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Pithy Philatelic Points.

Sayings and Articles of Noted Writers
Carefully Condensed.

By GEO. W. STARNAMAN.

There are enough stamps as every one knows from his own experience in trying to secure them for his collection, that are really scarce and valuable, without attempting to make out that a million varieties that are as common as dirt, are scarce and valuable.—S. A. D. Cox.

It has been my belief and conviction that in reality a stamp is nothing more nor less than a mere label, until it has done actual postal duty, and while they may be acquired upon paying a consideration, yet they must have done actual duty before they can be recognized in a philatelic sense.—Every Paget.

Do not follow the crowd in your collecting or in keeping abreast of the fashions, you will pay many times what stamps are worth. Have some originality and keep in advance of the rush.—Chas. E. Jenney.

The collector who has mounted his stamps with extreme care, does not wish to have them recklessly pawed over. He has carefully cleaned and pressed his stamps, has gauged the perforations, examined the texture of paper and deciphered the watermarks often with much labor and perplexity, lastly he has affixed the hinge with precision and placed the stamp in the ruled space provided for it, with the utmost care so that every stamp upon the

page is plumb and true and the general effect harmonious and pleasing to look upon.—Edward H. Hall.

A very interesting fact in connection with the philatelic history of New South Wales is that it was the first to use stamps for the prepayment of postage. This of itself was for a long time doubted but it has now been confirmed beyond a doubt.—C. F. Larmour.

There are some stamps the average collector should get while he may. They are not the rarity class, for it is presumed that the collector belonging to the division in Philately which shows the greatest numerical strength, does not care to spend an amount above a few dollars for any single specimen. The stamps referred to are the early European issues, specimens which have never been in vogue, strictly speaking.—C. E. Severn.

It is the opinion of many philatelists that more enjoyment can be obtained from an accumulation of British Colonials than from a collection of United States stamps or the French or Spanish colonies. There is much truth in this belief, and probably this fact accounts for the large number of persons who are giving Colonials their sole attention.—Raymond L. Perry.

Philately as a science is now enlisting the study of learned students. Professors in colleges and schools see stamp collecting in the light of a science, because they, as well as advanced philatelists, make it a science by the most profound study.—J. R. Hooper.

I think the aim of philatelic societies and philatelic papers ought to be to instruct and interest those who now collect stamps as well as to induce outsiders to take up the hobby. The meetings of societies could be made very interesting by discussions upon living topics, or contemporary history, without having too much "stamp" in it.—for all who ever tried will agree with me when I say that it is decidedly a dry job to be forever licking stamps.—Theo. Siddall.

No parent or guardian should discourage a child in stamp collecting, for in so doing they are holding back channels of learning in geography and government that may be of great use to the child in after life. Those persons who allow their children to spend a few dollars a year for stamps will never have cause to regret it.—Maud C. Bingham.

The pursuit of philately has attained such a standing that to-day he is indeed an unlearned follower who cannot readily distinguish between the varieties of paper, watermarks, etc. There was a time however when such was not the case. Then collectors (they were not philatelists) were content with a single specimen without any of the attendant variations.—Sydney K. LeMoyné.

When a genuine stamp is removed from a letter to make place for a trimmed envelope with fraudulent intent, some trace of the work of substitution will probably remain. It will be difficult if not almost impossible, to make the postmark of the stamp match with that on the envelope.—Gordon C. Corbaley.

United States department stamps are at once interesting to the average stamp collector, because they show the work of

skilled artists; because of their uniformity and appropriateness of the colors and designs assigned to each particular set, and because of their office, uniqueness and almost general scarceness. These characteristics have no doubt wrought their desirability and collection, and superinduced the general interest accorded them.—H. S. Swensen.

Many of the most famous men of to-day must have been collectors in their youth; but the old fancy has long been outgrown, and they turn to other recreations and pleasures now, in their hours of idleness.—Lewis G. Quackenbush.

If ever a stamp was universally criticised and its weak points brought to the surface, that stamp is certainly the Seebeck. Collectors will not buy them and even some dealers refuse to handle them. Philatelic papers devote the majority of their space in condemning these mutually despised stamps to the darkest oblivion of philatelic hate. Everywhere we hear something to their disadvantage and not one word in their favor.—Chas. L. Barry.

Stamps pay for keeping, and a true collector will hesitate long before parting with a specimen, only doing so when a very good reason presents itself. Some effort should be made to inspect the books of other collectors, especially those of some experience, as thereby many valuable tips may be obtained.—S. F. Bickers.

The revenue stamps of United States, Canada and Mexico are very pretty and although entirely different from a postage stamp purpose, they show in which way the wind is drifting. They are collected because collectors find pleasure in them, and this shows that no rule can be laid down as to what shall and what shall not be collected.—Wm. R. Adams.

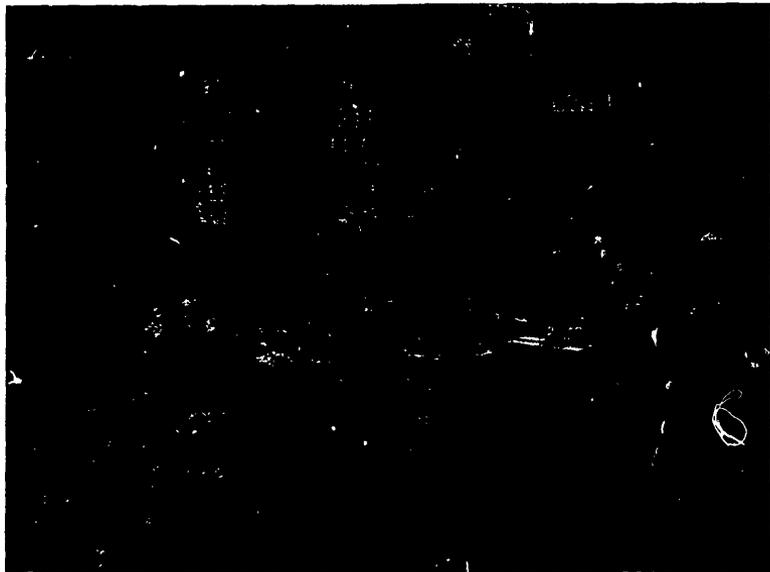
The collecting of United States plate numbers has brought into prominence a class of stamps that has not been much noticed heretofore. I refer to the stamps at the edge of the sheet.—F. B. Woolston.

