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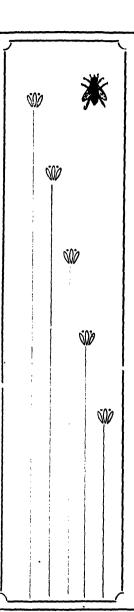
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Fred B. Filsinger Box 360 Waterloo, Ont.

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Unused Canadian reserved at 20% above face. Postage on postcards ½. Auction Sale closes Feb 15. Postage on bids of 25c or less, if accepted 2c extra.

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100 well mixed stamps 4c 100 "Perfect" hinges 2c 10 Packet envelopes 5c 5 Blank app sheets 5c Phil Spectator 3 mos 6c Total value 22c

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1. 10 Canada 2c Map Iav. unused o. g. 2. 16 " 2c " green " "	Address all orders
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16. 10 Switzerland 8 " "
Bid Early. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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9.	'99 Sur I. R. 173-1c 92-2e	265
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	44—8c, 18—10c	497
11.	'90 12—1c, 79—2c, 6—3, 17—4c	
	44-5c, 6-8c, 21-10c	184
12.	'95 73—lc, 44—2c, 165—3c, 90—	
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	20-30, 90-00, 38-80, 94-100, 3-130	630
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14.	'87.99 1 to 4c cut [] incl Die A,	
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16.	'94-95 Special Del	63
17.	'95 Se U. S.	175
18.	Old Rev. 15 var 1 to 1.00	369
19.	'99 Sur I. R. small dot between	
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20.	Foreign cat. \$5.62	8
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24.	U. S. & For unused Cat 10.30	263
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Spot cash paid

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Mark values in three colors.	

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Unused stamps taken for sums under 50c only. Postage extra on all orders

Stamps, Albums, Lo Catalogs, etc. On	ok through this ad and write us. * means unuse ders under 50c postage extra.	d.
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2. 100 " better	20 2c on 3c Numeral	.04
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4. 1000 n	.30 *2c Red	.04
5. 100 Argentine, Japan,	&e .25 *1c blk '82	.03
6. 30 Native Indian State	, 25 5c blue	.07
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16. 30 B. Honduras, etc.	.50 *1 " " 5c " 2 "	.15
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19. 50 Russia, Turkey, etc.		.02
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21. 13 Canadian Revenues	15 21d " '80	.07
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Stamps, etc.	Magnifiers 35c, 50c, 95c, \$2.50	
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A Bird's Eye View of the Postal Service of the United States

During the past fiscal year.

BY ARTHUR R. BUTLER.

It is difficult to appreciate the amount of work done by the United States Postoffice Department by the perusal of a magazine article. The figures are so colossal and all statistics are on so large a scale. The machinery which renders effective the affixing of a two cent stamp to a letter in New York and its deposit in a box to convey news, good or bad, to a miner in the Klondyke or to a soldier in the Philippines keeps 120,000 persons in direct employment, and about 20,000 others who help to absorb the \$102,000,000 which are annually expended by Uncle Sam for this service. And yet this machinery, the working of which is arranged in the department at Washington, is relatively simple; and the new and perplexing problems which, especially since the Spanish-American war, are continually arising are handled with but little friction or delay, at least delays which are apparent to the public, though often the lights in the department building burn till midnight and the position of the government clerk ceases to be a sinecure. Most of the chiefs and officials in Wash. ington have risen from the ranks and have had practical experience of the work on which they are engaged.

There are two main branches, the postoffice service, which receives the great bulk of the mails and makes the final distribution, the fixed branch; and the railway mail service with its various adjuncts (steamboat, star service etc.) which transports the mails from one place to another.

The first branch is in charge of 75,000 postmasters at as many offices. The offices are classified as first, of which there are 176, second, 789. third, 3,028 in number and fourth, 71,007. They are also divided into Presidential and Non-presidential. A Presidential office is where the postmaster's salary amounts to not less tha \$250 per quarter for four consecutive quarters, and the gross receipts for the same time amount to \$1,900. When any office has paid the above amount for four consecutive quarters and the gross receipts amount to \$1,900 or more, it is then advanced to the Presidential class.

Presidential offices cover three of the classes, first, second and third. A first class office is one in which the gross—ceipts are over \$40,000 per annum, the salary of the postmaster of the same being from \$3,000 to \$6,000. A second class office is one where the gross receipts amount to \$9000 and not exceeding \$40,000 per annum, the salary of postmasters of his class being from \$2000 to \$2900 per annum. A third class office is one where the gross receipt are \$1900 and not exceeding \$900 per annum, the postmaster getting from \$1000 to \$1900 per annum.

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23. 100 Chili, assorted.

24. 100 Cuba "

25. 100 Italy "
26. 100 Luxemburg assorted

27, 100 Netherlands

28. 100 India

29. 100 Russia
 30. 100 Sweden

31. 100 Switzerland

Canada, 1868 6c brown unused, cat.
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Presidential postmasters are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Fourth class postmasters are appointed by the Postmaster-General. The total salaries of all postmasters are about \$17,000,000 per annum.

There are 14,845 clerks emyloyed in first and second class offices and an allowance of \$50,000 is made to provide necessary clerical help in offices of the third and fourth class, though in these offices the postmaster and assistant postmaster are often expected to do all the work without assistance, and are sometimes overworked in consequence.

In the 735 offices where the free delivery system is in operation there are 15.216 letter carriers, and the laborers, porters, 2000 special delivery messengers and miscellaneous employees make up a total of about 110,000 persons in the postoffices. All the carriers, and practically all the clerks in first and second class offices, are appointed through competitive examination under the provisions of the civil service act of 1883. The other great branch of the postal service, which provides for the carrying of mails between offices, is the railway mail service, with its adjuncts. This system has a total length of 177,747 miles and employs 8460 clerks who receive and distribute mail in specially constructed cars as accurately in the flying train as in the postoffice. And

the accuracy is marvelous, only one error to every 10,000 pieces distributed, and there are 75,000 offices in the U.S. alone to which a piece of mail may be address-This accuracy is only acquired by hard study, tested at frequent intervals by what are known as "case" examinations where a number of addressed cards are to be sorted in a given time, the correct distribution being afterwards checked and errors noted, and a clerk who frequently falls below 95% in his case examination is within hearing distance of serious trouble. The adjuncts of the railway mail service are the steamboat routes of which there are 178, covering 31,169 miles; towns and villages remote from lines of railroad or steamboats are supplied by what are known as "star routes" (from the fact that in all official statistics they are designated by a *). There are 22,482 of these routes covering 269,452; they are let to contractors, the lowest responsible bidder getting the route and the contractor often sub-lets them to others, so that the work is not done by a government employe in the strict sense of the word. Probably the longest of these star routes is the one from Valdez to Eagle and Circle City, Alaska, one round trip per month, \$1415 per trip one way for the first 100 pounds of mail and \$200 for each additional 100 pounds. There are also mail messenger routes for temporary purposes, until regular services can be provided.

