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A PHILATELIST'S MISFORTUNE.

For The OTTAWA PHILATELIST.

Do not turn in disgust, gentle reader. I have no intention of inflicting any philatelic "fiction" upon you, I have no "story" to relate, and furthermore it is not a tale of a "rich find" that I intend to unfold, to make your "teeth water," as it were. It is simply a plain, unvarnished reminiscence of a very short time ago.

In response to a request of mine made through a friend, a young lady, (who is by the way a perfect stranger to me) wrote to me offering me some stamps. She said that her father had some stuck in an old account file, which she had procured. She did not collect stamps, and was willing to sell the entire collection for five dollars, not because she wanted the money, but simply the stamps were "of no use" and pocket money was preferable. There were in the lot of eighty-seven all told the following according to her literal description: "Three or four large square stamps, blue, with 3 pence N. S. on them; two similar red ones of N. B., and two yellow 6 pence of the latter, with a one shilling stamp with a crown in the centre of N. B.; several cents issue, a couple *cut in two*, and two stamps damaged that have been cut in half but appear to be used that way. There are also a few U. S. square stamps, some in two colors. If they are worth five dollars I will send them on."

It is hardly necessary to say that the return post conveyed the order for the stamps, as we don't get N. B. shillings and split provisionals for \$5 a dozen this weather. But—and here my pen fails me—I awaited with bated breath the rich prize I was to receive. In two or three days a letter came. I tore it hastily open and read as follows this verbatim copy:

"Dear Friend:—Yours received, but since I wrote you last I have met with an accident by which (sorry to say) I lost every blessed stamp but one. I had eighty-seven in all on the old papers that I took off the file. About two or three days after writing you I got them all out, spread them on a table in my own room, and had no idea my mother would be up in my room, so I left them there; of course, I thought they would be all right. Next day something or other took her up to my room, and seeing these old stamps all over the table, thought it did not look very nice, so she took them down stairs, asked the girl if she thought the papers were of any use or the stamps were good. The girl looked at them and said, 'Why no, sure they are as old as the hills!' So my mother thought she had better put them in the stove! So in they went, and I have got sadly left for once in my life. Well, that night I went to

my room to dress (as I was going to take part in a concert) and saw all my stamps GONE! You can, I think, imagine what I felt like. I flew down and asked her if she had seen them. 'Why! she says (as cool as you please) yes, I threw them in the stove!' Well, I felt so bad over my loss that I would not take any part in the concert; I was going to play a banjo solo for them, and I told the committee what had happened, so they told the audience that Miss C— felt so bad over the loss of some stamps that she would have to be excused. So I got off with a sore heart. I'll bet my life that the next thing of mine my mother burns or puts out of the road she will ask my consent first. If the only stamp that's left is of any use I will send it, but it is an orphan! I remain

Yours, etc.,

BERTHA C—"

The above is a genuine piece of my experience as a collector, and while I was sorry for my loss as well as her loss, I could not help smiling at what I call a "Jim Dandy of a letter."

J. R. HOOPER.

CANADA'S REGISTRATION STAMPS.

For The OTTAWA PHILATELIST.

In the year of 1875 the Government of Canada issued special stamps for Registered matter only. At that time the Registration fee over and above the ordinary rate to all Foreign Countries except the United States was 8¢, to the United States 5¢ and Canada 2¢.

Three values, all similar in design. Engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co. on white wove paper. They are narrow oblong stamps with scalloped edges at top and bottom, and labels with value in full at the two ends. Small straight label above, inscribed "Canada" large curved label in centre, with "Registered" and small curved label below, with "Letter Stamp" all in white Roman capitals. Large Arabic numerals of value in the upper corners.

The Eight Cent stamp was first issued the Nov. 15, 1875 and from that date until June 30, 1876 the end of the fiscal year 100,000 were issued, and during the following year 25,000 making 125,000 the total number issued.

In 1878 this stamp was withdrawn from circulation and the remainder, 75,000 were destroyed by order of the Postmaster General. In a few years this will be one of Canada's rarest stamps.

During the year 1889 the 2¢ stamp was withdrawn from circulation, owing to an increase in the Reg. fee from 2¢ to 5¢ in Canada, and making a uniform Reg. fee.

W. J. BEATTY.

EDITORIAL.

WE herewith present to our readers the first number of the OTTAWA PHILATELIST, a Monthly Journal devoted to the interests of stamp collectors and dealers. We extend our thanks to the dealers and collectors who have so promptly responded to our request for advertisements and, we hope they will continue to patronize our advertising columns. We also thank those who have contributed to our subscription list. It is our intention to give reports of Auction Notes on newly discovered or little known stamps will be set forth as occasion arises. New works on Philately will be criticised. The various journals devoted to Philately will also be reviewed, and the most interesting articles pointed out.

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THE United States government has just let a contract for 24,000,000 letter cards, a new device which has long been considered by the Post Office Dept. at Washington.

HOLDEN'S Auction Catalogue No. 4 for July to hand; thanks for same.

To the Members of the P. S. of C. We are sending this month, sample copies of the OTTAWA PHILATELIST to all the members of the P. S. of C., and expect every member to send us his subscription.

