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VOL. II.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., APRIL 1, 1898.

No. 5.

That Stamped Envelope.

Some of our subscribers have not received their premiums because they have neglected to send a stamped and addressed envelope. Without this no premium can be sent. Subscribers in the United States and Newfoundland should send an addressed envelope with a 3c stamp *in* it instead of *on* it. Subscribers in other countries may send 40c in well-centred unused stamps, as many different values as possible, which pays for subscription, premium, postage and exchange notice.

The New Hebrides.

The following information concerning this interesting group of islands is translated from the September, 1897, number of the *Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste*.

Between 13 deg. 4 min. and 20 deg. 15 min. south latitude and 164 deg. 10 min. and 167 deg. 50 min. east longitude lies the New Hebrides archipelago. It was discovered by Quiros in 1606, and visited by Bougainville in 1768 and by Cook in 1773. Christened *Espiritu Santo* by the first and the *Cyclades* by the second, it has finally preserved the name given it by the great English navigator.

This archipelago comprises a considerable number of islands forming two groups and named as follows: *Annatum*, *Erroman*, *Tanna*, *Aniwa* and *Erromango*, which make the first group, nearest to New Caledon-

ia; and *Sandwich*, *Maiwo*, *Api*, *Lopevi*, *Ambrym*, *Aurora*, *Espiritu Santo*, *Aoba*, *Malikolo* and others, which compose the second group.

To the north of these are the *Torres Islands* and *Banks Islands*, and, at a short distance, *Vanikoro*, sadly memorable for the wreck of *La Perouse*.

It may be said that geographically these islands are an unique group, so great is the surface over which they are spread. The archipelago properly called the *New Hebrides* embraces about the same area as the whole of *New Caledonia*, about 7500 square miles.

As to population, it can only be indicated approximately, the interior being very little known and the estimates of travellers being very far from the same. It may be said that the population is from 60,000 to 100,000 and is becoming smaller every day.

The formation is madreporic (coral) and volcanic. Accordingly the existence of several volcanoes has been proved, three of which are active, those of *Tanna*, *Lopevi* and *Ambrym*.

The soil is most fertile, streams are numerous and vast forests cover the mountains to the edge of the sea. There are the same forms of vegetation which are met with in *New Caledonia*. The animals are not very numerous, and as indigenous to the islands may be mentioned the duck, the pigeon, several species of parrot, some small birds and the serpent.

The bad season commences in the month of November and ends in April. This is the hot season, during which abundant rains fall and when almost every year, at least for many years past, the region is devastated by violent cyclones.

The good season lasts from April to November. The fevers which strike Europeans during the bad season, without however causing death, are much less violent during the cool season.

The inhabitants of these islands are cannibals and live in a state of constant warfare among themselves. The tribes are unimportant, and a deep hostility exists between the people of the interior and those of the sea-coast. The Neo-Hebrideans are indolent, and exert themselves only so far as is necessary to obtain certain vegetables upon which they live, as the yam, the taro and the sugarcane, which with fish, shell-fish, the bread-fruit, the banana, the cocconut, the Spanish potato and pork, constitute their diet.

Coffee does very well in this archipelago, and tobacco gives surprising results. The leaf is tough and resembles much the finest product of Havana. It is reported that gold, copper and nickel have been found.

The principal ports in which ships can find a shelter, are Port Sandwich (Malicolo), Port Villa and Port Havannah (Sandwich Island) and Port Olry (Santo).

The instalment of the B. N. A. Catalogue is omitted this month. In May will appear a complete list of the postal and letter cards of Canada.

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Massachusetts Items.

The Springfield Philatelic Society has adopted a resolution protesting against the issue of stamps in honour of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. The Boston society has done likewise. Philatelic societies may protest, but the government keeps right on, carrying its original intention into effect.

The Postal Card Society of America elects new officers in March. Wm. C. Stone, Springfield, and John N. Morse, Boston, are the Massachusetts members who are slated for official position. The society numbers nearly 100 members.

Boston dealers report business good and feel satisfied that philately is on the threshold of greater activity than has marked its course for a number of years. Some of the new dealers are showing brains and business in the use of printers' ink, and mail order returns are very satisfactory. The work of the New England Stamp Co. in sending its manager, Mr. A. W. Batchelder, across the continent, speaks volumes for the business enterprise of this firm.

W. L. Brown, Springfield, in a letter to the writer, expresses a strong desire to revive his Worcester Co. Philatelist. His business duties just at present make it impossible for him to grapple with the undertaking.

We regret our space will not permit us to give all the good things said at the anniversary celebration of the Boston Philatelic Society held on Tuesday eve, Feb. 15, in Elks Hall. The night was a very stormy one, yet the hall was filled with philatelists and their friends who had assembled to enjoy the good things that were planned for them, as already

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NOTES.

We greet our readers again after an interval of about three months, during which we were waiting for second-class rates to be granted us. Having been conceded these, we expect the Messenger to be issued regularly in the future.

