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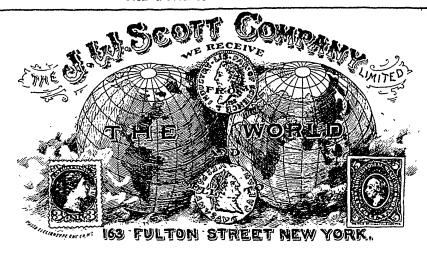
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CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGART.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—We learn from one of our exchanges that the postage on city letters and papers was changed Jan, 1st. frcm 3c. and 1-2c. to 2 1-2c. and 1-4c. We look for new values. The 60c. and 90c. of new type were to be issued soon.

BAVARIA.—The eards have been changed and are now 3pf. and 3+3pf. brown, and 5 pf. and 5+5pf. green. The wrapper 3pf. is brown on white.

BHOPAL.—Major Evans has the 1a unperforated of 1881 in twenty-four new varieties one of which reads EEGAM, Le T. P. notes the 4a with same error.

BRAZIL.—We ommitted the 700 reis carmine unpaid letter stamp last month and have now the whole set in the following colors: 10, orange; 20, blue; 50, olive green; 100, carmine; 200, dark violet; 300, dark green; 500, gray; 700, dark blue; 1,000, blue black. The new 100 reis stamp has appeared. It has the Southern cross in the center and is inscribed "E. U. do Brazil." Color, mauve.

colombia.—Der Ph. illustrates a new 10c, stamp. The arms are in an oval towards the upper part. Below, at the sides, the value in square frames then "Centavos" and "Republic de Colombia" in two lines. Brown on yellow. Perf. 13.

CUBA.—There are also 2 1-2c. green and 20c. violet, of new type. The values mentioned last month, in mils, are inscribed, "Cuba Impresos." We also hear of a post card 2c. blue green.

DIEGO SUAREZ — This is a bay situated in the north of Madagascar and being a French colony must have a surcharge. Le T. P. notes the 20 red on green, with oblique surcharge in blue "15." Don't encourage these rascals by buying their stamps.

EGYPT.—The journal of the Austrian Society mentions an envelope of 3 mils, red, and letter envelope of 5 mils are expected.

FINLAND.—The 10d. card has the new type of stamp and there are two varieties of the arms at the left.

GIBRALTAR.—The Ph. R. informs us that the second type of surcharged 20 centimes with flattened numerals was applied locally to the envelopes, while the first or ordinary type was applied in England. Among those surcharged at Gibraltar were 23 envelopes of 1886 issue (Barbados) size F.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The new 10d. stamp has arrived. The Head is in the center with "Postage" above and "& Revenue" below. At the sides are large figures "10" with a very small "d." The head, inscription and portion of the frame are lilac, and the balance, including the numerals, carmine. Watermarked crown and perforated 13 1-2.

MADAGASCAR.—The 25c. black on rose has been surcharged "05;" two thousand of them. We dislike to chronicle these things, but collecters ought to be told what is being done for them by the good islanders.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Vindin's Ph. M. says the 5 sh. and £1 stamp are now printed on much better paper than before and the designs appear to better advantage. The watermark on the 5sh. stamp is the figure with a crescent at side; on the £1 figures in circle. The Ph. R. mentions this 5sh. stamp, but says it is watermarked 5sh.-with N. S. W. below, all in single line diamond about 17mm. Perforated 10.

PARAGUAY.—Mr. Rechert having shown us the stamps noted in Feb. we find our description was incorrect. The surcharge is in black on the 15c. stamp, which has star, etc., in center and figures of value in corners. The stamp is printed in carmine for the 1c. and 2c, and is perforated. For the 3c. it is violet, and the 5c. rose, both imperforate.

PERAK.—The 2c. 18 surcharged "Perak—One—Cent" in black in three lines, all in capitals.

PHILIPPINE ISLAND.—Le C. de T. P. mentions the following with the baby head. 1-Sc. brown violet, 2c. carmine, 2 4-Sc. sky blue, 5c. gray blue, 5c. olive green, 8c. green, 10c. green, 12 4-Sc. yellow, 20c. rose, 25c. brown.