Uncle Sam's share of the cost of transporting foreign mails was \$1;653,000 for the last year. A number of contractors, temporary messengers and carriers on star routes make up the army of 140,000.

This is the machinery: and it costs money to run it. \$95,021,384.17 was received during the tast year and \$101,632.



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160.92 expended, leaving a deficit of \$6,610,776.75 to be paid by direct appropriation. That there is any deficit at all is due to the abuse of the privileges accorded to second class matter, which under the law is carried at 1c per pound, while costing Sc per pound to transport, causing an annual loss of over twelve millions of dollars, or twice the total deficit. This class was intended to include bona tide newspapers and periodicals only with paid subscription lists, but novels in serial form, advertising circulars ("house organs" they are called) and undue numbeas of sample copies causes the disproportionate amount of this class of matter. There are bills before Congress to restrict the use of this rate of postage to legitimate publication, but the opposition to such bills on the part of publishers and merchants is naturally great.

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Now if the reader has absorbed a slight idea of the stupendous character of this service, he will naturally enquire as to the result. And they are somewhat colossal. During the past year there were;

6,576,310,000 pieces of mail handed with a total weight of 664,286,868 pounds. And, remember, each piece is handled several times.

16,086,022 pieces of registered matter were handled, yielding a revenue of over one million dollars.

5,473.605 special delivery stamps were used, which brought a clear profit to the government of over \$130,000.

4.917.269.025 postage stamps, stamped envelopes, postal cards etc were issued to postmasters, with a face value of over ninety millions of dollars.

And the appointment division wasn't

idle either, nor the detective and in-The former appointed specting force. about 15,000 persons, and the latter arrested 1,679, 1.350 of whom were not connected with the service: the rest being employees, only about 630 convictions were secured in U.S. courts and 68 before states courts out of these 1679 arrests. And there are numberless other duties and things accomplished which it would be beyond the scope of this article to enumerate. Take the establishment of the postal service in our new colonies, many articles could be written on the shifts and hardships endured in supplanting the worthless and fraud-ridden methods of the Spanish with a far better, if not altogether pure system.

Popular Stamps

BP HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

With the writer all stamps are popular, but certain stamps are regarded with a sort of affection on account of the circumstances attaching to them. The 10c 1847 is regarded by me as a specially favorite one, because it came from a gentleman who has always been one of my best philatelic friends, and although he is an inveterate joker, anything he says leaves no sting. The stamp is "on cover," with a well known name attached to the letter itself, which is a part of the cover, and as the stamp was one of the first issued by the United States, this fact is one of the elements of its popularity. A 4c Jubilee is regarded by me with favor as it was presented to me when these stamps first came out, when the stamps in question had an exorbitant price hitched on to it, by one of

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HARRY MCDONALD, VALLEY CITY, N. D. my staunchest young friends in Canad, whose life was recently cut off so early and when I look at this stamp its color helps to make it speak the words, in a silent way, "In Memoriam," of Edward A. Marris. The 12 Kreuzer rural stamp of Baden, notwith-tanding a quarter of it is gone, is well thought of because it was the first stamp I ever purchased, a quarter of a century ago, of the late F. Trifet, of Boston, and no more stamps were bought for over twenty years. I wish it was a used specimen (price \$30).

Leaving personal considerations of popular stamps aside. I will speak of them in a general way. Of course with the specialist certain, countries are popular. One of my friends has a singular liking for the stamps of Uruguay. One gentleman who was formerly a correspondent for me on the Perforator, has a liking for Peruvians. I am pleased to find out that he did not carry out his expressed intention of going to Siberia, and that he will contribute for my new journal. Another writer has a penchant for Tasmanias, although this party loves all stamps in an idolized fashion. It seems queer that anyone can be found to have a special liking for reprints, but such is the case; the lover of said reprints, is rather young, but he has collected stamps longer than I. I called on him one day and asked him which were his most popular stamps, and he immediately turned to a page and said, "There!" and the page had nearly all of the brightcolored Heligolands, which he liked because they were so "nice and clean." good deal of truth there. Although certain homely stamps are very high-priced and wanted, I don't know of anyone who makes a specialty of collecting homely stamps, although there may be those who do it.

I now come to the subject in general. which may seem as far from the starting point as the minister's "finally," although his "finally" was as long as the rest of the sermon. Poor man, he is gone! I heard that "finally" twice a day nearly every Sunday for eight years. When I did hear it. I would give a sigh, and say to myself, "half through." To many Americans (I mean Yankees or U. S. citizens) popular stamps seem to be those of our near neighbors, the issues of Canada, and if we did blow against those Jubilees, they were certainly popular, and since the price to a very popular one, and also the other "cornered" values. Tack on a stiff price to a stamp, and we all want it especially if it is high, and we eagerly grab it if it comes within hailing distance. Had this le stamp always been obainable at face, would we have cared as much for it? Not if the lc. 2c or 3, had litsed at 65c instead of being "cheap stuff."

There are stamps, too, which have never been particularly high-priced but seem to have a wide-spread popularity. Cabots have met will a good deal of favor. and the 5c blue of Newfoundland seems to be popular especially because it bears the face of a royal philatelist who stands a good chance of ruling the "Vaster empire than has been." The Omahas are quite popular too, especially with those who commenced the fad when they appeared as were the Columbian with those who bought their albums in 1893. At the present time the Netherland issues have a large following because reasonable in price and on account of bearing the queenly head of the "flaxen-haired little girl" Haytis are sought after a good deal. Conditions have a good deal to do with makSouth Australia '96, 3p brown '6. 's.' . 15. Scott's Catalogue 59th edition 1900, . Price 58c. Post free. 3 stamps worth 30c, free with each cat.

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Unused Stamps.

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ing stamps popular. Cubans have for a long time been favored on account of those "cunning little heads," and, since the late unpleasantness Spanish issues have been eagerly wished for, for fear that change of ownership would make them scarce, and everybody wants those late 4 milesima issues of Cuba. Porto Rico and the Philippines because of the high value attached to those stamps containing the head of of the sickly-looking boy king. The recently issued Cubans are very popular indeed, being handsome enough to suit those who look for beauty. The "Remember the Maine" stamps seem to have "shot their bolt," as it were. If a stamp had 'een brought out in October with Dewey's head on it, people would have fell over each other trying to get it. His true admirers would never have ceased to love him, but the "Kickers" might have turned his face to the wall after the "house episode." These folks probably never were in love, and don't stop for reason. 1898 issues of Portugal were handsome affairs. If they had been confined to the home country alone, they would be more popular. Fifty-six stamps instead of eight is too much of a good thing. The New Zealands are very popular, too, or were for a while before newer things came a'ng. And "there are others." too numerous to mention here...