Want of suitable type has obliged us to omit the exchange notices and several other features of the paper. These omissions will be corrected next month.

We acknowledge the receipt of the first number of the Metropolitan Philatelist in its new weekly form, and all we can say is that if it fulfils the promise of the number before us, it will run a close race with the Stamp News and the Era.

We hope to notice in our May issue many other excellent stamp journals which brighten our sanctum by their visits.

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Address, Matthew R. Knight,
Oak Hill, N. B., Canada.

Massachusetts Items.

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outlined in the Messenger. There were some half dozen propositions for membership. The evening was spent in a very social manner and was greatly enjoyed.

The writer was made happy the same evening by the presentation in a neighbouring hall of a handsome gold watch, the gift of friends who are associated with him in the Good Templar order. His notes to the Messenger should in the future be always "on time."

Geo. B. Toppan, secretary of the Boston Philatelic Society spent the major part of February in Buffalo, N. Y. A. W. Batchelder will reach home March 1st.

Edmund L. Smiley, so well and favorably known in the philatelic press, has established himself in business at Milford. His training should fit him admirably for the business and he ought to have no difficulty in building up a good trade.

David Smiley, Mansfield, is happy in a find of two one cent albino envelopes gummed.

There are forty-one active members in the Springfield Philatelic Society, five of whom are members of the A. P. A. — BURNHAM.

Halifax Notes.

A number of ½ cent jubilees were on sale at this post office during the past month, but are now exhausted. Only one stamp was sold to each applicant, owing to the small number on hand.

The fact that the new Canadian stamps have no numerals has already caused some trouble in foreign countries. This was the case with our Jubilee issue, and our government does not seem to have profited by the experience. A change will probably be made in a short time, and collectors will do well to lay in a stock of the current issue.

A few Jubilee sets, up to and including the 50 cent stamp, were sold at the Halifax post office in February. — F. B. REYNOLDS.

A young correspondent in Winnipeg sends us the following:

Dr. James Potts, a well known collector who has been living in Chicago for some time, passed through here on his way to the Peace River district.

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Detroit Notes.

Mr. Howard C. Beck is the Detroit representative of the American Collectors' Co. Mr. Beck is well known as manager of the Michigan Stamp Co. and Secy.-Treas. of the Detroit Philatelic Association. By the way, we understood the American Collectors Co. were to purchase the stock of the late Henry Gremmel and were quite surprised when we read of its transferral to J. C. Morgenthau & Co. The one cent green stamps were late in reaching Detroit and some very laughable incidents occurred when the first lot was placed on sale as very few, outside of the collectors, knew of this issue.

The Detroit Philatelic Association protested vigorously against the issuance of the Omaha Exhibition stamps and we believe that if others had followed their policy of protesting through their senators and representatives the issue might have been stopped.

A certain Detroit collector who held a sheet of half cent Canadians, and refused to sell when the market was highest, is now wondering how much he lost by keeping them.

The scheme of putting in street railway mail cars is now being considered in Detroit. We think this innovation would be very beneficial and hope to see it in operation soon. Gov. Pingree, however, and the labour unions of Detroit are firmly opposed to the idea. They are afraid it would affect the wages of the railway employees and in case of a strike make them responsible for obstructing and delaying the U. S. mail. — AMERICAN.

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Messrs. Baumbach & Co., of Leipzig, Germany, have engaged the last cover page for two issues, to advertise their valuable monthly stamp journal, "Die Post." Our large circulation among German-speaking Americans will make the ad. a profitable one.

The Standard Stamp Company's 1/2 page ad. is among those omitted for want of type. We direct attention to their smaller ad. on second page of cover.

The plan of Lindsay, the exchange man, is well worth inquiring about, but when writing him address your letters to L. V. Lindsay and do not be misled by our compositor's unfortunate error on second cover page. Remember "L. V."

We are very grateful to our advertisers for their liberal patronage. We know that they will overlook the shortcomings of this number of the Messenger. Before the next number appears we shall have received the rest of our type and shall be in a position to render better service than ever.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

SECOND-CLASS RATES SECURED.

The publication of the *Messenger* has been interrupted by the action of the P. O. Department in refusing to grant us second-class rates. These rates have now been conceded, and our paper will be issued regularly hereafter on the first day of each month. Matter intended for insertion in the May number should reach us by the 25th inst. at the latest.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

On account of both the inconvenience and expence of having our paper printed away from the office of publication, we have purchased from Mr. J. C. Pankhurst, of St. John, a GOLDING Official Press and an outfit of Miller & Richard's celebrated Scotch body type and Barnhart Bros. & Spindler's display type. To this outfit additions will be made from time to time, especially with a view to making our advertising columns attractive and effective. Our full stock of type has not been received yet, so our readers are requested to overlook any deficiencies in this emergency issue of the *Messenger*.

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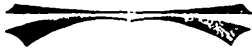
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