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WHOLE NO. 42.



American Beaver.

(*Castor Canadensis*).

BY APEMANTUS.

With the advance of civilization, our beautiful "forests primeval," the red man, and the animals that claim this zone as their natural habitat, are fast disappearing. Left to itself for thousands of years, this continent, like no other developed naturally.

The Indian roamed at will "Monarch of all he surveyed." The forests swayed in the angry blasts or gently sheltered the birds that rested in their branches, and the tiny flower that grew beneath its shade. The animals came and went at will, preyed upon their natural enemies or yielded their lives for the food and clothing of the natives. Among the latter class was the intelligent little *Castor Canadensis*. He never dreamed then of tall hats, perfumery or hysterical women. Endowed with a wonderful sagacity, he went on building his dams and houses, using for his own benefit and that of his little ones, the God-given instinct he possessed. When he found a stream too shallow to answer his purpose he constructed a dam across it, that was strong enough to resist the spring freshets.

If the stream was sluggish, he built the

dam straight, but if its current was swift the dam was curved with its convexity toward the current. His home had no compartments, the partitions supposed by some to be the dividing line between the rooms, were merely supports. Hearne says of their architecture, "In places which have been long frequented by beavers, undisturbed, their dams by frequent repairing became a solid bank, capable of resisting a great force both of ice and water; and as the willow, poplar and birch generally take root and shoot up they by degrees form a kind of regular planted hedge which I have seen in some places so that birds have built their nests among the branches.

The beavers carry the mud and stones for their houses and dams with their fore paws and the timber in their teeth, using the hind feet, which are webbed, and the tail to swim with,

He always travels under water when "possible, and never puts the last coat of mud plaster on his house until the severe cold weather sets in. In one family there are never more than four old ones and about six young ones. There is frequently found only one beaver in a locality, he is called an idler or bachelor, and has been left after his family have departed for new quarters or for some reason, best known to himself, been banished from his fellows. They live chiefly on a cabbage like plant found at the bottom of lakes

and rivers called *Nuphar luteum*; also the bark of willow, poplar and birch trees. During the summer their menu is more varied, with berries for desert. His own flesh furnished a delicious dish for the Indians and early settlers. When roasted with the skin on, tasted much like pork.

One author gives some interesting facts concerning the teeth of the beaver "The front incisor teeth of each jaw have a sharp chisel-like edge, and are so formed as to preserve this through life. They consist of an outer layer of orange-colored enamel and a broad inner layer of a softer substance. As the creature gnaws, the softer material is worn away more rapidly than the enamel which thus protrudes in a sharp ridge. There is a continuous growth at the roots of those teeth to repair the constant waste that goes on at the cutting edge, so that if one of the incisors should be destroyed, the opposite tooth meeting with no check to its enlargement, will grow to an enormous length: and beavers have been found in which this growth had proved fatal by preventing the other teeth from coming together. The enamel is exceedingly hard; and until superseded by the English files, those teeth fixed in wooden handles, were used by the North American Indians in carving their weapons of bone."

There has been found in this country and Europe an extinct fossil species of the beaver very similar to the present species though much larger. The place that the beaver occupies on the 3p red 1851, and the 5c vermilion 1859 issues of the stamps of Canada is an appropriate one, as it is the national animal of that country.

When the fur of the beaver was used for hats, the animal came very near being ex-

terminated but the use of silk and other material for "stove-pipe" hats has saved it so deplorable a fate.

The body of the beaver yields a substance called *castareum*. It has a bitter taste and slightly fetid odor. It was formerly used as a remedy for hysteria, but is now only used in perfumes.

United States Minutes

BY USONA.

The Buffalo Exposition stamps are to be of the denomination 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 10 cents, and probably of the size as the current issue. The Postmaster General is now considering the designs, which may possibly be printed in two colors.

Fifteen and fifty cent stamps for Cuba is the next issue by Uncle Sam.

The surcharged stamps for that island have been called in, for distribution along with the newspaper and periodicals and the Omaha remainders. The only Omahas now on sale are at the Washington, D. C. office.

The government postoffice exhibit at the Paris exposition is to be quite a feature. A postoffice in working order for the mail of American visitors, with all the latest labor and timesaving appliances will be the main attraction, though a museum exhibit will also be sent. The Chief of the Division of Salary and Allowances of the First Assistant Postmaster General's office is in charge.

The Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, whose recognition of philately as a science has caused much pride on our part, is to have an exhibition of postage and revenue stamps from March 18 to 24th, 1900. This will be the second exhibiton

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given to philately under the auspices of the Institute, the first one, in March of last year, having been a great success. The Institute has quite a respectable collection from donations and purchase, and gives periodical lectures by well known experts during the season.

Die C of the present series of envelopes was not listed by Scott in the 59th, but is now pretty generally recognized as a legitimate variety. Its description is, "no band of ribbon around the queue," the flowing lines of the hair being clear and distinct the entire length of the neck.

Under the present internal revenue laws of the U. S., a physician who prescribes any alcoholic liquor not in combination with other drugs is a retail dealer, and as such is required to pay a special tax.

New Zealand Notes.

BY INVERTED WATERMARK.

The London Print of our New Issue is now all sold out. The Colonial Printing of the 2½d, 5d, 6d, and 2/ is on sale at most offices, the lower values have not appeared yet, and in the meantime only the issue with Queen's Head are to be obtained of the ¾d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, and 1/ values. The stamps that have been issued are on unwatermarked paper and perforated 11.

On the 1st of December a series of postage due stamps were issued for this colony. The Set consists of the following values:—¾d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 4d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 1/ and 2/. The design is very plain, the stamps are green with white centre, and figures of value in red. The Postal Department give notice that the stamps must not be sold unused, and that a fine of £50 will be enforced on anyone found guilty of disposing of them in such a condition. It is to be

hoped this will have the desired effect, as stamps of this class should not be allowed to be used for other than their legitimate purpose.

