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FOR THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC UNION.

BY J. BERNSTEIN, JR.

ABOUT one year ago the amalgamation scheme so thoroughly expounded by Mr. Davison and the *Post Office*, and so energetically indorsed by our more prominent collectors, was first aired into existence and received such a splendid ovation by the better class of our press and people. Although so well received, it met with quite a sturdy opposition when put to a vote, and was accordingly dropped by its promoters. Such is the history of the amalgamation agitation in the United States. But now let us come nearer home and consider whether a union of the two Canadian national societies would be a progressive policy and whether it would meet with more success.

It is quite true that the unsuccessful outcome of the American plan stares us in the face, but is it not worth the trial? We must first consider that the Canadian organizations are placed in quite a different position than were the American societies. There, there were many difficulties that cannot be encountered in the bringing about of a union of the Canadian Philatelic Association and Philatelic Society of Canada. It must be remembered that the P. S. of A. was originally part of the A. P. A., and was organized for the main purpose of rivalry, and how could we expect support from its members? The W. P. U., on the other hand, was organized with the only aim of a help

to the western collectors, who claimed that the A. P. A. was neglecting them in the matter of benefits, officers and representatives, and how could its members co-operate with the A. P. A. amalgamationists except to return to their former source of grievance? Another and more general cause of the failure of the scheme was the fact that there were *three* societies included, and naturally involved more difficulties. Undoubtedly, with more officers to contend with, who, with the aspect of losing their honors and positions, would do their utmost to oppose the effecting of the plan, the task was rather more increased. Still another important drawback was the provision of the scheme which asked the P. S. of A. and W. P. U. to disband and enter the ranks of the A. P. A., a clause which could certainly not be in accord with the views of these organizations, who would be far from inclined to again re-enter the old society, and, as we would say, "beg pardon." Had the agitation been commenced prior to the incorporation of the A. P. A., and had the scheme provided for a union of the three societies under a different name and constitution, success would certainly have followed. As it was, however, this could not be, as the incorporation business was in the way. Thus, with these few, and many other, causes in opposition, the scheme failed.

In Canada, however, we cannot have

these contentions and difficulties. Although the P. S. of C. was organized with a thought of rivalry to the C.P.A., it now has a different scope of existence, and the feeling which formerly characterized the two societies has about completely vanished by this time, and for the simple reasons that the P. S. of C., with a much larger membership than its sister society, considered itself above such feeling, while the C. P. A., with a much more perfect material, lost all such thoughts. So that now each works independently and for its own welfare *only*. The second difficulty, again, which accosted our American cousins cannot approach the Canadian organizations, as, fortunately, there are only two societies, and the officers, although of the very first class, are completely outnumbered by large membership rolls, in which we have an advantage.

With these two hardships out of the way, why *cannot* the C. P. A. and P. S. of C. be united under one banner and constitution, and why *should* they not? In union there is strength, and united only we can stand. The C. P. A. is now enjoying many benefits and distinctions which the P. S. of C. cannot lay claim to, and the P. S. of C. can pride itself on privileges which none but it can wield. The P. S. of C. has might; the C. P. A. has right; and why should might contend with right? A leading American poet truly said:—

“All are needed by each one;
Nothing is fair or good alone.”

Exemplify it by this case:—The C. P. A. has material, the P. S. of C. has numbers; the C. P. A. has an active exchange department, the P. S. of C. has an excellent library; the P. S. of C. is incorporated, the C. P. A. is not; the C. P. A. is well established, the P. S. of C. is not. What, then, could be of more benefit to each than a consummation of all the virtues contained in, and all the privileges and distinctions enjoyed by each? Neither the P. S. of C. nor C. P. A. can lose anything by

union, while both have much to gain.

Amalgamation must come, and the sooner the better. The tide of Canadian Philatelic opinion is fast flowing in its direction, and thought, words and opinions must eventually culminate into action. How many would favor the union? It seems to us that every sensible collector would. Already dozens have expressed their opinions personally to the writer, and *all favor the course*. Already the editors of the *International Philatelist*, *Canadian Philatelist* and PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA have expressed themselves in accord with such a move, and already Mr. John R. Hooper, President of the P. S. of C., says that it is not a bad idea, while Mr. Ernest F. Würtele, President of the C. P. A., says that he will consider it! What, now, is to hinder action? The conventions of the C. P. A. and P. S. of C. are soon to be in session, and why should this not be the all-absorbing topic of discussion and the issue of the day?

