

The meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock.

LIST OF MEMBERS, JANUARY 1ST, 1894.

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 Roberts Norman, 147 St. Patrick St.
 Sproule R. K., 569 Spadina Ave.
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**QUEBEC PHILATELIC CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of this Society was held on the 20th Dec., at Mr. M. Joseph's residence.

The following officers were elected for the year 1894 :

President, Mr. M JOSEPH.
Vice President, Mr. D. MITCHELL.
Sec. Treas., Mr. J. S. O'MEARA.
Exchange Sup't, Mr. C. A. BISHOP.
Librarian, Mr. F. O. JUDGE.

The reports of the Exchange Sup't and Librarian were then read and adopted. Mr. A. R. Turner was proposed for membership.

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The regular monthly meeting of this Society was held at the residence of Mr. D. Mitchell, the Vice Pres., on the 10th Jan., 1894, the following members being present :

Messrs. Wurtele, Joseph, Le Moire, Morency, Carter, Bishop and Judge.

Mr. A. R. Turner was duly elected a member of the Society. Mr. George McWilliams was proposed for membership.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Mr. O'Meara, asking the Club to accept his resignation as he did not find time to attend to his office, owing to other business taking up all his spare moments. The members, with much regret, accepted his resignation. On a motion of Mr. Wurtele, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. O'Meara for his many and valuable services rendered to the Club.

Mr. Fred O. Judge was elected to fill the position of Sec. Treas.

Various other business having been discussed, the meeting was adjourned.

FRED O. JUDGE, *Sec. Treas.*

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HARRY W. PRENTISE, Luther Academy, Beardstown, Cass Co., Ill., has been convicted for misusing of the mails. He got stamps on approval and did not return them.

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A NOTE ON THE PUNCHED POSTAGE STAMPS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

By the Editor.

In our early days of collecting, the current stamps of Western Australia were very *commonly* found with a hole punched in the middle of them. The report current amongst collectors and dealers in Paris, where we then happened to be, was that they were used on letters from the convict establishment of the Swan River. In 1865 M. Moens received a letter from a correspondent dated from Perth, 27th December, 1864, to the following effect:—

“In reply to your question as to the perforation of certain stamps, I have the honour to inform you that the Local Government has never issued stamps of the kind you mention.

“This custom is adopted by the Imperial Government for franking official correspondence.

“You will perhaps ask, what is the Imperial Government? We understand by that term the Government of Great Britain; that is to say, the mother country. It maintains here a staff of officers exercising separate and distinct functions from the Local Government, who have the control of everything, and are paid by the Metropolitan Government. It is they who make use of the local stamps out of the moneys of the British Government for their official correspondence, and perforate them in the way you know, in order that they may not be used for private letters, or for any other illicit purpose.”

Upon this M. Moens denominated them “*Timbres pour la correspondance officielle.*”

We do not call to mind that anything else in particular was written about these stamps until we come to the treatise in *Oceania*, in which the *London Society* says: “In the early days of stamp collecting a superstition was current to the effect that these stamps were supplied to convicts serving their sentence of transportation in Western Australia, and distinguished their correspondence from that of the community. As a matter of fact, these mutilated stamps were employed to frank and to particularise official correspondence.

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not altogether *without* a foundation, and that letters had at times been received from convicts bearing stamps so perforated.

Mr. Raynor also shared in our belief, and has induced Mr. Snellgrove, who had founded the Western Australian Philatelic Society, to examine whether there were any real grounds on which this tradition may have rested, and whether what is termed "matter of fact" was clearly stated when it was declared *generally* that "these mutilated stamps were employed to frank and to particularise official correspondence."

It will be well to commence by finding the date of issue of these stamps, which we are enabled to do by the following extract from the *Official Gazette* :

"COMMISSARIAT POSTAGE STAMPS.

"For the purpose of preventing the improper use of postage stamps provided for Imperial service, in future such stamps will be perforated in or near the centre, the hole being about one-sixth of an inch in diameter; and all persons are requested not to receive any stamps so perforated which may be offered as money.