Le T. P. gives the 12 4.8c. green, and the 1, 2, 5 mils dark violet.

PORTO RICO.—We have with head of Alfonso XIII. 1-2m. black. 1m. blue green. 4m. greenish black, 6m. brown, 8m. olive brown, 1c. red brown, 2c. slate, 3c. blue, 5c. brown, 8c. blue, 10c. carmine, 20c. pink.

PORTUGAL.—The 10 reis card comes without lines on the back.

QUEENSLAND.—The A. J. of P. notes two types of current 1d., one of which has no period after "Penny."

RUSSIA.—The 1k and 2k now have thunderbolts.

ROUMANIA.—A new type has been in use since Feb 1. The head of King is to left in oval, "Roumania" above, value below, stars at sides, numerals in four corners. 1 1-2b. violet red, 3b. violet, 5b. sea green, 10b. brick red. 15b. bistre, 25b. blue. Watermark as before Perforated 13 1-2.

SELANGOR.—There is a horizontal surcharge on the 2c. rose, which measures $16\frac{1}{2}x1\frac{1}{2}mm$.

ST. LUICA.—the 1sh is now printed in violet and red.

SURINAM.—From the *Ph. R.* we learn the following new values have been issued. 15c. gray, 20c. green, 30c. red, 40c. brown and unpaid letter stamps, 30c. and 50c. lilac and black.

TOLIMA.—The Cubiertas; 5, 10 and 50c. of the 1886 type now come printed in black on paper colored yellow, blue and red, arranged vertically as in the cubiertas of the first issue. UNITED STATES.—The 6c. stamp which we

VICTORIA.—A new ld. has just been issued.

The head is to the left in rectangular frame,
"Victoria" above and "Stamp Duty" and

called vermilion last month is maroon.

value below. Brick red, watermark V and Crown, and perforated 12 1-2.

The I. B. J. says the stamp on the 1d. envelope has been changed in color to agree with the new adhesive and is now red brown. White glazed paper 146x89mm.

WURTEMBURG.—'The 1m. official is now violet.

THE IDEAL ALBUM QUESTION.

Continued fram Feb. Number.

One remark in the latter's article must be my excuse for ending this with a few words upon hinges. He says, "nothing so disfigures a page as the 'selling out' look of the remnants of hinges left by the displacement and rearraugement of stamps." Now any such appearance as that alluded to, can only be caused by a wrong apprehension altogether of the proper use of hinges. I do not wish to say anything against gummed hinges, I never use them myself for securing stamps in my collection, but I fully recognize that they are very convenient (too convenient in fact), and that if gummed with really pure and clean mucilage they will prevent the damage so often caused by the use of bad gum. objection to them is that so many collectors employ them as a substitute for the gum bottle altogether, which should not be.

The object of using hinges is two-fold. First, to allow of the stamp being turned up to enable the paper, watermark, &c., to be examined. Second, and I am not sure that this is not the most important of the two, to enable the stamp to be removed and replaced an indefinite number of times, without ever being wetted or detached from its hinge. A piece of paper cannot be wetted over and over again without suffering deterioration, every time that an old hinge is removed from a stamp some small damage takes place, and a risk of greater damage is there; a stamp once attached to a proper hinge should never (and need never) be detached from it, until the hinge actually wears out; hinge and all should be removed from the page, when necessary, by carefully wetting the part of the hinge attached to the page; no "remnants of hinges," or any other indication of the removal will then be left, and after a

little drying both page and stamp will be ready to play their parts again as often as required. The present habit of pulling a stamp out of the book and sticking it on to a fresh hinge every time it is moved, saves the trouble of keeping a gum bottle, no doubt, but is very had for the stamp. For years past I have always made my own hinges of good tissue paper, cutting it into strips of convenient width. I gum the stamps side by side along one edge of each strip, thus keeping them together until I am ready to mount them, when I have only to snip them apart as I want them, turn down the upper portion and gum them into the book; notes as to paper, watermark, &c., I frequently write on the back part of the hinge, and these notes are thus permanently attached to the stamp, and travel about with it.