It isn't exactly stamps, but the fad came to me through my connection with them. Many pleasant correspondents have been placed on my list. It has been my desire to collect their counterfeit presentiments as far as possible, and they are prized more than the stamps in most or all cases. To secure these likenesses, I have given away many of myself and family. These like-

nesses have been tendered a little more lavishly than suit the prudent ideas of some, but with the best of intentions, all the same, and when I am told that "You do love to spread them around." I am forced to smile and ponder on the inconsistency of people who take the negative side of everything you attempt and lose sight of the good you mean to accomplish from taking a daily vow not to speak well of you. Selah!

U.S. Official Post Cards.

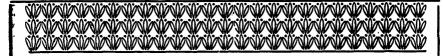
BY JONAH.

Although postal card collecting has grown into popular favor with the great mass of collectors quite recently, very few collections contain the "Official Business" postal cards, and very few collectors can boast of anything but a very meagre knowledge of their existence. The reason of this is obvious. The average individual rarely sees a specimen and those who do, if they are not a collector, pay little or no attention to thom. So the philatelic world, generally speaking, knows very little about these highly interesting issues.

It shall be the purpose of this article to dispel, if possible, the cobwebs from the minds of the many, and incidentally describe a few of the varieties.

These cards have no face value. No stamps are required on them. They are used solely, as their name implies, to transmit department messages through the mails.

The variety most commonly met with by the public is the "Held for postage," cards notice. It is used by postmasters to notify addresses, of mail matter deposited at their office without the necessary postage



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affixed. This card is reasonably well known, but a description of it may be not amiss to some. In the upper right hand corner, on the face of the card, taking the place of the stamp, is the usual penalty inscription.

First, the word. Post Office." with space left under it where the name of the P. O. is to be stamped, and under that "Official Business," in one line, following with, "A penalty of \$300 is fixed by law for using this Card for other than Official Business" in two lines. Four lines are ruled in the centre for the address. At the top is a number enclosed in parenthesis thus (No 1543). This is the number of the card and is used by postmasters when ordering a supply from the Department. The reverse of the card is given up to the notice which requests the addressee to forward postage for the unstamped matter. card must be returned also, therefore a collection is usually minus the variety.

Another variety, and one with which all publishers are more or less familiar, is the postmaster's card, "Notice to publishers to discontinue sending publication." This card may be of two colors; viz.—white and blue. The blue is the latest and fast superseding the old white card.

At the top, appears, "Post Office Department." Below it, are spaces for the Post Office, State and date, in three lines. At the left of this and separated from it by a brace, appears "This must be Legisly stamped on or written in by P. M," Four ruled lines in the center provides for the address. In the lower left hand corner is the penalty, which is the same as the above described, with the exception of the word "on," which is used in place of "for." The number of the card, 1528, is found on

the reverse side, This card is used to notify publishers when certain subscribers refuse to take the publication from the office.

A third rarity which we will, describe is rarely seen outside of the postal service, but it is very interesting especially to It is mailed at Washpostmasters. ington, D. C., at the office of the Auditor for the Post Office Department and is sent to the various postmasters informing them whether or no, their preceding postal account was correct. The paper used in this card is of a better grade than the two preceding varieties. upper right hand corner, in one line, anpears the sentence, "If not delivered in TEN days return." Under this is a ruled line separating the above from "Treasury Department, office of the Auditor For The Post Office Department," in three lines. Under this is another ruled line, below which is "Official Business." "Any person using this card to avoid the payment of postage on private matter of any kind will be subject to a fine of Three Hundred Dellare," in four lines.

In the center, in large type is printed "Postmaster," followed by three ruled lines for the post office, state and county, which must be written in. The number of the card is 2-2221, and is found in the lower right hand corner.

These are only a few of the "Official Business" postal cards, but lack of space prevents any further description of them. The varieties of Official Envelopes are even more numerous than those of cards, while the wrappers deserve their share of attention also. Lucky, indeed, is he who can make a collection of these interesting issues.

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EDITORIAL OPINIONS.

ITH this our fourth annual New Year's Number, we extend to all our subscribers, those who are not subscribers, and our advertisers and those who are not advortisers all the Compliments of the Season, and may the year 1900 be one long remembered by stamp collectors throughout the world. For three years, we have attempted to make our journal the best and leading philatelic paper in Canada and also, which would rank with any in the United States. We are securing more and better patronage each year and if our success continues, we believe we can yet fulfill our promise and issue a 100 page issue to celebrate the 20th century. The result depends almost entirely upon those who are neither subscribers nor advertisers, as those who are our patrons, are not sufficient in number to warrant such a large edition. This issue is sent to a trifle over two thousand collectors in Canada and the United States who are not subscribers, and we are convinced that more than one-quarter of them will send twenty-five cents, the price of one year's subscription. We also give elegant premiums in addition to an ad on the Bargain Page. If your subscription is received, it will aid towards the issuance of one of the finest publications on the continent.

During the past year, considerable annoyance has been displayed by the stamp collecting fraternity at the large number of frauds, which have suddenly come into existence in the United States and Canada. One certain U. S. publisher and one U. S. dealer has expressed great indignation on account of some Canadian dealers(?) not paying for space, and collectors not re-



SHE WAS BLIND.

A blindness comes to me now and then. I have it now. It is queer—I can see your eyes but not your nose. I can't read because some of the letters are blurred; dark spots cover them; it is very uncomfortable.

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turning approval sheets. Can we blame the dealers for not paying for their space? This publisher inserts advertisements without demanding cash in advance. vouthful dealer, who has very little cash, and not much more stock, wishes to dispose of his small accumulation of stamus; that is, small to branch out as a dealer. He sends an advertisement to the paper and probably does not receive more than one or two responses to it; he has no money to pay up, so he is advertised as a fraud soon after the uppearance of his first ad. Seeing his former good name branded in this manner, he is apt to get reckless and perhaps write for stamps to his left, and to his right; when he obtains them, he sells a few but rarely returns the money or stamps.

Who then, is the cause of these so-called frauds? Shall we be harsh and say it was the fault of that publisher? We refrain from doing so, but our readers can form their own opinions about the matter.

This same publisher asserts that most of the frauds are found in Canada, and goes still further and states that there are more frauds in Ontario, than in both the U. S. and England combined. We are sure that this is is untrue. If that publisher will look into his own state he will see some worse frauds than Ontario has, or at least just as bad; the same with a few states south.

We are acquainted, to our sorrow, with several frauds in the United States and only one in Canada, and he is not in Ont. We do not claim that all the Canadian collectors are "as true as steel," but we do say there are more frauds in the United States than in England and all her Colonies: but probably there are more collectors in the

U. S., we will not dispute the point, probably there are probably there are not.

Then again some of the dealers in the U. S. send their cheapest grade of stamps to the collector's first request for sheets. They are digusted with the stamps and the dealer. The same dealer asks for return postage but does not enclose return postage when he does the writing. The Anvocate has a good circulation in Canada, and dealers who advertise for references and do not write to those references, but send five or six cheap sheets to the applicant almost deserve to lose one or two lots.

