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MR. A. A. BARTLETT, whose photograph appears as a front-piece of this issue, was born in St. John, N. B., Nov. 5th, 1852. Ten years ago he moved to Charlottetown, P. E. I., and has resided there ever since, being an agent in the Maritime Provinces for a Scotch manufacturing house. He began collecting stamps in April, 1888, and it is surprising how one who has collected so short a time should have got together such a superb collection of rarities. Mr. Bartlett collects only Great Britain and her colonies. In Great Britain he has made a specialty of reconstructing sheets and at present has about thirty-five different stamps of this country completely reconstructed. As these sheets are of different sizes and are made up of some 192, some 240, and some 480 stamps, one can imagine the amount of labor required in their reconstruction. He has also a set of plate numbers of the *red penny* in both used and unused condition. His Canadian collection lacks only the *twelve pence*. His British Columbias are complete, including the *five cent* unperforated. In Newfoundland he has all the vermilion issues in many varieties of shades and all the lake issues used, many of them on the entire covers. His Nova Scotias are complete, including four handsome specimens of the *one shilling* and thirty beautiful specimens in shades blocks, and strips of the *one penny*, including one block of five unused with original gum. His New Brunswicks are complete, including the *one shilling*, both used and unused, two unused Connells and two proofs, many blocks of 6d. and 3d. In Prince Edward Island he has everything possible in varieties of shades, paper and perforations, including three handsome specimens of the almost unknown 2d. rouletted. He has about fifty provisionals of British North America on the original covers, including split stamps of every province except of British Columbia. His collection of British Colonials numbers between 5,000 and 6,000, including 75 Sidney views, many lauretted heads, New Zealand on blue paper, pelure paper, Tasmania 4d. about twenty specimens and a splendid collection of Australians generally. Five Cape wood blocks, two of the first issue of Natal and many varieties from Ceylon, Mauritius, Straits Settlements and a very complete collection of West Indies. I omitted to state when speaking of Canada stamps that Mr. Bartlett has all the varieties of the *pence* issues on the original covers and in many combinations. He is a member of the C. P. A., and at present he is Vice President.

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CHRONICLES OF NEW ISSUES, ETC.

Conducted by William C. Stone, Springfield, Mass., to whom all information respecting new issues, etc., should be sent.

The figures in parenthesis after the names of the countries refer to the number of this paper containing the last previous notice. Colors in italics represent the colors of the surcharges. All envelopes unless otherwise stated are on white wove paper. All post cards unless otherwise stated are on buff cardboard.

ADHESIVES.

AFGHANISTAN.—The oblong stamps which have been noted in several papers recently turn out to be all right we are sorry to say. There is no design to them as the inscriptions take up all the stamp. As one of our contemporaries we think the cat show was far preferable to these new comers. As we can give little idea of their looks without illustrations we will simply state that they are oblong measuring about 24 x 17 mm. and are printed on pelure paper. 1 abassi, slate blue on rose; 2 abassi, slate blue on rose; 1 rupee, slate blue on rose. The 1 abassi exists *tete beche*.

ARGENTINE.—We neglected to state last month that the Columbian issue of stamps was watermarked with a sun. The entire issue of 400,000 was sold in a few hours and fabulous prices are being asked for them now.

AUSTRIA LEVANT.—We are informed by C. Ledermann, Jr. that the 1 and 2 gulden stamps were issued November 10, with the necessary surcharges for use as 10 and 20 piaster stamps. 10 piaster on 1 gulden, black and blue; 20 piaster on 2 gulden, black and carmine.

BELGIUM.—Two new values of the "Chemin de Fer" stamps are chronicled by *L'Annuaire Timbrelogique* which however gives only the values, 15 centimes and 2 francs, and omits the colors.

BENIN.—To the list of surcharges given by us in November should be added the following which we find noted in the official decree concerning these stamps. 1 cent on 5 cent, green, *black*. By some strange oversight the new stamps for this colony have not yet been printed it is said. Look out for more surcharges.

BERMUDA.—The long expected and often announced $\frac{1}{2}$ penny green has at last been received. Perforation, watermark, etc unchanged. $\frac{1}{2}$ penny, green.

BOLIVIA.—The color of the 10 bolivianes is lilac on mauve paper. 10 bolivianes, lilac on mauve. For cheap work we think these stamps take the cake. Some of the native Indians are far better printed.

BRAZIL U. S. OF.—M. Moens has received the new 500 reis in different shade from the one listed by us recently and he also announces the issue of the 700 reis on the 15th of October last. 500 reis, pale yellow green; 700 reis, chocolate.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.—The *London Philatelist* has the provisional 8 cent stamp which was formed by surcharging the 25 cent value but with the word "Eight" replaced by a figure "8." The surcharge is in red and only 300 are said to have been printed. 8 cents on 25 c. blue, *red*.

