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## NEWS OF THE MONTH.

With the beginning of this new year, the fact that we all begin our letters with 1900 instead of the old familiar figures we have all used since the first school boy missive we ever penned, seems to convince us, in spite of the facts of chronology, history, mathematics and astronomy that we are in a new century. It is at any rate, the beginning of a new era for us all, and it is bound to be so regarded by the great mass of humanity, philatelic and otherwise. This year promises to usher in many new stamps, and it may be regarded as certain that in future many collections will include only those stamps in use at, or issued since January 1st 1900. The novelties for December are mostly of a minor kind, such as changes of color, surcharges and so on, but with the beginning of this month many important new issues come into use. Germany is the most important so far announced, Austria and Hungary with a new currency follow, complete new sets for France and Turkey are now in preparation; what we are to expect from South Africa, Australia, and the Malay Commonwealth is still problematical, U. S. Colonials are almost certain, and the usual annual dose from the Central American Republics will surely be offered. That a physician is now the concoctor of the nostrum does not make it any the more palatable, but we trust that Dame Philatelia is now in sufficiently robust health to consign the whole to the gutter, where it ought long since to have been drained.

In Philatelic literature we are promised a new weekly from Cleveland, Ohio, the Stanley Gibbons firm announce a new edition of their catalogue for this month, and the other standard catalogues may be expected as usual.

Prices at auction sales continue fair, two important Philatelic exhibitions are

to be held during the year, — Brooklyn, N. Y., and Paris, — these cannot fail to prove beneficial.

On the whole the year opens with fair prospects, how they may be realized will be found told month by month in the MONTREAL PHILATELIST.

### ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

#### ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

-- We illustrate the new issue described by us in detail last month.



**BELGIUM.**—The entire set, commencing Jan. 1st. will be printed without the labels requesting non-delivery on Sunday. The 1 franc is now green instead of carmine.

**BRITISH HONDURAS.**—Of same type as the current set watermarked crown C. A. the following high values are reported :

	50 c.	green and red.
\$1.00	"	"
\$2.00	"	blue.
\$5.00	"	black.

**CEYLON.** — Permanent high value stamps watermarked C. C. 1r 50c rose and 2r 25c. dull blue have been issued to replace the surcharged stamps of similar value issued in 1899, and the following watermarked C. A. are reported by the *Australian Philatelist* 2c red brown, 3c green, 4c yellow, 15c blue. The *P. J. of India* also reports a 5c bright purple.

**CHINA.** — *French offices.* It is announced by *Le Timbre Poste* that the 50c carmine and 5 fr. reddish purple, usually over printed "Chine" in black, have been surcharged in red by mistake.

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**COLUMBIA REP.**—Owing to a revolution in progress since the middle of October, the postal authorities at Cartagena finding it impossible to obtain a supply of stamps from the capital, had imitations of the current 5c and 10c lithographed on cheap buff paper in red and blue respectively. Only 5000 of each were printed and as a guarantee of authenticity each specimen was surcharged with three stars with a rubber hand stamp in violet.

**Antioquia.**—We now give an illustration of the 2½ centavos, "too late" stamp of the commemorative set. It will be seen that it is of very similar design to the others described last month. The 10c registration is the only one of the set that omits General Cordova's portrait. It is a large rectangular stamp with the letter "R" in the center.

**Panama.**—The *American Journal of Philately*' reports a provisional 5c blue registration return receipt stamp made by surcharging the regular 5c stamp "A. R. Colon Columbia." in three lines.

**CUBA.**—The 1c and 2c envelopes (profile bust of Columbus) have been printed on *oriental buff* paper to fill a special order from a local business house at Havana.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.**—From several European journals we learn that in addition to the values of the commemorative set described in our December issue, the following are also to appear:

- 20 centavos (Toscanelli replying to the letter of Columbus)
- 50 " (Las Casas protecting the natives.)
- 1 peso (Columbus at the Junta of Salamanca.)
- 2 " (Tomb of Columbus in the Cathedral of St Domingo.)



We append an illustration of the 2 centavo stamp of this set.