Gummed hinges I only use for attaching duplicates to sheets for exchange, &c.

EDW. B. EVA Major h. A.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW YORK, April 2nd, 1890.

H. F. Ketcheson, Peterborough.

DEAR SIR,—The readers of your paper should be warned against a boy in Aylmer west who sends for sheets and proposes to sell on commission. We sent him a sheet and he took off the best stamps, replacing them with common European saying that he had them all. His name is Wm. N. Purdy.

Respectfully,
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[ED.—We had a similar experience with this chap and if we hear any further complaints will make it hot for him. There is law against stealing in this country.]

NOVA SCOTIA STAMPS.

The value of Nova Scotia stamps is increasing every day and it would be well for collectors to fill up their albums at once.

Only a few years ago I remember that the pence issues could be purchased for 10 or 15 cents each and the cent issues for almost nothing. Why is it they are so much dearer now than then? Is it because dealers having a large quantity have advanced the prices and others have followed suit? No; the exchange

trade is principally to blame for this. Collectors on this side of the water receive a letter from some foreign country worded in this style:

DEAR SIR,—"Enclosed please find a selection of stamps for which please send me in exchange as many Nova Scotia stamps as you think proper. But I only want Nova Scotia, not having use for any others."

The collector receiving this letter with a lot of useless stamps enclosed hardly knows what to do. He does not like to send the stamps back, as by so doing he may lose the chance of obtaining rarer stamps for his collection, and the consequence is that he must send Nova Scotia stamps of the same catalogue value as the ones received, and thus loses on the transaction, as the foreign ones will, in all probability, realize only 50 per cent. of catalogue prices.

Again, a collector obtains permission to go through the papers of some large business house and in doing so comes across some very rare varieties, including some sixpences and perhaps a shilling. Now, if he takes great pride in the rarity of the stamps in his collection this sixpence and shilling will at once be added; but, as is more frequently the case, he will sell these rarities in order to buy cheaper stamps, which will increase the number of varieties in his collection. What becomes of these stamps which are generally sold to a dealer; have they enriched the collection of some of our Canadian and United States collectors? No; this dealer has a foreign correspondent who is very anxious to procure these specimens, and he at once communicates with this party and in a short time makes a sale and also makes a large profit Now, would it not have been better himself. had the collector, having the rare chance of going through those papers, have put some of the products of his search in his collection and sold the remainder to his friends who would do the same?

In the above remarks I have but too poorly tried to account for the scarcity of Nova Scotia stamps and I would advise that all collectors not having all the varieties in their collection to secure them at once, as in the last year the value has greatly increased (compare Scott's 49th and 50th catalogues) and is likely to again do so in the next year.

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

PICTOU, N. S., March 31st, 1890. To the Members of the C. P. A.:

It is satisfactory to be able to announce to you that the revised constitution is now in force. By a resolution at last convention the secretary was instructed to have the revision printed in the official organ and a vote taken upon it at an early date. From a variety of causes it was found impossible to send out the blank ballots before February. However, the results are satisfactory, as not a single negative vote was received among the seventy votes returned to the Secretary.

I presume most of the members have familiarized themselves with the most important features in the new constitution. A board of three now takes the place of the Executive Committee, and to this board all matters of dispute or complaints arising from any source are to be submitted.

Upon the first of March the Exchange Superintendent sent me a balance sheet showing the financial condition of his department and I am sorry to say that, owing to the slowness or unwillingness of the members to pay the amounts owed by them to that department, the superintendent finds very great difficulty in settling up his accounts, and those members or branches who have money due them complain that the Exchange Superintendent cannot pay them. This is a bad state of affairs, and if it continues will certainly do much to injure the usefulness of the Association and impair its strength. A number of our most advanced collectors who have large quantities of good duplicates say they will not send in any more sheets unless returns can be had more promptly.

As the prospect of securing a settlement of W. S. Kinzer's account, \$17.54; H. C. Kendall's, \$20.04; and F. E. Book's, \$6.66; looked poor, and as the Exchange Superintendent required these amounts in order to settle claims against his department, the official board decided to pay out of the Association funds the amount necessary to make these losses good to the Exchange Department.

