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[This Department will hereafter be conducted by Jno. R. Hooper.]

RGENTINE.—A few specimens of the 2½ centavos got out to collectors before the stock of this value were destroyed.

CANADA.—Look out for 1 cent yellow and 10 cent, present issue, on laid paper.

The pseudo provisionals of Canada, a certain dealer talks of, are simply mutilated stamps. The Canadian Government never authorized or recognized stamps cut in half or split values. I had two of these Canada splits, which were thrown in among a common lot at the sale of my collection, as unworthy a special place, although used in Nova Scotia, where split stamps had been countenanced.

CHILI—Reports from this country state that owing to the rebellion and the seizure of certain towns by the insurgents we can look out for provisionals.

CONFEDERATE STATES.—First we hear of perforated stamps, now we get them rouletted. No doubt, all done unofficially.

CUBA.—Look out for Porto Rico or Cuban stamps, post-marked and used in the Dominican Republic, 1860-63.

EGYPT.—The 5 mil. post card surcharged 3 mil. is to hand. They are for local use.

FIJI ISLANDS.—The current stamp surcharged 4d., in black, is in two types. There are no 2d. lilac stamps for the surcharge to be forged on, so all are genuine.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The Jubilee post card still holds out for a good figure, and few have reached this side as yet.

The £1 is now in green instead of black; fears of fraud prompted the change.

HAWAII—Late advices from Honolulu state that the Queen who succeeded the dead King Kalakaua, is at loggerheads with the Cabinet, and that the natives are formenting an insurrection. A change in stamps in any case is very likely.

HELIGOLAND.—Five pf. postal cards are forged. Identified by the word "Reserve" for "Reverse."

HONG KONG.—The P. J. of A. chronicles 2c. revenue, used postally, and 10 cent green surcharged "7 cents," in black.

INDIA.—It is reported that the 4½ anna envelopes are to be surcharged "2½ annas."

ITALY.—The entire set of six Postal Packet stamps, with surcharge "2 cents," are sold unused at 10 cents a set in Europe.

JAPAN.—There are counterfeits of the 4s. rose, 1874, and the 1s. brown of 1875. As there are so many varieties of these it is difficult to compare. The only way to tell them is by the perforations, which should be 11 instead of 13½ and 12, as on the forgeries.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain says: "The old stamps of Antiqua, Dominica, Montserrat. St. Christopher, Virgin Islands and St. Levis are not to be used up; but they have all been called in, and are now in charge of the Treasury. Most likely they will be sold by tender. If so, look out for remainders.

MOROCO.—The French P.O. at Tangier use ordinary French stamps, with value surcharged thereon in Spanish, 5. 25 and 50 centimos and 1 peseta.

NEW BRUNSWICK.--Mr. Johnson bought a genuine Connel 5 cent in London at Bull's 16th sale for £20 10s.

NICARAGUA.—For a small country is trying to beat the record on surcharges. 25 new issues out last month. Eleven regular issues surcharged for official franks.

NOVA SCOTIA.—I have a 5 cent blue, 1860 issue, with the so-called surcharge "5 cent," in double-lined oval on centre of stamp.

The Canada P. O. Department deny that they have authorised a re-printing of the old N. S. pence issues, and it is more than likely that the reprints we hear so much of are the old proofs resurrected

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The rate to all the Australian colonies having become 2½d., surcharging is now the order for obsolete values. 4d. green is surcharged 2½d. red.

TIMOR.—Mr. Sellschopp states that there are fraudulent Mozambique 10 cent green surcharged "Timor" on the market.

VICTORIA.—There are six values of the "Postage Due" stamps, i.e., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1s., 2s. 6d., out so far, with four more to come.

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PLIT Provisionals: Split Provisionals are in most cases very rare, and in all cases are worth collecting.

There is, however, one great mistake made by the young collector, viz.: "Collecting specimens not on the original envelope or wrapper."

Only the other day I was shown three specimens of split Nova Scotia 3d., all of which were free from the original envelope. They were offered to me for sale by a very young collector as being of great value I told him they were entirely worthless. His look at this piece of intelligence expressed blank dismay. The old saying "More haste, the less speed" is applicable in this case, and although the subject has been well trodden, I

cannot refrain from advising those who make friends of stamps not to be in a hurry to deluge them with water and soak off all the superfluous paper, but to preserve it. Putting other reasons aside this serves to establish the authenticity of the stamps.

These split provisionals can be hinged on a blank sheet of paper and inserted between the guards of the album.

Immersing in water: There are some stamps which, when immersed in water lose their original colors, and either become less distinct or fade completely away. Notably among these are the issues of Russia. After these stamps have been a few hours in water their colors disappear, and they are worthless.