CASHMERE.—The *Monthly Journal* has seen the $\frac{1}{8}$ anna on thin paper similar to that on which some of the other values are known.

CURACAO.—The 25 cent unpaid letter stamp of the new type is in use; it is reported, 25 cents, green and black.

CONGO FREE STATE.—The 50 cent stamp is now printed in a purplish gray shade.

COSTA RICA.—The *Post Office* chronicles some of the current revenue stamps as having been used for postage. They have the arms in the center in a frame somewhat like the early postal issues, numerals in each upper corner and value in words at the bottom. Above the arms is "Timbre Republica de Costa Rica." They are perforate 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ and are the work of Watelox & Co., of London. The full set comprises sixteen values and runs from the 1 cent to 1000 pesos. Obliging officials will no doubt let any of them pass for a consideration. 1 cent, emerald green; 10 cent, olive green. The *Philatelic Journal of America* reports the following of the current set with the surcharge "Official" in black. 1 centavo, blue green; 2 centavo, yellow; 5 centavo, violet; 10 centavo, green; 20 centavo, red; 50 centavo, violet and blue.

CHILE.—Just too late for our last issue we heard of the new stamps. The 15 and 25 centaves are of the same type as the rest of the set but the 1 peso is much larger and of a new design. In the upper part of the stamp is a circle containing a bust of Columbus with "Colon" in a curved label above it; below the circle is a large figure 1 with "Chile" below it and "Pese" on either sides in scrolls. At the sides of the stamp "100-Correes-100" "Porte France." Rouletted. 15 centavo, dark green; 25 centavo, red brown; 1 peso, dark brown, portrait in black.

DIEGO SUAREZ.—The new stamps are in use in this colony and are as follows: 1 centimo, black and red on blue; 2 centimes, brown and blue on yellowish; 4 centimes,

violet and blue on bluish; 5 centimes, green and red on greenish; 10 centimes, black and blue on lilac; 15 centimes, blue and red on white; 20 centimes, red and blue on green; 25 centimes, black and red on rose; 30 centimes, brown and blue on brownish; 40 centimes, red and blue on yellowish; 50 centimes, carmine and blue on rose; 75 centimes, black and red on yellow; 1 franc, bronze green on greenish. The 15 centimes is on the quadrilled paper used in the mother country.

EGYPT.—*Der Philatelist* reports that the 1, 2, 3 milliemes and 2 piaster stamps will be changed January 1st., and *L'Echo de la Timbrologie* reports the 3 mil in its new color. 3 milliemes, orange.

FIJI.—Dawson A. Vindin has discovered in an old collection four of the Fiji Times Express stamps printed on yellow wove paper. They are quite fully described in *Vindin's Philatelic Monthly* and we will reproduce it if space will allow us next month.

FRENCH CONGO.—The *Monthly Journal* has a parcel post stamp of local manufacture. It is enclosed in a fancy oblong frame 50x28mm. and is inscribed "Congo Francaise—Celis Postaux—10 Centimes." 10 centimes, black on blue. The new type is in use. For list of the values etc., see Diego Suarez.

GRENADA.—The 6 penny as well as the 8 penny has been altered for service as unpaid letter stamps. 1 penny on 6 p., mauve, *black*; 2 penny on 6 p., mauve, *black*. These exist tete beche and there are numerous errors in the 8 penny variety which we listed in a recent issue.

GUADELOUPE.—For particulars as to the new set see Diego Suarez. The only difference is in the name in the bottom label.

HAITI.—The 3 cent stamp has been surcharged in the same manner as the former issue of that value was served some time since. At least two sizes of figures are known in the surcharge. 2 cent on 3 cent, slate, *red*.

INDO CHINA.—A full set of the same type etc. as Diego Suarez (which see) has been provided for this colony.

IVORY COAST.—This is a new colony to be added to our albums and the stamps are the same as for the others. See Diego Suarez.

LABUAN.—The unwatermarked stamps chronicled by us in November are no longer in use the entire supply of 5000 sets having been "cornered" by a stamp dealer. They were in use only six months the *London Philatelist* is informed. The stamps of British North Borneo are now in use here.

MACAO.—It is reported that the 200 reis has been surcharged "30 reis," but as this value is unknown to any of the Portuguese colonies we prefer to know a little more about it before listing it.

MARTINIQUE.—The same values etc. are in the new set for use here. See Diego Suarez for full particulars.

MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY.—*Le Timbre Poste* says that the stamps chronicled last month are provisionals and that the company has nothing in common with the colony of Mozambique. That means then that we are to have two sets of stamps.

MANDCAON.—Two new stamps have been issued by this native state. These new comers are rectangular in shape and have two lines of native inscription within a double oval which is also inscribed. Two eight pointed stars at the sides within the oval band divide the latter inscriptions which we have not had time to get translated yet. The stamps are printed in sheets of sixteen and are on wove paper. The *London Philatelist* is our authority for the above. ½ anna, green; 2 anna, red.