**ECUADOR.**—The envelopes of 1894 issue (Scott E 7) seem to have printed in much larger quantities than required by the postal service, they were used in the

following year surcharged 1895, then a new design (E 9), was issued in 1896. The 1894 issue was again current in 1897-98 with those dates surcharged, and now it comes with the surcharge "Emission Habilitada 1899-1900." The 5c green and 10c carmine have been so treated, the surcharge being on the left side of the envelope in colors corresponding to those of the stamps. The 2, 10, 20 and 50c of the new issue have been printed in orange and black and surcharged "Official" in black.

**EGYPT.**—A 4 m. post card to replace the 4 m. surcharged on 5 m. has been issued. Color rose. *French offices.*—The current stamps of France have been surcharged "Alexandrie" for use in the French offices in Egypt, in black ink on the 20, 30, 40, 50c, 1 fr and 5 fr and in carmine ink on the 5, 10, 15, 25 and 75c.

**FINLAND.**—Russian stamps only are to be used throughout Finland after June 1st. The 25 penni has already been suppressed, and the other values will not be available for postage after the above mentioned date.

**FRANCE.**—A complete set from 1 centime to 5 francs in commemoration of the exposition is now in preparation; it is said they are to be of different shapes and sizes, oval, hexagonal, octagonal, etc. The design for the stamps of 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 centimes, by M. Eugene Mouchon, representing the figure of the Republic seated, has been accepted by the Government. That of M. Luc Olivier Merson for the higher values 40 centimes, 1 franc and 5 francs, to be printed in two colors has also been accepted, but no decision has been arrived at in regard to the lower values. The set is to be placed on sale at every post office in France on the opening of the exposition in May.

**GERMANY.**—The designs and colors for the higher values have been selected, and the work is now being executed at the Imperial Printing office. It is not expected that they will be ready for issue before April 1st., at which date the new stamps for the colonies are also promised. The 1 mark rose will depict the Imperial Post office, Berlin. On the 2 m. stamp, color blue, will be reproduced Anton von Werner's allegorical painting the Union of Southern and Northern Germany. The 3 m. to be printed in violet, will reproduce W. Pape's painting of the inauguration of the monument to the

memory of William I. The 5 m. will be in two colors, centre carmine and frame black, it also reproduces a picture by W. Pape, the 25th anniversary of the proclamation of the German Empire. It is a stamp that requires the greatest skill on the part of the engraver, as there are fifty one figures in the picture which represents William II enthroned, addressing the princes and dignitaries of Church and State.

**GOLD COAST.**—An envelope stamp of the design used in the West Indian colonies 1 p. carmine on white is reported by the *Australian Philatelist*.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—The color of the 1 p. post card has been changed from vermilion to carmine, and the ½ p. card is now larger being the same size as that for foreign service 89 x 140 m. m.

**INDIA.**—*Cochin.* The set of 1899 envelopes has been completed by the addition of the 1 p. red on white laid paper.

**LABUAN.**—A permanent 4 c. having a monkey for the central device has appeared in yellow brown and black. According to the *Metropolitan Philatelist* the surcharged "4 cents" stamps reported in our last number are of the 1894 type not the current issue, and all values (Scott Nos 49-57 and 63-65) twelve in all have been surcharged and specimens sent out for official collections as required by Postal Union regulations.

**MACAO.**—The surcharged stamps reported last month, under the heading "Macos" for which our printer is to blame have been put in circulation.

**MAURITIUS.**—A stamp in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Labourdonnais has been issued value 15 cents, color blue, watermark Crown and C.C.

Bertrand F. Mahé de La Bourdonnais, born Feb. 11, 1699, was a naval officer in the French service. He was the first French Governor of Mauritius then known as the Isle of France. The first French settlement on the island was in 1721, thirteen years later, in 1734, La Bourdonnais received his appointment as Director General of the colony and on his arrival found it in a state of lawlessness bordering on anarchy. Under his administration fortifications were built, harbors constructed, and canals opened; he also introduced the culture of sugar, indigo cotton, etc., and developed generally a wonderful degree of business prosperity.

He is justly honored by the Mauritians as the father of their country.

**MEXICO.**—Our correspondent informs us that he was mistaken in reporting the new stamps as made by the American Bank Note Co., he says they come from England. We presume the imprint will be found on the margins, but have not yet seen it, judging from the style of engraving we would say they are done by the Waterlow firm. We illustrate the highest and lowest values of the new set also the envelope and post cards.



**MOROCCO.**—*French offices.* The 5 centimos now comes in the new light yellow green shade, surcharged in red on France 5 centimes.