Some of the dealers, but very few at present, watch the list of applications for membership in the various associations in the United States and Canada, and send those collectors unsolicited approval sheets. As the dealers who do this sort of work have found out that they lose more than they gain, this unbusinesslike way of dealing has practically ceased.

On the 10th of January, the Dominion Philatelic Association Handbook and Starnaman's Directory of Canadian Collectors was mailed. It contains 100 pages and cover and consists of a history and all the particulars and benefits of the associa-There is also a good assortment of advertisements, all of which are from 1). P. A. members only. It is useful for dealers as well as collectors and we know that " any dealer who does not purchase one is standing in his own light, because the names of Canadian collectors are hard to secure; more especially a thoroughly reliable list like those in the D. P. A. Handbook. All the names were obtained from various sources in the short time of two

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A few are unused but all in good concondition.

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W. F. GREGORY,

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Room 4,

New York.

months. There are nearly fifteen hundred names in the Directory. The price has been placed at a very reasonable figure, only fifteen cents postpaid, or with the ADVOCATE one year for only tweuty-five cents.

We intended to have a specially designed cover for the Handbook but owing to the artist taking so long to make the design we were unable to procure the cuts in time, so had to use a type-set design.

We have adopted a new plan for the benefit of our regular advertisers and any who wish to take advantage of our new special offer should do so at once. Our advertising rates are 40c per inch, but if any advertiser wishes to secure advertising at the very small rate of 17c per inch he can do so very easily. We have small advertising checks. Any person paying \$2.00, the price of a page ad, in advance will be given 12 of these advertising checks. The checks can be used any time. and any amount of space. Each check is good for one inch of advertising space in the ADVOCATE. Unless the cash accompanies the order the checks will not be

The scarcity of two cent surcharges, both maple leaves and numerals, is being considerably commmented upon by many of our contemporaries. Most of the editors seem to found their facts on fiction, and state that some person in Canada has succeeded in cornering a large number of these stamps. We do not believe that this is the case at all.

given.

The publishers of the ADVOCATE, who do not make a business of dealing in stamps, handled about 5,000 surcharges since they were issued. Taking this into consideration, how many should a dealer handle? In first place, about half the surcharges would be thrown away by people who are not collectors, and the other half must be divided equally among the thousands of collectors in the United States and Canada to say nothing of Foreign countries.

Has some person cornered them? No: By the time some collectors retain a few hundred each, some perhaps a few thousand and others only fifty or so, there certainly must be a member who have only one or two, or perhaps none, and so these latter persons come to the hasty conclusion, that "Some one has cornered them." The highest prices paid for surcharges, so far is as follows: Maple Leaves per 100—\$1.25. Numerals per 100—\$1.00. There are some who will dispute this, saying that they had an offer of 2c a piece for maple leaves, but there are always some who can obtain more than others.

The past year has seen the appearance of a number of dealers who persist in sending stamps to collectors, who never requested them. A few years ago this unbusinesslike practice was carried on to a large extent, until the dealers found out, to their sorrow, that in many cases the stamps were never returned. The next thing to do was to have the names published as frauds. In the editor's opinion the persons who received the stamps were justified in retaining them, as in most cases stamps were not worth returning. If the person did return them he should keep enough to pay postage and trouble. As soon as this mean practice is done away with, just so soon, will our pursuit be rid of frauds more quickly.

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Send 100 or more Canada postage, revenues, etc., at least ten varieties and not over ten of a kind in each 100 stamps sent, and receive in return same quantity, variety and value old U. S. Postage, Revenues, Dues, Columbians etc.

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I take the present opportunity of wishing you, one and all, the Compliments of the Seuson, and at the same time to extend my thanks for your efforts on behalf of our Association during the year, with the hope and anticipation that the good work will be continued in 1900.

We have to note with satisfaction the continued large increase in Membership, as well as the fact that the Exchange Department is in working order, Members are requested to give the latter their consideration and attention with a view of increasing its efficiency.

The writer will be pleased to hear from Members who may desire to communicate with him respecting the Association, and will appreciate any suggestions that may be tendered in that direction.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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Received for dues, etc	10.59.
	42.35.
Paid Official Organ	2.69,
" postage	1.53.
C. Bailey postage for Trustee	.73.
C. Applegath " " "	28.
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Yours sincerely, CHARLES BAILEY, Chairman D. P. A. Trustees.

United States Minutes.

BY USONA.

The only one of the United States colonies not subject to domestic rates of postage is Hawaii, and it will require an act of Congress to put this island on the same footing with the others.

Two new envelopes have been issued for use in Cuba, 1 and 2 cent on oriental buff, also a set of surcharge postage dues is in use there. The two cent documentary of the current U. S. Revenue series has a new rouletting, 7, and is in a higher tint of carmine.

All the remainders of Spanish stamps are to be sold in Manila by the U. S. officers in charge.

Everyone has now a stone to sling at Bach, who had better stay to teach the conquered Boers the beauties of our hobby.

The immediate error in the C u b a n Special delivery stamp has been corrected.

J. M. Bartels wrote a letter to a local paper strongly in favor of a one-two-and five cent issue for the Buffalo Exposition and deprecating the putting forth of higher values as savoring of speculation. And all our pages seem to be with him.

Great Britain has only just adopted col-

onial penny postage, but we put it in forme in our new possessions practically immediately upon acquisition.

If the war tax is not repealed in the present Congress, and it is not likely to be there are over 800 firms in America who may issue private stamps, some of only one value but many of several denominations.

Two freaks are reported for the current 2c red envelope, one a bright orange, and the other in a reddish brown.

The usual autumn crop of new philatelie publications is appearing. So far X have seen one exception only to the general rule of rehashed or stolen reading mastter and doubtful advertisers, with extravagant bonuses to subscribers and cut rates. to advertisers. The old "We have come to stay," reveals by its frequent repetition the doubt as to its truth which exists in the editors mind even as he pens it. Most of these papers, to judge from the advertisements, are started by small dealers who think they can induce the philatelic public to pay them sufficiently for coping notes and worn out topics to enable thems . to advertise without cost to themselves.

There are three points an intending publisher should consider: First he should have enough money to run the paper at least a year without calculating on its sufficient. He has got to fight his way in a line where there are well established reliable organs, and subscribers and advantisers will take time to consider before paying out money to a new venture. Already this season, one which boasted officers of experienced writers and heavy "backing" has gone under, Vol. I. No. 12 having exhasted its publisher's finances, and there will be many others. In

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United States, Foreign and Revenues, Old U. S. Revenues a Specialty.