NEW CALEDONIA.—The new series of colonial stamps for this home of political exiles is of the same type, etc., as that for Diego Suarez.

OBOCK.—The full set of stamps of the new colonial type is in use here. See Diego Suarez for list of colors and values.

OCEANIA, FRENCH.—Exit 'Tahiti enter the "Etablissements de l'Occanie." For further particulars see Diego Suarez.

PARAGUAY.—The new stamps to which we alluded some time since are now in use or if not will probably be as soon as this paper reaches our readers. Beyond the 10 cent value we can give no particulars as to the designs except that they bear portraits of the following persons who have occupied the presidential chair. The 10 cent has a portrait of Candado Barciro, in a beaded oval in the center with "Paraguay" above, value below and postal union inscriptions on the sides. They are lithographed and are perforate 12x 12½. 1 centavo, Cirilo Rivarola, 1870; 2 centavo, Salvador Jovellano, 1871; 4 centavo, Juan Bautists Gil, 1874; 5 centavo, Higinio Uriarte, 1877; 10 centavo, Candado Bareiro, 1878; 14 centavo, Bernardino Caballero, 1880 and 1882; 20 centavo, Patricio Eseobar, 1885; 32 centavo, 1890. As the presidential term is four years it will be seen that several of the above did not serve their entire term. Gil and Rivarola were both assassinated. Gonzales is the present executive and when his term expires we may expect a higher value stamp to allow of his successors portrait in regular sequence. On the 12th of October last the 10 cent stamp was surcharged with an oval counterstamp inscribed "1492—12 de October—1892" in three lines and used for that day only. The surcharge was in violet, 10 centavos, blue lilac, *violet*. There is a 50 cent stamp of the same type as the current issue but so far it has only been seen with the "Official" surcharge. *Official*: 50 centavos, gray, *black*

PATIALA.—According to the *Monthly Journal* the surcharge on some of the Service stamps of the issue with the old spelling measures 10½x2mm. as on the current issues with the above form. The word "Service" formerly measured 8½x1¾mm. ½ anna, green and black; 2 anna, blue and black.

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PHILIPPINES.—According to the *Borsen Courier* the following changes of color have been made in the current stamps. 6 cent de peso, brown; 10 cent de peso, carmine; 20 cent de peso, gray. Not having seen them I can not say whether the two latter are different from what we already listed as rose and pale brown. The advantages of using a color chart designation becomes more and more evident every day.

PORTUGAL.—The 25 reis of the Dom Luis type has been surcharged "Provisorio" in block type like the three other values noted last month. 25 reis, violet, *black*. Of the new type with portrait of Dom Carlos I. the 75 reis is announced. 75 reis, carmine.

QUEENSLAND.—Hereafter only the 1 penny stamp can be used for both postal and revenue purposes. The other denominations must be used for the purpose for which they were issued.

REUNION.—The new stamps in use here are of the same values, colors and designs as these listed under Diego Suarez.

ROUMANIA.—The *American Journal of Philately* has seen proofs of the new 1 and 2 lei stamps and says that if the colors are good the stamps will present a handsome appearance.

SAINT PIERRE-MIQUELON.—We have received from E. A. Holton six new provisionals. There are two types, the first having a solid numeral and the second an outlined figure. Type I is on the 25 centimes and type II on the 5 cimes, both being surcharged diagonally. Type I.—1 on 25 cent, black on rose, *black*; 2 on 25 cent; 4 on 25 cent. Type II.—1 on 5 cent, green, *black*; 2 on 5 cent, green, *black*; 4 on 5 cent, green, *black*. The new series which is similar to that of Diego Suarez is now in use.

SAINT VINCENT.—It is reported that the 4 penny has been surcharged "5—pence" in two lines. 5 pence on 4 p., violet, *carmine*.

SARAWAK.—The latest victim of the overprint is the 8 cent, which has been surcharged for use as a 2 cent stamp. 2 cents on 8 cents, rose and green, *black*. The *London Philatelist*.

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SELANGOR.—M. Moens says that the 8 cent stamp of the tiger type is in use. 8 cents, orange.

SORUTH.—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* says that the 1 anna of the first type is now issued in a new color. 1 anna, red, brown on blue wove.

SHANGHAI.—The following watermarked stamps of the current type were issued in September last. The 5 cent was issued the fifth of the month and the other two the sixth. 5 cents, rose ; 10 cents, orange ; unpaid, 10 cents, orange, *blue*.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—According to *Vindin's Philatelic Monthly*, the permanent 2½ and 5 penny stamps are not yet in use.

SWAZIELAND.—The *London Philatelist* chronicles the ½ penny stamp with red surcharge, perforate 14. ½ penny, gray, *red*.