The imperforate stamps of Ceylon are quite different in color from the perforated series, even with the star watermark. The same thing is true in many other countries, so that the difference in color is often sufficient to condemn a supposed imperforate stamp.—J. L. Kilbon.

Philatelic literature collecting has indeed a bright future, all the prominent philatelists have begun to identify themselves in it, many to the extent of disposing of their collection, but this I would not advise any one to do —Henry S. Adair.

The dream of the life of every young Canadian collector is that he will some day be the owner of a Canada Twelve Penny. This is the "Sweet illusion that still allures and still eludes." To be the proud possessor of this rarest gem of Great British North American stamps is, however, an ambition worthy of any collector.—I. E. Weldon.

It has been shrewdly suspected by some that those who are responsible for the cry that the current valuations of stamps of the favored countries, debar the beginner and the collector of little means from philately's ranks are, for the most part philatelists who after having been estranged from collecting are returning to the fold.—Chas. E. Severn.



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The Dubious Philatelist.

By GEO. W. STARNAMAN.

The greater majority of our travelling philatelists are not infrequently confronted with the question as to whether Philately will not soon enter the realms of the past and be regarded as a mere nothing in the eyes of the public. As a sort of connecting link in conformity to the above, I might mention that those persons who are always ready to question philatelists concerning the future of Philately, are the ones who collect with only one object in view—the hope that at some future time, the stamps which they obtain for a cents will demand fabulous prices, and by holding fast to them now, at the outlay of a few cents they will suddenly become rich by selling at a large margin of profit; these and only these are the people who doubt the future of Philately.

We live in a doubting world anyway. No matter what is happening every day there are and always will be people who continually doubt the outcome of any scheme or question placed before the world at large. But regarding the outcome of philately, let me say to the doubting philatelist and for the benefit of those who are unable to answer the question to their own satisfaction, that philately has as bright a future as it ever had before.

The persons connected with our hobby are gradually becoming more and more numerous every day. Even in the most remote parts of the world we find many collectors and not a few dealers, but there are thousands and thousands of collectors still unknown to the active philatelic people. The older philatelists of today are brimful

of the philatelic knowledge which in years gone by the philatelic writers were only surmising. Their albums too, are well filled with many scarce and desirable stamps, which to the doubting philatelist, represents a fortune of no small dimensions and which perhaps in some cases it really does represent.

The writers of to-day do not find subjects to write upon as easily as they did in the baby days of stamp collecting but to day, as has often been stated before, philatelic subjects are as hard to find as the veritable needle in the haystack; notwithstanding all this we still have some very fine literary productions but only from experienced writers, the small boy contributor not having the ability to compete with the more experienced writers. When he does try his hand at writing, instead of receiving sympathy from our philatelic editors, he is generally ridiculed.

The dealers are more in evidence than in former days but a great many are only dealers by name, but may in the future become the equal of some of our dealers and firms of to-day. In fact some of these must become such for there will always be large firms and those of to day cannot last forever.

The journals of to-day are gradually becoming par excellence and judging by the appearance of a great many stamp papers, philately is truly a great hobby. Indeed some of the papers are so fine as to almost cause us to believe that they cannot possibly pay their publishers. If they can withstand the stormy sea of philatelic journalism for three or four years they will no doubt become a paying investment. There are some journals again, which do not reflect much credit on their managers.

In most cases however this is caused by some new recruit to philately or by some collector who desires to make himself famous as a publisher, but alas, his aspirations and expectations reach far beyond the strength of his purse and the result is his first effort is generally a very poor one.

The doubting philatelist is in most cases the exact counterpart of the speculator for anybody who is connected with philately for the education and enjoyment connected with the study, rarely, if ever, expresses suspicion of the future of our hobby. The speculator however continually has his suspicions as to the advisability of investing his money in stamps.

Stamps are now commanding as good prices as they formerly did with the exception perhaps that some formerly high-priced stamps are cheaper than before, but to balance this statement those which were not considered valuable now bring enormous prices. Speculative issues are becoming more numerous every year. Of course collectors residing in those countries which have not as yet had a speculative issue are continually upbraiding the other speculative issuing countries, but when their government do the same thing they usually advance plenty of good reasons to show that the stamps are not speculative.

The societies with a few exceptions are in a flourishing condition, although the political enthusiasm has considerably abated, the enthusiasm in stamps has increased rather than relaxed. The number of paid up members is not so large proportionately but those who are members in good standing make better use of the various departments. In United States the political enthusiasm has diminished to a greater extent than in Canada.

These arguments will generally convince the philatelist who is doubtful concerning the condition of philately, that we still have a bright future before us and that we may expect to make greater headway in days to come than we have in days past.

Nulla Vestigia Retrorsum.

By RAYMOND S. BAKER.

It is not customary among philatelic journals to see articles with the caption in Latin phraseology. When an enterprising journal however as the PHILATELIC ADVOCATE bears on its editorial page a suggestive motto in the language of ancient Rome, the offence may be palliated if not entirely forgiven. At all events the expression, No Steps Backward, has been merely used in admonition of certain editors and publishers regarding the general lack of pictorial illustrations in the current literature of our pursuit.

The very early periodicals were limited to a few stamp cuts and the occasional photograph of some prominent collector. This is however as far as we can expect them to go, for in the first days of philately the publishing of a stamp magazine was a task of Herculean proportions and not the mere bagatelle it is at the present time. The innovation however was introduced and, considering the time which has elapsed and the opportunities which have been afforded, it cannot be said that rapid development has been the result in this particular line.

