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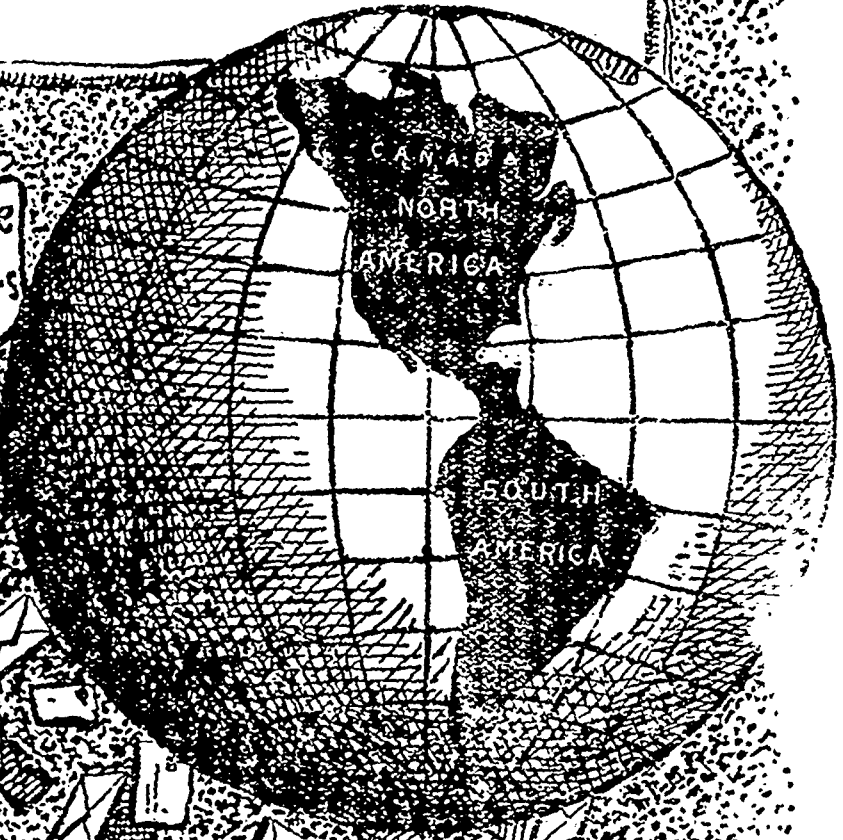
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CANADIAN PHILATELISTS.



HENRY HECHLER.

HENRY HECHLER, our candidate for the Presidency of the Canadian Philatelic Association, has earned a world-wide reputation among advanced philatelists and a sketch of his life will doubtless be of interest to our readers at the present juncture.

Mr. Hechler was born in Hesse, Darmstadt, South Germany, about 38 years ago. He was the son of General War Paymaster Wilhelm Hechler, of Darmstadt. After the usual course of study

graduated, and in 1859 first became interested in philately, and founded his collection which has grown to such magnificent proportions that as long ago as 1881 he declined a cash offer of £600 sterling for it. Of course he has since then added largely to it and it now comprises over eleven thousand specimens.

In his 16th year he entered his noviciate in commerce from which he was suddenly called by the outbreak of the war of 1870-1 between his native country and France.

He served with credit throughout that campaign, taking part in many of the leading engagements of that war, such as the battles and sieges which ended in the surrender of Field Marshal Bazaine's army of 173,000 men at Metz. Also the storming of Orleans where 45,000 uninjured Frenchmen were captured. He was also actively present at the battles of Meung, Beaugency, Montlivault, Vienne and many minor affairs. At the close of the war he returned home with his regiment, the 115th Life Guards of the Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt, and received the decorations for service in that war.

In 1873 he came to America, and after visiting New York, Boston and other American cities he went to Halifax where he married and has since resided. Taking the occupation of philatelic and numismatic dealer and tobacconist. His place of business is 184 Argyle Street, Halifax, where philatelists are always welcome.

Soon after settling down in Halifax he attached himself to the 63rd Rifles where his military experience served him well, for he rose rapidly till in 1881 he was gazetted as captain of No. 2 Company.

When the Halifax Provisional Battalion was formed to aid in suppressing the Indian and half-breed rebellion of 1885 Capt Hechler volunteered to go to the front and was given command of "F" Company which did service chiefly at Saskatchewan Landing. This service added the North-West medal to his other honours.

In the spring of 1887 he was elected Alderman for Ward 4 of Halifax, which is a circumstance specially worthy of note from the fact that he is the first German ever elected to that position in Halifax.

He holds the largest and most varied stock of stamps, cards, envelopes and newsbands of all countries possessed by any dealer in Canada and he does a very large wholesale and retail business in this line.

Difference in Postage Rates.

