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TORONTO NOTES.

Sometime ago it was announced that in future newspaper publishers would have to pay postage on their publications, as the annual deficit in the Postal Department is over \$1,000,000 annually. At present all subscribers are sent free but in the past this privilege has been much abused, and it is to be hoped that the investigations now being made by order of the new Postmaster-General—Mr. Mulock—will result in improvements.

The announcement of a new paper from Halifax brings to mind that the philatelic field is one that requires a long time to make a "paying claim." After a stamp paper has been running a year or more, collectors begin to take an interest in it. The new law which it is proposed to pass in the Dominion namely, that new papers pay the regular postal rates of 1 cent each for two years, at expiration of which said postage will be refunded, would have a deterrent effect on many ventures.

Mr. Alf. Young, late of the Canadian Stamp and Coin Co., proposes entering the dealers' ranks this fall.

A visitor to Toronto recently stated he could produce evidence of where three more copies of the "seven" cent error 1st issue Bill stamp could be found. He was challenged to do so, but would not. Evidently his intention was to buy a copy held by a local dealer, and he got it—nit.

A nice copy of a 6p Canada changed hands here last week at eight dollars.

At the Toronto Fair Wilson Wilby

picked up a ten cent envelope printed in red, instead of chocolate. It is cut to shape. It evidently is a proof.

Last week Bradstreet's Agency sent a representative to rate the dealers in town. I learnt some of the figures given, but what the above firm will have them at in their book is quite another matter.

Some collectors here seem to think that the recent article on 1861 varieties of United States, which appeared last month in American Journal of Philately means that these stamps will be catalogued.

The Canadian Philatelic Magazine is now adorned with a full page design as a front page cover. The publisher intends printing some interesting and instructive matter this winter, and he reports that every week new names are added to his subscription list, and this fall intends to possess a circulation that will place it among the leading papers of its class. At the present the paid subscriptions are the most ever carried by any Canadian stamp paper, and this also means that it leads many American papers. In December some 5000 or more copies will be sent out, 1500 to British Colonies, etc.

The stamp business throughout the Dominion is reported as being good in most places and it is expected that as the season advances it will be one of the busiest yet known. Certain dealers who last year refused to sell stamps at this season unless fancy prices were paid, are more reasonable this season, consequently the market is not so close

THE VICTOR.

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE.

At the convention of the D.P.A. a letter was read from Capt. Wurtele, president of the Canadian Philatelic Association, regarding the advisability of amalgamating the two societies.

It was resolved that no steps should be taken in the matter, the chief reasons being, I believe, that the C.P.A. was a society, the members of which are, as a rule, considerably older than those of the D.P.A., and the former could, consequently, pay higher dues than the younger members of the latter society.

That "Union is Strength" is true the world over, and if it is possible to effect an amalgamation of Canada's national societies, Philately would boom in Canada as it has never done before.

A philatelic association is not a benevolent or insurance society, and all the money that is required is just enough to cover actual expenses. It has been shown over and over again that from thirty to fifty cents a year is sufficient to conduct a philatelic society well. In verification of this it is only necessary to point to several prominent American societies which are in a flourishing condition at the present time.

If, then, the amalgamation of both these societies could be operated by levying the low dues referred to above, why not amalgamate? Then in the words of that good old hymn we could sing: "We are not divided, all one body we," and Canada would be the home of one of the strongest and most influential philatelic societies to be found in the world. Let us hear more about the subject. A few remarks from the respective presidents of the two societies would not be out of place.

What is the matter with the Toronto Philatelic Club? It seems as though its days of usefulness had long expired,

that is, if one may judge by interest evinced in it by the members. Last year two or three meetings were held, and thus interest in the Club languished and gradually it seems to have died out altogether. In some quarters it is rumored that a new local club will shortly be organized. It is to be hoped that the matter will be proceeded with at once, as a local organization is a tower of strength to any town.

Just about two years ago the International Stamp Exchange was started in Toronto. While in operation it was as nicely a conducted social society as could be found anywhere. Upon the birth of the D.P.A. this society passed out of existence. Why not revive it again as a local branch of the D.P.A.?

And now comes the season of the year "when the leaves begin to turn and the summer flowers are gone," when the mind of many an ambitious youth of philatelic tastes turns and gazes upwards towards those realms of bliss, undoubtedly those ethereal beings known as philatelic editors. The bold youth would be one of those creatures whose name rebounds around the philatelic world. In short, he needs must be the editor of a stamp journal. True he well knows that the ascent of those high plains of successful journalism are steep. He has seen numerous friends and acquaintances try to climb this crooked and thorny path, only to fall back; but he thinks he can see where they made their mistakes, and so departs on his torturous course with hope in his eye and confidence in his step.