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REVIEWS.

The *Eagle Philatelist* for May contains a very interesting article on Canadian Stamps by J. R. Hooper and which is to be continued. Success to *Eagle*.

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The *Toronto Journal of Philately* made its first appearance in May, its article on a History of Philately is worth reading. The remainder of the number is made up of short notes.

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The *Post Office* for July chiefly consists of an article on the National Society and a quack adv. Brother Gremmel should shake with Uncle Ketch.

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The *North Western Monthly* consists chiefly of reading matter, but very little of it relates to Philately.

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The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* for July contains a long list of Frauds, this Journal should be in every collectors hands. The editor should confine his ads. to Philately.

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Mekeel's Monthly for July contains an interesting article on Spanish Counterfeits, it will repay any collector to procure it.

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The *Southern Philatelist* for July is very interesting and should be in the hands of every collector. But it looks as if Brother Luhn did not keep all his advertising space for philatelic advertisements, do you?....

A WARNING TO STAMP COLLECTORS.

For The OTTAWA PHILATELIST.

A note of warning must be sounded upon the prevailing habit of many stamp collectors in placing foreign stamps to their mouths. It is one of the most dangerous habits that exist in philately, and the sooner our philatelic press sounds the key-note of warning, the better for the lives as well as the health of our collectors. I recently saw a young man who had contracted a disease through putting foreign stamps on his tongue, causing him untold misery and suffering. Nine hundred and ninety-nine persons out of every thousand put new stamp to their tongue when they wish to stick it on a letter, and while it may be harmless to do this, there are a large number who forget that possibly 50 per cent of those 999 may be diseased and the germs can lie on the letter under the stamp with the gum, and if anyone is foolish enough to trust a previously licked stamp

to their mouth they are running a great risk to say the least, as well as being a standing menace to society.

Foreign countries such as India, Russia, and those of Asia, particularly spread the cholera germ, and diphtheria as well as fevers of all kinds can be communicated by the bad habit of touching the mouth to the stamps. Always soak the paper off the stamps by means of a pan of water, and then wash the hands well afterward. If you stick a stamp on a letter, wet the letter, not the stamp.

Large quantities of stamps before being handled should always be disinfected by being put in a drawer for a few days, closed tightly, with some powerful disinfectant, which can be procured at any druggist's. No idea is known of the great extent which the bad habit above referred to is responsible for the various diseases, such as sore throat, miasma, etc.

J. R. HOOPER.

THE CANADIAN CONVENTION.

For The OTTAWA PHILATELIST.

The Annual Convention of our leading National Association. The Philatelic Society of Canada, was held in Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 18, 19, and 20th. There was a splendid attendance, President Hooper in the chair. The Secretary reported 310 members and 12 branches. Dues were placed at 25¢ half yearly. Offers are asked from papers to act as Official Organ. The next Convention will be held in Montreal. 103 members were present or represented by proxy. Since this society became incorporated it has flourished wonderfully and it now includes all the leading philatelists of Canada. The following officers were elected.

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Executives:—W. J. Beatty (chairman) Jos. Ambe and F. J. Audet.

FOREIGN PHILATELIC GOSSIP.

BY JOHN R. HOOPER.

Nearly every stationery and tobacco shops in Paris has stamps to sell to collectors. The recently chronicled Sokrotra stamps are bogus.

The De la Rue issue of stamps for Great Britain and most of her colonies have a combination perforation 14 vertical by 13½ horizontal.

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The red Scinde Dawks were only in existence a few weeks. The white and blue were used from 1852 to 1855. The prices are going away up and the continental papers are full of articles and letters on this rare issue.

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A large Philatelic Society has been formed by the British residents in Kimberly, South Africa.

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A Stamp Dealer Mr. Vindin, had a curious experience in his trip to New Zealand. He was mistaken for General Booth's Salvation Army advance agent, and was received by a brass band and four thousand people.

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The new album from Paris, issued in parts for each country is a poor affair. It does not give the varieties of perforations or paper of Canada, and omits the watermarked series, such an album and, in fact any catalogue is a fraud on the philatelic public.

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The forged Indian postage stamps of 1 rupee were made by a clever native, Poona Brahmin, formerly in the Government Survey Service. He prepared thirty-nine dies of the stamp before he perfected an accurate representation of the original. The die was cleaved with oil and then inked by the finger. A piece of paper was then put on the die and rubbed with a shell; the stamp being then laid down on a piece of metal moistened with water and had a fine watermark die hammered upon it. It was afterwards perforated each hole separately taking all together nearly ten minutes to print and perforate. Over one thousand of these clever forgeries were passed. The forger and an accomplice got ten years each for their cleverness, and a stamp clerk in the Bombay post office, who was suspected as being "in the ring" committed suicide the day after the forger was arrested.

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A curious incident has come to light in East India. Over one thousand unpaid covers, all posted at one town and addressed to persons at one office were opened at the Dead Letter Office and found to contain simply a blank piece of paper. The sender turned out to be a lunatic and was writing secretly his thoughts.

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An Austrian stamp paper with a jaw-breaking name is the *Mitteilungen des Oesterreichischen Philatelisten Zeitung!* Whew!! That's a "corker!"

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