	Old Paper.	1.00 Inland Exchange red	.01
le Telegraph red	.08	2.00 Probate of Will 🕝	.40
2c Play Card orange	.23	2 00 Conveyance "	.05
2c Play Card blue	. 1.5	2.00 Mortgage "	.06
2c proprietary "	.06	1.00 Manifest "	.30
le express red	.02	50c Lease blue	.20
2c certificate blue	.45	50c Passage ticket blue	.07
3c proprietary green	.10	50c Probate of Will blue	. 35
3c play card green	4.00	50e Foreign Exchange blue	.20
4c " " violet	3.90	5.00 Probate of Will red	.35
5e " " 1ed	.60	25 00 Mortgage red	2.75
5e Inland Ex. Red	.03	1.00 U. S. Int. 1898	.03
5c Certificate red	.02	And other 1898 Revenues of	cheap.
5c Foreign Exchange rec	.03	Send me your wanted list of	them
5c Agreement red	.02	and let me make you prices or	them
S	2nd Issue	Other Bargains.	
5e revenue blue black	.04	Omahas 1-2-4-5 8-10c	.15
10c U. S. Int. Rev. blue	black .02	Columbian 1-2-3-4-5-8-10c	.10
50c U. S. Int. Rev. blue	black .02	Omaha 50c used fine	.35
	3rd Issue.	Omaha \$1.00 used fine	.75
\$1.00 U. S. Int, rev. gre	en blk .06	lc I. R. surcharged used	.01
1869 one cent buff	.35	2e 1. R. " "	.03
War 12c red brown	.50	Canada 4 leaf ½-1-2-3	.04
•	Old paper.	Canada 2c Xmas unused	.03
25c Insurance Red	.02	25 var U.S. only dept. Special	l
25c Power of Attorney	.02	Delivery and dues	.20
\$1.00 Lease red	.05	Switzerland 2-5-10-20-22-40c	.05

All of the above stamps in lots of one to 10, so don't be afraid that when you order you won't get your stamps. To anyone sending me an order over \$5.00 I will give Scott's 59th catalogue free. Remember this is not for 30 days but for 1900. Best stamp hinges 10c per 1000, 3000—20c

These stamps are good genuine stamps in fine condition and lightly cancelled and at any time inside of 30 days that the stamps do not prove satisfactory, your money refunded.

F. S. VAUGHN,

All Kinds of United States and Foreigu Stamps.

Bought, Sold and Exchanged

416 Peoria Ave., Peoria, Ill.

D. P. A. NO. 183.

connection I was rather amused to see in a Vol. 1. No. 1. an advertisement to the effect that the publishers could offer exceptionally favorable terms to owners of papers were which going to discontinue in filling subscriptions and advertising contracts.

The second point is the reading matter. The Vol. 1, No. 1, is an important number it is the one which will be read by all persons to whom it is sent, out of curiosity mainly, and if the articles are interesting and new, number two will have a favorable reception and a subscription is likely to follow. But if the sample copy is not liked, succeeding numbers are likely to find their way to the waste paper basket unread.

Thirdly, the reputation of the advertisers should be beyond question. A number one received recently gives a whole page to the advertisement of \$1.15 for 95 cents by the Eureka Stamp Co., of Sherbrooke, N. S., a company whose reputation is more strong than savery in the U. S. The publisher who thus allows his immediate cash to overcome his business integrity will hardly have real success, though his paper may continue to 1 un.

Scattered through the masses of printed matter which go to make up annual government reports, there are many interesting articles. They are so buried that it is only occasionally that they get out into general circulation. The reports presented to Congress during December have been full of interesting matters, containing, as they do, the reports on the Spanish-American War and many questions resulting therefrom. The report of the Postmaster General has many items of philatelic interest, and I will briefly mention some of them. They show that in many directions

Uncle Sam has much to learn from other nations in the adoption of labor-and timesaving appliances, and especially has he lessons to learn on how to secure the greatest amount of benefit from the least expenditure of money. He recommends the adoption of a system for the registration of mail by letter-carriers, the use of the same system of postal checks now employed in Canada (Hats off to "Our Lady of the Snows"), and the rural free delivery system, as in force in England. The system of registration by carriers has been adopted by an order of the Postmaster General of December 5th, at first to be used only in the residence portions of the cities, though later, it a success, it will be extended to the business parts. He gives a complete list of the stamps issued during the year, showing amounts and denominations, for our new colonies and Cuba as well as for the United States. Two rather curious methods of getting the best of Uncle Sam by small postmasters are aired. At post offices wdere the receipts are less than \$50 per annum the postmaster is given the stamps he may require, and the postmasters have been detected in selling these stamps at less than face, and in the case of postage dues by pre-arrangement the postmaster will order merchandise which he may intend to sell over his counter, sent to him first class with but two cents prepaid. Pestage due stamps to cover the deficiency are then attached, and he credits himself with commissions on their cancellation. Rather ingenious.

The dead letter sale which occurs here annually took place in December. Several of the lots had stamps in, but the ones I saw were of the 1000 mixed for 15c kind and one speculator was making the air blue

ON APPROVAL.

My specialty is general foreign on approval at 50 per cent discount.

Send a small cash deposit, 50 cents or more, or a reference from some business man who knows you and I will send a nice assortment for you to select from.

Cuba, 1896, 1, 2, 21, 5, 10c	unused	.10
Porto Rico, 1896, ½, 1, 2, 4m	"	.05
" " 1898, 1, 2, 3, 5m	"	.08
Philippines 1886, 1, 1, 2, 5m	"	.15
" 1896, $\frac{1}{8}$, 1, 2, 5m	"	.08
" 1898, 1, 2, 3, 5m	"	.08
Sweden, 1891-92, Set of 9 variet	ies,	.05
Cuba, 1876, 25c gray lilac		.03
" 1878, 50c green -		.02
" 1879, 50c gray -		.02
United States \$1.00 Document I	Revenue, 1898	.01
" " 30 cent black 189	0	.06
" " 50 cent orange 18	95	.08
18 different U.S. Revenues		.10
1000 Mixed Continentals -		.20
1000 Best Stamp Hinges made.		.10

Unused U. S. and Canada stamps accepted in payment for small amounts.

H. C. YOUNG, Box 1448,

Providence, R. I., U.S. A.

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over a dollor puschase of several thousand 1 and 2 cent current U. S. The bidding is blind, but the fools are many, and it is brisk.

It seems to me that about the first thing a young dealer should learn is promptness in acknowledging correspondence, especially those containing remittances and orders. The writer is anxiously waiting a reply and future orders are likely to go to the dealer who recognizes this anxiety and replies promptly, whether the goods can be sent or no. It costs a lc postcard but may retain a good customer.

ProminentCollectors.

ERNEST F. WURTELE.

Mr. Ernest F. Wurtele. President of the D. P. A., whose cut appears on another page, commenced collecting in the year 1872, while attending the Collegiate Institute at Galt, Ontario, but after a period of a couple of years, he lost interest, owing to a change to another place of residence. In 1886 he had occassion to look through some books and came across his first collection and which was the means of his making another start. He is a general collector of Postage and Revenue stamps, as well as Post Cards and now has a collection of 9,000 Postage and over 3,000 Revenues. Won the first prize for postage stamps at the Central Ontario Exhibition, Ottawa, Ont., in 1892, consisting of a bronze medal and third prize for a collection of Canadian Revenue Stamps.