The one serious difficulty seems to be a plan of action and a basis of union, and we may suggest the means to master it. Why not air the subject out and out and consider public opinion? Why not meet and agree upon convenient terms? Why not refer to the Canadian Philatelic press, or why not call for a popular vote? These would be some of the means that would lead to thought, voice, action and lastly success. In the next number we shall have more to say on a specific plan of agreement, and in the meantime will trust that this will be the means of awakening our Canadian collectors to their surroundings.

In conclusion, the writer begs to thank the kind editor for his interest in the matter and the valuable space so willingly granted.

The new special delivery stamps are now out. The design remains the same as before, but the color has been changed to orange yellow.

Written for THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA.

THAT BIND.

I. E. WELDON.

PERHAPS some of the many readers of the JOURNAL, upon viewing the above heading, will murmur to themselves:—"Humph! Some more Philatelic Romance." But, brother Philatelist, do not be alarmed. I am not going to relate the startling find of a Brattleboro, which loses its existence upon the awakening, from a dream, of its proud possessor, nor yet am I about to recount the thrilling and finely concocted story of the finding of some hundred dollars' worth of rare stamps. I wish simply to relate the circumstances of an event which actually happened.

While in my philatelic infancy, I was seated one afternoon in the courtroom in one of the County Towns of Ontario. The case occupying the attention of the court—a civil one, and devoid of anything sensational—was dragging along very uninterestingly, and so it was no wonder that my mind reverted to a more interesting theme—stamps.

While musing thus, I espied the grandson of the janitor of the Court House. I beckoned him over to me, and inquired of him if he knew where there were any old letters or papers. Of course (as is always the case when one inquires for old stamps) he did not know where I could find one. The promise of a pecuniary reward, however, seemed to sharpen his wits, for, after some fishing, I managed to glean from him that there might be some old letters in the garret over the courtroom.

To reach the garret it was necessary to pass through the court-room into a small lobby. A door from this ante-room opened upon the stairway leading to the garret. This door was without a lock and was kept shut by means of a short board, one end of which rested in a small crevice of the floor of the

ante-room, the other end being tightly jammed under the door knob, so that a person on the stairway, if the board were in place, would be unable to get out unless assisted by someone in the ante-room.

The boy conducted me to this stairway and demanded a quarter. He then informed me that he would be unable to accompany me up stairs, as he was going on a fishing expedition, and would not be back before night.

Having ascended to the attic and having looked a long time without finding anything, except some common revenue stamps, to reward me for my trouble, I was about giving up my search when I thought I would investigate the contents of an old basket, which I had hitherto left untouched, as it seemed to contain nothing but old rags. I took out three or four handfuls of rags, but it seemed as though there were "only these and nothing more." I tried again with the same result. One more—rags. "Third time's the charm," I muttered, and sure enough it was. I soon discovered some old papers, and later a large number of old letters bearing the stamps of the 1859 issue. The letters seemed to have been placed in the basket just as they had been received, for the further I rummaged down into the basket, the older the stamps became. The first letter had been written in 1837, so that it may well be imagined I had a fine lot of stamps when I got through. The only thing I regretted on that occasion was that Canada had not begun to use stamps about twenty years sooner.

However, without stopping to moralize much, I detached the common stamps from the envelopes, and, in the case of the rare ones, prepared to take letter and all. When I got through sorting my treasures, I had a pile about

a foot high. Where should I stow them? As my pockets would not hold half of them, I unbuttoned my coat and padded myself until I somewhat resembled a full-grown "pouter" cock, and could only walk by holding my head "high in the heavens." Covered with cob-webs and dust I prepared to make my descent, down through the court room and off home.

As I descended the stairs, my head highly elevated, I stepped upon some old clothes, which I had not noticed when coming up, and, oh, horror of horrors! went crashing down stairs like "a thousand of brick." I arose, trembling and bruised, and what was my consternation to hear His Honor the Judge, in a deep and harsh voice roar, "Policemen, do your duty. The High Court of our Sovereign Lady the Queen must be respected." I did not wait to hear anything more, but betook myself, at a very lively gait, up stairs again. Where could I hide? I caught sight of an old bed tick, lying in a secluded and darkened corner of the attic. Into this I plunged, head first.