Coming down to the middle ages, so to speak, of stamp collecting we find that the art of illustrating, as far as philatelic journals are concerned, is still of a rather

crude nature, although evidences of improvement are plainly visible. In addition to the stamp facsimiles and homely wood cuts of prominent dealers and collectors, the most noticeable feature is the fantastic and somewhat grotesque pictures of a feminine figure supposed to represent the goddess of the pursuit. In the course of a few years this grave and sorrowful duty departed, leaving our editors devoting their spare time and surplus cash to the pictorial betterment of their journals and magazines.

It has been repeated many times that modern philatelic journalism has made a great advancement from a literary point of view, but it is also true that in emblematic representation the same degree of progress has been manifested. Elegant half tones of prominent collectors and clear cut scenes of philatelic interest are not unfamiliar to our eyes. We are acquainted with the features of T. K. Tapling, of Dr. Legrand, and of Phillip von Ferray and have a kind of an idea about the interior of Stanley Gibbons' establishment. The "Rocky Mountain Stamp" has ably demonstrated that it is not unworthily named and Eastern and Western scenery have not been without their champion. Altogether it is a period of congratulation and we are proud of our pursuit and of the journals which represent it so admirably.

We have been looking on the bright side of the question however; that it may be even brighter and more glorious and extensive, let the darker portion be critically reviewed. From my well littered table of philatelic periodicals, a highly educated person, who was however a non collector, took up a leading magazine. After a turning of the leaves and a seemingly futile effort at reading the journal was gently

thrown down and to my enquiring glance came the words, "it's dry." Having read the magazine and knowing it to be literally teeming with information interesting to stamp collectors, I endeavored to look at it from the standpoint of an outsider. To such a one it did not take long to understand how it could be "dry" and indeed tiresome as a three hours sermon or theological treatise. The paper did not contain an illustration from cover to cover. The above example is not solitary but forms one of a large number and the moral which it contains is applicable to the majority of our periodicals.

Publishers must remember that it requires more than good matter well printed to hold the interest of the ordinary run of people and their publications to be popular and successful must recognize and act on this truth. Not only is the illustrated magazine necessary to the regular collector but to the new recruit and uninitiated it is absolutely imperative. As a prominent factor in the permanent existence of philately, as a maintainer of interest with the general class of collectors, as a drawing card to the young beginner, and as a converting power among the non philatelic, the illustrated periodical must and does wield a tremendous and far reaching influence.

The opportunities for pictorial representation are not hard to be found in our magazines, neither are they few and far between. In a scientific article on the stamps of a certain country it will lend point to the subject not only to present cuts of the different varieties but also to give one or two bright natural sketches together with a few portraits of the leading statesmen and rulers. This in itself covers considerable

ground but if a writer mentions a well known collector, whether living or dead, it will add to the interest to see the photograph. Then again pictures of philatelic occurrences, either social or business in their nature, will catch the reader's eye and increase his attachment for philately. The list might be continued but it would be at the risk of squandering the limited capital of attention.

It is of course impossible to obtain all the reforms and improvements advantageous to philatelic journalism. It does not do however to be satisfied with present things. The higher we aim, the nearer will we be to the mark of ideality. Want of sufficient capital as well as the lack of patronage retards the progress of our magazines. That an advance is being made is most praiseworthy. But the matter of illustration has been somewhat neglected of late by our periodicals. Let philatelic publishers take as their motto, *Nulla Vestigia Retrorsum* and may there be no lagging footsteps in the Journalistic race.

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Hints to Advertisers.

By THE ADVERTER.

When sending advertisements always mention that you will remit on receipt of marked copy and bill. This pleases the publisher as it gives him an opportunity of losing postage in addition to the space in the paper (if the adv. is inserted).

When preparing an advertisement to take a one inch space take a piece of paper note size, then with a fine pointed pen write out your adv. If there is not room on the front put your address on the back.

For a quarter page adv. a sheet of foolscap will probably be large enough if you use plenty abbreviations.

Always state that you want certain underlined words in large type and that you particularly desire a cut of some kind, and a small border around the adv. The printer never saw an ad. before and therefore he is very thankful for your advice.

Do not forget to mention very emphatically that your adv. must go on the cover. Other advertisers want their advs. on the cover and you may as well be with the rest.

If you receive the paper the day after you send your copy and find that your ad. is missing write to the publisher treating him unmercifully for omitting your adv. If this was not done the publisher would be overwhelmed with joy. This would be a terrible thing.

Always ask the publisher to print and send postpaid a few hundred circulars from your adv. as a favor to an old customer. Of course it is understood that you are not expected to pay extra for the circulars.

If you do not remit on receipt of bill and the publisher writes about it, politely inform him that you are "dead broke" and if he likes to expose you it is all right.

Always quote prices a little higher than other dealers and if you do not receive good returns, tell the publisher that you do not wish to continue advertising in a paper that has not the circulation it claims.

The above rules if faithfully carried out will cause the publisher to rejoice when he reads after your name, "The funeral was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives."

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Start the year right by subscribing to this paper. See Premium offer.

## Trials of a Beginner.

E. W. THOMAS.

As a beginner I, like all other novices in the science of philately, experienced many trials and tribulations; but the mistakes I made only endeared me the more to our beloved pursuit. I commenced collecting in 1892 by selecting the cheaper grade of foreign stamps off approval sheets.

I had often heard of valuable finds of old stamps and one day with my mind filled with great ideas of conquest, I made a raid upon some old trunks in the garret, where after several hours of rumaging I was rewarded for my trouble by the finding of a three cent red 1861. I was greatly elated over my find for I thought I had discovered a rare stamp, which, because I had found it in an old garret thereby having an old look and by the fact that it had been used during the war, made it appear valuable to my eyes.

As I did not collect United States stamps I thought by selling my valuable (?) stamp that I might be able to increase my collection extensively. With that end in view I wrote a dealer "who bought rare stamps for cash" enclosing the stamp and the modest request that he should send two dollars in payment for the stamp. It is needless to say that I was sadly disappointed when I received the reply that the dealer could not use the stamp at the price stated, for during the interval between the sending and the arrival of the letter I had built many castles upon the manner in which I would spend the money. I thought the dealer had missed the chance of his life by not buying the stamp, so I wrote another dealer in order that he might take

advantage of my liberal offer.