BREX. BLUFF.

UNITED STATES REVENUES.

DURING the past year the revenues of this country have gone to the front. The demand for them has been a steadily increasing one, and conse-

quently the prices of the scarcer ones have correspondingly advanced. It was ever thus. A while ago they were overlooked, neglected, and cheap; now that the interest in them has been renewed, many find them a very attractive branch of philately. Careful study has been bestowed upon the subject, and many new varieties have been listed. Particularly is this the case with the first set issued in 1862 and in 1863. These stamps were at first issued in an imperforate condition, then partly perforated, and finally perforated all around.

The latter were printed on three different papers—1st, a thin, hard, crisp paper; 2nd, a thicker paper, with silk fibers in it; 3rd, a heavy, white paper, resembling the latter, but without silk fibers.

The advent of the same stamp in the several stages of perforation has given rise to a good deal of fraud. It is such an easy matter to produce a scarce variety from a common stamp by simply cutting off the perforations, that extreme care must be taken when selecting the scarcer varieties of imperforate or partly perforated stamps. None should be listed unless unsevered pairs or blocks can be shown.

A case recently came to our notice where a stamp heretofore not listed as part perforate, was sent on approval in this condition, not one but several specimens being submitted. All bore the cancellation of the same bank, with dates but a few weeks apart. One of the specimens, however, still showed perforations on a third side, proving that they had been clipped off. Stamp in question was the 2-cent orange bank check. Until this stamp can be presented in unsevered pairs and blocks, the partly perforated variety will remain doubtful.

This much only in passing to show what care must be exercised in buying such new or uncatalogued stamps, the source and condition affording the

necessary criterion.

Unfortunately, at this late day, it is quite impossible to state accurately when the stamps were first perforated, and what varieties. During first year of their issue these variations were considered simply as improvements, and but little official notice was taken of them.

An attempt to show the quantity of each variety delivered to the government from the first printing by Butler & Carpenter was made in Metropolitan Philatelist for June. The list published is one quoted from an official circular showing the stamps sold, their quantity and total value during the week ending Nov. 21, 1862. A comparison of the list quoted with other official reports on the same subject shows some glaring defects.

The close of the fiscal year afforded the best opportunity for a revision of the figures given in the circular. The statements of the contractors of the quantities furnished and the dates of delivery supplied the necessary data for the revision. Below will be found the full table of all the revenue stamps issued. This list, published after a year of work and after everything in the office was in good running order, certainly deserves far greater credence than the circular issued a few weeks after the creation of the bureau. By that time the accounts were verified and checked

1c Express	5,384,057
1c Telegraph.....	1,933,309
1c Playing Cards.....	3,470,964
1c Proprietary.....	14,611,195
2c Bank Check.....	35,977,873
2c Express.....	3,477,991
2c Certificate	1,413,388
2c Proprietary	3,269,070
2c Playing Cards	498,850
3c Foreign Exchange.	698,516
3c Telegraph.....	3,560,347
3c Proprietary.....	1,001,174
3c Playing Cards.....	59,171

