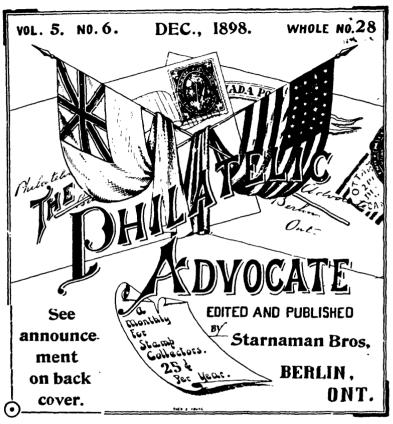
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WHOLE NO. 28.

#### U. S. REVENUES.

Collectors are Liable to break the Law Unconsciously.

#### A \$1000 Fine.

Some discussion has arisen over the question whether it is a misdemeanor for the owner of a document having Internal Revenue stamps attached to remove those stamps presumably for the purpose of putting them in a collection and not with any intention of using them again. Many collectors desire to obtain full sets of the new stamps but cannot afford to buy them uncancelled. For these collectors the only resource is to secure the stamps cancelled from documents to which they have been attached, by cutting or tearing them off. This may be done with perfectly honest intention yet it lays the person so doing open to suspicion of having committed a misdemeanor for which the law prescribes a heavy penalty

Section 8 of the laws and regulations concerning Documentary and Proprietary stamps under the act of June 13th, 1898, has this to say on the subject:

"If any person shall fraudulently cut, tear or remove, or cause to be cut, torn or removed, the impression of any stamp, die plate, or other instrument which shall have been provided, made or used in the pursuance of this act, from any vellum, parchment or paper or any instrument charged

or chargeable with any taxes imposed by the law, he shall be judged guilty of a misdemeanor. The statute goes on to say that the penalty for this offence shall be a fine of not over \$1000 or imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not over five years.

Of course the saving clause is the word "fraudulently" Nevertheless the supposition is, that one who removes a revenue stamp does so with the intention of using it again or of making the document invalid by its absence. The Government does not recognize the hobby of stamp collecting. In any case, it is the opinion of the Revenue officials that the collector who removes the stamp runs a risk which is not worth the candle.

Read Nulla Vestigia Retrorsum in our next number.

Don't fail to have an adv. in our next.

#### CONVICTED.

#### Wolle gets the full extent of the Law.

Richard P. Wolle was tried at St. Louis, Mo., November 15th, under the indictment of having used the United States mails for the purpose of defrauding certain stamp dealers. He was found guilty and sentenced to the full extent of the law.

The sentence is to pay \$500 fine and be confined at hard labor in the Missouri Penitentiary for the period of eighteen months.

—Mekeel's Weekly.

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Several parties have sent advertisements without payment therefor. To these we would say, If you wish to see your adv. in print send your money at once.

Correspondents, advertisers and D. P. A. officers are hereby notified that copy must reach us before **Dec. 15th.** 

In order to give us more time for our big Holiday Number we have re duced the size of this issue. In response to our notice in last issue we have received a large number of advertisements but still there is room. Rush along your copy or you will be sorry after the paper is out.

James F. Irwin, of St. Catharines, Ont., had a page ad, in last issue. He writes that he wants two pages in our next. He has done a lot of advertising in other papers so is able to give a good testimonial regarding the merits of a paper. He says "I have received more enswers from your paper than any other."

Weacknowledge receipt of Price Lists from the following: Wm. Kingston, curios, Mc Coy. Ore; Hew R. Wood, stamps, 51 Belmont Park, Montreal, Can.; E L. Shove, phil. literature, Unionville, N. Y.

The long looked for price list of Williams & Co., Lima, Peru, has arrived It consists of 12 pages of South American bargains. We will furnish one for stamp for postage.

Read The Ineligibility of Review Editors in our next number.

#### Don't fail to have an adv. in our next.

The Philatelic Messenger made a brave attempt to catch up with Father Time, but it seems the "old man with the scythe" is too quick for Mr. Knight.

J. O. Wright, Jr., of Athens, Ohio, has favored us with a sample of gummed paper. This is the best we have seen for those who wish to cut their own hinges. It is thinner than the usual run of gum paper. Mr. Wright will send you a sample free or better still send 10c and get a dozen sheets.

If you have any papers dated before 1898 that gives a criticism (either good or bad) of this paper or its publishers send them to us and we will allow 2c each in exchange

We wish it understood that we did not intend any personal reflection on Mr. Patterson in the item regarding the *Virginia Philatelist* in last issue.

We will give a year's subscription (without premium) for a five cent unused Canada Beaver. Or we will give a two inch adv. for an unused 3c Beaver.

Since the notes on page 69 were in print Ceylon has signified her adherence to Imperial penny postage.