The Exchange Superintendent has received positive instructions to publish in future the names o all members who do not settle their accounts within thirty days after the statement is sent them, together with the amounts due by such members; and until these amounts are paid, those members will not be permitted to participate in the benefits of the Exchange Department. I find that of the \$377.49 due the Exchange Department at March 1st twelve members owe \$260.00, and a portion of this amount has been overdue several months. This is not as it should be, and while the Official Board will regret to publish the names of debtors, still it must be done.

Before closing this letter I would like to call the attention of our members once more to the fact that we are not increasing our membership fast enough. There is not enough interest taken in the advancement of the Association. There are hundreds of collectors who could be secured if each one did his part. Every new name added to the exchange circuits is worth three old ones in the amount of stamps bought. Make a push, gentlemen, we want more members and more money.

Yours very truly
A. J. CRAIG,
President C. P. A.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I regret to say that I have had very few answers to my last notice for dues sent to members. As intimated in my February report, all those whose numbers were then published, and who have not paid their dues by the 5th of May, will have their names and addresses published in full.

This month we have only one applicant, a very poor showing. Members should stir themseves and see if they cannot get new blood in, in place of what is going out.

LIST APPLICATIONS NO. 20.

A. LIONAIS, Box 951, Montreal. References, R. A. Baldwin Hart, Montreal: A. J. Craig, Pictou, N. S.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

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From Mr. Finney I got the first and only priced auction sale catalogue. He sends the 94th sale of Scott Stamp & Coin Co. I have had requests for the 93rd, 95th and 96th, but unfortunately I cannot comply. Again I request any who have priced sale lists to loan the same. I can price the blank ones I have on hand, and I will return same inside of a week. I received ten pieces from a member, but as most were amateur papers and others of no use whatever, I was forced to return them. Mr. F. J. Stanton promises a lot when he gets settled in his new quarters. Mr. Boyd's lot sent last month and Rev. M. R. Knight's this month contained some things just needed.

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THE STAMP MANIA IN 1863.

From the Stamp News.

I tately unearthed the following article on the stamp mania of 1863, not mentioned by the bye, in Mr. Tiffany's work on Philatelic bibliography, which appeared in Chamber's Journal for 6th June of that year, (No. 392, pp. 353-356); and, as it will likely interest the readers of the Stamp News, I send it to you for publication. Although the writer displays considerable knowledge of his subject, I had better point out that in some matters of detail the article is not absolutely reliable. The majority of philatelists, however, will agree with him on one point, viz.: That Sir Rowland Hill did not invent the adhesive stamp, and, as Mr. Patrick Chalmers has conclusively proved from the testimony of reliable witnesses, that his father, the late Mr. James Chalmers, invented the zinc qua non in Dundee, in August, 1834, surely the latter has a right to be regarded as the inventor, until some one steps forward and proves a similar invention at a prior date.

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"First used, as many of our readers will remember, in 1840, the postage stamp has only just past out of its years of minority; and yet at this present moment there are no fewer than 1500 different postage labels in existence, and the number is increasing every month. Now that the postage stamp has become an institution with us people are beginning to inquire who was the author of so convenient an arrangement, and the discussion has served to exemplify the truth of the saying of the wise man; "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be, and there is no new thing under the sun." The idea of a post-paid envelope originated early in the reign of Louis XIV., with an M. de Telayor, who, in 1653, established, under royal authority, a private penny post in Paris, placing boxes at the corners of the streets for the reception of letters, which should be wrapped up in certain envelopes. Some of these envelopes are still extant, and one of them we have ourselves

On this idea, later suggestions may or may not have been built. Dr. Gray, of the British Museum, claims the merit of having suggested that letters should be prepaid with stamps as early as 1834. Before that time Mr. Charles Kuight proposed a stamped cover for the circulation of newspapers. Of course no steps were taken in respect to either of these recommendations till the period of penny postage. The credit of suggesting the postage stamp has consequently to a considerable extent fallen to Sir Rolland Hill, but the best inquiry we have been able to institute, would scarcely bear out the usual assumption, and indeed this public benefactor, crowned with so many well won laurels, may easily afford to dispense with the adornments of this single one.

