

THE

Canadian Philatelist.

L. M. STÆBLER, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

185 1/2 DUNDAS STREET,

LONDON, ONT., CANADA.

EDGAR GILLMAYR,

Casilla 418, Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

Send 5c. for my cheap, large, wholesale and retail price list. (ok-11.)

Michigan Stamps.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Stamps on approval at 33 1/2 to 50 per cent. commission. Agents wanted. Send reference and receive a good selection. Collections of more than 2,000 varieties bought for spot cash. Highest prices paid. Price list free. (6 k 35)



50 Per Cent. Commission. AGENTS WANTED.

Valuable Premiums. New 88-pp. price list free.

STANDARD STAMP CO.,

H. FLACKSHAMM, Manager.

4 Nicholson Place,

ST. Louis, Mo.

SELLING OUT CHEAP.

We are going out of business and offer our entire stock at 50 per cent. discount until all sold. Send for sheets.

Sample copy of the **SOUTHERN PHILATELIST** free.

Address,

SOUTHERN STAMP & PUBLISHING CO.

25 Broad Street,
CHARLESTON, S. C.

A TRIAL

We will send you the **WEEKLY PHILATELIST** for 18 weeks to show you what a nice paper it is, for a **SILVER DIME.**

R. M. MILLER,

New Chester, - Pennsylvania.



NEW YORK BRANCH

30 East 23rd Street,

Where will be on sale a stock of used and unused postage stamps. Address all mail matter to

Bethlehem, - Pa.

When answering advertisements, mention **CANADIAN PHILATELIST.**

You Naturally Desire

To deal where you can secure prompt and careful attention and Stamps at reasonable prices. "Small Profits and Quick Returns" is my motto. I ask to receive a trial from you. As a

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PACKET

I would strongly recommend my **LONDON PACKET No. 4.**

Which contains 100 very choice varieties of foreign stamps, including stamps from Orange Free State, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, obsolete issue; Canada, 1859, 5c heaver and 2c. register; Cashmere State Official, East India, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, New South Wales, Egypt, Japan, Turkey, Chili, Brazil, Mexico, Natal, Russia, Bosnia, Wurtemberg, Samoa, Hamburg, Greece, Queensland, etc. The above packet sent, postpaid for 25c. It will catalogue at 7 or 8 times the price asked. Order now.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

I especially desire correspondence for the purpose of exchange. Those who send small lots receive just as good attention as those sending large. Send me 100 or more stamps from your country, and receive the same number of Canadian and the Provinces in exchange. I also desire to buy from and sell to you. Write me at any rate, and I feel sure I can make a proposition that will please you. Reference Editor *Canadian Philatelist*.

ADDRESS: **A. F. WICKS, 372 HORTON ST.,**
LONDON, - CANADA.



CAN I OBTAIN A PATENT? For a prompt answer and an honest opinion, write to **MUNN & CO.**, who have had nearly fifty years' experience in the patent business. Communications strictly confidential. A Handbook of information concerning Patents and how to obtain them sent free. Also a catalogue of mechanical and scientific books sent free.

Patents taken through **Munn & Co.** receive special notice in the *Scientific American*, and thus are brought widely before the public without cost to the inventor. This splendid paper, issued weekly, elegantly illustrated, has by far the largest circulation of any scientific work in the world. \$3 a year. Sample copies sent free. Building Edition, monthly, \$1.50 a year. Single copies, 25 cents. Every number contains beautiful plates, in colors, and photographs of new houses, with plans, enabling builders to show the latest designs and secure contracts. Address **MUNN & CO., NEW YORK, 361 BROADWAY.**

Jump for Your Life at these Bargains!

— OFFERED BY US —

THE BEAVER STAMP CO'Y.

We save money by the wholesale for Collectors who buy from us.

READ THIS PAGE AND THEN CONSULT YOUR POCKET.

HERE GOES!