New Zealand has issued a Series of illustrated Post Cards, the value is one penny. The Card is slightly larger than the previous one, and is printed in green, on the left hand bottom corner is a small picture. There are said to be 8 varieties.

Some of the adhesive postage stamps of Jamaica have been surcharged "Judicial" in black letters, for use in the payment of the fees of the local Courts.

The stamps surcharged are the 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/, 2/ and 5/ and the issuing of these surcharged stamps began on the 1st November. *L. Hutchings.*

Notes and Items.

Original or Otherwise.

BY A. BOOK WORM.

The officials of Deccan Hyderabad were very obliging some years ago and offered their stamps of all issues in any variety of color or of paper. These fancy impressions are of course no interest to the collector. Some dealers must have availed themselves of the opportunity, as I have met with some of this rubbish.

Of the 1860-66 issues of New South Wales, errors of impression have been chronicled, the five pence in deep blue, and the eight pence in red, on paper with the watermarks peculiar to those values; but inasmuch as both these varieties can be produced from certain shades of the normal colors by chemical agency, it seems probably that the specimens known are not genuine errors.

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To Correspondents—Owing to the enormous correspondence received in answer to my ad in ADVOCATE, I regret having to delay several answers.—H. G. Caddy, Wanganui.

EDITORIAL OPINIONS

Join the Dominion Philatelic Association

In this, and also in the preceding issue, there has been an unusually large number of applications for membership in the Dominion Philatelic Association. One fact, worthy of mention, is, that the applications are not secured by one or two members but by different ones each month which shows that all the members are enthusiastic and ambitious to secure more members for the society. The collectors are not joining, merely on account of some one asking them, but to take advantage of the various benefits extended to all members. All persons joining the association will be given a copy of the Official Handbook, receive the ADVOCATE free each month, and can take advantage of all the other benefits. One member in Hamilton, states that the stamps put on circuit by the Exchange Department are excellent specimens, and are sold very reasonably.

The condition of the society, financially and otherwise, will compare favorably with any association on the continent, and financially, it is far in advance of all other societies whose yearly dues are 25 cents. With a balance of \$50.00 in the Treasury, and from fifteen to thirty applications each month, nothing more could be wished for by the officers. Any of the readers of the ADVOCATE who are not members but who wish to join, can get application blanks from the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Geo. W. Starnaman, Box 104, Berlin, Ont.

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On account of our lateness in January, we gave some of our work to a local printer, and we trust, therefore, that any errors in it will be overlooked. There was one

mistake in R. F. Maddigan's ad on page 51. In offer no. 2, in the second line after the word Canada should read $\frac{1}{2}$ 1882-90.

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One of the boys on the *Jubilee Philatelist* staff, says that rumor has it, that Messrs Starnaman Bros., did not get out their 100 page issue. This shows that whoever wrote it knows nothing about what rumor says. We stated that we intended to issue a special 100 page issue to celebrate the 20th century, and if the writer will look up our promise he will see his mistake. Our success with the last issue has convinced us that we can issue a one hundred page issue Jan 1st 1901. For our part we know that rumor says, we issued a "larger number than has been," being the largest issue of any stamp journal for three years.

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The rush for the Official Handbook and Starnaman's Directory of Canadian Collectors has been simply enormous. We still have a number to sell at the following prices. One book 15c, two for 25c, five for 50c. We have hundreds of recommendations and it has more than satisfied all who received it. All orders sent postpaid. We accept one- and two-cent Canadian or U. S. postage stamps but prefer Express Order, money order or postal note. The Handbook contains 100 pages with illustrations of prominent collectors and list of names of over 1300 active Canadian collectors. It is truly the greatest book of the last year in the century. Many have said it is worth fifty-cents, and one collector said he would not take \$1.00 cash for it if he could not obtain another. We will give the Handbook as a premium with the *Advocate* at 25c to renewals or new subscribers.

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Secretary's Report.

Ottawa, O., Jan. 23, 1900.

Fellow members:—

The *Stamp Tribune* having been changed from a monthly to a weekly, necessitates a change in Official Organ, so I take pleasure in presenting to you the *PHILATELIC ADVOCATE*. Several of the members owe their dues for 2 years. Here are their numbers, 1, 2, 5, 10, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 31. Those who owe for one year, 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 24, 28, 29, 32. Those for 2 years please remit 50c at once. 1 year remit 25c. The society needs the money, and I would like to hear from all of you.

Mr Layman having resigned as Ex. Supt. I have taken his place and will endeavor to build the dept up. All interested in this will please communicate with me at their earliest convenience. Exchange sheets 5c each.

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 J. A. Romero, 1049 Wolfram St., Chicago.

Last month two resignations were reported, but I am pleased that they have both been withdrawn.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance on hand last report.....	\$36.77.
Received for dues, etc.....	32.30.
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	69.07.
Paid Official Organ	4.36.
" postage.....	1.94.
" printing notices of dues (350)	.75
" D. P. A. Handbook (500)	8.00
" postage and wrappers for hand-book.....	4.86
" Stationery.....	.25
Balance on hand.....	48.91
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	69.07.

Pay your dues for 1900. All members who have not paid there dues (25 cents) must do so before March 1st. or they will be published as suspended and the Official Organ discontinued.

The applicants on page 72 will be admitted March 1st if no objections are filed with the Secy before that date.

For application blanks and full information address the Secretary-Treasurer

GEO. W. STARNAMAN, Berlin, Ont.

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Honduras 1878 " " 1p "	.45
Honduras 1890 " official "	.35
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