He was one of the Charter Members of the Canadian Philatelic Association, then Vice-President for Quebec, and subsequently Chairman of Trustees, afterwards holding the office of President for a number of vears.

He is also a member of the following societies:—Dominion Philatelic Association, La Societie Timbrophile de Paris, The League of Canadian Philatelists, the Montreal and Quebec Philatelic Associations, etc. Was President of the Quebec society and at the last Annual Convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association was elected its President which office he now fills.

Graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario, on the 27th June 1885; accepted a Commission in the 18th Battalion, "Royal Rifles" Quebec in 1885 and served with that corps for a number of years, f.e of which in the capacity of Captain and Adjutant. At present he is on the Reserve of Officers, Engineer Branch.

He is the Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Accountant of the Quebec Railway, Light and Power Company, operating the Railway between Qubec and Cap Tourmente and the Montmorency Electric and Power Company.

Mr. Wurtele is also a member of the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade. At the beginning of the current year he was appointed Royal Danish Vice-Consul and Vice-Consul for Sweden and Norway as well as acting Vice-Consul for Italy.

He was born at St. David, Quebec, on the 29th of Feb. 1860.

JOHN HULME LOWE.

The subject of this interesting sketch once conducted a thriving stamp business in the centre of the city of Toronto. However, after being in business a few years, he coucluded that a good business could be carried on by mail, so he gave up his store in the city and now does a thriving mail

LOOK CANADIAN HERE.

All goods are in A 1 condition. Satisfaction, or money refunded.

'Used.		Unused.	
1852 3p red wove	.23	1-1-2-3-8c maple leaf	.92
1859 5c beaver	.03	3 shades map	.09
" le pink	.05	10c Special Delivery	.12
" 10c red lilae	.32	Surcharged 2c maple leaf	.03
" 12½c green	.35	" 2c numeral	23c
" 17c blue	.85	5e numeral	2 <u>1</u> e .07
1868 de black	.12	50c deep blue	.62
 le brown red 	.18	3c letter card	.04
" 3c red	.03	2e " "	.04
" 123c blue	.14	le " "	.03
" 15e lilae	.07	le Red post card	.02
1892 20c vermillion	.09	2e " "	.03
" 50c deep blue	.18	2e reply " "	.03
1897 ½c to 10c maple leaf		2c Universale post card	.03
complete set	.28	2c red envelopes	.04
1898 to 10e numeral		3e " "	.04
complete set	.20	le green "	.03
25 assorted revenues	.12	"	

Send Your Wants to Me

for stamps on cover. I have all kinds of Canadian on entire envelopes. The accumulation of 12 year's collecting. Postage extra on orders on under 50c. Send Postal Notes or Money Order when possible.

J. R. Croft, Beeton, Ont.

I have a lot of Canada Law stamps (green) duplicates which I wish to exchange for others, also Ont. Law.

order business.

He was the first secretary of the Philatelic Club of Toronto; Vice President of the Bay State Philatelic Association; member of the U. A. P. A. and the Canadian Philatelic Press Club. He is at present interested in Philatelic Literature and has a large stock of Canadian and American stamp journals.

W. RUSSELL BROWN.

Mr. Brown, D. P. A. 48, has a collection of over 4,000 varieties but his specialty, Canadian Revenues, is his favorite collection. He is at present residing in Toronto and taking a course of studies at the Central Business College during the winter.

He was formerly Secretary-Treasurer of the B. S. P. A. He is also a member of the S. P. A.

MR. & MRS. J. P. STARNAMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Starnaman, the parents of Messrs Starnaman Bros., were both horn in Canada and are both members of the D. P. A. Mrs. Starnaman has a fine collection of unused stamps. Mr. Starnaman, though greatly interested in stamps, has no collection but is always on the lookout for bargains. He has resided in Berlin for thirty years and is proprietor and manager of Starnaman's Picture Store. He is Commander of Star Tent K. O. T. M., and has been Public School Trustee for the past two years.

BERLIN BIG THREE.

Probably no three persons in one town are better known in the philatelic world than Messrs F. I. Weaver and Starnaman Brus. The first to the left of the picture is F. I. Weaver, D. P. A. Librarian. He was born in Berlin in 1878 and has been in

the stamp and publishing business almostever since. It was through his efforts that the Philatelic Advocate was started. acted as editor for one year when, owing to other business he disposed of his share to Messrs. Starnaman Bros. However he could not keep out of journalism and a short time after he commenced the publicaof the Boys Own Philatelist, which was atterward changed to the Canadian Philatelic Review. This paper was then changed to a weekly. Not having time to conduct a weekly Mr. Weaver changed his paper to a semi-monthly under the name of Eucryy. This paper was devoted to sports, general information and philately. Commencing January Mr. Weaver intends to devote Energy as a monthly entirely to philately.

The next on the group is W. A. Starmman, Business Manager of the Phi LATELIC ADVOCATE and Starmann Bros. Printing Office. In Sept. 1896, in company with his brother and F. I. Weaver, established the Philatelic Advocate, the only philatelic paper that has ever been successful in Canada. Mr. Starmann is Record Keeper of Star Tent K. O. T. M., Se. j-Treas. of the Order of Canadian Home Circles and a member of the Waterloo Epworth League. He was born in Berlin in 1875.

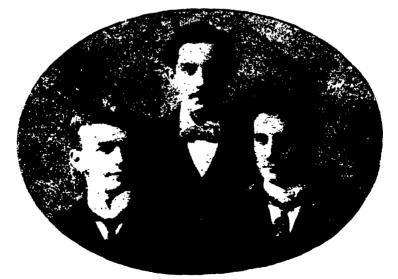
Last but not least we have the features of Mr. Geo. W. Starmann, the Secretary-Treasurer of the D. P. A. He was born in Berlin in 1880. He is foreman of the job department of Starmann Bros. Printing Office. This firm has met with phenomenal success since its establishment in May 1896. The first outfit consisted of a small hand press and a few fonts of type. The proprietors kept adding to their small stock until at present they have a fine outfit equipped with the latest materials and machinery. Their mail-order trade extends to all parts of the world.



CAPT. E. F. WURTELE, D. P. A. PRESIDENT.



JOHN H. LOWE.



BERLIN BIG THREE.
STARNAMAN BLOS. AND WEAVER.



ERWIN L. SHOVE, UNIONVILLE, N. Y.
The Best Exchange Superintendent
The D. P. A. Ever Had.

EDITORIAL OPINIONS.