4c Proprietary	2,393,010	1.00 Passage Ticket...	19,401
4c Playing Cards.....	12,143	1.00 P of Attorney....	46,382
4c Inland Exchange..	316,187	1.00 Probate.....	33,420
5c Agreement.....	1,035,575	1.30 Foreign Exchange	3,488
5c Inland Exchange..	4,458,318	1.50 Inland Exchange	117,223
5c Foreign Exchange.	188,398	1.60 Foreign Ex	1,875
5c Express	1,351,618	1.90 Foreign Ex	1,299
5c Certificate.....	1,037,418	2.00 Conveyance	31,708
5c Playing Cards.....	7,451	2.00 Mortgage.....	34,574
6c Inland Exchange..	206,284	2 00 Probate.....	7,479
10c Inland Exchange.	2,791,586	2.50 Inland Exchange	1,539
10c Foreign Exchange	160,743	3.00 Charter Party.....	17,137
10c Bill of Lading....	473,268	3.00 Manifest.....	14,778
10c Certificate.....	762,481	3.50 Inland Exchange..	688
10c Contract.....	307,611	5.00 Charter Party.....	6,795
10c Power of Attorney	113,483	5 00 Conveyance.....	48,401
15c Inland Exchange.	967,503	5.00 Manifest	11,026
15c Foreign Exchange	57,509	5 00 Mortgage.....	17,082
20c Inland Exchange.	1,013,942	5.00 Probate.	4,196
20c Foreign Exchange	90,885	10 00 Charter Party....	2,541
25c Bond.....	199,065	10.00 Conveyance	18,096
25c Certificate.....	556,743	10 00 Mortgage.....	4,247
25c Entry of Goods...	100,172	10.00 Probate	1,511
25c Insurance.....	1,057,777	15 00 Mortgage.....	1,813
25c Power of Attorney	426,619	20.00 Conveyance	7,446
25c Protest.....	263,294	20.00 Probate	975
25c Warehouse Recet	174,540	25 00 Mortgage.....	213
25c Life Insurance....	48,751	50.00 General.....	383
30c Inland Exchange.	518,329	200 00	1,011
30c Foreign Exchange	57,253		
40c Inland Exchange.	292,812		
50c Foreign Exchange	103,831		
50c Surety Bond.....	192,373		
50c Conveyance	564,563		
50c Entry of Goods...	62,905		
50c Lease	121,425		
50c Mortgage.....	254,207		
50c Passage Ticket...	31,645		
50c Probate	62,418		
50c Original Process..	205,582		
50c Life Insurance ...	37,520		
60c Inland Exchange.	162,540		
70c Foreign Exchange	70,683		
1.00 Inland Exchange	187,728		
1.00 Foreign Ex	37,126		
1.00 Conveyance	201,956		
1.00 Entry of Goods	41,824		
1.00 Life Insurance...	8,890		
1.00 Lease.....	40,293		
1.00 Manifest.....	31,797		
1 00 Mortgage.....	92,526		

The only conclusion that can be drawn from the facts stated above is that the higher values were issued imperforate for a longer period than the lower values, probably until the first printing was exhausted. An attempt might be made to fix upon a date when the stamps were first perforated, but we have only negative and very unsatisfactory evidence.

The number of stamps to the sheet varied very much according to the size. The full sheet contained for the

1c and 2c values, 210 stamps.

3c to 20c values, 170 stamps.

25c to 40c values, 102 stamps

50c to 70c values, 85 stamps

\$1 to \$1 90 values, 90 stamps.

\$2 to \$3.50 values, 72 stamps

\$5 to \$10 values, 72 stamps.

\$15 to \$50 values, 54 stamps.

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What a history is unfolded in a collection of British stamps! The early issues of Canada show us the Queen in her youth, and later when we have her portrayed in mourning garb, we have the secret of her sorrow. Stamps are not bits of paper; they possess secrets that light the intellect and bring before us scenes of the past and present, and it is in this respect that the stamps of the Empire and her Colonies speak.

Some people have written us that if we would start their subscriptions with No. 1 they would subscribe. We have

now only a few copies outside of those reserved for binding. Every issue cannot be reserved for back numbers, and those who desire back numbers can have No. 1 at 10c, 2 at 3c, 3 at 10c, and 4 at 5c. In future subscriptions must begin with the current issue.

READ the advertisements this week. Every advertiser is well-known, and collectors will receive the value of their money every time.

Now that the conventions are once more numbered among events of the past, the season of collecting will now advance with briskness, collections be brought forth and again increased by numbers and intrinsic value. Collecting will, this year, largely exceed that of the best period heretofore known.

THE most noteworthy advances of the advance sheets will appear in these columns as fast as they appear. Every collector will find this knowledge of interest and he will know most of the advances, especially United States and Canada, and many British Colonies.

"Under Victoria's Rule" is the title of an interesting series of articles which began in the September issue of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine Toronto. The articles on Canadian postage and revenues is still running, and two more issues will probably find the revenues completed, when the postage will then be commenced. The articles published have been "news" to many collectors, proving it filling a mission.

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United States Revenues.

Passage Ticket, \$1, perf.....	4 50
Manifest, \$1 unperf.....	1 40
Entry of Goods, unperf, \$1.....	75
Insurance, 25c unperf.....	8
Conveyance, \$1 unperf.....	25
Life Insurance, 25c perf.....	15
Probate of Will, \$1 unperf.....	1 10
Bond, 25c part perf, part of other stamp attached, fine copies.....	60
Bond, 25c part perf, unperf top and below while they last (have 40 copies).....	75
Surety Bond, 50c perf.....	20
----- part perf.....	8
Mortgage, 50c unperf.....	60
Protest, 25c perf.....	70
Warehouse Receipt, 25c unperf.....	14
----- perf.....	1 10
Life Insurance, 25c, perf.....	45
Entry of Goods, 25c perf.....	12
U.S. Revenues, asst, per 100.....	3
Proprietary, 1c black and green, unused Same in pairs, strips or blocks.....	30
Proprietary 1c red.....	7
*Power of Attorney, 25c.....	10
*Certificate, 25c.....	4
*25c Life Insurance.....	10
*Inland Exchange, 5c.....	29
*Certificate, 5c.....	2
*25c 2nd issue.....	2
*2c black and orange, green (4th).....	4
U.S. 25c Bond, perf.....	9
--- 25c Bond, unperforated.....	1 50
--- \$1 Power of Attorney, unperf.....	40
--- \$1 Mortgage, unperf.....	70
Playing Cards, 5c (per 5, >2.50).....	55
Playing Cards 2c.....	17
Entry of Goods, 25c unperf.....	10
License, \$1 unperf.....	30