Breathing in bushels of chaff and dust, the accumulation of twenty or thirty years, I lay as still as possible, and waited. But the policemen (as is generally the rule with the "movens,") only came as far as the bottom of the stairs, and then returned to the court-room. Arising from my downy couch, I appeared rather the worse for wear. My face, I imagine, would have borne fair comparison with that of the greatest Indian dandy when arrayed in all his gorgeous war paint. My clothes somewhat resembled those of a chimney sweep, and as all the letters with which I had padded myself had slipped down somewhere in the region of the pit of my stomach, I had suddenly become of very Aldermanic proportions.

Having "adjusted" myself, and after having had a miniature house-cleaning, I once more descended the stairs and found to my sorrow that the rascally policemen had done their duty only too well—far better than they had

intended. They had placed the board against the door, and I was a prisoner. Sick at heart, I once more travelled those weary stairs, and, having seated myself on the heap of rags I had hauled out of the basket, I amused myself in abusing the world in general and myself and stamp collecting in particular.

While thus contemplating on the trials and tribulations of this life, my eye caught sight of a small window far up the side of the building. By means of the beams and rafters supporting the building, I managed to reach the window and succeeded in opening it. With a drop of about six feet I safely landed on the roof of a wing of the court house. Once here my task was easy. An iron ladder led to the ground. This I soon made use of, and in a very short time was at home, trying to steady my nerves after all the fearful shocks they had encountered.

When turning over those leaves of my album, on which are mounted some of the best Canadian and United States stamps, or when standing within the old walls of the court house, which I do almost daily, my mind always reverts to a certain event in my stamp-collecting career, and I have been heard murmuring to myself:—"I'd rather be here than there."

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Canadian Gossip and Chit-Chat.

It is reported on reliable authority that Edward C. Biggar, a collector of Niagara Falls, Ont., and late of Nebraska, left that State in quite a hurry, forgetting to pay his creditors, who are now after him. This should be a warning to Canadian dealers and collectors.

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I notice in a certain journal a note stating that "the weekly which was to be issued from *Montreal* has not yet appeared." Such is the case, but it was not from Montreal that it was to appear, but from a certain Western Ontario centre and by a dealer whose chief aim in life seems to be to "make promises and not fulfil them."

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The new issue is out, and is quite satisfactory, especially the 20c. and 50c. adhesives and the large post card, which present a splendid appearance. The letter sheet is a little too small and rather rough, but is well enough for a first effort. We trust that the Government will issue a new and complete adhesive set, as Canada is rather in want of something interesting in that line.

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Loose again. Such is the latest report regarding that renowned fraud, Thos. O. Pardoe, jr., late of Ingersoll, Ont., but who is now completing the good (?) work from Yorkville, Ont. The P.O. authorities are yet at work on the case, and the sooner Philately is rid of him the better.

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A serious question is now being agitated by Canadian collectors. It proposes a union of all the local societies of Canada with a Supreme Council at the head. This would do away with the two useless national (?) societies, who are continually engaged in warfare, and would be a "move in the right direction."

Three new stamp papers are announced for Canada. The *Queen City Philatelist*, and *Canadian Philatelic Monthly* from Ontario, and the *Nova Scotian Philatelist* from Nova Scotia. Canada is now well up in Philatelic publications, all the new ones, with the exception of the *Ottawa Philatelist*, being yet alive. Should these three materialize, Canada will have seven journals. Whew!

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The PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA last month was the largest Canadian journal ever issued outside of the *Dominion Philatelist*, whose subscription price is 50c., and whose contents for the most part are reprinted. As far as neatness is concerned, it was unexcelled by any. Twenty pages and cover of well-written matter is no small thing for a three months' old publication.

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A leading Canadian collector is now compiling a complete history and catalogue of the Postage and Revenue Stamps of British North America, which will undoubtedly prove the most useful and interesting ever issued on this side. It will be published in a 100 page form, and will be "the filling of a long-felt want."

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It seems strange that neither the C. P. A. nor P. S. of C. have yet taken any active means to contribute towards the World's Fair Stamp Exhibit, as was promised. We trust that they will take the hint and set to work at once.

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Ye heavens! can this latest be true? and are we Canucks to have the largest and highest priced Philatelic journal published in the world? It would seem so from a circular from Mr. Hy. A. Fowler, of Toronto, who announces a large 60-pp. or more monthly, christened the *Canadian Journal of Philately* at the very small subscription price of \$3

per annum. The materializing of this publication would undoubtedly be quite an event, and we trust it may, although we rather believe that the exorbitant price will be a draw-back to its success. We, however, await further progress.