**NETHERLANDS.**—The new issue is being surcharged for use in the colonies. The following have been received for the official collection of the Post Office Department: "Ned Indie" and value in black ink on 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 50c. and 2½ gld.: "Suriname" on 50 c., 1 gld. and 2½ gld.: "Curacoa" and value on 25c.: "Curacoa 1. 50 gld." on 2½ gld.

**NEWFOUNDLAND.**—The post office department of this province has been doing a good deal of speculating in stamps of

late years, but have decided to retire from the business, get rid of their speculative stock by a quick forced sale which closes January 2nd and destroy what remains on hand after that date, as can be seen by the following official notice :

"The remainders of all obsolete postage stamps issued before 1897 and comprising  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12 and 24 cents, are now offered for sale, without restriction, until 2nd day of January, 1900, when any balance remaining unsold will be destroyed.

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J. O. FRASER, Postmaster General,  
General Post Office, St. John's, New-  
foundland, 8th November."

As this stock has been pretty well picked over by dealers for some time, the greater part of these remainders are badly centered specimens.

NICARAGUA.—Seebeck II alias Dr. Arsenjo has had his precious labels, we cannot call them stamps engraved by the American Bank Note Co., and they are ready for delivery to the Nicaraguan authorities. The design is a view of the island Momotumbo in Lake Nicaragua. A few are to be used for the limited requirements of the post office during the year but the majority are to be duly cancelled with Post office hand stamps and returned to the speculative Doctor for sale to those collectors who may be foolish enough to waste money on such trash. The contract which is for ten years provides that 3,000,000 stamps are to be furnished to the Government annually; 400,000 cards, wrappers and envelopes, — free of charge—in consideration of having returned to him at once cancelled 50,000 sets, and all that remain unused at the end of each year, also cancelled.

NORTH BORNEO.—The new 4c. Monkey type is printed in green and black. The 4c surcharge is applied to all values of the 1893 type 1c. to \$10 (Scott Nos 59 to 73) 15 varieties: but only those mentioned last month were actually issued. The Postal Union however sends out specimens of all for the official collections.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.—The Revolutionary Government of Aguinaldo has issued the following stamps :

- 2c. (correos) carmine.
- 2c. (correo y Telegrafos) carmine.
- 8c. (certificado) green.
- 1 milesima (Impresos) black.

QUEENSLAND.—The 5 p. has appeared with figures in the four corners. Instead of enlarging the figures of the oblong  $\frac{1}{2}$  p. as was reported to be the intention a new rectangular stamp in dark green has appeared. Specimens have been sent us by Messrs Wilcox Smith & Co. of New Zealand. It is a local imitation of the De LaRue type and is about as wretchedly executed work as can be imagined.

SAMOA.—The 3 pf. German stamp surcharged, reported by us last month, turns out to be bogus, circulated as a "joke" by the Berlin Stamp Collector's Club, who had one hundred made and distributed amongst its members.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The 2½ p. with color changed from violet to blue is reported by our contemporaries. We have not yet seen the stamp but as blue is the Postal Union color for this value, the report is probably correct.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—This old title will, it is expected, soon become obsolete, to be replaced by the Confederated Malay States comprising Perak, Pahang, Selangor, Negri Sembilan and Sungei Ujong (? Johore,) when the issues for the separate States will be withdrawn. In the meantime a stamp of any one of the different states may now be used in any part of the Confederation.

*Pahang.* Previous to the issue of the 4 c. stamp choniced in December the current 5 c. was surcharged "Four cents" in black.

*Negri Sembilan.* The tiger head set has been completed by the addition of a 1 cent stamp, green and violet.

TURKEY.—Two sets are to be issued March 1st, each to be of eight values 5, 10 and 20 paras. 1, 2, 5, 25 and 50 piastres, one for domestic or internal postage, and the other for the service of the International Postal Union.

UNITED STATES.—A set of stamps to commemorate the Buffalo Exposition to be held in 1901 has been agreed to by the U. S. Postal authorities.

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## PHILATELIC JOURNALISM.