Again I received a negative reply, but undaunted I wrote several other dealers each time receiving the same answer. I was now completely discouraged and the reader may not wonder that my faith in philately was somewhat shattered. I thought it was not what it was "cracked up to be."

I had heard that there was a stamp collector in a neighboring town, so happening to go there on a visit I resolved to visit the collector and show him my precious three cent red. With faltering footsteps I was ushered into his presence, where I was received with a friendly smile and kindly salutation. But alas! for my exultant hopes. When I asked him what he paid for specimens of my variety, I was nearly struck dumb by the reply that he paid fifteen cents per hundred. The good man noticed my situation and inquired what the trouble was. Then followed the sad tale as told above, after which with a few kind words from the dealer I departed with a handful of common stamps and a pocket full of experience.

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The blank albums are becoming more popular as the years pass by. Time was when they were altogether unknown or like their contents looked upon only as curiosities. The beauties and advantages of this form of album have been repeatedly descanted upon and it is a fact patent to all, that fine specimens, artistically mounted on heavy ivory paper, do certainly make a most magnificent and imposing appearance,—R. S. Baker.

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Advertise in the ADVOCATE.

## An Interesting Find.

By MAPLE LEAF.

A few months ago the writer (who had just moved to a certain town in Ontario) while having some old commercial rubbish removed, came upon a large collection of stamp papers printed ten or eleven years ago—there were no less than twenty-five different stamp journals—published all over the North American continent. No one knew how they came there, so it was not difficult to acquire ownership of the lot. Perhaps the most interesting papers in the lot were numbers 1 to 6 of the *Niagara Falls Philatelist* being the complete set as the publication discontinued with the 6th number, at the time the C. P. A. was just forming, and the first number contains a prospectus regarding it.

The set practically contains the history of the movement from its inception until its completion as an association duly officered, etc., and with other items of interest forms a valuable relic of Canadian Philatelic History.—Apart altogether from the famous locality which aspired to this journalistic effort.

Among the other papers are many instructive articles—one only of which I can now refer to—an illustrated contribution to the *Philatelic Gazette* of Chicago, on the "oddities" in stamps, these were chiefly in perforations, etc. It occurred to the writer that a most interesting page or two could be employed by every collector in this way—we all have run across oddities of perforations, and in the late issue of maple-leaf stamps may be found many broken letters and peculiar freaks in the printing, which now, owing to their variety

and scarcity must become valuable. This would seem to be the very opposite of the desire for perfection in specimens—the more unique the better—and would form a sort of philatelic "wild flower garden" embracing all sorts of curiosities in perforations, colors, imprints and errors, with a special value of their own.

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## Early Days of the American Post Office.

By C. A. S.

In the office of the Postmaster-General hangs a little chart giving the postal statistics of the United States for each year since the beginning of the government. From this chart it appears that in 1790, the first full year of Washington's administration, there were seventy-five post offices and eighteen hundred and seventy-five miles of post-routes. The gross revenue was thirty-five thousand nine hundred and thirty three dollars, and gross expenditure, thirty-two thousand one hundred and forty dollars. In 1895 there were seventy thousand and sixty-four post offices, nearly half a million miles of postal routes, a gross revenue, in round numbers, of seventy-seven million dollars, and a gross expenditure—not including the earnings of the subsidized Pacific railroads—of nearly seven millions.

As an example of the salaries, it may be stated that for the year ending with October, 1791, the receipts of the post-office at Worcester, Mass., were fifty-eight dollars, of which one dollar was allowed for incidental expenses. thirteen dollars for the compensation of the postmaster, and forty-four dollars were turned in as surplus

revenue. In 1895 the amount paid to postmasters, was over sixteen million dollars.

Between those two dates there is a development whose recital forms the most marvelous and romantic chapter of our history. For, while the population of the country has increased less than twenty fold, the number of post offices has increased nearly a thousand fold.

The gross revenues of the post office at Pueblo, Col., Battle Creek, Mich., or Fitchburg, Mass are now larger than the postal revenues of the entire country in the first year of the administration of Washington. In that year five hundred thousand pieces of mail matter were handled and now over five billion pieces, or an increase of ten thousand fold.

But there was an American postal system prior to the year 1790. True, there was no general post office in England for half a century after the first settlers came to Jamestown, and for nearly half a century after that was established the few post offices in America were under the patronage of their respective colonies.

On the "seventeenth of February, 1691-2 William and Mary granted by letters-patent to Thomas Neal power and authority 'to erect within every or any of the Chief Ports of the several Islands, Plantacions or Colonies in America, an Office or Offices for receiving and dispatching away of letters or packquettes.' The rates of postage were to be the same as those prescribed by the act of Charles II, or such other rates as the Planters or others will freely give."

Under this patent Andrew Hamilton was appointed Postmaster-General of America, and was successful in securing concessions from the separate colonies. He established a weekly post from Portsmouth, N. H.,

southward all the way to Virginia; but in doing this he necessarily ran into debt, for it seems that the expenses of the first four years were about five thousand dollars annually, while the revenue was less than two thousand dollars.

In 1707 the crown bought back the Neale Patent, and in 1710 Parliament erected a post office for America, with New York as the centre of operations, and prescribed rates of postage, with summary process for their collection.

From the purchase of the Neale patent until 1775 postmasters were appointed from London, the best known among them being Spotswood of Virginia and Benjamin Franklin. Franklin was appointed postmaster at Philadelphia in 1737 by Colonel Spotswood, late Governor of Virginia, and then Postmaster-General,

Franklin was postmaster at Philadelphia from 1737 until he became Postmaster-General for the Northern division in 1753, in association with Wm. Hunter for the Southern division, who had been a printer and postmaster at Williamsburg, Va. Franklin was postmaster-General for twenty-one years, for a large part of which time however, he was out of the country. He was removed in 1774, as he says by "a freak of ministers."