- Packet No. 1**—Contains 10 varieties of good stamps, such as Argentine, Brazil, Cape Good Hope, Peru, etc. **Price 40 cents.**
- Packet No. 2**—Contains 25 varieties of stamps such as Brazil, Spain, Portugal, Japan, India, Russia, etc. **Price 10 cents.**
- Packet No. 3**—Contains 30 varieties of good stamps from Jamaica, Japan, India, Finland, Sweden, etc. **Price 15 cents.**
- Packet No. 4**—Contains 50 varieties of stamps, such as Spain, Tunis, Ecuador, Chili, etc. **Price 20 cents.**
- Packet No. 5**—Contains 35 varieties of choice stamps, including Hayti, Newfoundland, Sardinia, Costa Rica, Grenada, etc. **Price 25 cents.**
- Packet No. 6**—Contains 50 varieties, all different, from Japan, Portugal, Spain, Columbia, Argentine, Ecuador, etc. **Price 25 cents.**
- Packet No. 7**—Contains 100 varieties of stamps from Europe, Asia, America, Africa. **Price 25 cents.**
- Packet No. 8**—Contains 50 varieties of choice stamps such as Greece, Turkey, Sweden, Finland, Servia, Victoria, Panama, Paraguay, Wurtemberg, Japan, etc. **Price 35 cents.** A bargain.
- Packet No. 9**—Contains 100 varieties of stamps, such as Chili, Peru, Brazil, Columbia, Russia, Italy, etc. **Price 35 cents.**
- Packet No. 10**—Contains 55 varieties, from Hayti, Cape Verde, Salvador, St. Helena, China, Japan, Hong Kong, etc. **Price 50 cents.**
- Packet No. 11**—Contains 18 varieties of stamps from Japan. **Price 50 cents.** A bargain.
- Packet No. 12**—Contains 21 varieties of stamps from Heligoland. **Price 25 cents.** Cheap.
- Packet No. 13**—Contains 25 varieties of stamps from St. Vincent, Grenada, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Old Japan, U.S., Greece, etc. **Price 25 cents.**
- Packet No. 14**—Contains 40 varieties of Italian stamps of old and new issues. **Price 50 cents.**
- Packet No. 15**—Contains 40 different postage stamps from Africa including Cape of Good Hope (Triangular), Gold Coast, Ivory Coast, Congo, Tunis, Sierra Leone, Br. Bechuana-land, Liberia, South African Republic, Swaziland, Zululand, etc. A superb packet. **Price \$1.15 post paid.**
- Packet No. 16**—Contains 60 varieties of stamps from the West Indies, including Hayti, Jamaica, Turks Isles, Leeward Isles, Cuba, Bahamas, Porto Rica, etc. A fine packet. **Price \$1.25, post paid.**
- Packet No. 17**—Contains 60, all different, stamps from Oceania, including Samoa, Western Australia, Fiji Islands, Victoria, Tonga, Hawaii, Tasmania, etc. **Price \$1.00 post-paid.**
- Packet No. 18**—Contains 40, all different, stamps from Asia, including China, Shanghai, Corea, Ceylon, Persia, Perak, India, Selangor, Siam, Japan, etc. **Price \$1.00 post-paid.**
- Packet No. 19**—Contains 75 choice stamps from such countries as Tunis, Malta, Japan, New Zealand, Cuba, Argentine, Grenada, etc. **Price 50 cents.**
- Packet No. 20**—Contains 200 good stamps. **Price 50 cents.**
- Packet No. 21**—Contains 100 varieties of good stamps, including Peru, Brazil, Bogota, Ecuador, Turkey, Greece, Montenegro, India, etc. **Price 50 cents.** A bargain.
- Packet No. 22**—75 varieties, such as Portugal, Malta, Mauritius, Scandinavia, Italy, Newfoundland, Spain, Mexico, Transvaal, etc. **Price 25 cents.**
- Packet No. 23**—Contains 60 varieties of good stamps, from Ecuador, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, China, Japan, Tonga, Leeward Islands, Transvaal, Cook Islands, Br. Protectorate, etc. **Price 60 cents.**
- Packet No. 24**—Contains 50 varieties, of Mexico. **Price \$1.00.**
- Packet No. 25**—Contains 60 varieties of a good quality and rare stamps, including Sierra Leone, Hayti, Holkar, Shanghai, Alwur, Perak, Tonga, Zululand, Turks Isles, Tromso, Seychelles, Leeward Isles, Panama, Old China, rare Br. Columbia, Old Prince Ed Island, Ecuador, Cook Islands, Hawaii, Old Canada, Falkland Islands, etc. **Price \$1.65, post-paid** by registered mail. Try once.
- Packet No. 26**—Contains 250 very fine varieties of stamps, from Hayti, Cape of Good Hope, Br. Protectorate, Monaco, Egypt, China, Shanghai, Japan, Hawaii, Trinidad, Bahamas, Br. Columbia, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, etc. **Price \$5.00, post-paid.** A No. 1 packet
- Packet No. 27**—Contains 60 varieties of Br. Colonies stamps, including Cape of Good Hope, Triangular, Sierra Leone, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Trinidad, Malta, Seychelles, and many others as good. This is a splendid packet for the money. **Only \$1.00, post-paid.**
- Packet No. 28**—Contains 1000 varieties of choice stamps, both foreign and Canadian, including stamps from nearly every stamp-issuing country in the world, rare British Colonial stamps, old U.S., Canada and Provinces. There are stamps in this packet that will not be found in the average collection. This is a great bargain at this price, which is only **\$9.50 post-paid** by registered mail. Give it a trial.
- Packet No. 29**—Contains 25 varieties of Portuguese colonies, such as Angola, Timor, St. Tombe, Mozambique, Portuguese Indies etc. **Price 59 cents.**
- Packet No. 30**—Contains 25 varieties of Canada, including New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, etc. **Price 40 cents.**

Try our fine die cut Hinges, 10c. per 100; 3000 for 25c. Fine blank approval sheets at 25c. per 100; \$1.75 per 1000. Approval sheets at 40% commission. Write at once and address.

THE BEAVER STAMP CO'Y,

W. F. WHITE, Manager,

Box 447,

LONDON, CANADA.

When answering advertisements, mention CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

The Canadian Philatelist

PUBLISHED MONTHLY

IN THE INTEREST OF STAMP COLLECTING.

VOL. III. No. 12.

LONDON, DECEMBER 1, 1894.

WHOLE No. 36.

STRAY HUMOR.

The Schnectady, N. Y., post office once received a letter bearing this address: Mr. Rev. G. W. Dress, Servant of God, Learned Man of Scriptures, Preacher Over the Sheep, Bucks and Mother Lambs of the Congregation of the Lord."

HOPELESS.

"She will never be a stamp collector," said the chaperon, disconsolately, "never, I discovered! yesterday that she hasn't the Columbian set."

"Well you can't expect her to have everything."

"No, I know that, but *she confessed it.*"

HE BOUGHT NO STAMPS.

Secretary—"There were forty applications for your autograph in this morning's mail, sir."

President—"Enclosed stamps?"

Secretary—"Yes sir."

President—"Well, put them in the safe, and write my autograph on post cards."

APPALLING TO THE DRUGGIST.

Enterprising Druggist—"Here's a card, Madam. Each time you buy something I'll punch it. When \$2 are punched you get five soda-water tickets free."

Madam—"That's a fine idea. I'll take \$2 worth of postage stamps now."

A stranger entered the Newtown, Kan., post office one day last week, and, buying a quantity of postage stamps, asked permission to stamp all letters that the office was holding for postage. His request was granted, and he departed saying that it was a charitable fad he had to go about the country supplying the neglect of thoughtless people.

A matter of fact postmaster in a small town in Arkansas, recently wrote to the Post Office Department, stating that one of the citizens had recently entered the office armed with a Winchester rifle, and had pointed it at the postmaster in a threatening manner. He closed his telegram with the words: "Send instructions." Col. Whitfield, the first assistant, tersely replied by quoting the words of a well-known refrain: "Johnny, get your gun."