While letters posted in the United States are carried to any part of Canada for two cents, letters posted in Canada to any part of the United States, or even of this country, costs three cents. The postage should be the same each way. It is absurd that people living in a foreign country should be able to make use of our postal facilities at a lesser rate than we can make use of them, ourselves. Why this special regard for the conscience of foreigners? It is now proposed in the United States to further reduce the postage to one cent, which would entail a reduction in postal receipts of about eight millions of dollars. While that is the direction in which the postal authorities are moving on the other side of the boundary line it is interesting to observe that on this side it is seriously proposed to re-impose the postage on newspapers sent from the office of publication. In one country postal facilities are being made cheaper. In the other they are being made dearer. This is not very flattering to those who hold the reins of government in Canada, but it seems that the postmasters complain of having too much to do for the salaries they receive and that the postal department needs more revenue. Experience has shown heretofore that the lower the rate of postage exacted for carrying letters the larger the number of letters sent, and that what was lost in one way was sure to be made up in another. The tax on intelligence should be made as light and as easy to bear as possible. The re-imposition of the postal duty on newspapers is a step backwards and therefore a step in the wrong direction.

Letter Box System.

Inquiry at the Postoffices on the subject of emptying street post-boxes elicited the information that the system is most complete. As is well known the boxes in the centre of the city to the number of about two dozen searched by the "go-as-you-please letter-carrier," in a large district between the centre and extreme limits the boxes are searched by waggon drivers under a Government contract, while the extremely distant boxes are searched by the letter-carriers of the several districts in which they are situated. The constantly-made insinuation that such-and-such a box had not been visited, and the want of confidence generally in that late of letters consigned to the street letter boxes, is not much relished in the Post-office. As long ago as 1885 Postmaster Patteson instituted a plan by which it is impossible for the drivers of the collecting waggons to miss a box. The beauty of the plan is its simplicity. It is well known that each letter-box has a case inside it into which letters drop, the case and its contents being removed bodily to the Post-office. Each out going waggon takes out twenty-four cases with tops painted all one color, say blue. Twenty-four boxes are brought back, which are supposed to be all brown. If there is a blue one among them the driver is bound to explain. This is practically never the case except when a lock has been found frozen, and when that occurs the postoffice locksmith is sent at once to pick it. A recent invention, it is believed, will prevent the freezing of locks in future. The public may have the most implicit confidence in the punctualities of the search made of the street letter-boxes.

The New York Sun suggests that it would be a memorable rounding out of the first century of legislation under the American Union, for Congress to establish one cent letter postage throughout the United States. The country would then have the cheapest mail rates in the world.

NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

All correspondence in this department should be addressed to Mr. Jos. Hooper, Box 145, Port Hope.

FOR information about coins, go to a connoisseur, of course.

Crown pieces to the value of twenty million marks will shortly be struck off in Germany.

THE English guinea was first coined in 1673, and derived its name from the fact that the gold of which it was at first composed came from Guinea.

THE Bank of France has found a valuable detective agent in photography, suspected coins are photographed with genuine ones, and the counterfeits are revealed by comparison.

THE coins of the German Empire may be used also as weights. A pfennig piece weights exactly two grams; so does a gold five mark piece. A nickel ten-pfennig and a ten-mark gold piece weights each four grams.

AN extensive robbery has been committed at Athens at the Numismatic Museum, attached to the University. Amongst the articles stolen are a quantity of gold coins of the Quinus Flaminius series, a number of Attic tetradrachms, including the well-known Mithridates Aristion series of the town of Asia Minor, and also several Ætolian tetradrachms.

INASMUCH as considerable misapprehension exists as to the precise value of the distinction conferred by the possession of a Jubilee medal, it may be well to state that the Jubilee medal ranks next to the decorations to the various Orders, and takes precedence of all naval, military, and other medals.

THE secretary to the Queen's Remembrancer, Edinburgh, has been directed to pay in equal proportions to James Bisset, William Hay, Alexander Fraser, and John Urquhart, the finders of the bronze pot and cons in Upper Kirkgate, Aberdeen, about eighteen months ago, the sum of £139 17s, 6d. the value of the treasure tove.

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WE beg to call attention to the advertisement of W. J. Parrish in another column. His 25c. packet of U. S. stamps,

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It is stated that the Atlantic mail contract, now held by the Allans, and for the renewal of which the Allans, Dominion line, Canada Atlantic Company, and Anderson & Co. tendered, will certainly go to Anderson & Co., the representatives of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL McLELLAN says the Parcels' Post Treaty with the States will go into effect February 1st. The rates are not yet fixed. He says regarding the rumor that the Government would impose postage on newspapers that the Government are considering how to stop the abuse of postal privileges by advertising agents and others who send posters and flysheets through the mails as newspapers. Exactly how to attack this abuse the Government has not decided.

A WOMAN died in Washington last week from the effects of poison in the ink used in printing greenbacks. She was employed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing as an assistant to a pressman, and, while handling sheets of bills with the fresh green ink upon them, inhaled the poisonous matter and acquired a disease from which she never recovered.

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