The Continental Congress as early as July, 1775,—a year before the Declaration of Independence,—assumed control of the postal service of the colonies, and appointed Benjamin Franklin Postmaster-General for the purpose of running a line of posts from Falmouth or Portland, in Maine, to Savannah, in Georgia, with as many cross-posts as he might see fit. Franklin's son-in-law Richard Bache, was the deputy, and was chosen Postmaster-General on November 7,

1776, owing to the absence of Franklin.

Richard Bache served as Postmaster-General until January 28, 1782, when Ebenezer Hazard was appointed in his place. Hazard had been deputy postmaster at New York under Franklin, and in a memorial to Congress in November 1776 prayed for an increase of his compensation as such, declaring that he was not able to employ an assistant.

Samuel Osgoode of Mass., was the first Postmaster-General under Washington, and a copy of his first report, dated Dec. 9, 1789, two months after his appointment is now among the archives of the P. O. department.

The growth of the American postal system from this time to the introduction of railroads, nearly fifty years which may be called the stage-coach era, fully kept pace with the growth of the country, and it may be interesting to note, in these days of large postal deficits, that from 1789 to 1834 these were only eleven years in which the Post Office department did not turn in some surplus to the Treasury.

The mail was originally confined to letters, and not until 1792 were newspapers admitted by law, and then at the rate of one cent a paper for the first hundred miles, and a cent and a half for longer distances. At this rate the postage on a daily paper at the subscription price of eight dollars a year, would be four dollars and sixty-eight cents for any distance over a hundred miles.

The entire revenue of the post office in the first year of Mr. Jefferson's administration would not now pay the salaries of one-half the letter carriers in the city of Philadelphia alone,

Of the two hundred thousand post offices

listed in the Directory of the Universal Postal Union, which practically includes the postal system of the world, over seventy thousand are in this country.

The Post office Department of the United States is the largest business machine that has ever existed in the world, and is daily engaged in the strenuous task of keeping pace with and outstripping the growth of our country and its adoption of all the forces of modern progress, whether material or social.

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A new postal departure, which is of particular interest to travellers, has just been instituted in the Grand Duchy of Baden. The scheme is this; Supposing that in the course of a journey you want to despatch a telegram, all that you have to do is to write your message on a postcard with the intimation that you wish it wired, affix the requisite amount of stamps, and drop it into the letterbox attached to the train. When the train stops the box will be cleared and the wire sent off without further trouble to you. Postal reformers in other countries will doubtless make a note of this.

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One of the best papers for young people ever published is the *Youth's Realm*, of Boston. It is devoted to the interests of boys and girls, both young and old. It is always well illustrated, and its columns are filled with interesting puzzles, games, new experiments, scientific notes and good stories. It also devotes considerable space to stamps. The regular price of the *Realm* is 35c per year but by special arrangements we are enabled to give both it and the *Advocate* for one year for 35c. Not 35c each but the two papers for 35c.

## The Old Man's Joke.

By DAN CORNELL.

"Bring me the Bible." Great Scott! how we all jumped for we supposed father was asleep. We were all gathered in the big sitting room; the lamps lit and the open wood fire roaring and crackling up the big chimney, for it was brown November and the wind and the rain were chasing each other around the corners and having a high old time. Inside it was cheery enough; mother knitting, the girls busy with some fancy work or some other nonsense and laughing and chattering, and I with my stamps at my own special table. The "old man" as he likes to be called, though he seems like one of the children, was dozing in front of the fire as we supposed, but instead was looking over the November ADVOCATE which he had "swiped" as he passed my table. Well, when he asked for the bible it was like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky for he is not given to serious subjects and of course there was lots of confusion; chaff from the girls, sarcasm from me with a little seriousness from mother. But all the same he wanted that Bible, and in spite of the remonstrance of Lou, who had it full of autumn leaves, it was given him and he started in on his usual hobby "experience."

"Listen my children," he began, and of course this was an opening for Meg and she chipped in with, "and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere." We made a rush and put poor Meg under the table and kept her there until she promised to be quiet. Then the old boy began again. "Now my children" he said, "here is a chap advertising in this 'fillytickle' ADVOCATE and referring to a verse of scripture for the

number of stamps in a packet that he offers for the immense sum of ten cents. Now no doubt this foolish boy (meaning me) and hundreds of others just as foolish will rush in the cash for the packet on the supposition that a man who will quote scripture in his advertisements will necessarily be honest, and never stop to look up the verse and find the number of stamps it contains. But I with my age and experience smell a very large mouse. Why in the world don't he come right out and say how many stamps it contains? All my wisdom has come from experience and I say there is a catch somewhere. Just let me read you the advertisement and then I will find the verse and you will see that the old man is right." We all giggled as we always do and even mother smiled. "Look up your Bible and see for yourself how many varieties of fine stamps are in my packet. It tells you in XXVI chapter of Numbers last word." The old man looked around the circle. "Now," said he, "I will find the verse;" and he read as follows: "'For the Lord had said of them, they shall surely die in the wilderness and there was not left a man of them save Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.'" Again he looked around, this time with a smile of satisfaction, "'last word Nun. Aha my lambs what do you think of the old man's wisdom now? Send for your stamps, my boy, and then wait and wait and when they never come look up your verse and see how you are sold. Experience is the mother of wisdom."

But we all jumped for him and rolled him on the floor until he begged for mercy and promised not to give us any more advice. When we were all settled down again he said, "Now Danny go down cellar and get

me a pitcher of cider and some apples and I will call it square." But I was otherwise engaged, I was looking up the advertisement he had just read for I knew it was of a well known dealer, and I could hardly believe it was a fake. I found it and it read "last word of verse '25," the artful old dodger had put up a job on us and read the last verse of the chapter. I quietly passed the ADVOCATE to the girls, gave them the wink, and we went for him. He saw us coming but he was too late to escape and over he went again. When father caught his breath he said, "Well, I suppose this means that I will have to get the cider and apples myself." Did he? No he did not, we got them for him as we get everything for dear old dad, the best father a fellow ever had, but how he does like to joke.