1869 1c buff.....	35
2c horseman.....	10
6c blue.....	45
10c yellow, fair.....	70
15c brown and blue, picture framed.....	1 15
1869 21c, fair copy.....	5 00
1851 3c red, unused, og.....	80
10c, Continental print, strip 4, unused, og.....	2 75
Confederate States, 2c green used.....	2 10
State, 6c unused.....	65
Agriculture, 15c. cut in on left, stamp is otherwise perfect.....	2 00
Newspaper, 4c.....	25
----- 6c.....	40
Interior 2c or 6c, unused, also in pairs.....	7
Doc, 30c red brown, unused, og.....	1 00
United States, 1861, 10c green, unused.....	70
----- 1830, 30c unused.....	1 05
----- 1855, 10c green.....	27

Canada

6d dark violet.....	3 50
8c blue registered, very fine.....	2 00
2c vermilion registered (cat 25c).....	6
3c (1868) laid.....	2 25
1852 3d wove.....	20
3d wove, pairs.....	50
3d wove, strip of 3.....	1 00
1852 3d unused.....	2 00
1858 3d ribbed, a bargain.....	90
1858 3d wove.....	2 50
Pair of same, fine.....	6 00
1858 3d perforated, fine.....	6 00
3d.....	2 00
1859 1c pink (per 10, 60c).....	7
5c heavers (per 100, \$2.50).....	3
10c violet black.....	1 50
10c violet.....	35
10c red blue.....	45
10c violet, pair.....	1 10
12c green.....	25
17c blue.....	1 05
1968 4c, 8c, 6c, 12c, 15c, cheap.....	40
2c green (per 10, 70c).....	8
6c brown (per 10, 60c).....	7
3c bright red, per 100.....	2 25
5c wmk.....	1 00
1875 5c olive green.....	60
1870 20c red (unused, 25c).....	10
5c blue (unused, 35c).....	25
1882 8c black, per 100.....	50
1887 5c wove envelope.....	1 00
1871 5c envelope, cut square.....	95
1882 Error post card, a bargain, used half.....	80
Canada, 5c beaver, double strike.....	10 00
--- 1871, 2c pink, unused, og.....	2 00
--- Post Cards, BLOCK 8, rare, new.....	4 00
--- Officially Sealed, used.....	2 00
Nova Scotia, 3c on cover, fine margins.....	1 25
New Brunswick, 2c orange, per 100.....	1 50
--- 17c black, per 100.....	10 00
--- same, per 50.....	6 00
--- 5c green, per 100.....	1 00

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5c brown, very fine centered copy.....	9 00
1855 5c brown, type II, n-e cor. perf off.....	1 25
21c blue, a snip.....	3 25
1861 9c unused, og.....	1 60
5c brown.....	25

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2d rose, — on part OC..	.50	.35
2d rose on full cover.....	.50	.45
2d rose and 6d green, on part cover.....	3.00	2.25
1872 3c rose, fine used copy.....	2.50	1.00
3c rose on entire cover.....		1.75
3c rose, error, period after the Prince, very rare, slightly out of centre.....	5.00	2.25
Another, slight tear.....		2.00
1865-72 1c, 2c, 4c, 6c, 12c, 2d, 3d, 4d, Complete set 13 varieties.....	1.70	.75
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1851-3 3d blue, fine copy.....	1.50	1.00
3d blue on part orig cover....		1.15

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1851 3d, good copy, cut close one side.....	4.50	2.25
3d, very fine copy on part of cover.....		3.00

UNITED STATES.

1861 10c green (10 copies, 65c).....	.10	.8
12c black.....	.35	.25
1879 30c Postage Due.....	1.00	.50
1893 1c to 10c (5 sets, 50c).....	.38	.18
1894 50c unused.....	.75	.60

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1856 1/ green on part O C.....	.25	.15
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1865 1/ green —.....	.20	.12

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