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SOME POINTS FOR CANADIAN COLLECTORS.

Arrangements have been made for an increase in the limit of weight from 7 lbs. to 11 lbs. of parcels addressed to or received from the United Kingdom, and for a reduction in the rate of postage for each pound in excess of one pound from 20 cts to 16 cts; the rate for the first pound will continue as at present, 20 cts. This increase in the limit of weight will also be extended to parcels for or from other countries, to which parcels in excess of 7 lbs. weight are sent by the United Kingdom. All letters which may be posted having postage stamps affixed thereon, which appear to have been previously used, are to be post-marked and transmitted to the Postmaster General, the words "Stamps previously used" being written across the face of the letter. The only request letters that can be recognized or dealt with as such are those originated within the Dominion, the United States or Newfoundland, and addressed to places in those countries. Similar requests appearing on letters from other countries cannot be complied with.

A Postmaster is not legally bound to furnish change to persons purchasing stamps wherewith to prepay their letters, nor is a Postmaster required to affix stamps for the public to letters, etc., posted at his office. but may require that the exact amount of postage due upon any letter or packet be tendered to him in current coin, and that the necessary postage stamps be affixed thereto before any letter or packet is accepted for posting. Prepayment on letters addressed to Postal Union countries generally is not compulsory, but in case of non-prepayment or insufficient prepayment, the letters are stamped "T" at the dispatching exchange Office, and go forward subject to a charge of double the amount of deficient postage. Unpaid or insufficiently paid letters posted in Postal Union countries addressed to Canada are likewise charged on delivery in this country with double the deficient postage. Registered letters must however be fully prepaid at the time of posting, and if not fully prepaid, as regards both postage and registration fee, will not be forwarded.

The Registration fee to all Postal Union countries is five cents. The special stamps will soon go out of use, and the old oblong series of 2 cent, 5 cent and 8 cent will now be consigned to the care of philatelists.—CANADENSIS.

THE END

OUR EXCHANGE.

The INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIST, official organ of the Montreal Collectors Club and the Hoosier Philatelic Society, is a bright and interesting eight page paper. The September number contains a good article entitled "Diamond cut Diamond" by W. A. Withrow.

The AUSTRALIAN STAMP NEWS, No. 2, contains some very instructive articles. It is published in Gualda. Q. by J. H. N. Bull.

The September Post Office is cram full of "ads," besides the monthly chronical of New Issues, it has several good articles by such writers as Alvah Davison, E. A. Spencer, S. B. Bradt and G. W. Greene. I also notice a number of accounts offered for sale.

What is the matter with THE STAMP? It used to be a fairly good paper, but for the past few months it has been getting smaller and smaller, so that now the publishers only ask "10 cents for a years subscription."

PHILATELIC FACTS AND FALLACIES, always contains matter of interest to all Philatelists, it completed its first volume with the September.

The CHICAGO PHILATELIST, (much in a nutshell) for September has a good deal regarding the daring escape of Lewis Bishop a United States prisoner, and very little of anything else. It has a good share of advertising patronage size 4 pages and cover.

The EAGLE PHILATELIST, Vol. III No. 20, is a good number, full of interesting matter, both instructive and entertaining. Many improvements have been made in it by the new management.

The (Semi-Monthly,) PHILATELIC ERA is a dandy and is always a welcome visitor to our den. Their Review is the most interesting part of the paper.

The DOMINION PHILATELIST is as good as usual. The CANADIAN PHILATELIST is so seldom seen by us, that we do not know what it is like.

To such an extent does the mania for collecting postage stamps prevail, that small states like British Honduras can make a handsome addition to their revenue by simply altering their stamps for a short period; every alteration being followed by heavy purchases. —STAR.

PHILATELIC JOURNALISM.

This subject, though often discussed by Ayres in the art of newspaper writing, who perhaps fail to appreciate its immensity less than the professional journalist, is one that appeals with great force to a person versed in the intricacies of daily newspaper work.

To him its possibilities are easily apparent, and its benefits readily perceived. It presents an alluring topic for the exercise of his pen, and calls into play all his peculiar talents.

It is not our intention to discuss the relation of the professional journalist to the broad field of philately, but rather the position occupied by the philatelic writer in reference to professional journalism.

Those who read the philatelic magazines are critical and cultured. Their hobby and their ardent pursuit of it renders them so. The scandals of the day, the topics of art, science, or literature, which present so charming a field for active research, are for the time forgotten.

Hence, he who writes for the philatelic press must be at least a person of keen discrimination and clear insight. Otherwise he would be incapable of following the peculiar "dips, curves, and angles" which present themselves in the multifarious variations of the stamps of the world.

The philatelic reader desires a scientific presentation of the interests relating to his favorite study, and a logical and truthful discussion of the old and new varieties of stamps. Anything short of this would bring down upon the luckless head of the writer thereof the utmost ridicule and the severest contempt of intelligent philatelists.

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Indeed, if the roll were called of those who are now the writers of our daily news, there would be found there-

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on the names of many whose first idea and practice in journalism were gained by their connection with the philatelic press. Amateurs and inexperienced, they begin, only to graduate from the training school of philately in possession of a diploma obtained by valuable work.

As none of us are capable of penetrating the veil of the future, we cannot portend our present drift. The philatelic correspondent of to-day may develop into the metropolitan editor of to-morrow. Certainly his learning looks in that direction, and if he does not reach that goal, it is because other pursuits have claimed his thoughts and attention.

Thus are seen the great possibilities of the philatelic press, and the advantages to be derived from a conscientious practice of writing philatelic topics and subjects, relating thereto.—S. P. ELIAS IN PHILATELIC CALIFORNIAN.

POINTERS.

If a stamp has a piece out of the side, put gummed paper on the back to cover the defect. It will improve its looks, and yet not cheat anyone, as the paper is readily seen.

If you have some unused stamps which are pasted on envelopes, and desire to remove them with the original gum intact, it is an easy matter. First place your envelopes on an even surface, putting a well wet blotter on top over the stamp. After letting it stand for about ten minutes, or time enough for the stamp to loosen, remove the blotter, and carefully lift stamp from the envelop. After it has dried, face downward, the original gum will be found on back.

Members of the P. S. of C. and other philatelists, at present are no doubt aware of the calamity that has befallen our President, Mr. J. R. Hooper, who is confined at Joliette, Que., with a grave charge against him; and who is lacking the means necessary to give him a fair trial. Now will all those who feel as if they could help him a little in this case, kindly send on the amount, however small to H. F. Mooens, Kingston, who will forward it and greatly oblige.

EDITORIAL NOTES ETC.

We are behind time with the N. S. P. for October, and in order to catch up will call this issue the October–November number and we have had to reduce the size somewhat; this reduction in size is only temporary. Owing to the press of other business, we have neglected the N. S. P. a good deal, but in future we will pay more attention to business and give our readers a first class paper.

Another new paper has appeared from Nova Scotia; it is published by J. A. Muirhead, of Halifax. Several other new papers are also announced from Canada.

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What has happened the CANADIAN JOURNAL OF PHILATELY? We have not seen or heard of it since August.

It is reported that a medium sized Postal Card is to be issued in Canada, before long, in place of the large and small cards now in use.

We are desirous of receiving a few good articles on some interesting and instructive philatelic subject. Study your stamps and give us an article on what you have learned.

It is reported that the U. S. postal authorities will issue a new set of Stamps the first of next year.

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