Some women have a mania for dropping things. No matter what they carry around with them they manage to drop it half a dozen times in the cars within as many blocks. They never seem to tire of smiling sweetly and thanking the luckless young man who picks it up.

One of these women was coming out of a drug

store the other day. She had been making a heavy purchase—a postage stamp. She carried it with her pocketbook, and just as she stepped out of the store she dropped the stamp. It was a damp day and the pavement showed it. A nicely dressed young fellow, with daintily gloved hands, was passing and saw the stamp flutter to the pavement. He stepped forward and stooped to pick up the tiny piece of paper.

Did you ever see a man try to pick up anything small and flat with his gloves on? It's one of the most amusing things in the world. This young man tried every way he could think of to get his finger tips under the stamp, but failed dismally. His stooping position began to get uncomfortable. The blood rushed to his face, but still he persisted. He could not think of disappointing the expectant girl.

Finally she murmured:

"Would a hair pin help you?"

He grasped it eagerly. It helped him out. With a bow he handed her the stamp.

"Thank you very much. Now I won't have to lick it," said she, joyfully.

She put it on a letter she had in her hand. Then she dropped the letter, but he had fled, and another victim took his place.

A story recently published in the *Independent* recalls to a prominent mining man an incident in the early days of Pony, which, by the way, is an old camp. At the time referred to the town had about forty people.

Of course they needed a post office, though no one could be found willing to take the responsibility. There was no money in it, and the office would be a decided nuisance to the postmaster.

However, a saloon-keeper, who was more public-spirited than his fellow-citizens, took the office. The office consisted of an old tea-box, in which all the mail was dumped. The citizen would sort over the lot and take what belonged to him.

One day a gentleman came along, and, after glancing at the system, turned to the postmaster. "Don't you know that it is illegal to allow people to pick out their own mail like that?"

"Well, stranger, I don't know as it is any of your business how this office is run," replied the postmaster. "But I am a United States post office inspector." "Well in that case," said the postmaster, "we will finish up this post office in Pony right now."

And he took the tea box and placed it in the middle of the road, and, with a good run, came down and kicked it clear across the gulch.

"There," he said to the officer, "now you go back to Washington and tell the administration that the accounts are closed up, and the postmaster of Pony has resigned."

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

HOW TO DETECT COUNTERFEITS.

BY WILLIAM B. HALE.

IN THE early eighties—eighteen eighties—when the counterfeits came thick and fast, as rain will fall, and would cling to one "like sea weed" round a clam," a Philatelist found it necessary to keep his eyes open else he would have them palmed off on him, whether he would or no.

At this period, nearly every beginner had a lot of the S. Allen Taylor supply of counterfeit pence issues of the British Colonies, with a sprinkling of Hamburg locals and Confederates. Even the duplicates that the youngsters would offer for trade were of this class of trash. I remember that as a dealer, I was offered many collections, which were for sale, and nearly every one would contain counterfeits, and in purchasing these collections, my first thought would be to pick out those which I mounted in my album of counterfeits, which I use continually for reference and comparison.

Now there are several general rules for detecting counterfeits which are easy to remember and are worth hundreds of dollars to any collector who does promiscuous trading, or buys up old collections.

The essentials of paper, color and perforation are important, and equally as much so as the engraving, for many counterfeits are heavily cancelled so that as a result the imperfections in the design are not readily apparent, and we have to fall back on the others to enable us to detect the fraud.

The counterfeits of Vancouver's Island and the early British Guiana's, should have the small perforation, but in most of the counterfeits they have large perforation and imperfectly done at that, and frequently half-torn, showing that the machine must have been dull. This same large perforation appears on all the Taylor and Paris counterfeits.

The paper in a genuine stamp is, as a rule, thin, tough and not glazed, but in the counterfeits the paper is usually so thick that you cannot help but notice it, and further it is usually well calendered, which is to say, smooth, with a glazed surface; yellowish tint may also be frequently noticed, and on its face, the paper has a cheap appearance, which is suggestive of something cooked.

The colors of counterfeits are often an indication by which they may be detected. Take red for instance: I never find a light red, vermilion scarlet or cochineal, the usual shade in the counterfeits being a dull brick red. The yellows and oranges appear to be a greenish yellow, the blacks, blue; while the greens appear thick and lumpy and do not give a clear impression. In the counterfeits I find the brown colors to be imitated the best of all.

In engraving, the lettering is nine times out of ten imperfect in the imitation, and I have observed that some of the letters will appear shorter than others, or wider, or perhaps imperfect. Even in the short words, "pence" and "cents" it is seldom that you will find that the counterfeiter has been successful in making all the letters perfectly. Very often the profile, the figure, or the border will look all right, but when compared with the original, they will be found sadly deficient, but as

very few have genuine specimens of the rare stamps for purposes of comparison, and it is for such these few elementary rules are penned.

Look well, then, that the paper is not too thick or smooth, that the perforation is not too large or roughly made, that the color is not different in shade from that indicated in the catalogue, and finally, be sure that the engraving has not the defects referred to above.

I have been shown some remarkably clever counterfeits of the U. S. Columbian issue, which were made in Germany by photographic process. These stamps all have the word "facsimile" printed over the face, and they are sold as such.

The rules I have mentioned will not always answer, but as a rule they serve the purpose for which they are intended.

Written for THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

HOW COLLECTORS BECOME DEALERS.

BY GEO. B. KLEBS.