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**Penny Postage.**

Imperial penny postage will have far-reaching consequences; it is undoubtedly a great onward movement in the career of civilization, and in the development of wider national sympathy and sentiment. But great as are the benefits to follow the adoption of universal cheap postage, the first result, and not the least, will be to make plain that a postal service, however cheap and comprehensive, is in itself insufficient for the increasing daily needs of the now widely distributed British peoples. It will be seen that in addition to an ocean penny postal service the circumstances of our world-empire demand a cheap ocean cable service, extending to every possession of her Majesty.

The carriage of letters at any known speed consumes time, and the length of time consumed depends on the distance traversed. The telegraph, on the other hand, practically annihilates space, and in this one respect has immeasurably the advantage over the ordinary postal service, especially in the case of correspondents who are separated by the greatest distances.—Sauford Fleming in the *Globe*.

**United States Battleships.**



|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1½c and 3½c pro. '98 rev unused | \$ .10   |
| ½c to 5c full set 12 stamps.    | ".30     |
| 40c and 80c documentary         | " 1.30   |
| ½c to 40c                       | " " 1.00 |
| ½c to \$1.00                    | " " 3.40 |

**18 var. unused '98 Revs. 45c**

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| 40 U. S. postage value | \$1 25c |
| 25 U. S. revenues      | 25c     |

The last packet contains a 25 cent Life Insurance, Scott's price 30c.

All post free. Unused U. S. and Canadian stamps taken.



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| 18 Japanese stamps and 3 post cards mounted in a finely colored album made of rice paper worth | .50           |
| 12 blank Approval Sheets                                                                       | .10           |
| PHILATELIC ADVOCATE one year                                                                   | .25           |
| 20 word adv, on Bargain Page of same                                                           | .20           |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                   | <b>\$1.05</b> |

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# A Fatal Error

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## CANADA.

|       |                    |                                |       |        |
|-------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------|
| 1851. | 3 pence            | laid                           | - - - | \$ .80 |
| 1852. | 3 "                | wove                           | - - - | .18    |
| 1852. | 6 "                | wove                           | - - - | 3.00   |
| 1855. | 10 "               | blue                           | - - - | 7.00   |
| 1857. | $\frac{1}{2}$ "    | pink                           | - - - | 2.10   |
| 1857. | $7\frac{1}{2}$ "   | green                          | - - - | 16.50  |
| 1857. | 3 "                | red                            | - - - | .18    |
| 1857. | 6 "                | violet                         | - - - | 3.25   |
| 1858. | 3 "                | red, ribbed.                   | - - - | 1.00   |
| 1858. | 6 "                | perf. 12, rare, fine copy.     | - - - | 25.00  |
| 1859. | 1 cent             | pink                           | - - - | .04    |
| 1859. | 5 "                | vermillion                     | - - - | .03    |
| 1859. | 5 "                | on cover                       | - - - | .04    |
| 1859. | 10 "               | violet                         | - - - | .25    |
| 1860. | 2 "                | pink                           | - - - | .50    |
| 1860. | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c | green                          | - - - | .24    |
| 1860. | 17 cent            | blue                           | - - - | .85    |
| 1868. | $\frac{1}{2}$ "    | black                          | - - - | .12    |
| 1868. | 1 "                | brown red                      | - - - | .11    |
| 1868. | 1 "                | yellow                         | - - - | .18    |
| 1892. | 20 "               | vermillion                     | - - - | .11    |
| 1892. | 50 "               | blue                           | - - - | .25    |
|       | $\frac{1}{2}$ "    | Jubilee unused or used         | - - - | .20    |
|       |                    | Jubilee 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c used    | - - - | .08    |
|       |                    | Jubilee $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 50c | - - - | 1.90   |

## REGISTRATION STAMPS.

|       |        |                  |       |        |
|-------|--------|------------------|-------|--------|
| 1875. | 2 cent | orange           | - - - | \$ .02 |
| 1875. | 2 "    | orange on cover. | - - - | .03    |
| 1875. | 2 "    | vermillion       | - - - | .10    |
| 1875. | 2 "    | scarlet          | - - - | .18    |
| 1875. | 5 "    | yellow green     | - - - | .02    |
| 1875. | 5 "    | blue green       | - - - | .01    |
| 1875. | 8 "    | blue             | - - - | 1.60   |

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

|       |    |                       |       |      |
|-------|----|-----------------------|-------|------|
| 1865. | 1p | yellow orange, unused | - - - | 1.00 |
| "     | 1p | brown orange, rare    | - - - | 1.25 |
| "     | 6p | green, unused         | - - - | 1.20 |
| 1868. | 4p | black                 | - - - | .10  |

|       |                       |       |     |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----|
| 1872. | 1 cent orange, unused | - - - | .10 |
| "     | 6 " black, "          | - - - | .10 |

Have these stamps almost complete.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

|       |                                |             |        |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| 1868. | 2c green                       | - - -       | .08    |
|       | 3c red                         | - - -       | .02    |
|       | 3c deep red                    | - - -       | .04    |
|       | 3c red on cover                | - - -       | .03    |
|       | 6c brown                       | - - -       | .08    |
|       | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c blue        | - - -       | .15    |
|       | 15c lilac                      | - - -       | .11    |
|       | 1c brown red, wmkd.            | - - -       | 1.00   |
|       | 3c red                         | " - - -     | .70    |
|       | 6c brown                       | " - - -     | 3.25   |
|       | 3c brown                       | Error - - - | .60    |
|       | 3c red laid                    | - - -       | 2.00   |
| 1872  | 6c old brown                   | - - -       | .02    |
|       | 10c rose lilac                 | - - -       | .03    |
| 1875  | 5c olive green                 | - - -       | .35    |
| 1882  | $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 6c and 10c    | - - -       | .04    |
|       | 10c grey                       | - - -       | .06    |
|       | 1p red brown a beautiful stamp | - - -       | 6.00   |
|       | 3p dark blue "                 | " - - -     | 1.00   |
|       | 1sh violet, a fine copy        | - - -       | 100.00 |
| 1860  | 1c black unused                | - - -       | .25    |
|       | 2c mauve " yellow paper        | - - -       | .25    |
|       | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c green        | - - -       | 1.25   |
|       | 10c vermillion                 | - - -       | .90    |

I have a full line of these stamps

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

|                                            |       |     |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|-----|
| 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c 17c set | - - - | .75 |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|-----|

B. N. A. postage is my specialty. Can supply you with anything your collection lacks, and all excellent copies. I also have an Auction Sale. All stamps in the sale are in good condition.