Surprise upon surprise, and before we could digest the preceding announcement comes another to the effect that the PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA will, after May 1st, be issued as a *semi-monthly* and in its present form. Quite an awakening in Canadian circles of late. A weekly is all that can be desired now. —NEMO.

Chicago Notes.

The Western Stamp & Coin Co.'s 11th auction sale took place Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th. The following are some of the prices realized:—

Lot No. 1—New York 5c. black—Unsevered pair on original	\$10 25
" 33—U.S. 1865. newspaper 5c. blue border.....	3 05
" 89—U. S. Interior—Complete set in blocks of four—unused.....	4 65
" 99—U.S. State Dept., 90c....	3 10
" 401—Switzerland and Zurich—6 R. perpendicular lines .	3 95
" 402—Switzerland and Zurich—6 R. horizontal lines....	5 00
" 436—West Australia—1856 2d .	8 25
" 448—Mixed lot of 3,180 foreign stamps.....	10 65

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An engraver's proof of the new 8c. Columbian stamp is in the possession of one of the postal clerks at the Chicago post office. The design represents Columbus kneeling before the Queen—"Restored to favor." The color is not yet known.

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I received an electric shock a few days ago, when a sample copy of the *Electric Philatelist* was handed me. The following lines appear in same:—"There was a man by the name of Vance, Who had a passion for collecting stamps; Until one day, all of a sudden, He turned into a stamp. Oh, what a pudden."

What the object was in putting this "rot" in is hard to determine, unless the editor wanted to fill up space. Such stuff as this is a disgrace to Philately.

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A dealer's life is by no means an easy one. The following incident will serve as an illustration:—A short time ago a "stamp fiend" walked into the office of a prominent dealer in this city and asked to be shown some good foreign stamps. The obliging dealer immediately brought forth his several stock albums, feeling sure from the appearance of the gentleman that he knew what he wanted. After calmly looking through the several albums and commenting on the poor appearance, etc., of the stamps, he asked the dealer, who by this time had become impatient, what discount he allowed off prices marked. On being informed that a discount of 25% was allowed, he, after searching through an album again, remarked that there were but few stamps in the lot that he did not already possess, but he would take one particular stamp that he was in need of, marked at 5c., if the dealer would let him have it for 3c. It is needless to say that he did not get it. But he did get something for which he had not bargained, for Mr. Dealer let forth the vials of his wrath upon his head, and Mr. Fiend, thinking "discretion the better part of valor," made good his escape.

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It is a deplorable fact that the Chicago Post Office is one of the worst in the country. Many efforts have been made to secure a new building or at least get the present one in decent repair, but it is so far gone that it is almost impossible to make any marked improvement on it. Considerable money has been spent on it during the past year, but without much success. Chicago philatelists are by no means proud of the structure, and would gladly steer the visiting brother in another direction, but to a philatelist the post office has a peculiar charm, which draws his thoughts and footsteps to it.

WILLIAM ROWLEY.

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In presenting this fourth number of our PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA, we beg leave to thank our friends for the hearty support accorded it since the publication of the first number, and especially since its last one. The patronage received far over-reached our highest expectations. We have received as many subscriptions and advertisements as any 3-months old journal could wish for, and we unhesitatingly say that

we are highly gratified. The scores of commendatory letters and kind words that have reached us have convinced us that the P. J. of C. has become a most welcome and acceptable visitor among philatelists of every grade, and we can pride ourselves on our exceptional success. We have been treated to a solid foundation, and we are now ready to reciprocate in the form of a repayment for the kindness. After due consideration, we have determined that we can with credit to our readers and ourselves make the P. J. of C. a *fortnightly magazine* instead of a monthly, and with the further assistance of our philatelic friends we are sure of carrying our point. As it will require some time in making preparations for this grand effort, we shall commence to issue this fortnightly from May 8th. After that, it will appear promptly on the 7th and 22nd of the month, carrying with it the very latest news. Subscriptions will be received until the 30th of April at the present rate, when they will be advanced to 40 cents. The advertisements will be same as now *each issue*. Advertisers placing contracts *now* may do so at the rate of 75 cents per inch per month (2 issues) or 1 1/2 times present rate for larger space. Remember, this only holds good until the end of April, and we shall *positively not cut rates*.