Dealers' Stocks: Taking up next the stamps which dealers offer for sale will first mentioned packet.

Packets: The stamps contained in packets are in some cases remarkably good, but in the majority of cases they are poor. One dealer will offer a good variety of stamps at a certain price, and another dealer will offer the same variety at half the price. The low-priced packets are not what they are advertised to be. My experience is that it is better to pay a fair price for a good packet than a low price for a poor one.

Approval Sheets: It is not my intention in this article to discuss the most advantageous way of purchasing stamps, but the various kinds offered by dealers and obtained by collectors. Approval sheets sent out by a good reliable house generally contain a good assortment at a moderate price. Those dealers who offer large commission and discounts, generally hav, the prices marked up to stand the strain.

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The New Postal Zillars in Australia.

BY PH. HEINSBERGER, NEW YORK.

HE General Postmaster of the city of Sydney (New South Wales) Mr. O'Connor, recently has satisfied the curiosity of the many who wished to know something about the Postal-Pillar contract. A few details from the voluminous correspondence will suffice to keep the readers of the Maritime Philatelist in touch with the case. In August, 1889, Mr. Maurice H. Hyman, "as representative of a new colonial invention of a street postal-pillar box," brought the invention under the notice of the Postmaster-General, Mr. O'Connor, who was invited to inspect a full-sized working model of the pillar at the Cafe Français, George Street, Sydney. On the same date the Deputy Postmaster-General of Melbourne, wired to the Secretary of the Sydney post office asking if he was in treaty with Mr. Hyman for the patent pillars, and whether Mr. O'Connor was likely to It was replied that after inspection of the postal pillars they were favorably impressed with them. The following proposals were made by Mr. Hyman:-

- 1. That the owners of the patent in New South Wales agree to erect in the city of Sydney and suburbs, free of cost, 200 boxes same as model inspected by you, with letter receptacle and automatic indicator complete, or any greater number you may require, in such places as may be indicated by you.
- 2. That you will have control and full use of the postal part of the pillar boxes, letter receptacle and indicator, and the compartments for the police and fire-signal alarms.
- 3. That the owners reserve for themselves the use of the other compartments on the pillar boxes and on the panels, also of a top, which will be illuminated at night by gas or electricity for advertising purposes.

- 4. That the advertisements will be of a neat description as shall be approved of by Government.
- 5. The owners shall keep the pillars painted and clean, the locks, receptacles and indicators in thorough working order.
- 6. That this agreement shall remain in force for a period of 14 years, being the term of the patent, when the pillar boxes erected shall become the property of the Government, in consideration of which the owners of the patent shall have the further right of continuing the advertising on the boxes for a period of six years free of charge.
- 7. That the owners of the patent will provide the Government officials, police, etc, with keys for the police and fire-alarm departments, reserving to themselves the right of selling keys to the public at an annual rental not to exceed 2s. 6d.—59 cents.

The city council objected to the advertising, and replied that if the pillars were of smaller form there could be no objection. The Crown Solicitor drafted an agreement, and in a letter to the Secretary to the post office pointed out that the l'ostmaster-General, as such, had no right to make an agreement of this kind. It would, therefore, be an agreement with the Government generally. As the pillars would "evidently be a serious impediment to the free use of the footways in the city," it was presumed that the city council was fully advised.

On January 20th, 1890, the Principal Under-Secretary wrote to the Secretary of the post office, stating that the Colonial Secretary had appointed Mr. Fosberry and Mr. Bear to represent the police and fire-brigades departments at the consultation on the matter, in conjunction with a city council representative, Mr. R. W. Richards, city surveyor, and many interviews and much correspondence passed between the promoters and the post office authorities and the solicitors on both sides, and eventually in March, 1890, an amended agreement was drawn up and approved. This agreement showed that John Colquhoun-Thomson, having acquired the patent rights of the postal pillars from Edward Haselbach, handed them to the Crown for the term of

the patent (14 years) in consideration of the advertising rights previously mentioned. After the expiration of the 14 years Mr. Colquhoun-Thomson was to have the right of advertising on the pillars for a term of three years (instead of the six originally stipulated for). The number of the pillars to be supplied was altered from 200 to 100, "or any greater number that the Postmaster-General might require." The advertisements were to be under the control of the Mayor of the city. The agreement was signed on March 4th, 1890, by James C. Thomson and Daniel O'Connor, as Postmaster-General.

My agent in Sydney (New South Wales, Australia), further has informed me that on December 1st, 1890, the work to erect the new postal pillars in Sydney had begun, and that they were a handsome and useful improvement in Australia. [The inventor of these postal pillars—E. Haselbach, 1s of German descent.]

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