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LOOK UP OUR OTHER ADV. ON NEWFOUNDLAND.

## Illegal Use of Stamps.

### Stamps must not be used for Currency.

The law imposes a penalty upon any person selling stamps without a stamp vendor's license. This has been the law for many years, but has remained dormant owing to there having been no fractional currency whereby small sums of money could be sent by mail. This difficulty however, has ceased to exist since the adoption of the postal note system, whereby remitters can send fractional currency by postal note for any sum from 20 cents up to \$5.

It seems that country postmasters are paid a commission on the amount of stamps

sold, the intention being that these stamps are to be sold purely for local postage requirements. But some years ago some postmasters, thinking to increase their salaries, developed the system of inducing persons to buy stamps and remit them to cities in payment for goods. This practice works a fraud upon the public treasury, and many years ago legislation was passed to prevent it. Now that the postal note system has done away with the necessity for payment by postage stamps, that practice should cease and those who in the past have been in the habit of receiving payment in postage stamps would render a service to their correspondents by warning them against a continuance of that method of payment.

See editorial in reference to this article.



SALESROOM OF THE SCOTT STAMP & COIN CO.,  
18 East 23rd St., New York City.

## Our Hobby.

By GEO. W. HICKS.

Philately is the most delightful of all hobbies. It is a science, and as such, merits the attention of scientific men. To these it offers a wide field for research, unequalled by many studies—for it is indeed a study, and like all others the farther we advance, the more it seems to expand before us.

Philately influences us in many ways. It develops our imagination; it increases our sense of observation and aids us in the study of many difficult subjects.

First let us see how philately may affect the imagination. Is there one among we philatelists, who, looking at a stamp from some far-off country, has not pictured to himself, or herself the place from which the stamp originally came? As we gaze upon that small piece of art, we imagine we see it handed out to the purchaser—mayhap a swarthy African, in scant clothing. We see him affix it to his letter, with a smile on his face or a tear in his eye—for even an African has his joys and sorrows. The little stamp has a long journey to travel and very begrimed it is, before the letter on which it was placed is handed to the person for whom it was intended. The stamp has done its postal duty, but its true philatelic career is yet to begin. It is sold to a philatelist, to gladden his eye, and afford him many happy hours of study. He notices a small murky appearance upon its face as if moistened by a small drop of water.

Was it a tear? Had that letter brought the news of a fond friend's death? Maybe so. Who knows? And so our imagination is awakened, and that little postage stamp

calls up within us thoughts that would otherwise have never seen birth.

By studying the different shades, varieties of watermarks, etc., we learn to be very observant. We notice many interesting things—insignificant in themselves—which others pass by without noticing; or if they do, not thinking them worthy of their consideration, forgetting that small things go to make up the large; that the tiny drop makes the spring, without which we could not live. So we see that philatelists are observers of small things.

As an aid to the study of numerous subjects, philately has no equal.

Take for instance the subject of Geography. Even a small school-boy, who is "bounded" on the north by his ignorance of this subject and on every other side by his stupidity, cannot fail to learn lessons of lasting benefit by the collecting of a few foreign stamps.

His interest is at once awakened and he wants to know more of the countries from which his stamps originally came. And he generally finds it out.

There is something very unique about a stamp, which not only attracts but holds our attention.

Thus the study of stamps instructs us with much knowledge, which by any other means would be more difficult to acquire. And we would not realize half the pleasure in acquiring it as from the study of our grand old hobby—philately.

"All hail, Philatelia!  
Thy realm to extend,  
Thy science to foster,  
Thy cause to defend—  
Till proud and triumphant  
Thy fame shall prevail:  
Our troth do we pledge thee—  
Philatelia, all hail!

## The Inelegibility of Review Editors.

BY WM. A. McDONNELL.

The Review Department of many of our philatelic papers, has degenerated to such an extent, that it is a waste of space to the publisher and valuable time to the readers, to observe such filthy paragraphs. Many untruthful and sarcastic remarks are published therein, to the detriment of not only the paper's interest, but also to the paper's patrons.

Readers of the philatelic press, with a very few exceptions, prefer to peruse nothing but the best manuscript, absolutely free from contemptuous statements. To fill the columns allotted to the Review Editor with a tirade of abuse, unfavorable to certain contributors who he may have an imaginary grievance against, or, who he wishes to give a cowardly "roast," is not only uninteresting reading, but very disrespectful and undeceiving, and such misrepresentations are readily believed by the unsuspecting reader.

These "Reviewers" pay nothing for the space they occupy with their vile vituperations, and in most cases the only compensation they receive, is a copy of each paper they are expected to review without favor. The amount of friendship or enmity, you have for a publisher, whose paper you have under review, should never overbalance your just and honest opinions.

As one publisher said, "It would be much more preferable, not to include a review department in a paper, unless the reviewer is fearless and independent, and agrees to give his honest view, without any discriminations—be it either friend or foe."

This is the only feasible and practicable remedy, that could be suggested to put a stop to this abuse, and I may say right here, that some of the publications, which claim the distinction of being first-class, are also guilty of including such malicious and misleading statements, in their columns perhaps unintentionally.

Philatelists, as a general rule, are not quick to take offence, but when the matter is carried to a certain point, beyond endurance, then the wrath that is cast down upon the head of a philatelic editor, is indeed felt.