TASMANIA.—The new ½ penny stamp is chronicled by Mr. Vindin in his paper. It is similar in design to the 2½ and 5 pence. ½ penny, orange and violet. It is quite probable that 6 penny, 1, 2½ and 10 shilling stamps of the same type have been issued, the *Monthly* is informed.

UNITED STATES.—It is perhaps superflous to announce the issue of the Columbian series of stamps, but folks would think we were behind the times if we omitted to list them. The details of the designs have already been published in these columns ; we will content ourselves with merely giving the values and colors. 1 cent, Antwerp blue ; 2 cent, purple maroon ; 3 cent, green ; 4 cent, ultramarine ; 5 cent, chocolate brown ; 6 cent, royal purple ; 10 cent, Vandyke brown ; 15 cent, dark green ; 30 cent, Sienna brown ; 50 cent, carbon blue ; 1 dollar, rose salmon ; 2 dollar, mineral red ; 3 dollar, yellow green ; 4 dollar, carmine ; 5 dollar, black.

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URUGUAY.—A special cancel mark was in use for the three days of the Columbian celebration.

VENEZUELA.—The *Post Office* has seen a 5 cent stamp which bore a circular surcharge so blurred that "Revolusione, 1892, 25 centavos" was all that was legible. We should prefer to know a little more about this provisional before listing it.

ENVELOPES.

ANJOUAN.—Envelopes with stamp of the new colonial type are in use in each of the numerous colonies. 5 centimes, green and red on white, 116x71 mm; 15 centimes, blue and red on greenish blue, 116x71 mm; 15 centimes, blue and red on greenish blue, 123x96 mm; 15 centimes, blue and red on greenish blue, 146x112 mm.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—A registration envelope has recently been issued which is of a similar design to that issued last year for the Central African possessions. The value, however, is four pence and not two pence. They can be purchased at the office of the company in London for 5 pence each. The *London Philatelist* illustrates the stamp and states that there are two sizes, but does not give the dimensions or the color of the stamp.

DIEGO SUAREZ.—Four envelopes of the same type, etc., as those of Anjouan are in use here.

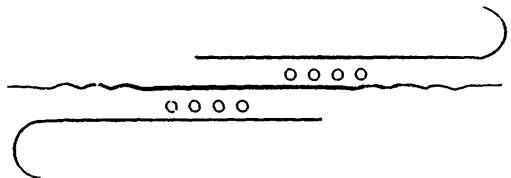
FRENCH GUIANA.—Four envelopes of the new colonial type are in use here. See Anjouan for values, etc.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The *Monthly Journal* has seen the following additional values of compound envelopes on white paper: 1½ p. yellow x 3 p. rose; 1½ p. yellow x 4 p. vermilion; 1½ p. yellow x 6 p. violet; 1½ yellow x 10 p brown; 1½ p. yellow x 1 s. green; 2 p. carmine x 3 p. rose; 2 p. carmine, x 4 p. vermilion; 2 p. carmine x 6 p. violet; 2 p. earmine x 1 s. green; 2½ p. ultramarine x 3 p. rose; 2½ p. ultramarine x 4

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FRENCH INDIA.—The same values and sizes are in use here that are listed under Anjouan.

INDO CHINA.—These envelopes are of the same sizes, etc., as those listed under Anjouan.

IVORY COAST.—The same number of envelopes have been issued for this colony as for all the others. See Anjouan for further particulars.

MARTINIQUE.—The home of Paul and Virginia has the same number of envelopes as Anjouan to which we refer our readers for the values and colors.

MAYOTTE.—For full particulars as to the new envelopes the reader is referred to Anjouan.

NEW CALEDONIA.—Four envelopes of the same type as the adhesives have been issued. See Anjouan for full list of sizes, etc.

OBOK.—This military post (we almost wrote philatelic post) has been furnished with the same supplies of envelopes as the rest of the colonies and a detailed list will be found under Anjouan.

OCEANIA, FRENCH.—The South Sea colonies are to have the same stock of envelopes as the rest of the dependencies. Under Anjouan will be found a full list of the values and colors.

PARAGUAY.—A special Columbian envelope was issued October 12. It was the 5 cent of 1887 with an additional stamp at the left of the original, printed with a rubber hand stamp, it is said. In the centre was a bust of Columbus similar to that on the Chilean stamps, with "Colon" on the base of it, "Republica" at top, "15 centavos del Paraguay" in three lines below, "12 Octubre" at left, "1492 1892" at right. Size 151x85 mm. 5x15 centavos blue and black on cream.

REUNION.—There are four envelopes for use here of the same sizes, etc., as for Anjouan.

SAINTE PIERRE-MIQUELON.—The same envelopes have been emitted for these islands as for the rest of the colonies. Full details will be found under Anjouan.

SENEGAL.—This colony also has been provided with the usual stock of envelopes of the same design, etc., as those for Anjouan.