Mr. Hill's famous pamphlet on Post Reform went through three editions rapidly, in the first edition, which was issued privately, the author makes no mention of the use of stamps—though prepayment of letters was always a principal feature in his proposals—money payments over the counter of the receiving office only being suggested. Immediately afterwards, the members of a royal commission on the post office, which had been sitting since 1833, called Mr. Hill before them, as also the officers of the Stamp Office, and Mr. Dickenson the paper maker, with several others, when

the subject of letter prepayment was discussed. In the second edition of Mr. Hill's pamphlet, the prepayment of letters by means of stamps or stamp envelopes is definitely recommended. When the Committee of the House of Commons met to investigate the merits of Mr. Hill's penny postage scheme, they were required to express an opinion as to the desireability or otherwise of prepayment by means of stamps. Again, a favorable opinion was given of the measure, and when the government brought in and passed the Penny-postage Act, a clause for the use of stamps, formed a component part of it. Though all agreed that stamps of some sort should come into use, with the advent of cheap postage it was by no means easy to hit upon a definite plan, or, when a number of plans were submitted, to decide upon the particular one to be adopted. Stamped paper representing different charges was first suggested. Folded in a particular way, a simple revenue stamp would then be exposed to view, and frank the letter. other suggestion was, that a stamped wafer, as it was called, should be used and placed on the back of the .letter, would both scal and frank it at the same time. The idea of stamped envelopes, however, was at first by far the most popular, and it was decided that they should be the prepaying medium. Plans and suggestions for the carrying out of the arrangement being required at once, the Lords of the Treasury issued a somewhat pompus proclamation, dated 23rd of August, 1839, inviting 'all artists, men of science and the public in general,' to offer proposals 'as to the manner in which the stamp may best be brought in use.' So important was the subject that Lord Palmerston, the then Foreign Secretary, was directed to apprise all foreign governments of the matter, and invite suggestions from any part of the civilized world. Three months were allowed for plans, and two prizes of two hundred pounds and one hundred pounds, were to be allowed for the proposals on the subject 'which my Lords may think most deserving of attention.' The palm was carried off by Mr. Mulready, R. A., who designed the envelopes now known by his name. These envelopes, which allegorically

celebrated the triumph of the post in a host of emblematical figures, were of two colors, the one for a penny being printed in black, and the other for the twopenny postage, being in blue ink. They gave, however, so little satisfaction, and were found to be so inconvenient, that at the end of six months they were withdrawn from use. The Mulready envelopes are regarded as great curiosities by stamp collectors, and as their value came to be about 15 shillings (?) a spurious imitation has at length found its way into the market, usually to be had at half a crown. Last year stamp dealers were shocked by the vandalism of the government, who caused many thousands of these envelopes to be destroyed at Somerset House.

Before the postage envelope was finally with. drawn from use, the Treasurer issued another prospectus, offering a reward of five hundred pounds for the best design and plan for a simple postage label. It was made a condition that the stamp should be simple, handy, and easily placed on paper, and of a design which would make forgery difficult, if not impossible. About a thousand designs were sent in, but not one was chosen. Eventually, the ugly black stamp said to be the joint production of some of the officers of the Stamp and Post Offices, was decided upon, and brought into use. Two years afterwards, this black stamp was changed to brown, principally with a view to make the obliterating process more perfect, and the better to detect the dishonesty of using old stamps. For the same reasons the color was again changed, in a short time to red, and so it has remained to the present time. The two-penny stamp has been from the first blue. Up to this date, at differerent intervals, six other stamps have been issued, as the necessities of the inland or foreign postage required them. The ten-penny stamp, of an octagonal shape and brown color, is now scarcely ever used, if it be not even withdrawn from circulation. The list comprises, besides the stamps we have mentioned, the six-penny (lilac), the shilling (green), the four-penny (vermilion), the threepenny (rose), and the nine-penny (yellow). The last two were issued only two or three

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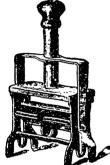
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