PHILATELY creates a very business like taste among its followers, so much so, that we find the majority of Philatelists business men. It is peculiar and amusing to see how soon this power, as it may be called, is imparted from Philately to the youth or student. I have often made it my business to watch a collector fourteen years old, and see his business talent gradually developing, for it is not acquired in an electric style, but slowly and surely. Give the boy a book and a hundred stamps, and he will begin collecting as naturally as the chicken raised by means of the incubator, will pick up grains of corn a few minutes after it has been born. There is nothing forced or unnatural about it, he takes to it at once, without so much as waiting to be versed in the ins and outs. No duck takes to the water more naturally than does this school-boy attach himself to a stamp album, 100 stamps, a trading book and a pot of gum arabic. Give him these and you will see a happy youth, perfectly content to let his arithmetic go, not troubling himself to read even those high literary productions, known as "Dime Novels," giving the history of the brilliant "Dick, the Indian Killer," or the "Terror of the Western Plains." He will go out to school and commence the business of trading. Presently he finds he has reached the high standard of being the owner of 100 different stamps. To a young stamp collector, this moment in his collecting career, corresponds to the moments when a young man reaches his majority. He gradually secures by exchanging the common stamps held by his school-mates and he then begins to feel a sense of his power and importance, which is delightful to him. One day, showing his duplicates, or "snappers," as they are called in Boston, he finds another would be Philatelist, craving a certain stamp, while he has none our potentate has already. Presently our boy is struck with a bright idea; he offers to sell it to his school-mate. This transaction having been accomplished, I may well say the turning point has been reached. I may well say he goes home with that five or ten cents feeling that he has begun life in earnest—he is making his own money. On the morrow he takes more of his duplicates, and begins selling them, still unconscious of his

future. He does not yet feel himself to be a dealer, but presently this idea strikes him, and buying a five cent packet, he sells them singly. With this he invests in a 25c. one, and repeats the performance a few times. Now with this capital, he buys a few dollars worth of stamps wholesale, and gives orders to have some paper print his advertisement. How beautiful it looks to him to see his name coupled with an imaginary "Co.". He has at last reached the sublime point—he is a stamp dealer. Now, I will ask how many boys are there who do this very thing? Thousands! Consequently we have thousands of dealers, each controlling a select trade. This is good, it teaches them much from a business point of view, but I am sorry to say, it affects the real trade in the same manner as if ten small stores, all doing the same business, should settle on one block, each would affect the trade of the other nine to a considerable degree; however, true as this may be, I, for one, advocate that the large dealers be generous, and sacrifice some little trade to the cause of Philately, for there is probably nothing so good for a young boy, as to get an inkling of business habits by means of Philately, and nothing that can lay claim to being a stronger point in the many advantages than Philately offers her followers, than this business taste young collectors acquire during the period of their infatuation with it.

AT A TURKISH POST-OFFICE WINDOW.

THEY do not rush things in Constantinople as they do in American cities. The Turks love ceremony, and have peculiar notions as to what constitutes politeness. We walk to the stamp window and ask for a stamp of the denomination we require. The clerk shoves it out, we put down the money and depart. The entire transaction has not occupied a minute, and hardly a dozen words spoken.

But in Istambul a different scene would be enacted. Let us stand in the post office corridor a few minutes and watch the proceedings.

An elderly Turk, with a gorgeous turban, approaches the window. After a series of very low and obsequious salaams, he lays his right hand upon his heart and begins:

'May this gracious morn prove a most happy one for thee, sir.' The official returns the salutation, and adds: 'What commandest thou?'

'Would'st thou vouchsafe thy servant several stamps with which to send letters to America? As thou mayest know, my son, Abdullah Effendi, the glass merchant of Ak Seral, is abiding at this moment at Chicago, where he is visiting the Grand Bazaar, and his family are desirous of communicating with him. Though I myself know not how to write, yet is the son of my brother, the pipe-bowl manufacturer, skilled in that art, and he hath promised to oblige us in this matter.'

'Very well, O worthy sir; but how many stamps dost thou desire?'

'Ah, my precious jewel, how many thinkest thou I should take? One will hardly suffice, as he does not intend to return until the bazaar is closed. Therefore, I pray thee, give me two.'

'Excellent, excellent! Here they are. May I request the sum of four piasters in payment?'

'What sayest thou, my gentle lamb? Three piasters I always paid—never more. This was but a year ago, when Abdullah was at Paris: even at—'

'You are quite right, Effendi, but the prices have changed. They cost more to-day.'

'In very sooth, O apple of mine eye? Then the charge hath been increased? With this the Turk produces an intricately knotted purse and draws forth a bundle of paper money.

'Nay, nay, my adorable gem, protests the official; we accept no paper, thou must pay in silver.'

'What, thou refuseth paper! and wherefore? Is it not good money! Dost not the Sultan guarantee its payment? Well, since thou declinest it, I will pay thee in copper.'

'Nay, Effendi; we take no copper either; thou must give me silver.'

'Silver? By my beard, I have it not. I pray thee take this copper, and thou shalt have some additional.'

'I cannot do it, Effendi. By Allah, I cannot. It is forbidden.'

'Well, then, thou shalt have silver. Here it is, the latest mintage.'

'Accept my overflowing thanks, my exquisite turtle dove.'

'Allah be with thee and increase thy shadow mightily! Farewell!'

'Farewell, Effendi; may thy beard grow to an exceeding great length.'

CLIPPINGS.

It is reported that somebody has discovered that pigeons have been used as mail-carriers for about seven hundred years.

The "spy" gallery, which runs across the sorting room of the New York postoffice, is to be taken down. It was not a success. The detectives never obtained enough evidence while using it to apprehend a single dishonest employe.

Mr. Greene Gage (of Plum Creek, stopping letter carrier)—Hev ye got any letters fer me?

Carrier—But I don't know you, sir!

Mr. Greene Gage—S'pose not; I only come to tawn yesterday. But look through your bag; I ain't got time to go to the post-office to-day!

The Columbian stamps are really steel engravings, and form the third special issue of stamps in the country. The first of these was a 15-cent stamp representing the landing of Columbus, which was issued in 1869, and the second commemorated the 1876 centennial by a souvenir envelope, with a shield shaped 3-cent stamp in the corner, having at the top the figures 1776 and at the bottom 1876.

An extra large demand for postage stamps has been noticed by the post-office officials. This may be due partly to the fact that a Boston man is advertising: 'I will engage a lawyer of good address and capacity, 25 to 40, as secretary; salary \$100 per month. Address with references' et cetera

The official interpreter at the post-office is required to know French, German, Italian, Spanish and Russian. But his salary is on y \$600 a year. So you see English pays best after all.