In one of our reviews last month we alluded to the loose inaccurate statements which seem to characterise so many of the

stamp journals that reach us as exchanges. The character and tone, even the make-up of the press in any community is a sure indication of the habits, moral tone and characteristics of the majority of its readers; thus we find the active progressive business centres supporting papers that by their enterprise tell that they represent enterprise. Educational centres produce papers indicative of the cultured tastes of their inhabitants, and the class papers of various kinds, generally by their tone, tell the standing of the class they represent, in the community. But the philatelic press seems to be an exception to this general rule, for if we were to judge of the standing of stamp collectors by the majority of papers that claim to represent their interests we would have to set them down as mostly children, or at least persons of immature minds or of very loose habits of thought. We are alluding to the great number of journals published in the North American Continent; for the English and Foreign papers (at a higher subscription rate) are of a much more serious character than the American. With the exception of the *American Journal of Philately*, the *Post Office*, *Mekeel's Weekly*, and one or two others, their columns are filled month after month with gossip, uninteresting personal items, and inaccurate assertions. It is an exception, to find in their pages, a solitary word about stamps, that is of the slightest degree instructive, to the average collector, or of any assistance to him, in the formation or arrangement of his collection.

How papers of this class manage to exist, we do not know; they really do more harm to philately than good. If the change proposed by the U. S. Postmaster General in his last annual report, should have the effect of sweeping out of existence the large number of stamp papers whose circulation consists of "sample copies," it would prove a real blessing to the three or four that would remain. These could then secure large subscrip-

tion lists at a remunerative price from the best class of collectors, advertisers would be willing to largely patronize papers that would help their business, and thus publishers could afford to give their readers a paper that would be truly representative, of the standing in the community, of the class they serve.

If there is one department of the American Philatelic press that is worse than another, in respect to inaccurate statements, it is when we look for news from Canada. Even in a paper of the standing of *Mekes's Weekly*, until recently, the items that were reported by their regular Canadian correspondent consisted of the veriest rubbish ever put into print. We say "until recently," for the Canadian correspondence of "Maple Leaf," which appears in the issues bearing dates of Nov. 9th and 23rd, is of a very different character, and we would wish that such communications were more frequent. The trouble appears to be that there are in Canada so many young amateur stamp dealers, who offer to furnish Canadian news in exchange for advertising space, and publishers eager to fill up their columns accept this cheap boyish correspondence as reliable news.

A Montreal lad lately informed the readers of the *Philatelic Chronicle*, that "a certain Mr. Patterson" is the happy possessor of twelve 12p. Canada. This important bit of news is not only false, but it is calculated to depreciate the value of this rarity if allowed to pass uncontradicted. By the "certain Mr. Patterson" we presume is meant Mr. William Patterson of this city, a gentleman who is known, by every prominent dealer and collector, as a careful expert philatelist and an acknowledged authority on stamp values. He wishes us to say that he only owns one used specimen of the Canada 12p, and feels certain there are not 12 copies of the stamp in any one collection in the world.

The same writer and another youth who corresponds in exchange for ad-

vertising, seem to have struck a bonanza—a veritable Klondike—as space fillers to trade off for cheap advertising, in the subject of the doings of the late proprietor of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST and his connection with the Great Barrier forgeries. How they expect to benefit Philately or Philatelists by such news, even if true, they have failed to explain, and seeing that all attempt to dispose of the forgeries to collectors is now impossible, we fancy they would have some difficulty in giving such an explanation.

We have no mission to defend the actions of Mr. Bach; we know much more of his doings than anyone else, and while frankly, we say that much that he has done appears indefensible and culpable, we cannot forget, that this young man is now far away, bravely fighting the battles of his country, and even as we pen these lines he may have expiated in his heart's blood any faults he has committed. We would indeed regret if any words of ours should more deeply wound the hearts of his anxious relatives at home on this for them sorrowful Xmas eve.

It is a principle of British justice, that a man is presumed to be innocent until his guilt is proved, and that he has always a right to be heard in self-defense. This elementary principle is overlooked by the cowardly writers we allude to, their craven souls would shrink in dread, and their spiritless forms would wallow in the dust at the feet of the young soldier, innocent or guilty, were he here to meet their charges. If he falls he will fall facing his foe, but if he survive the brunt of bloody war, he will surely return to his home, and meet his cowardly accusers face to face. When this moment arrives we may have more to say on the subject, but until then as far as we are concerned the unpleasant incident is closed.