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Subscribe before the price is raised.

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Unless a certain gentleman (?) of Belleville sends us the amount due us by next issue of this Journal, he will have the pleasure (?) of seeing his name in print, as we have written him several times, apparently without effect.

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Is this not a neat, entertaining Journal?

We think this thing of *Small* versus *Canadensis* and *vice versa* is being carried a little too far, at least by the *small* side of it. Perhaps Mr. Hooper does not write as good an article now as he used to, but it must be taken into consideration that half the time lately he has been on the sick list. In fact he has been so sick that he is thinking seriously of giving up his situation in the Post Office Dept. at Ottawa. We trust he will soon recover his wonted strength and give us some more of the excellent articles which have made him famous.

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It has been announced by the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* that the *original* (?) plates of the 1d. first issue Mauritius have been unearthed. Could not these plates be made to order and then announced as the *original* plates? It is a shame to think that when you have a rare stamp in your collection, one perhaps no other collector has got, that the same stamp (reprint) can be bought for a mere song. Perhaps there are a very few collectors who do own the 1d. orange Mauritius and who look with disgust, and justly so, on the discovery of the plate (?). Somebody's gain, somebody's loss.

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We have added a new department this month, which we think will be acceptable to all of our readers. It is, as its name implies, "Canadian Gossip and Chit-Chat," the doings of collectors in Canada. This department is in the hands of a well-known philatelist, who, we know, will bring it up to a very high standard. Canadian collectors can help us to make it a valuable as well as instructive department by sending any notes of interest, accounts of finds,

meetings, etc. Please address them to Editor "Gossip and Chit-Chat," PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA, 57 Dundas St., London, Ont.

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As an inducement to non-subscribers, we will send this journal one year (including the *Fortnightly*) to all purchasing goods to the amount of \$2.50 from the publisher's list printed herein. As the goods are as cheap as any dealer's, this an opportunity not to let pass. To all our friends we beg leave to say that the publisher's price-list will not be ready until April 1st. It will be brought fully up to date.

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The following are a few of the many letters we have received:—

Capt. E. F. Würtele, President of the C. P. A. says:—"Your paper, the PHIL. JOUR. OF CANADA, came to hand to-day, and to my mind presents a *very neat appearance*." Mr. T. R. Ferris, a prominent W.P.U. member says of one of our new departments:—"Your Auction Epitome of Sales published in your paper strikes me in the right place, as it is just what I want." Mr. C. A. Allen, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, says:—"I was very pleased indeed to welcome your fine paper, and wish *long* life and prosperity to it." Among others we have received commendatory letters from the following:—J. K. Tiffany, President A. P. A.; Wm. N. Beggs, M. D.; Max Meyenberg, M. A. Steffan, Walter McMahon, Frank Scammell, J. E. Weldon, F. H. Barker, Cleve Scott, Thos. A. Wilson, Geo. A. Holland, Edwin B. Todd, L. Brodstone, S. C. Gensel, etc., etc. We might fill the whole page, but the above are sufficient to show that our efforts are appreciated. Others are satisfied, are you? If not

already a subscriber, please forward the same at once as per notice elsewhere.

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The publisher of this Journal was the first city dealer in London to receive the new Letter Card and 20 cent postage stamp. We have to thank Mr. Wilson, of Belleville, for the Letter Card, and Mr. McMahon, of Toronto, for the 20c. stamp. We have also to thank Mr. Rowley, of Chicago, for a specimen of the new Special Delivery stamp. It was also the first to arrive here.

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As will be noticed, Mr. Bernstein contributes an article on the subject of a Union of the two Canadian Societies, the C. P. A. and P. S. of C., with which we fully agree, and hope the scheme may soon be accomplished. We see no reason why there should be one cause and two factions, and would like to see the evil remedied. In this number is printed a form, and we would request all members of both the C. P. A. and P. S. of C. to copy, with their views, on a postal card and send as soon as possible. A copy of this number will be sent to all C. P. A. and P. S. of C. members, and all are requested to voice their sentiments. Don't fail to do it, as now is the time for action before the Conventions are in session.

Forgeries.

FORGED SURCHARGE.

The Canadian Bill Stamps of the 3rd issue have been surcharged N. S. by an unscrupulous Canadian dealer. It has been done pretty cleverly, so look out for them

FORGED 1/2D.