The Canadian Philatelist :

A JOURNAL FOR STAMP COLLECTORS.

PUBLISHED MONTHLY.

L. M. STAEBLER, - EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

SUBSCRIPTION :

25 cents per year to the U. S. and Canada.
50 cents per year to Postal Union Countries.

ADVERTISING RATES :

\$1.00 PER INCH.

10, 15 and 20% discount on standing ads. for 3, 6
and 12 months.

TERMS STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE.

Remit by Post Office Order.

Good MSS. always in demand.

Subscriptions must commence with current number

Address all communications to

THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST,

185½ DUNDAS STREET,

LONDON,

CANADA.

Vol. 3.

LONDON, ONT.

No. 36.

EDITORIAL.

Dr. J. S. McAllister, of Columbus, Neb., is called by his collecting friends: "The man with the four million stamps."

Mr N. E. Carter, we hear, the well-known dealer of Delevan, Wis., will shortly go to San Francisco, Cal.

The philatelists of Whitby, Ont., have just organized a philatelic society, which we trust will have a long and prosperous existence.

We are contemplating some important changes in the publication of this journal, of which due notice will be given in our next issue.

L'Union Postale, published in Paris, by Victor Robert, has reached its 31st number. It is one of the best philatelic papers published in France.

The Niger Coast Protectorate has been attracting considerable attention by the number of varieties, (apparently speculative) that it is issuing.

Mr. James A. Anderzen, of Smithfield, Neb., Manager of the Nebraska Stamp Co., will shortly remove to one of the Southern States.

It is said that Mr. Stanley Gibbons, the founder of the largest firm of stamp dealers in England, will shortly visit the U. S.

The Colonial Government recently broke a corner in St. Helena stamps, by issuing a large quantity of the cornered variety.

Mr. Gilbert Harrison, the renowned English advance collector, died last month. His collection of U. S. stamps was one of the finest in the world.

In the advertisement of Mr. A. F. Wicks, on the last page of the cover, the figure "\$1" should be omitted in the second line of Packet No. 20.

Zambesi is another new Portuguese Colony which has just come to the front with a set of 13 stamps of the current colonial type. More will follow.

The forged 25 piastre stamps of Turkey, are perforated 10, while the genuine are perforated 13½. This will serve to detect an otherwise dangerous counterfeit.

What next! *The Stamp News* reports that 6,390,483, obsolete Peruvian stamps, embracing 46 varieties, have been surcharged with the portrait of the President.

We have received the second number of *The Indian Postage Stamp News*, a new paper which hails from Bombay, India. The paper presents a creditable appearance.

The number in the bracket on the wrapper, indicates the number with which your subscription expires. Renew promptly, otherwise we cannot continue the paper.

Hankow has issued new 2c. and 30c. stamps, which are of attractive design, although, philatelicly, Chinese locals are not what would be termed especially desirable or attractive.

Philately in India is making rapid progress. There are now three philatelic papers published in

the country. Auction sales of stamps are held there, and dealers are springing up all over the country.

It is said that Mr. Chas. L. Borg, a popular Chicago collector has no hands having lost them in a railroad accident. In placing his stamps in his album, he uses a carpenter's chisel, manipulating it with his teeth!

Mr. E. J. Hatch, of Centre Montville, Mo., warns collectors and dealers against Graham Frank, of New York City, to whom he sent approval sheets on June 7th, 1894, and from whom he can obtain no reply.

After the covers of this issue were printed, we received a letter from the Michigan Stamp Co., stating that their stock and trade had been sold to Messrs W. J. Lawrence & Co. of the same city. When answering this advertisement, please note the new firm name.

Mr. E. B. Jones, of Ruthven, Iowa, is preparing a comprehensive check-list for collectors of philatelic literature, which promises to be of great value to those engaged in forming a library. The price of the book is, we believe, 30 cents. The low price should place it within the reach of all.

Beginning with our next issue all subscriptions must begin with the first number of the year, as we wish to have all subscriptions expire with the end of the year. Those whose subscriptions expire during the middle of the year may forward, *pro rata*, a sufficient amount to continue till the end of the year.

We have to thank Mr. Wm. C. Stone for informing us that the article in our August number, by Capt. Mildmay, entitled "Our Philatelic Society's Meeting," is taken almost verbatim from W. L. Alden's "Adventures of Jimmey Brown." The article in question we purchased from Mr. Kenneth Dunbar, under the impression that it was original. The story had been adapted so as to be suitable for a philatelic paper, by changing a few words. We fear that other similar articles by Mr. Dunbar were adapted in a similar manner. We regret very much that these articles should have appeared, and on this account we owe an apology to our readers.

We wish to rectify a matter that appeared in the columns of our August issue. On the strength of a letter from Mr. J. A. Caron, Rimouski, Que.,

we published Mr. Maurice Belin, 52 Rue de la Madeline, Brussels, Belgium, as a fraud. We have received a letter from Mr. Belin, stating that he had never received any communication whatever from Mr. Caron. We have written Mr. Caron for an explanation but up to date of publication, have not heard from him. On enquiry, we find that Mr. Belin occupies a prominent position in Belgian Philatelic circles, and we regret that the item in question was inserted and we take this opportunity of undoing any injury the note may have caused him.