FRENCH CONGO.—"Brazzaland" has not been neglected in the stationery distribution and is to use the same values, sizes, etc., as the other French colonies. See Anjouan for details.

UNITED STATES.—From the annual report of Postmaster-General Wanamaker, we learn that the new envelopes are to bear a circular stamp considerably larger than the current

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WRAPPERS.

TASMANIA.—The following from a letter received from the Secretary of the Post Office Department and printed in Vindin's *Philatelic Monthly* will be of especial interest to those collectors who have paid fancy prices for certain articles in the stationery line within the past few months: "Newspaper wrappers stamped with the Platypus dies are not allowed to pass as postal matter."

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By the unanimous request of the Toronto Philatelic Club, T. S. Clark has decided to hold his 4th auction sale in their club rooms, Spadina Ave., on Saturday night, Jan. 28th. A large attendance is expected.

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2.—WITH EUROPEAN.

No. 37, 300 varieties, including Fiji, Domi-nica, Roumelia Ecuador, Egypt, Gambia, Gib-altar, Gold Coast, Bechuanaaland, Brunswick, Aalesmund, Baden, Bremen, France un-p-id; Montserrat, Persia, 5 and 10 francs; Holland, Te Betalen, Monaco, Oldenburg, Hanover, San Marino, Borneo, Sungei, Ujong, Selangor, Perak, Ceylon, surcharged; Newfoundland, obsolete; Dec-can, Puttalla, Nepal, Shanghai Timor, St. Helena, Guinea, Paraguay, Salvador. . . \$1 62

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No. 50 contains 100 Stamps from Belgium and France 75

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No. 52 contains 100 Stamps from Scandinavia, including some fine from Norway, Den-mark, Iceland and Sweden. 1 75

No. 53 contains 150 Stamps from Scandinavia, including some fine and high values, among which may be named Denmark, 1853, 16sk. and official, 16sk.; Norway, 2sk.. 1857 and 1863 also 1 and 2 krona; Iceland, official; Sweden, 17ore.; and different types of Norway, plain and shade 1 post horn, &c.; Finland, 1 mark, &c. 4 37

No. 54 contains 50 different Stamps from the German Empire, including Baden Bavaria, &c 31

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No. 57 contains 50 different Oriental Stamps 31

No. 58 contains 100 different Oriental Stamps, including many of the rarer kinds, such as Cyprus, surcharged; East Roumelia, Turkey, 5 piastres; Egypt, surcharged; Bosnia, 25 kr.; and many others. 75

No. 59 contains 40 Stamps of Mexico, all different, from 1857 to 1888. \$1 37

No. 60 contains 1,050 Stamps, all different, including many of the newest issues and rarer stamps. This packet is invaluable to anyone starting a Collection, in fact for anyone who has already a fair amount of Stamps in their Collection this packet will be most acceptable. It is somewhat different from packet No 39, as it contains many rarer Stamps not to be found in that one. To mention them would occupy too much space, besides which they will be continually changing. Every fifth purchaser of this packet will receive GRATIS a Stamp of more than ordinary rarity and guaranteed to be catalogued at not less than \$2.50. The price of this packet will be \$10 00, and not more than 2 packets will be sold to any one Collector at the same time, so as to give everyone a chance of sharing in the chance of receiving the Stamp mentioned above. 10 00

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

BELLEVILLE, Jan. 19, 1893.

To Members of the C. P. A. :

I beg to call your attention to the following :

NEW MEMBERS.—No. 281, T. W. Brown, Mimico, Ont.

RESIGNATIONS.—No. 275, W. W. McLaren, Cleveland, O. ; No. 243, E. H. D. Hall, Peterborough.

STATE OF MEMBERSHIP.

No. per last report	85
Add 1 new member	1
	86
Deduct resignations	2
	84
Present membership	84

There are a few members in arrears for over 6 months and if they do not pay dues before my next report, I will be reluctantly compelled to drop their names from our membership roll. I trust I will not be obliged to do this.

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 13, 1892, Cash on hand	\$ 3 25
Jan. 18, 1893, Dues Nos. 264, 267, 9, 193, 244, 250, 39	8 00
	\$11 25

EXPENDITURES.

Jan. 16, Post cards	\$ 75
do Postage, etc., to date	1 50
do Balance on hand	9 00
	\$11 25

As soon as I get a balance of \$30 or \$40 on hand I will declare another dividend on account of Old Exchange Department Liabilities.

Yours truly,

T. S. Clark, Sec.-Treas.

QUEBEC, 1st January, 1893.

To the Officers and Members Canadian Philatelic Association :

GENTLEMEN,—With the first issue for the current year of the DOMINION PHILATELIST, our official organ, I consider it a fitting opportunity of conveying to those Officers and Members of the Association, who have at all times endeavored to further its interests, my sincere thanks and appreciation of the assistance given, and to request from them a continuance of the same and from all others their co-operation from this time out. We have fully established the fact that the *Canadian Philatelic Association* is such as to merit the support of all those devoted to the science of Philately.