We learn that forgeries of the 1/2d. stamps are out. The work is not very

well done, and any collector with a genuine specimen can easily detect the forgery at sight.

The above are the only forged stamps of Canada that have been brought to our notice this month. Readers will be informed each month of any new forgeries. We would earnestly request any of our readers coming across any other forgeries of Canada to send us an account of same, or better still, send us specimens. By so doing you might help some other collector who would not think perhaps to look closely at the specimen he might be purchasing. The stamp or stamps will be immediately returned after issue of the *Journal*.

Readable Paragraphs.

[Advertisements inserted under this heading at the rate of 1 cent per word each insertion.]

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Collectors who have not as yet seen the new price-list of the Standard Stamp Co. should send for a copy at once. It consists of 64 pages, fully illustrated, with a handsome cover. A copy will be sent free by addressing above firm at 925 La Salle St., St. Louis, Mo. (adv.)

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There seems to be a general revival of stamp collecting in the London Public Schools and Collegiate Institute. One day last week one of the masters in the Collegiate Institute wanted to know the proper pronunciation of Philately.

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Did you notice our advertisement? Canadian Stamp Co., Harriston, Ont.

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It may not be generally known that Mr. Alvah Davison has resigned his position as editor of the *Post Office*. Mr. Gremmel is looking for another to fill his position, but he will be hard to get.

New York Notes.

Rogers' American Philatelic Blue Book is not out yet, and it is March 15th already. However, Mr. Rogers confidently expects to have it in the hands of the public by April 1st, 1893.

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The yellow Special Delivery Stamp was on sale at the New York P. O., at midnight, Wednesday, March 8th. The reported eight cent stamps have not yet appeared, nor have the Columbian envelopes.

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Bogert & Durbin Company's Thirty-ninth Auction Sale will be held at 25 Ann Street, on Wednesday evening, March 29th, 1893. The sale comprises the collection of a prominent Western collector. The Departments are complete, including the rare \$5 State. Bidding will no doubt be lively.

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At this writing, *The Brooklyn Stamp*, of Brooklyn, has not shown up. To be behindtime with the first issue is not very flattering.

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Mr. H. G. Strong, late of Rochester, N. Y., is now at New Haven, Ct. He was in this city a few days ago, the guest of R. P. Spooner. Mr. Strong wants the Presidency of the Sons of Philatelia, so I am told.

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But he won't get it. There are two nominees in the field, both Pennsylvania men, C. W. Kissinger, of Reading, and R. J. Russell, M. D., of Hanover. Mr. Kissinger has a sure thing, as no one who has any sense of justice or honor will vote for a man who inserts such libellous epistles in the Society's official organ as Dr. Russell has done.

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Why cannot the Philatelic Society of Canada secure a Canadian paper for official organ? There's plenty of them now. *The Stamp* has deteriorated considerably since it accepted the official organship.

The present President, Treasurer and Exchange Superintendent of the Sons of Philatelia are holding their respective offices in direct violation of the Constitution, which says they shall be *twenty-one years*. They are all *over* twenty-one years of age. Great Constitution!

†††

The J. W. Scott Company is to remove its quarters to 40 John St. on or before May 1st, 1893. John St. is one block from Fulton St. I trust the members of the firm will take occasion to straighten up things in the office and store, as, at present, they are the acme of confusion. I hear that *The Metropolitan Philatelist* will soon have another editor, which accounts for a recent resignation in that line.

†††

I was walking past 722 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, the other day, with a collecting friend, a stranger in the village, and I pointed out to him the medium-sized office of the Bogert & Durbin Co. on the second floor of the building. He looked very much surprised, and said he thought the concern occupied the whole building. He then gazed upward, hoping to see the imaginary flag-staff floating the colors of the B. & D. Co., but he was disappointed. He then tried to distinguish the name, "Bogert & Durbin Co." over the fourth story of the building, but he was again disappointed. He said it was the biggest misrepresentation he ever struck. However, it's business. I should not be surprised if the B. & D. Co. was to advertise a cut of the massive Tribune Building of this City, and label it "Our New York Office."

RALPH W. ASHCROFT.

"Do I have to stick this stamp on myself?" asked a dude of the P. O. clerk.

"Oh, no," replied the clerk, "you couldn't go in the mail bags, and besides this is a letter stamp, and you are not first-class male matter."

Auction Epitome for February.