We have at last been compelled to abandon the publication of our handbooks Nos. 5 and 6, after having made every possible effort to publish the books. After the Canadian P. O. Department refused to allow us to publish the books in Canada, we made arrangements to have the same published and mailed from England, but we have recently had it brought to our notice, that even though we had the books published in England, we would not be allowed to sell and mail the same, either here or in the United States. Consequently on this ruling our loss is nearly \$1,000. All subscriptions will be refunded in order of receipt, by registered mail. We are very sorry to have to disappoint our patrons in this, but assure them that we have done all in our power in the matter. The cuts and text of the book were long since completed. We have had considerable difficulty with the Canadian P. O. Department during the last year, in regard to the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, handbooks 5 and 6, and this journal. We have been forbidden to use illustrations of any stamps whatever in our publications in future. During the past month the dealers in the United States have had some trouble in regard to the same matter. All the albums, etc., of the leading dealers and publishers, with illustrations of stamps in them were seized by agents of the Secret Service Department. The matter was submitted to the Solicitor General of the Treasury, who rendered a decision favorable to dealers, however, advising the seizure of all cuts and plates, from which the books were printed; permission being given to sell the stock of catalogues and albums remaining on hand. Both the Scott and Mekeel Co. refused to allow the seizure of their cuts, as in the opinion of the U. S. prosecuting attorney for St. Louis, there was no law by which they could seize plates of stamps, unless evidence was forthcoming that they had been used for counterfeiting purposes. We understand that this opinion has been forwarded to the Attorney General at Washington, and it is believed that he will agree with the decision rendered by the District Attorney.

CHEAP SETS

This List of Sets is revised monthly, and is the cheapest in existence.
It pays to buy your Stamps in Sets.
A trial order solicited.

Angola, 5 varieties.....	12	Hungary, 1888, 1 kr + 1 fl., 8 varieties.....	40
Alsace and Lorraine, 7 varieties R.....	15	Iceland, 10 varieties.....	40
Austria, 1850-54, 11 varieties.....	08	India, Post and Revenue, 16 varieties.....	10
Argentina 12 varieties.....	10	India, Pictorial, 4 varieties.....	10
Azores, 5 varieties.....	10	Italy, various, 25 varieties.....	15
Baden, land post, 3 varieties.....	10	Jamaica, Official, 3 varieties.....	04
Bavaria return letter, 6 varieties R.....	05	Japan, Telegraph, 4 varieties.....	03
Belgium, 10 varieties.....	10	Japan, 10 varieties.....	05
Belgium postal packet, 6 varieties.....	10	New Kiang, 2 varieties.....	04
Benin, 1-10c., 4 varieties.....	10	Labuan, 1892, 2 varieties.....	00
Bergedorf, 1851 5 varieties R.....	10	Luxemburg, 5 varieties.....	05
Bulgaria, 9 varieties.....	10	Macao, Crown Type, 5 to 300r., 10 varieties.....	1 25
Bahia, 4 varieties.....	10	Malta, 2 varieties.....	05
Brazil, 15 varieties.....	20	Mauritius, 4 varieties.....	10
Br. Guiana, 4 varieties.....	05	Mexico, many different issues, 50 varieties.....	95
Bulgaria, unpaid, 4 varieties.....	20	Mexico, Port de Mar, 6 varieties, 1880.....	20
Bolivar, 1870, 4 varieties.....	45	Monaco, 4 varieties.....	10
Bolivar, 1880, 4 varieties.....	45	Nicaragua, 1809, Official, 10-10p., 10 varieties.....	93
Bolivar, 1883, 4 varieties.....	45	Nicaragua, 1891, Official, 10-10p., 10 varieties.....	50
Bolivar, 1885, 4 varieties.....	45	Nicaragua, 1892, Official, 10-10p., 10 varieties.....	50
Bolivia, 1879, 1/2n, to 25n., 8 varieties.....	23	Nicaragua, Envelopes, 1892, 5 varieties.....	10
Br. Colonials, assorted, 100 varieties.....	95	Nicaragua Wrappers, 1892, 3 varieties.....	10
Costa Rica, 13 varieties.....	18	Newfoundland, 5 varieties.....	10
Cape of Good Hope, 5 varieties.....	05	New South Wales, 5 varieties.....	05
Canada, 1850, 1, 5, 10 and 12 1/2c.....	70	New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5 and 17 1/2c., 4 varieties.....	35
Canada, 1868, 1/2, 1, 2, 3 and 6c., 5 varieties.....	40	New Zealand, 5 varieties.....	08
Canada, 1882-93, 1/2-20c., 8 varieties.....	20	Norway, 7 varieties.....	05
*Canada, Envelopes and Wrappers, 3 varieties, entire.....	12	Orange Free State, 3 varieties.....	04
*Canada, Post Card, 1871-79, 4 varieties, complete.....	20	Persia, 4 varieties.....	10
Canada, Law P., F., green, 10c to \$1.00 7 varieties.....	40	Peru, 5 varieties.....	05
Canada Supreme Court, 6 varieties, complete.....	5 00	Peru Envelopes, 2 to 50c., 7 varieties.....	75
Canada, Weight and Measure, 5 var., including \$2.00.....	5 00	Philippine Islands 4 varieties.....	05
*Cape Verde, 5 varieties.....	10	*Porto Rico, 1894, 1/2-5m., 6 varieties.....	08
Ceylon 5 varieties.....	05	Porto Rico, 10 varieties.....	10
Chili, 5 varieties.....	05	Portuguese Indies 3 varieties.....	03
*Chin Kiang, 1/2 to 10c., 7 varieties.....	50	*Prince Edward Island, 8 varieties.....	1 00
Columbian Republic, 5 varieties.....	06	*Prince Edward Island, 1865, 2 and 1d.....	20
Constantinople 4 varieties.....	03	Quebec, Law, dark red, 10-60c., 6 varieties.....	25
*Cuba, 1894, 1/2-5m., 6 varieties.....	08	Quebec, Law, vermilion 10-60c., 6 varieties.....	25
Cuba, 12 varieties.....	10	Quebec, Law, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00, blue.....	1 00
Ecuador, 7 varieties.....	10	Roumania, 7 varieties.....	05
Egypt, 10 varieties.....	16	Roumania, 25 varieties.....	25
Egypt, unpaid, 1889, 3 varieties.....	07	Russia, 12 varieties.....	10
*Eritria, 3 varieties.....	05	*Samoa, 1st issue, 8 varieties R.....	10
Faridkot, 18 varieties.....	1 00	*Saxony, 1863, 5 varieties.....	10
Finland, 5 varieties.....	05	Spain, 50 varieties.....	50
France, 25 varieties.....	20	Straits Settlements, 5 varieties.....	10
Fr. Colonies, 25 varieties.....	25	Sweden Losen, 10 varieties.....	15
Germany, 15 varieties.....	05	Sweden, 10 varieties.....	15
Gibraltar, 2 varieties.....	05	*Swiss, Telegraph, 4 varieties.....	05
Gold Coast, 4 varieties.....	12	*Swiss, 1862-81, 2-40c., 6 varieties.....	10
Great Britain, 25 varieties.....	15	Tasmania, 3 varieties.....	03
Greece, 7 varieties.....	05	*Trinidad, 1851, unused, 4 varieties, complete.....	18 50
Grenada, 3 varieties.....	07	Turkey, 10 varieties.....	10
*Guadeloupe, 1893 1-5, 4 varieties.....	10	Uruguay, 2 varieties.....	03
Guatemala 5 varieties.....	10	Uruguay, 20 varieties.....	75
Hawaii, 6 varieties.....	15	U. S. Locals, 35 varieties.....	75
Hayti, 2 varieties.....	05	Venezuela 5 varieties.....	05
*Heligoland, 21 varieties.....	10	Victoria, 6 varieties.....	05
*Honduras, 5 varieties.....	10	Western Australia, 2 varieties.....	03
Honduras, 1890 official, 10 varieties.....	25		
Hong Kong, 5 varieties.....	07		