We like to encourage our younger writers to the Philatelic press; the best advice we can give them is to try and realize the responsibilities of journalism, to



weigh their words, and not to rush into print with reckless incorrect statements. We want to hear from all Canadian Philatelic centres, we want reliable news from all important points. We want facts that can be vouched for, not surmises, and thus with the assistance of our correspondents we can make of this paper a journal that will truly represent the interests of Canadian stamp collectors.

#### THE SOCIETIES AND PERSONALS

The auction sale of the Montreal Philatelic Association came off as advertised on Dec 14th. It was fairly well attended by local buyers, mostly members of the Association, but not nearly so well as was expected; this was probably due to the fact that every prominent collector in this city had been actively canvassed by a member, who was largely interested in the sale, for weeks in advance, and their bids taken in advance on such lots as they wished to purchase. Had these bidders been present in person, it would have made the sale much more lively and interesting, and no doubt better prices would have been secured. One of the objects, the principal one indeed, of this sale, was to bring collectors together at the rooms of the Association, to induce them to get into the habit of attending the fortnightly meetings; by the plan followed, of taking bids privately in advance from local buyers, this good intention has been defeated, which is greatly to be regretted.

The auctioneer, Mr. Barsalou, disposed of the lots, 263 in all, in a little over an hour. Prices averaged from one half to two thirds of catalogue, which considering the superior quality and condition of the lots, were extremely reasonable.

Amongst the prominent collectors present we noticed amongst others Dr. Burgess, Lt. Col. Labelle, Messrs. Lachlan Gibb, J. H. Chapman, Wm. Patterson, A. C. Roussel, C. A. Needham, N. Huguenin, and James Sutherland.

The League of Canadian Philatelists is to be congratulated upon having secured as president Mr. W. Kelsey Hall of Peterboro; Mr. Hall needs no introduction to our readers, he is well and favorably known in stamp circles all over

the world. Under his able supervision, seconded by the efforts of the indefatigable secretary Mr. H. Smith of Medford Mass. this young league should now receive a large acquisition of new members, and rival in popularity many of the older societies.

The January meetings of the Montreal Philatelic Association will be held at their rooms, Chateau de Ramezay on the 4th and 18th insts. Out-of-town collectors who wish to become corresponding members should address the secretary, Mr. G. W. Cornish, 393 Mountain St. Montreal.

#### AUSTRALIAN STAMP NEWS.

BY RALPH W. GOSSET.

Auckland N. Z. Nov. 30th. 1899.

At the present time in this city pretty well every thing in the Stamp Line is overlooked in the great excitement which prevails here on account of the Transvaal war: another thing which also diverts most of the conversation and time of many of our philatelists is the approaching General Elections which come off next month.

Consequently things philatelic, have been fairly quiet on the whole and as the Summer approaches no doubt they will be quieter as in that season the interest in the hobby of philately slackens considerably.

On account of the war the interest in Transvaal Stamps has naturally increased to some extent, and a great many people are consequently buying all they can lay hands on.

The Postmaster General of the Colony has definitely decided, as soon as the stock of the present 1d. blue postcards now on hand is exhausted, that all future cards are to be printed on paper 5½ inches by 3½ inches in lieu of 4¾ by 3¾ inches as at present.

It is a pity he did not also decide to have at the same time a 1½d. card for foreign use, the 1½d. rose card at present in use has no room whatever to write any thing on, on account of the pictures printed on the back advertising the Colony.

The issue of the much admired 1d. stamp in two colours, (viz blue and brown) has been stopped. The changes that were contemplated in the colours of the low value stamps cannot be carried out until special inks arrive which will not be

till the beginning of the new year, so evidently the old 1d. rose will continue to be issued.

The two coloured 4d. which was only on sale for *one day* at Wellington, (the only city in New Zealand where it was on sale) is in great demand here amongst the collectors, but very few specimens are "floating around." The impression in America seems to be that they are still on sale here on account of numerous letters I have received requesting me to "send me a specimen of the new two coloured 4d."

I am informed by an officer of the department that the proposed *postage due* stamps (of which I wrote last month) are to be brought into use at the beginning of 1900 (the new year) what the colour of designs are is not yet officially known.