During the present year let us endeavor to increase our membership and particularly so before the next Convention, in order to permit of a larger gathering, from which we will derive greater benefit as well as increased interest manifested in our future. As you are aware the next Convention will take place in the City of Quebec, and at which it is expected a large number will find it convenient to attend, both in view of the object calling them together as well as to visit the Gibraltar of America.

While advocating a decided increase in our membership, I cannot too strongly impress upon the members the desirability of exercising great care in the selection of proposed candidates. Better that we should consist of the present membership than to have a large representation in numbers and thereby add to our ranks such as would eventually prove detrimental to our welfare. There are many collectors in the Dominion who would be most acceptable, and let it be our aim to enroll them with us.

To the Officers my thanks are due in particular, and I now wish to place on record the pleasure I experienced when your painstaking Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. T. S. Clark, and your energetic Exchange Superintendent, Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, consented to my proposal to allow their grants to remain in abeyance for the purpose of allowing a dividend being paid on account of the old Exchange Debts. Their action should be viewed in the highest terms of approval, and show a disposition to assist the Association in more than mere words.

In concluding it affords me much pleasure to extend to you all the compliments of the season and to invite your co-operation in working shoulder to shoulder for the advancement of the *Canadian Philatelic Association*.

I remain, gentlemen, yours very truly,

ERNEST F. WURTELE,

President Canadian Philatelic Association.

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IN a recent number of the *Canadian Philatelist* in "Notes on Canada Stamps," by the editor, we notice a reference to Nova Scotia Bill Stamps, from which we formed the opinion that the writer had never seen a specimen of these stamps. After telling how many years he had spent specially studying Canada stamps, he tells his readers that the 1, 2 and 3 dollar were all surcharged on the bottom and the other values at the top and speaks of some that were surcharged different to this as "oddities." As a matter of fact the 1, 2 and 3 dollars were all surcharged N. S. at the top and the lower values N. S. on the bottom. (See complete list elsewhere.)

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THE Executive Committee of the World's Fair Philatelic Exhibit held a meeting at the office of Mr. A. R. Rogers, 75 Maiden Lane, N.Y. city, on Friday afternoon, Dec. 23rd. Present were : G. B. Calman, Henry Clotz, J. W. Scott, Charles Gregory, A. R. Rogers and H. E. Deats. Mr. Rogers reviewed the situation in detail and presented various communications and exhibited the plans for the proposed exhibit. The Committee authorized the Chairman, Mr. Rogers, to go to Washington at once and confer with Hon. A. D. Hazen, Third Assistant Post Master General, and complete, as far as possible, the arrangements for space in the Government building. The cases and frames will be made uniform with those containing the Government exhibits. The next meeting of the Committee will be held the first week in January, at which time it is hoped the Committee will be able to prepare the rules governing the exhibit.

THE oldest, largest and best of Canada's agricultural papers, the *Farmers' Advocate*, London, Ont., and Winnipeg, Manitoba, is out in new form and type, and presents a very handsome appearance. Hereafter the *Advocate* will be issued twice each month, instead of once as heretofore, a change which we are sure the farmers will appreciate, especially as the subscription rate remains at \$1 per year. If you are not already a reader of this paper, send to the Wm. Weld Co., London, Ont., for a sample copy, which will be sent free to all who apply.

WE notice that registered letters coming from the U. S. have the postage and registration Paid by 10 cts., the registration 8 cts. and postage 2 cts. This is a step in the right direction, but we think 8 cts. is still too much to charge for registration.

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2ND REGULAR MEETING :

11th January, 1893.

The second regular meeting of the Quebec Philatelic Club was held at the residence of the President, Captain Ernest F. Wurtele, and at which the following were present:—Messrs. M. Joseph, C. C. Morency, G. Lemoine, Mitchell, Thompson, Rattray, Judge, MacLeod, Bishop, Sewell, Wurtele and O' Meara.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read by the Secretary and having been found correct were confirmed and adopted.

The Librarian, Mr. Judge, reported the following donations to the Library:—

J. S. O'Meara	22 pieces.
F. O. Judge	14 "
Ernest F. Wurtele	10 "
B. B. Carter	4 "
The International Philatelist	1 "
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Total	51 "

Mr. G. Lemoine having brought his collection it was much admired as well as that of the President. The former gentleman also brought his certificate of membership to the A, P. A. This recived much attention.

Mr. Morency exhibited some fine specimens of Nova Scotian stamps on the original envelope, as well as a lot of unperforated Canadian Bill stamps.

The meeting adjourned shortly after ten o'clock.

The next regular meeting will be held on the 1st of February at the residence of the Vice-President, Mr. M. Joseph.