❧ READ BEFORE ORDERING. ❧

Postage is 3c. extra on orders under \$1; over that amount postage is free.

All sets are in stock at time of going to press, but as it is impossible to keep all constantly on hand a supplementary order should always be sent.

* Means unused. All others are used and in some cases the sets contain both used and unused stamps. R means reprint.

L. M. STAEBLER,

185 1/2 Dundas Street,

London, Ontario, Canada.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

TERMS—One cent per word each insertion, payable in advance. No exchange notice will be received for less than 15 cents. No display allowed.

ALL kinds of foreign stamps wanted in exchange for stamps of North America. Entire Post Cards and Envelopes also wanted. A. H. Milligan, 33 Mill St., London West, Ontario, Canada.

A PACKET of U. S. and foreign, catalogued at \$1.50, only 25 cents. 100 mixed U. S., 12 cents. S. W. Miller, Jr., Burlington, Coffey Co., Kansas.

DAMAGED STAMPS! In making up our packets and mixtures, all damaged and heavily cancelled stamps are thrown aside, in order to maintain the superior quality of our packets, etc. Rare stamps, and others, with but small defects, will be frequently found in the mixture. We will send 1,000 of these, post paid, to any address in the United States and Canada for 30 cents. Postage to other countries, 25 cents extra. Good value guaranteed. We can supply any quantity, as we accumulate thousands of these stamps daily. L. M. Staebler, 185½ Dundas St., London, Canada.

EVERYONE who will send me a postal card or envelope stamped, or any stamps, will receive the same of Austria, Chas. Seemann, Mohlbadsstreet, Karlsbad, Austria.

EXCHANGE desired with collectors in every country. British Colonies, Japan, and Hawaii especially desired. I will exchange either by Scott's catalogue, or if from 25 to 500 stamps are sent I will send same quantity and quality of U. S. Walter Ferguson, State University, Berkeley, Cal., U.S.A. (ok 36-37.)

FOREIGN Collectors, send me 100 to 500 good and rare stamps of your country and colonials, and receive 200 to 10,000 fine U.S., Mexico or South American exchange. The rarer you send the better return. I give best bank references. Collections bought. Wm. B. Hale, Williamsville, Mass., U.S. (ok 34-35.)

FOR unused New Brunswick stamps, a perfect, original English Newspaper of 1736, 1743, 1766. Maul Charlotte Bingham, McGrawville, N. Y.

STAMPS! Try our fine approval sheets, at 50% commission. Empire Stamp Co., 69 Third Ave., New York City. (ok 36-37.)

5000 PHILATELIC PAPERS for sale. Many old and scarce numbers. The lot contains about 1,000 different papers. We will mail to different, post paid, to any address for 20 cents, larger quantities at same rate. L. M. Staebler, 185½ Dundas St., London, Canada.

STAMP DEALERS' DIRECTORY.

A two or three-line card under this heading \$3.00 per year payable in advance.

KOBBE & WEEKES Bros. Stamp Co., Short Hills, N. J. We solicit correspondence with stamp collectors with a view of opening business relations.

STÄBLER, L. M. 185½ Dundas St., London, Canada, 20-page retail list free on application. Wholesale list to dealers only.

BOYD, L. B. 463 Colborne St., London, Canada. Foreign correspondence solicited. Send 100 or more stamps of your country and receive same number of Canadian in exchange.

THE KOBBE AND WEEKES STAMP CO.
Short Hills, N. J.

Retail dealers in United States and foreign stamps. Cheap packets always on hand. Fine approval sheets at 40% discount. (ok 33-44.)

GLASS EYES For Birds and Animals. NATURALISTS' SUPPLIES. **BIRDS' EGGS** Catalogue for 2c. stamp. CHAS. K. REID, 262 Main St., Worcester, Mass.

APPROVAL SHEETS—50% Discount.

I have lately been breaking up a large collection, and can therefore offer great bargains.

CHAS. B. BURNYEAT, MONCTON, N.B.

MEXICAN REVENUES.

We are now in a position to supply a fine mixture of these quick selling stamps, at \$1.25 per 100 post free. Every 100 contains 50 varieties. Try a 100. They will please you.

L. M. STAEBLER, London, Canada.

BEGINNERS!

Send for my Beginners' Sheets, at 50% commission. United States and Canadian Revenues at 33½%. Sent to those furnishing references.

✻ O. W. REESE ✻

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA.

A Year's Subscription Free.

We will send this Magazine one year, free of charge, to every collector (not already a subscriber) who sends us an order for \$1.00 or more, from our list of cheap sets on the opposite page. If you desire the subscription it will be necessary to mention the same when sending your order. This offer will be withdrawn on December 31st. Take advantage of it while it lasts.