Up to the present between the United States and here, no "parcels post" whatever has existed, much to the inconvenience of a great number of business people, to say nothing of the public at large. Recently I was sending a parcel to United States which weighed 25 ozs, but on posting it I was informed that it could not be sent at all as it was over 12 ozs. which is the greatest allowed weight for sample post between here and the States, the only way that it could be sent was by letter post, which would be something like \$1.50, as the parcel could not be split up into several smaller ones. Of course this is only a single example out of hundreds that are always occurring. However now the two Countries *i. e.* N.Z. and U. S. have come to an agreement over the matter and I learn that from about February 1900 a parcel post will be duly established which will for the future prevent much inconvenience.

£300 (\$1,500) worth of Australian and other British Colonials belonging to a Sydney, N.S.W. firm were sold to an advanced collector in this town lately for £120 (\$600). Some really good gems were amongst them. The Sydney views, the batch contained, were some of the best I have ever seen.

Some really scarce stamps are to be found in private collections here, for instance on looking through a gentleman's collection last week I noticed an unused specimen of the 3 Lire ochre Tuscany, original gum thereon. Stanley Gibbons & Co. some little time ago were offering a used specimen for £155, (in perfect condition). Scott catalogues this used

at £70 (\$350). Two of these stamps used were recently sold in London as per the following cutting from the N. Z. Herald of Saturday 25th Nov., '99:—

"At a sale in London a used Tuscany "1860 three lire yellow stamp fetched £43 "10s, another used specimen, of a deeper "shade, realizing £35."

The Cook Island surcharged ½d on 1d blue is steadily increasing in price, in this town. By Scotts 59th catalogue which I received last mail, I noticed it is listed but not priced. There were two errors in these surcharges as I have before stated *viz.* full stop after the word penny,

ONE  
HALF  
PENNY.

and also a double surcharge as noted in my August letter.



At one time it was impossible for our troops engaged on active service in a foreign land to receive and dispatch letters. But now all that is changed and no matter where he goes, or in what numbers, "Tommy" is almost as certain of receiving his letters as we are here in England. Every non-commissioned officer and man in the 24th Middlesex Rifle Volunteers is a postal employé, most of them being sorters or postmen in the London postal districts, each district having its own company. About 130 of these men have arrived at the Cape and more will follow if required. When a camp is moved, the post office is always one of the first away and the first thing "Tommy" does on arriving on the camping ground is to look for the red and white flag showing the position of his Post Office, the great link that connects him with his dear ones at home. The quantity of postal matter for the troops is already enormous, and to an ordinary observer it would seem impossible for a hundred men or so to deal with it, but so skilled is the London sorter or postman that it only requires some six of them to look after seven or eight battalions, besides this each man is a highly efficient soldier. Captain Treble is the Postmaster-General of the British Army, and is now on his way to take command of his men,

*Metropolitan Philatelist.*

NEWFOUNDLAND OBSOLETE  
STAMPS.

*From Evening Herald St. Johns, N.F.*

As some discussion has taken place of late with regard to the matter of destroying the obsolete postage stamps we have made inquiries which have resulted in our obtaining the following information:—The reasons for destroying the obsolete stamps may be classed under three heads (1) to insure a thorough and accurate audit; (2) to retrieve the reputation of our postal service which has greatly suffered abroad through questionable methods adopted in the past, and (3) to remove from postal officials the possibilities and inducements to stamp jobbing which now exist.

Newfoundland stamps may be divided into three classes:—(1) actually obsolete issues; (2) the Cabot issue; (3) the Royal issue. The Royal issue is taking the place of the Cabot series, as the latter becomes exhausted, and at present ½, 1, 2, 3, and 5 cent stamps are on sale.

Although postage stamps cost only a small percentage of their face value, yet the fact remains that in the colony they actually pass at face value, and may consequently be regarded as in a sense paper money. The unsatisfactory manner in which these articles had been handled caused the late government to remove all except those in immediate use to the vaults of the Colonial Building, but when an Auditor General was appointed it was deemed unnecessary to continue the system. Matters, however, called for interference, when it was found that several issues of the same denomination were on sale at the same time, advertised as such by the Postmaster General, and therefore under governmental sanction. Immediate audit became imperative. The vast quantities of stamps in stock rendered this almost impossible of performance. It was therefore the more necessary that the postage stamps of the colony should be confined to those issues actually in use. When we say that over half a million of obsolete stamps alone remained in the Post Office on June 30th last, the force of the Auditor General's suggestions will be very evident.