Mr. Lydiatt's Toronto philatelic weekly has appeared but the publisher has inaptly chosen the name of Canadian Philatelic Weekly which is the same as Mr. Weaver's publication of this city. This will lead to confusion, and as Mr. Weaver was the first to choose this name, Mr. Lydiatt should find some other name. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

We want good MSS, in exchange for adv. space. Send what you have with price. Enclose stamp if you wish reply. We do not want notes, except from regular correspondents.

We accept unused stamps for amounts under \$25.00.

#### Points and Pointers.

By Crescent.

Collectors would do well to get the Newfoundland one cent red and two cent orange '97, as a rise is sure on account of the necessary change of color.

Now is the time to buy up the U. S. War issues while these stamps are in such an unsettled state. The authorities find it necessary to introduce several new denominations, and it may just be possible

that one or two of the present values may be retired on this account. There is also a possibility of a change of color in some.

If the war cloud that hovers over Fashoda should happen to break, collectors of British Colonies would be gladdened by several new issues from some of the French Islands in different parts of the world, with the pleasant features of Queen Victoria thereon. Even as it now stands they may soon expect some from China.

Since the last issue of the ADVOCATE, the half cent of the current Newfoundland issue has appeared bearing a portrait of the Duke of York's infant son. This is just as predicted by "Crescent" last month and helps to confirm his prophecy of the coming set.

A well worn subject of discussion among philatelists is that of albums. Now, I don't want anyone to consider this in the shape of a kick, but rather as a "gentle reminder" to the compilers, publishers, etc., of the next edition of the "International." Namely that the illustrations of the stamps of the United States of America are both too few and too far between. No doubt the advanced collectors may be well able to classify their different specimens to perfection, but, they must consider the rising generation, with five or six hundred varieties just starting upon their philatelic voyages.

We notice the following in the Philatelic Bulletin of October under "Ontario Notes" edited by Geo. W. Hicks: "Starnaman Bros. promise an extra big special of the Philatelic Advocate for January. A prompt 'snug' newsy paper is the Advocate We would feel that we had lost a trusty friend were it to go 'with the silent majority.'" Right you are Bro. Hicks.

#### New Zealand.

By Invented Watermark.

There will be no remainders of the obsolete stamps of New Zealand. The Postal Department are using every endeavor to dispose of the remainders, in many cases people have been refused a supply of the new issue so anxious have been the officials to get rid of the old stamps first. Only six months supply of the new issue was printed in London, and this is supposed to be almost exhausted. The next printing will be on watermarked paper, and the designs of several of the varieties will be changed. Those on the 1d and 4d will change places, as it has been found too expensive to print such a cheap stamp as the ld in two colors. Alterations will also be made in some other varieties.

Two distinct shades of color are to be found in the ld, 2½d and 6d.

## General Canadian News.

Under this heading we will give the latest Canadian News. Our readers are invited to send anything that has not appeared in stamp papers and we will give them credit.

The contract between the Dominion Government and the Dominion and Allan Steamship Companies for a weekly mail service between St. John, Halifax and Liverpool, during the coming winter has been signed.

The report that Imperial penny postage and the two-cent rate were to to take effect on the Prince of Wales' birthday is inaccurate. Imperial penny postage will go into effect Christmas Day, and the Government has not yet announced its policy in regard to the domestic rate.

The arrangements for Imperial penny postage are now almost completed. So far as England, British India, Newfoundland and the African protectorates are concerned arrangements to reduce the postage from five cents to two cents, have been completed and will be put into force on the 25th December, Christmas Day, 1898. The following African protectorates will enjoy the reduced rate: British East Africa, Uganda, Zanzibar, British Central Africa, the Niger coast protectorate and the Niger Company's territory. Due notice will be given the public as to the countries or colonies to which the reduced rate will apply.

Canadian private post cards may now be sent to New South Walea.

On and after Jany. 1st 1899, money orders may be drawn in Canada for payment in certain postoffices in Corea.

The following change has been made in the present postal regulations between Canada and other countries of the Universal Postal Union: Engravings or advertisements may be printed on the front or address side of post-cards, whether Official or private, provided they do not interfere with the address. Postcards may also be addressed by means of a small adhesive label, and the sender may, if he wishes, write print or stamp his name and address on the front.

The success which has attended the introduction of the postal note system has far exceeded the expectations of the Postoffice Department. The number of postal notes used in August, the first month under the new system, was 2,773. The number issued in September was 11,999, and this increased to 15,146 during October, There are a greater number of 25 cent notes issued than any other denomination. These re-

turns show that the inauguration of this system satisfies the public that postal notes are a safe and inexpensive means of remitting money.

Plate number 4 of the 1 cent numeral issue has been received.

A fact not generally known is that each postal note has the value watermarked in the paper.