J. S. O'MEARA, Secretary-Treasurer.

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So much has been said for and against the genuineness of this now celebrated stamp that we have decided to investigate the history as thoroughly as possible and try and settle the controversy for all time. This can be better done now than at any time in the future, as many persons are now living who remember the incidents connected with it. We have placed ourselves in communication with a number of Canada's foremost collectors and particularly those residing in the province of New Brunswick and will give through this series of papers their opinions and whatever proof they can supply in support of their statements..

Mr. W. H. Brouse, of Toronto, a brilliant young lawyer, and one not likely to be easily deceived, has a used specimen in his collection which was obtained from an old lady who knew Chas. Connell and receiving this stamp on a letter, carefully kept it saying, "It was a good likeness of Connell." The following expresses Mr. Brouse's opinion in his own words: "From all my inquiries, I am of the opinion that the stamp is not an 'essay,' as some claim it to be. I have a copy in my own collection which bears an imprint of post-mark and from the source from which I got it and the circumstances under which it was retained by the then-holder, I have every reason to believe that it is exactly what it represents to be."

Mr. R. W. Hannington, a careful student of the stamp of New Brunswick, has a cancelled specimen in his collection which he obtained from a son of Chas. Connell. The following is his opinion and his information seems reliable:

"My information on the subject was obtained chiefly from a member of Mr. Connell's family, from men who were in public life in this province when the stamp was issued and from newspapers of that period. Mr. Chas. Connell was Postmaster-General of New Brunswick in 1859-1860, when the currency of the province was changed from £. s. d. to decimal values, necessitating a corresponding change in the denominations of the stamps of New Brunswick. As Postmaster-General he was charged with the duty of providing the new postal issue, and he accordingly ordered a quantity of stamps from the American Bank Note Co., New York, in 1, 5, 10, 12½ and 17c. values, the designs being same as were actually issued until 1867, except the 5c. value. On this value he had engraved his own portrait. The new stamps were ready for issue on May 1st, 1860 (not

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1861) and had been supplied to a number of post offices several days in advance with instructions that they were not to be used till May 1st, the 5c. value together with the others. That this is so I am assured by W. C. Wilner, of Sackville, N. B., an employee in the Sackville post office at that time, who declares that a large quantity of the 5c. value (Connells) were sent to that office and were afterwards recalled. Of this he is positive. Before the date fixed for the sale of the new issue, however, the other members of the Executive Council, as well as the public press, raised an outcry against the design of the 5c. stamp, the result being its suppression and in consequence of the ill-feeling created, the resignation of Mr. Connell as Postmaster-General. I have newspapers dated about the last of April and first of May, giving in detail the official correspondence concerning the matter, from which I gather that the stamps were not in fact recalled until probably April 30th or May 1st, so that specimens may easily have been used for correspondence, especially in remoter districts, where the rescinding order would not be received at once, there being no telegraph lines at that time except in one section of the province. On the recall of the "Connell" orders were at once given for a new design of the 5c. value, the result being the common 5c. green with Victoria's portrait. This occasioned a delay in the issue of the new values until the latter part of May, 1860, probably the 24th. Mr. Chas. E. Cameron, of Montreal, informed me that Robert J. Gilbert, of Dorches-

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ter, had found a used specimen on envelope among his aunt's papers and had brought it to St. John, where it was seen by Chas. Harrison and several other prominent collectors. I had known Gilbert at Dorchester for years, but he had left Canada when I received the information. I at once wrote to him at New York asking him if he had the stamp as described, but was informed by him that, though the information was correct, he had sold the specimen. I think there is no doubt but that the stamp was used postally in a few instances. I was informed by a friend here that he has seen recently a Connell on the envelope in this city, St. Johns, N. B., and thinks he can find and purchase it for me. I am informed by the manufacturers, the American Bank Note Co., that the original issue, as supplied the N. B. Government, were all perforated. Imperforate proofs are not uncommon in this province and are in some cases held for a high price under the impression that they are originals. I have been offered several of these proofs under such circumstances. In some cases they have been backed up with thin paper and then perforated, and such cases are very clever and dangerous counterfeits, but can generally be detected by boiling, when the back will separate. Proofs are found on thin India paper, but are sometimes backed without being perforated. Originals are very rare. I have had three only (one cancelled, but possibly never on an envelope.) I paid \$75 00 for my last specimen (purchased from Chas. Connell's son) and it has lost 14 perforations by clipping. I have been offered \$1 10 for a perfect unused specimen."

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NOVA SCOTIA BILL STAMPS.

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By Capt. Sykes.

Sometime after Confederation the Federal Government of Canada ascertained that certain persons were buying large quantities of Bill Stamps (the third issue were in use at this time) in Nova Scotia and sending them to the other provinces, there being a difference of about $2\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. between the Canadian and Nova Scotia currency. Thus, you see, they were defrauding the revenue. To prevent this, an Order in Council was passed, ordering that all Bill Stamps for use in Nova Scotia should be surcharged with the letters "N. S." As the currency was soon corrected, these stamps were in use but a short time, and so are rare, especially the higher values.