A Year's Subscription Free.

CANADIAN STAMPS!

Any kind current (except ½, 1, 2, 3, 5) and Revenues, etc., wanted in exchange or for cash. (ok 36-37.)

L. MILLER, 111 W. 96th St., New York, N.Y.

MATHIES KRISTENSEN,
KENOSHA, WIS.

Has Packets and Approval Sheets at 50% discount. Price List Free.

POST CARDS.

Our Packet No. 133 contains ten varieties of unused entire South American postal cards, including Bolivia, Chili, Uruguay, Ecuador, Argentina, Brazil and Peru. Price \$1.00 post paid. A bargain.

L. M. STAEBLER, London, Canada.

HARVEY J. COOK,

Box 324, WOODSTOCK, ONTARIO.

Fine Approval Sheets at 50% commission. Satisfaction guaranteed. Good references required. Member W.P.A., No. 2.

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

We have packets of all grades. Approval sheets a specialty. Send for Sheets at 50% commission.

STAR STAMP CO.,

102 S. 18th Street, ST. JOSEPH, MO.

CHAS. NICOL, 676 King St., LONDON, CANADA

Any one sending me 100 well assorted stamps of their country will receive the same number of Canadian. No U.S. desired.

We have received a copy of the Standard Stamp Co's price list, consisting of 14 pages and cover, and fully illustrated. The publishers inform us that 35,000 copies have been printed, and together with postage, the total cost will be \$1,500, the largest amount ever spent on a stamp price list. A copy can be obtained free from them at 925 La Salle Street, St. Louis, Mo. (Advt.)

Special

✦ I will send to any address free, ✦
by registered post.....

100 Different West Indian Postage Stamps

ALL CLEAN AND PERFECT FOR \$2.00.

This Packet contains many obsolete and high values, including Antiqua, Barbadoes (nearly all issues), Bermuda, Grenada (many surcharged and obsolete stamps and complete set unpaid), Leeward Isles, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, Tobago, Trinidad, Etc.

ERNEST SLINGER,

St. George's, Grenada, West Indies.

SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO. Ltd.

18 East 23rd St., NEW YORK, N.Y.

55th EDITION

—OF OUR—



Standard Postage

Stamp Catalogue

.....IS NOW READY.....

PRICE, 58 Cents, post free.

It contains 625 pages and over 5,000 illustrations. It is in pocket size, and can be carried around without discomfort.

It is set up from entirely new type, and presents a beautiful appearance.

The prices reflect the actual present condition of the stamp market, and they will be generally accepted as the standard.

No Collector Can Get Along Without It.

WANTED

To Buy Stamps in any Quantity.

WANTED

To Buy Collections.

WANTED

Collectors to send for Approval Sheets at Largest Discounts.

COLUMBIA STAMP CO.

HARTFORD, - - CONNECTICUT.

AGENTS WANTED

To sell our Approval Sheets at 33 1/2 per cent commission. The first one answering this 'ad' will receive, free, six varieties of U. S. Postal Cards.

EUREKA STAMP CO.

1809 Lake Street OMAHA, NEB.

(ok.-35, 36)

WICKS

The Reliable Canadian

Stamp Dealer

Begs to call Collectors' attention to the following

CHEAP PACKETS OF FOREIGN AND REVENUE STAMPS

SELECTED FROM HIS PRICE LIST.

Packet No. 1—Containing 100 good Foreign Stamps, from all parts of the world. **Price 10 Cents.**

Packet No. 2—Contains 50 varieties of Foreign Stamps, from Egypt, Spain, Turkey, Helligoland, Mexico, Chili, Bosnia, Japan, Brazil, British Guiana, Cuba, 8 cent Canada, 2 cent Registered Canada, etc. **Price 10 Cents.**

Packet No. 3—Contains 100 varieties of good Foreign Stamps, including old issue of Canada, 1 cent Rose, U.S. old issue, Queensland, Gold Coast, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and other good stamps. **Price only 15 Cents.**

Packet No. 5—Is a dandy—including 100 varieties good Foreign Stamps, Cashmere, Perak, South African Republic, Belgium (first issue), Ceylon, Peru, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Canada 8 cent, 2 cent Registered, Hong Kong, Orange Free States, Straits Settlements, Malta, Curacas, etc. **All for 25 Cents.**

Packet No. 9—Contains 25 varieties from Central America, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, etc. Fine value. **For only 40 Cents.**

Packet No. 8—Contains 25 varieties of very fine South American Stamps, including British Guiana, Venezuela, Ecuador, Chili, Peru, Trinidad, Barbadoes, Uruguay, etc. **Only 25 Cents.**

Packet No. 13—Contains 30 varieties of stamps from Great Britain. All issues and high values. **Splendid value. 20 Cents.**

Packet No. 20—Contains 25 varieties Canadian Revenue stamps—all issues—including \$1 Bill Stamp (first and second issues), Law Stamps, etc. Catalogue value of this packet \$2.40. **Price 30 Cents.**

Packet No. 21—Contains 40 varieties of Canadian Revenue Stamps—the three issues of Bill Stamps—well represented and nearly complete. Splendid value in this packet. **My price only 50 Cents.**

NOTICE.

In order to introduce my Price List into the hands of every collector, I am putting up a packet of Foreign Stamps of 100 varieties, not a common stamp in Packet, 500 Stamp Hinges and 20 Blank Approval Sheets. The finest in the market.

ALL THE ABOVE, INCLUDING LARGE NEW PRICE LIST, ONLY 25 CENTS.

ORDER NOW.

All orders for Packets must contain 3 cents extra for postage.

Address all orders to—

A. F. WICKS,

372 Horton St., LONDON, ONT.

NOTE.—Exchange wanted with Foreign Dealers the world over. Send 500 or 1000 stamps on trial. Satisfaction guaranteed.

When answering advertisements, mention CANADIAN PHILATELIST.