An Apology

With this issue the ADVOCATE appears late for the first time in its history. This lateness was caused by the extra rush of Holiday work and the amount of work put on the D. P. A. Handbook, also by the large size of this issue itself. We intended having an equal number of pages of reading matter and advertisements but circumstances compelled us to condense our reading pages. The advertisements are very interesting reading for those looking for bargains.

A number of Auction Sales will be found in this issue On most of these the bids close Feb. 15th but on account of our lateness we have requested that they be held open until Feb. 25th and those we have had time to hear from, have consented, so bidders can send bids until that date.

Cone to The War

James F. Irwin, of St. Catharines, left with the second Canadian Contingent, for the war in South Africa. The Advocate joins with his many friends in wishing him a safe voyage and a speedy return. His brother went with the first contingent.

An Important Decision

Hon. Wm. Mulock, Postmaster-General, has made an important decision regarding the printing of cuts of stamps. The following letter has been received by us.

Ottawa, 22 Dec. 1899.

Gentlemen:—
With reference to your letter
of 18th inst., I am directed to say that
under section 86 of the Post Office act the
imitation of any postage stamp issued or

used by this or any other country is a criminal offence.

I am, Gentlemen your obedient servant, W. D. LeSueur,

Secretary.

This law is very strict; so strict in fact that we have been compelled to remove the very poor imitation of a Canada stamp which appeared on our cover design.

Some of our Canadian papers publish cuts of new issues but this will now have to be stopped.

Special Notice

A large number of subscriptions expire with this number. If you are one of these you will know it by the number 41 appearing on your wrapper Your paper will be discontinued unless your renewal is received at once. Remember the subscription is only 25 cents and renewals or new subscribers are entitled to any premium mentioned on first page.

Jots

Leon V. Cass, McGraw, N. Y. is preparing a directory of New York State collectors. Philatelists in this state should send their names for free insertion.

Look up Farr's Auction Sale an last page of cover.

As soon as the supply of map stamps now printed is exhausted, the issue will be discontinued. Collectors should buy now while the price is low.

H. A. Chapman's new paper the Adhesire has appeared. It is full of news and well printed. We offer it and the Advocate both one year for 30c.

Our U. S. Correspondent has sent us two new envelope cancellations. One is from Detroit, Mich., marked "Letter Carriers National Convention" in avail with "1900" ميدارميان بالموارية والمراوع والمراوع والموارية والمواري

Profitable Printing

One of the most important things in any business, no matter how small or how large, is neat, well printed

and up-to-date printed stationery. We have no specialty of a certain grade of work. Ours is all good, catchy printing—the kind that pays. If you do not need any printing at present, keep these prices for your next order.

Cash must accompany all orders, 1 and 2 cent unused Canadian or American stamps taken. Express Orders preferred for large amounts.

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100 Envelopes with your name printed on
                                                    25c
250
                                                    55c
100
                better quality
                                                    35e
250
                                                    75c
100
                Duplex (blue inside)
                                                    50c
250
                                                  $1.00
100 Note Heads
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250
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100 Letter Heads
                                                    50c
                                                  $1.00
100 Memo Heads on fine linen paper
                                                    35c
                                                    75c
250
100 Circulars 2 × 3in 50 words or less 10c.
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                                       30c.
100
              4 \times 6 = 200
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Samples of the above sent free on request,

STARNAMAN BROS., BERLIN, ONTARIO.

m centre. The other is from St. Louis, Mo. with the words "World's Fair Louisiana Purchase," in oval and "1903" in center.

A D. P. A, officer sends the following poetry with applogies to Mother Goose.

A little Bach sparrow sat up in a tree
And he was as slick as a sparrow could be.

A philatelist came by with his bow and arrow,

Said he, "I will shoot this little Bach sparrow;

His giblets will make me a nice little stew His body will make me a little pie too" Sai I the little Bach sparrow, " I shall be nabbed if I stay,"

So he straightway enlisted and sailed away, For the Boers with their guns had no such terrors for him.

As counterfeit Great Barrier stamps so grim.

The Philatelic Spectator of Berlin has been granted second class rates.

The Post Office and Stamps two papers in the U.S. have ceased publication for lack of support.

The Georgia Philatelist is announced from Tallapoosa, Ga. fsr Feby 25th.

Just as our last forms were closing we received notic that the ADVOCATE has been appointed Official Organ of the Philatelic Literature Society. Every member will receive this number, but the first report will appear in February number.

Publishers thinking of discontinuing their journals would do well to get our terms for filling subscriptions.

We are informed that Miss A. L. Swift will conduct the review department of the *Jubilee Philatelist* in place of Mr. Chapman who wished more time to devote to his own paper.

We cannot premise you a paper like this every month but if you send 25c in Unused Canadian or American I and 2 cent stamps we will have a larger circulation and therefore secure more advertising. If you want to buy stamps at a reasonable price and get plenty of good educating reading send us your subscription and if you have a friend who would like to subscribe to the leading Canadian stamp journal, send us his name with your subscription.

One of the Canadian subscribers of the Virginia Philatelist has cancelled his subscription to that paper because the publisher objects to Great Britain adding "Another patch of red" to the "Vaster Empire than has been." For our part we think war has no place in a philatelic journal

The Stamp Tribune as a weekly has appeared. The cover is printed in two colors, and each issue contains a long non-philatelic story. The publisher has great expectations, but with the two good weekles now well established the field is filled.

The Toronto Philatelic Club is again holding regular weekly meetings with an average attendance of 30 members. What is the matter with the Hamilton Club?

The Dominion Thilatelic Association is the largest and most progressive society in Canada. Nearly all of its departments are in splendid working condition and a large number of members are using the departments as much as possible. One of the members says that good stamps can be bought far cheaper in the books of the Exchange Department than from some dealers. If you are not a member of this grand organization write to the Secretary. Geo. W. Starnaman, Berlin, Ont. for particulars and application blands.

MY FOURTH SALE

Offers will be received for these stamps until February 25th.

Canada, Used.

No. 1. 500 le green 4 leaf. 2. 200 lc 50 3c red 25 2c purple 50 2e on 3e 5. 25 5c blue 10 6c brown 8. 500 lc green numeral. 9. 500 2c purple 10. 150 3c red 11. 25 se black 12. 500 Žc red 13. 200 2c red 14. 200 lc green 15. 100 2c on 3c 16. 15 8c 17. 100 2c Imperial (map) 18. 1000 3c before Jubilee. 19. 25 8c 20. 25 5c 21. 100 2c orange register. 22. 100 2c vermillion " 23. 100 5c green 24. 50 post cards, incl. Jubilee. 25 Jubilee post cards.

All above are used. Canada, Unused.

26. 25 Jubilee postcards (with printing on the back.) 27. 25 to old issue (small)

28. 12 3c red. numerals.

29. 12 2c Jubilee.

30. 25 2c red. Letter Card.

31. 25 2c on 3c 4 leaf

32. 25 2c on 3c numeral.

All above unused.

Loreign, etc.