The design for the Imperial penny postage stamp has been announced. Mulock on returning from Great Britain invited designs from a number of artists, embodying the idea which he had in his mind, but when these were submitted he found that they did not meet the object in view. Then he sat down and roughly sketching what he wanted handed it to an artist that the lines might be skillfully and symmetrically drawn. The stamp consists of a neatly executed map of the world in miniature. The British possessions are printed in red, and these stand out in bold relief against a dark background. Surmounting this instructive picture is a representation of the Crown, underneath which is a bunch of oak and maple leaves, symbolizing the unity of England and Canada. At the upper edge of the stamp are the words "Canada postage," in a neat letter. Underneath the map is placed, "Xmas, 1898," so that the date of the inauguration of Imperial penny postage shall be made a matter of record. On each of the lower corners appears the figure "2," indicating the denomination of the stamp, and at the lower edge is this suggestive passage, taken from the words of one of our patriotic poets, "We hold a vaster empire than has been."

Send copy of adv. early for next number.

#### U.S. Jottings.

By DOTTIE LONESOME.

I learn from good authority that there will be no special dies in the proprietary stamps of the present series. The great manufacturers have all agreed to refrain from using special dies. If this is true and I hope it is, collectors will again escape what might be an imposition.

The tendency of the stamp market is on an improved course; prices are gradually going back where they belong. Auction prices are better and sales more frequent.

All our revenue stamps are soon to appear perforated instead of rouletted. This bit of information is from a source that I believe to be well founded. It might be well to fill up on the present set if you have not already done so.

The Newspaper stamps continue to occupy the attention of the shrewd collectors. There of course can be no reason for them not being sold to collectors and no doubt something will shift so as to enable all of us to get them at better than face value. They never paid postage anyway, what do collectors want them so bad for?

It now seems to be a certainty that Porto Rico and the Phillipines are to be colonies of this country. When the U.S. took up the cause of Cuba, that country did not say all they intended. However from a stamp collectors point of view it is a splendid thing for philately, that the future of these once Spanish Colonies will not be represented in philately with so many unnecessary stamps. Our country may not take immediate possession of all the postal systems of these colonies at once but it is to be hoped it will not be long before Porto Rico stamps as well as the others, will be printed in English as well as Spanish.

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#### Count. Detector's Report.

Fellow Members:—

Since my last report I have examined altogether three stamps. Two being aenuine and one a counterfeit.

I wish to thank the following gentlemen for sending counterfeits for the D. P. A. Counterfeit Album:

Mr. W. D. Boyd, donated 13. Mr. N. Natches, " 1. Mr. F. J. Garraty, " 10.

This is not a bad start. I would like to hear from other members who would like to help the "atbum" along.

Yours for the welfare of the D. P. A. FRED J. GARRATY.

#### Exchange Supt's Report.

Fellow Members:-

I am glad to be able to announce that the affairs of my department are moving along very nicely.

I have sold a considerable number of blank exchange books and have received some of them back, filled with desirable stamps at reasonable prices. I am about to begin circulating them, so if you want to see some nice goods at low figures, send in your name and be placed on circuit.

If you have stamps to dispose of, send for some blank books (holding 100 stamps)

at 5c each.

A copy of the rules will be found in this issue. Study them carefully.

Cordially,

E. L. SHOVE, Unionville N. Y.

#### Secretary's Report.

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The above will be admitted to membership Dec. 15th provided no objection is filed with the Sec'v before that date.

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N. Matches, 206 Caroline St., S., Hamilton,

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A copy of the constitution is mailed with this issue. Study it carefully.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The President called for a special meeting of the officers of the D. P. A. to be held in Toronto on Thursday Nov. 24th 1898.

The meeting was called to order at 2.15 p. m. by the President. The following officers were present: Chas. Bailey, President; C. S. Applegath, Vice President; Geo. W. Starnaman, Secy-Treas.; N. Mat. ches, Auction Man.; F. I. Weaver, Librariau; R. S. Mason, and Geo. W. Hicks, Trustees; W. A. Starnaman, Bus. Mgr. of the Phi. ATELIC ADVOCATE, and anumber of the members of the Toronto Stamp Club.

Communications were read from: F. J. Garracy, Count. Det.; E. L. Shove, Exch. Supt.; J. A. Wainwright, Attorney; R. G. Widdicombe, Aar. and Sub. Agent; expressing regret at being unable to be present at the meeting.

After considerable discussion concerning an Official Emblem it was moved and seconded that Mr. R. S. Mason, of Hamilton, Ont., be given the sole right to sell the buttons submitted by him at Hamilton.

Two new rules were added to the Auction Department, viz: (1) All lots valued over twenty-five cents must be registered at expense of buyer, if he does not care to pay registration, lots are to be sent at buyer's risk. (2.) No lots are to be offered for sale unless they are in the hands of the Auction Manager.

It was voted that the Society pay the expenses of the hall.

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with new numbers (continued).

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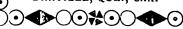
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