Writing to the Colonial Secretary under date September 20th, and Hon. Mr. Robinson has kindly furnished us with a copy of the letter, the Auditor says:—

“With reference to the enclosed bal-

ance of stamps remaining in the General Post Office on the 30th day of June, 1899, I have the honor to state.

“1. That for purposes of audit it is unnecessary that the obsolete and unnecessary stamps should be destroyed after reasonable notice. With so many issues of the same denomination it will be extremely difficult to follow the withdrawals on mixed account, intelligently and correctly.

“2. The possibility of obtaining stamps of old issues at face value offers a chance to Post Office officials for speculation. It is highly undesirable that such an opportunity should exist.

“3. All the denominations of obsolete issues have been replaced by either the ‘Royal’ or the ‘Cabot’ issues and are therefore of no use for purposes of postage or revenue.

“4. The same applies to the 1c., 2c., 3c. and 5. of the Cabot issue, which has been replaced by the Royal issue of the same denomination.

“5. The 60c., 35c., 30c. and 24c. of the Cabot issue are practically useless for postage purposes, a fact evidenced by the large number of 24c. of the obsolete issue remaining on hand, although the original stock (100,000) was obtained as far back as 1866.

“For the above reason I beg respectfully to suggest the destruction, after reasonable notice, of all stamps of the Cabot issue of the following denominations, i.e.:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 24, 30, 35 and 60 cent. The 4. stamp is very seldom used. The retention of the Cabot issue of 6, 8, 10, 12, and 15 cent denomination, and replaced by stamps of another issue.

“I also beg to suggest that no stamps shall be ordered for Post Office account, either new issues or reprints of old issues, except on order of the Governor-in-Council or of the Colonial Secretary.”

These recommendations are being carried out by the Government except so far as the destruction of the 4, 24, 30, 35 and 60 cent Cabot is concerned, as stamps of these denominations may yet prove of use, and the cost of new issues be thereby obviated.

It is high time that the purchase and sale of postage stamps should be rigidly guarded and a system of speculation, whether by the colony or its officials, and which is pernicious and demoralising, be frowned down. The obsolete stamps will be destroyed in the presence of witnesses and representatives of the press on Tuesday or Wednesday next.

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:

To the Members of the  
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Gentlemen,

Having been elevated to the important post of President of our Society, I appeal to you to aid me in making it Canada's premier Stamp Society, *facile princeps*.

Your President is, after all, something of a figure head, and the humblest member can do as much as I in bringing in recruits.

Let us have no drones in the hive, but, one and all, putting our shoulders to the wheel, aim to make our Society, not alone Canada's representative stamp body, but a power for the good of Philately throughout the length and breadth of the Stamp collecting world.

But, above all, let us remember distinctly that it is not *quantity* but *quality* that counts. Let every prospective member's credentials and references be carefully examined before he is admitted. Every member of our Society should be, like Caesar's wife, *sans reproche*, until membership therein becomes a certificate of good character on the face of it.

Lastly, help the officers all you can, patronize the various departments, thereby making them successful, and each member do what in him lies for the benefit of our Society in particular and Philately in general.

Wishing you all a very happy and prosperous new year, I beg leave to subscribe myself.

Very sincerely yours,  
W. KELSEY HALL.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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## SALES DEPARTMENT.

This Department, so far, is working very satisfactorily, I shall be glad to receive the names of any Members wishing to be placed on circuit.

H. SMITH, Sec ; Sales Supt.  
 42 Dudley St. Medford, Mass.  
 22 Dec. 1899.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Owing to a vacancy on the board of trustees, we have appointed Mr. James Wurtele, to fill this position.

O. BARWICK,  
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At a meeting of the three trustees, Mr. W. Kelsey Hall of Peterboro, Ont., one of Canada's best known philatelists, was appointed to fill the vacancy of President, pro-tem. We are sure that with Mr. Hall's support the society will go onward and will soon be the leading one of Canada and one of the best in America.

O. BARWICK,  
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 W. JAMES WURTELE,  
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## AUCTION MANAGER'S REPORT.

Owing to the large amount of work, I now have on hand I wish to inform members that from February next this office will be vacant as I cannot attend to it and will probably remain so, until the annual elections, unless someone would like to get the position.

JAMES WURTELE, Auction Mgr.

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