33. Unused mixture, 8 3c Nflnd (Princess), 1 10c U.S. Special Del., \(\frac{1}{8}\), \(\frac{4}{8}\), \(\frac{1}{8}\), \(\frac{1}\), \(\frac{1}{8}\), \(\frac{1}{8}\), \(\ thing Barbados.

34. *French 5 15fr, 2 5fr, 1 25fr

35. Robie's "Stamp Hunting."

36. 25 stamp papers. 37. 31 Native Indian State 6 var

38. 19 Newfoundl'd 3c (Princess)

37 U. S. 25c Certificate.

40. 6 Eularged fac-similes of 2c Imperial stamp 41 × 7in.

41. \$3.00 U. S. Documentary. 42. *Mexico 8 1c. 4 3c. 22 5c, 27 10c.

43. *Trinidad 2 lsh. 1 5p.

44. A collection of 2500 varieties mounted in blank album.

45. 2c Can. Purple Env. (rare.

46. 10 2c on 3c 1877 Envelope.

46. 100 3c Canada Jubilees.

47. *2 3c Jubilees.

All above used unless otherwise stated.

*means unused.

Postage to be paid by purchaser. Successful bidders will be notified and stamps sent as remittance is received. U.S. or Canada stamps from 1c to 5c accepted as cash.

I have no stamps for sale except those I advertise.

E. BISH. Waterloo, Ont.

Acknowledgements.

The Youth's Companion Calendar for 1900 is unique in form and beautiful in design. The oval centerpiece, in high colors and enclosed in a border of flowers, represents "A Dream of Summer" and is supported by an admirably executed figure piece in delicate tints. Larger than any of the Companion's previous Calendars, it is equally acceptable as a work of art. As an ornament to the home it will take a prominent place.

The Calendar is published exclusively by The Companion. It cannot be obtained elsewhere. It will be given to all new subscribers for 1900. Illustrated Announcement Number, containing full prospectus of the volume for 1900, will be sent free to any one mentioning this paper. Address THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 203 Col-

umbus Ave , Boston, Mass.

如果我们的时候,我们是有一个人的时候,我们就是我们的时候,我们们的时候,我们们就是我们的时候,我们们的时候,我们们的时候,我们们的时候,我们们们的时候,我们们们

Thirty-two authors, ten illustrators and eight photographic artists contribute to the excellent January issue of the LADIES HOME JOURNAL. Among the special features are "The Home-Coming of the Nakannies," by W. A. Fraser; "The Boer Girl of South Africa," by Howard C. Hillegas; "Where the New Century Will Really Begin," by J. Ritchie Jr.; "A Merry Woman's Letters to a Quiet Poet," edited by S. T. Pickard; "The Mother of the Stars," by Amelia H. Botsford; "A National Crime at the Feet of American Parents," by Edward Bok. "The Minister and the Organ," by Ian Maclaren: "The Rehearsal of a Play"; "Molly Donahues Musicale, by the author of "Mr. Dooley"; "Edith and I at Paris," "Her Boston Experiences," "The Autobiography of a Girl," etc. By the Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa. One dollar a year; 10c a copy.

The Popular Music Co., Indianapolis, Ind., have favored us with copies of the music advertised on page 50. The music consists of the latest vocal and instrumental selections.

We acknowledge receipt of a handsome colored calendar from Judson N. Burton, Madison, N. Y. He will send a copy to

any one for 5c to help pay postage.

Price lists have been received from the following:

S. P. Hughes, Howe, Neb.

C. B. Rice, Oswego, N. Y. Judson N. Bucton, Madison, N. Y.

W. Giessman, Saalfield and Saale, Thuringen, Germany.

A Talk About Stamps.

BY NORTH SIMCOE.

A member of the D. P. A. has objected to Reprints as not being genuine. I would imagine that all stamps issued by a Government, and used to pay for the carriage of letters, were genuine. The values to collectors vary according to the scarcity only. Take for instance the one penny red brown of G. B. 1840, catalogued by Scott at 2c used; reprinted 1854 cat. 6c; re-engraved 1854 cat. 50c; re-engraved again 1855 cat: \$1.00. In other cases the later issues of a stamp may be very large and of course less valuable, but that does not prevent their being genuine.

The Philatelic Post from Smethport, Pa., has reached us. Like all new comers it is "Here to stay" (?)

Your Ad.

Should be in our March No.
It will pay you

l inch 40c. 2 in. 85c. 3 in. \$1.00. Half page \$1.50. One page (12 in.) \$2.00.

12 1 inch ads. or 6 2 inch ads. or

For \$2.00.

4 3 inch ads. or 2 1 page ads.

Cash in advance.

Ads. can be used at any time if purchased at above rates.

STARNAMAN BROS., BERLIN, ONT.

Wholesale.

We Supply many of the leading dealers with "Perfect" Hinges and Blank Approval Sheets.

Why Not You?

"Perfect" Hinges.

The best made neatly put up in waterproof envelopes, each containing 1000 hinges,

Prices Prepaid. 1,000 \$ 10. 5,000 25.000.40. ,25. 10,000 .65. 50,000 3.10 3.000

100,000

Blank Approval Sheets.

1.60

Each sheet ruled to hold 25 stamps. Printed instructions at top with space for name.

500 sheets \$1.00 25 sheets s .10 50 .15 1.000 1.50 100 .25 2.000 2.50

With Your Name Printed at Top.

50 sheets 8.25. 1,000 sheets \$2.00. 100 .40. 2,000 500 1.50.

All Goods Sent Prepaid.

Starnaman Bros.. Berlin, Ont. Can.

Dominion Philatelic Association.

Secy's Additional Report. APPLICATIONS.

Ralph S. Yager, 23 Cedar St., Oneonta, N. Y. Age 21, stamp dealer, refs. C. Bailey, Geo. W. Starnaman.

Dr. Ernest C. Heusler, Heusler, Posey Co., Ind. 47 physician, Starnaman Bros.

J. T. Ott, Floradale, Ont. 32 tailor Starnaman Bros.

Willie Dutton, Haliburton, Ont. 15, farmer, Edward Spurr, Fred Freeman.

A. E. Wideman, Port Arthur, Ont. 35, passenger conductor, H. R. Sanders, Geo. W. Starnaman.

J. P. Howard, 43 Duke St., Toronto, Ont. 17, clerk, E. B. MacGillivray, J. H. Lowe. A. L. Watson, Minden, Ont. 15 student, R. H. Baker, M. Brown.

Prosper H. Neville, Minden, Ont. 28, clergyman, M. Brown, R. H. Baker.

C. H. Vrooman, McKenzie, Man. age 31, postmaster, Starnaman Bros., Rev. H. W. Ferrier.

The above will be admitted to membership Feb. 1st provided no objection is filed with the Secretary before that date.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.
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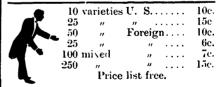
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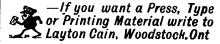
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