"J. W. BOVELL,
"Deputy Commissioner-General.

"Perth, 31st July, 1861."

It would appear that the reason for issuing this notice was that some stamps had, without any evil intention, been used for private correspondence, and though replaced immediately afterwards, the records show that a severe reprimand was administered for so doing.

The above notice proves that the stamps so perforated were not for general use for official purposes, but only for the use of the official correspondence of the British establishment in the colony.

But Mr. Raynor's correspondent went somewhat deeper into the investigation of their use. The present Superintendent of the gaol at Freemantle was nine years in the Convict Department of the Imperial Government while these stamps were in use, and he states that the Imperial or British Authorities purchased such postage stamps as they required from the Western Australia postal authorities, and when the stamps came to the office of the convict establishment they were punched by the head clerk or controller to obviate fraud, and were used on all official correspondence by the Imperial officers, and by the convicts. They were

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also used by the British *Military Department* generally. Pensioners' letters were allowed to be franked by the commanding officer, but the punched stamps were exclusively used for the official correspondence of the Convict and Military Departments, and were never so used by the Western Australian Crown Departments as distinct from the Imperial Departments.

If this be a true version of the mode in which the punched stamps were employed, their use by the convicts is not such an utterly baseless tradition as can be denominated a "superstition," which we charitably interpret as "supposition." To call these stamps "stamps for official correspondence" is also, we think, a misleading definition, as it might seem to imply that they were used for the official correspondence of the Western Australian Government officers, whereas their use was strictly limited, by the notice of the 31st July, 1861, to the Imperial Establishment in the colony, and this entirely agrees with what the correspondent of M. Moens said was their special destination. It would, in our opinion, be better to resort to the original definition, and to describe them as "Commissariat Postage Stamps."

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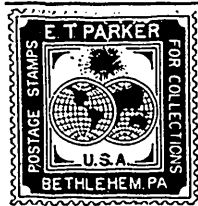
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By E. D. E. Van Weenen, in Vindin's Mouthly.

Whatever further light is likely to be thrown over the history of the stamps of New South Wales, the credit of the main illumination is due to the London Philatelic Society. However, since the advent of their work, "The Postage Stamps, etc., of Oceania," some fresh discoveries have seen the light, and some of the previous statements have required modification. Dr. Houston, of Sydney, has conclusively shown that there was a second or retouched plate of the first "Diadem" 2d., perforated, and I have also, by careful study of several thousands of stamps that came into my hands, dated from 1854 to the present day, been able to glean several new points, which I intend to chronicle.

The greatest assistance I received was by going through a lot of papers belonging to one department, and ranging for some 30 years. Thus I was able to follow the various issues, with their variations in the quality of the paper used, perforations, and colour shades. Since that time two other batches were looked through, and I still found similar conditions, so that the theory I arrived at gained plenty confirmation. From 1862 to 1872 several Government departments used the current postage stamps for their correspondence. One or two departments resorted to it in 1873, but from that date until 1880, when the O. S. series came in, little (if any) correspondence was stamped. One peculiarity I noticed in the stamping of the correspondence—where stamps of the value of 4d. or higher would have sufficed, the envelope or paper was plastered with 1d. and 2d. values. Threepenny stamps were seldom used for inland correspondence, and on occasional correspondence I found that when 1d. stamps were not obtainable at the time, the 2d. stamp was cut into two parts, diagonally. In every case the place from where it was sent was some small township, and the sender the Registrar for Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

As mentioned later on, the officer in charge of the printing inks at the Government Printing Office was, if not colour blind, nearly approaching it, hence many varieties were the result; and it seems that the Department was as careless in admonishing this erratic officer. One has only to look at a good collection of the large square 6d. to see the extent of departue from the original colour decided upon.

It was my intention to have started with the "Views" series, but very little has to be added to that already published, but it will be comprised in the history of the New South Wales, to be compiled by the Sydney Philatelic Club. The Centennial series will follow the issues now under treatment.

I am rather dubious about several of the perforations quoted by other members of our Club, and these will require more authentication before being accepted

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