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WE have to thank the Chicago Philatelic Club for an invitation to their Annual Banquet on the evening of Jan. 19th. We wish them a pleasant time and are sorry we cannot be there to participate in the festivities of the evening.

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NEW STAMPS FOR FRANCE.

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It is rather surprising that Frenchmen, who go in for a change of government about three times a year, should have remained so long faithful to one set of postage stamps. For sixteen years has the present design existed unchanged, if not exactly unchallenged. From time to time the Radicals in the Chamber have clamoured for something fresh in the way of stamp designs, but in almost every case the cry has gone unheeded. But now we are going to change all this. The Budget Committee—as the Paris correspondents to your daily papers, if they have done their duty, must have told you—have decided, on the motion of Mons. Mesurer, to order a new issue of stamps. All that remains is to settle upon the design which shall be adopted. On this point rumour is conflicting, and opinion is divided. Some favor a portrait stamp, and others are staking their francs on a sort of historical-cum-emblematical arrangement. No one seems to doubt that the allegorical picture at present in use is doomed. Probably a portrait stamp, such as that issued in the States, will be adopted. Certainly this form would meet with the greatest popular approval. But as yet anything is possible. All that is known is that a competition will be opened, and every artists of note invited to compete. The results will then probably be submitted to a Committee specially appointed to consider the merits of the various designs and suggestions sent in. The question, needless to say, has attracted much attention in the Press. Gallons of ink have been spilt in controversy and discussion, though the matter has not been made so much a controversy as one might have thought. On the contrary, the Press seems to be fairly unanimous in supporting the suggestion for a portrait stamp. In most of the stamp papers the matter has received special notice. *L'Union des Timbrophiles* devotes a generous space to the subject. In any case, this journal points out, no one will regret the disappearance of the "present hideous stamps." *L'Union* further thinks that there are good grounds for hoping that France will no longer be behind other nations in the beauty of her stamps. The country, it is urged, can well afford to lose the "meaningless allegory" which personifies nothing, and which cannot but give foreigners a very feeble idea of the artistic genius of the French. Might not the postal administrators reproduce on the stamps of France the features of men who have prominently figured in French, and thus form an artistic gallery of great Frenchmen? With this parting

question *L'Union des Timbrophiles* turns to its *Petit Journal* and quotes a long and fervid article by one Thomas Grimm. "Which great men and which great names would they choose?" asks this great writer, who goes on to say that the average school boy could prepare a suitable list. The portraits selected, Mr. Grimm urges, should be those of five classes—(1) Authors, (2) Servants, (3) Military Generals, (4) Statesmen, (5) Inventors and Benefactors of Humanity. Some have objected to the heavy expense which would be incurred in engraving so many dies, but Mr. Grimm argues, the Minister of Art would only be too glad of the chance to display, in this one act, the highest beauties of French engraving. "In one word," writes Mr. Grimm, "the allegorical stamp is ancient; only the portrait stamp is modern. The adoption of the latter would provide a splendid means of popular education. The stamps would form a veritable popular Pantheon of our national history, wherein our national glories would be represented." This last bit of "high falutin"—as we should call it in London—is a fair sample of what the hysterical scribes in Paris are penning. The one thing certain is that the present stamps are to go. "What design will replace them?" is now the question.—*Neus Verrous*.

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A PROSPEROUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The German-American Philatelic Association, Germania, held their fourth Annual Convention on January 14 at the rooms of the association. The president, P. Heinsberger, jr., opened the convention at 9 a. m. and welcomed the members from the various States. Mr. Heinsberger, in his annual address, reviewed the work of the association during the year 1892. There are now 553 active members in this country, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia, and thirty corresponding members of the society. There are ten official journals printed in America and Europe under the auspices of the association. The financial condition of the association is good. The dues have been reduced to \$1 a year. Last October the Germania opened a numismatic and curio annex, and this department has now forty-five members. The Librarian, Mr. F. Philips, reported that many books have been added to the library of the Germania, and that it now contained most of the philatelic and curio papers published on the globe. The following officers were unanimously elected to serve for the year 1893: President, F. Heinsberger; Recording Secretary, A. Schumacher; Treasurer, H. Hermann; Librarian and International Secretary, F. Philips; Trustees, D. E. Hazen, of Thanatorso, Fla.; Emil Y. Rall, of Savannah, Ga., and C. Scott, of Central City, Neb. All philatelists, numismatists and curio collectors are invited to join the Germania. Applications should be sent to P. Heinsberger, No. 9, 1st Avenue, New York, U.S.A.

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WE have to thank B. S. Ross, of Chicago, for a priced catalogue of the 1st auction sale of the W. P. U., held in Chicago, December 15th and 16th. The sale was a decided success, and, judging from the prices realized, the owners must have been pleased with results.

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