COUNTRY AND STAMP.	SALE.	PRICE.	CONDITION.
BRITISH COLUMBIA—			
10 cent, blue, 1865	c 2	\$12.50	x. im. e.
do rose pink and blue.	f	6.60	o. f. p.
do do	c 2	14.00	o. f. p. 12½
\$1.00 (one dollar) green and blue.	c 2	16.00	o. vf. p. 14
CANADA—			
½ penny, pink.	j	6.25	o. f. p.
do do	e	£0:16:0	x. f. p.
6 pence, purple, wove.	g	\$2.10	x. im.
do do	e	£2:15:0	x. f. p.
7½ pence, green.	c 2	\$8.00	x. vf.
10 do black.	e	£0:18:0	x. f.
12 do black ("specimen" washed out).	c 2	\$ 6.25	proof.
1 cent, red-brown, laid paper.	c 2	5.5	x. pt (2)
3 cents, red, watermarked.	h	1.00	x.
12½ cents, blue do	h	1.10	x. d.
NEW BRUNSWICK—			
6 pence, yellow.	f	5.50	x. f.
do do	c 3	7.10	x. vf.
7½ pence, 6 yellow, 3 red (upper ½).	c 2	13.00	x. 3 is cc.
1 shilling, violet.	c 2	35.00	j. cc.
do do	j	42.25	x. vf.
do do with 3 pence, red.	e 2	£6: 5:0	x. f. h.
5 cent, Connell (no "specimen").	c 2	\$5.80	
NEWFOUNDLAND—			
2 pence, vermilion.	d	£1:15:0	* o. f.
do do	h	\$ 4.00	o. f.
3 do green (sheet of 80).	c	42.40	o. f.
4 do vermilion.	c 2	5.20	x. d.
4 do orange.	c 2	7.80	x. s. k.
5 do violet-brown (sheet of 20), watermark'd.	c	13.00	o. f.
5 do do do 40 do	c	26.00	o. f.
6½ do vermilion.	a	£2:18:0	o. f.
1 shilling do	c 2	6: 5:0	x. f.
do do	d	6: 0:0	x. f.
do orange.	c 2	\$22.00	x. s. k. s. l. c.
NOVA SCOTIA—			
1 penny, red-brown.	h	3.75	x. f.
3 pence, m. a. ½ 6 pence, dark green.	c 3	7.25	x. vf. g.
4½ do l. ½ 3d., blue + r. ½ 6d., green.	c 3	16.50	do
6 do green.	h	3.75	x.
7½ do unsevered yellow-green 6 & n. ¼ 6d.	c 3	15.60	x. vf. g.
1 shilling, violet.	d	£2:15:0	x.
do do	d	3:10:0	x.
do do	c 2	\$38.00	x. f.
do mauve.	c 2	50.00	j. vf.
5 cent, vermilion, m. h. ½ of 10 cent.	c 3	7.50	x. q.
8½ cent, green.	h	1.80	x. f.
8½ do 5 cent, blue + n. r. a ½ 5 + n. r. a ½ 2, mauve.	c 3	12.50	x. f. g.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—			
9 pence, green, 6d., green + m. l. a 6d., green.	c 3	35.00	x. f. g. p. q.

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|--------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| a—Diagonal | f—Fine | l—Left | q—Pinhole |
| b—Horizontal | g—Entire envelope | m—Lower | r—Right |
| c—Corner | h—Part envelope | n—Upper | s—Slight |
| cc—Creased | im—Imperforate | o—Unused | t—Tear |
| d—Damaged | j—Lightly cancelled. | og—Original gum | vf—Very fine |
| e—Cut close | k—Oxidized | p—Perforated | x—Used |
- p t ()—Perforations trimmed on () side

NO.	AUCTIONEER.	DATE.	WHERE.	SALE.
a	Mr. Hadlow.	Dec. 17, '92	London	15
b	Ventom, Bull & Cooper.			
c	Scott & Co.	Dec. 13 & 14, '92	New York	117
c 2	do	Feb. 8 & 9, '93	"	119
c 3	do	Feb. 23, '93	"	120
d	Messrs. Smith & Co.	Dec. 17, '92	Edinburgh	Not given
e	Cheveley & Co.	Dec. 21 & 22, '92	London	34
e 2	do	(Not given)	"	35
f	J. W. Scott Co.	Dec. 6, '92	New York	Not given
g	S. B. Bradt Co.	Dec. 14, '92	Chicago	9
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