No attempt to be sentimental is intended, but I'm only embracing my language in as few words as possible, at my command. Turning aside from the disrespectful Reviewer, and centering our attention on a few other "stripes" or classes of Reviewers who consume much valuable space, in airing their opinions, we will proceed.

Some Review Editors are incompetent, and a hasty glance over their writings will instantly indicate such deceptiveness.

Another class is those who simply write to please certain publishers, (whom they are on friendly terms with), never attempting to review the good and bad points of such publications, for fear of getting their "exchanges" cut off—or their noble heads a la Sir Walter Raleigh.

Another style of Reviewers, are those who judge a paper by the cover; it is needless to state that the saying "Never judge a man, by the coat he wears," was never intended for their ears, or perhaps they were unapprised. This style of reviewing actually happens almost every month. To mention that the cover is very pretty or handsomest, or the colors blend beautifully, or the tints are well selected, etc., is

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all very well but to neglect the matter under the covers is incomprehensible, and such a reviewer(?) is wanting in the proper qualifications of such a position.

Another variety, but of the same as the previous class of reviewers, is the one who reviews twenty or more publications in the space of about ten inches, allowing for each publication about half an inch. Is it possible to thoroughly review, and present an extended report in this small space? My opinion would be to the contrary; to familiarize your readers with the important contents, the space of three inches allowed each paper under review is none too much.

Some reviewers have a habit of stating that such and such a paper contains the "usual contents," whether this is an insinuation or a puff is beyond my comprehension. To the uninitiated "usual features" has an inconceivable meaning. Whether the reviewer wishes to construe that the contents are the same as previous issues, or are similar to what other publications contain, I am merely able to conjecture. To review a paper in the correct form, do it so that *all* your readers will exactly know the nature of the contents. Some of your readers may never have had the opportunity or the privilege of examining the publication under review; what can they understand by the "usual features?" Be plain but perfect and sincere and accurate. Before I proceed any further, I desire it to be distinctly understood that no insinuations or remarks are intended or aimed at any particular contributor in the capacity of reviewer; and any excerpts selected were chosen at random, and merely serve to illustrate my arguments, and any suggestions proposed are simply the writer's individual opinions.

There is still another class of reviewers, who are noted for their unwarranted and sarcastic expressions and remarks, it doesn't make a particle of difference, how valuable or interesting the contents of a publication may be. Their remarks are generally aimed at the initial number of new publications, and the reflections thus unjustly cast, does an enormous amount of damage, which will take many months to obliterate.

It is impossible to judge the future of any publication by the first number; the publishers are under many severe unforeseen difficulties—I speak from experience, and it takes at least sixty days to prepare your number 1, in shape to be issued, and then it is by no means perfect. Reviewers should take these circumstances under consideration and review accordingly.

Reviewers, by all means be just, upright and honest; be impartial to all and do not condescend to favor your individual interests. Hold aloft your friendship; all publishers and editors like criticism, if it is deserved; suggestions are valuable, publishers invariably desire to improve their magazines, to the satisfaction of their readers. If we did not suggest or criticise publishers would be absolutely in the dark, but under no circumstances criticise untruly.

Do not place a false definition on the word,—Review; be perfectly free and independent, and express your views in as forcible and interesting vocabulary as is at your command.

When a publication is under review, and any article or note, which you consider to be interesting to the majority of your readers, by all means have such excerpts published with your manuscript.

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The much advertised and much talked of book "Stamp Hunting" has appeared and seems to be taken in good favor. The use of Canadian Revenue stamps, to illustrate may be taken in ill favor, but nevertheless those very stamps, although at present much neglected, are without doubt very much prettier than any Uncle Sam has issued in the revenue line. Mr. Robie had an eye to beauty in using the Canada revenues to illustrate his book.

Mr. Robie has a very humorous way about his expressions, and although he has been dubbed the Mark Twain of philately he may be dubbed something else in the eyes of the general public, and perhaps attain as much favor as has the world-renowned Mark.

The new International album for 1899 has appeared. It contains spaces for all recent issues, including the Omahas, revenues and proprietaries. The book is larger than ever before, and a very neat and attractive publication.

By the time this appears in print, a new

edition of the Bartel's plate number catalogue will have appeared. Plate number collectors are waiting patiently for this little book and exchangers are certainly at a great loss without it.

There has been a considerable amount of discussion in the stamp papers recently as to what stamps are worth full catalogue price. There are a few stamps it appears that are really worth full catalogue, but it is precious few. Even these few can be purchased here and there for a discount from catalogue rates. The facts are that the very good stamps are gradually coming back to where they belong. Prices are gradually gaining and the list of stamps that are worth full catalogue price are on the increase.

The so-called "boy trade" is being spoken of very favorably by dealers.

The *Montreal Philatelist* got out a paper a short time ago and called it Christmas number. It was well printed but the make up was abominable. There was a conspicuous lacking of the date of issue, month of publication and in fact the most noticeable feature of the sheet was the picture of the infant who advertises himself as the publisher. Brother, we like good stamp papers and so do all collectors but brother dear, don't you think a few years in the kindergarten would do you a world of good?

The color of the 15 cent postage is shortly to be changed to olive green. The printing in the new color will commence as soon as another lot of this denomination is required to fill the demand. The \$5 surcharged newspaper, which was created for revenue purposes, will surely become a very valuable stamp. Unused copies are now quite scarce, except in a few places. There were only 18,000 surcharged and part of this number was surcharged invert-

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Interest in Philatelic literature seems to be rapidly reviving. Societies all over the country are endeavoring to collect a library and have committees always on the lookout for volumes. One of the finest libraries in the country is shortly to be disposed of at auction in New York. The library is the property of the old time philatelist Joseph J. Casey.

It has been announced in some stamp papers, that the idea of granting to private corporations, companies or individuals, the right to have revenue stamps made after their own designs, for proprietary purposes, had been revoked. This seems to have been an error. According to the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, anyone purchasing two thousand dollars worth of a kind can have dies made according to their own fancy, the only restriction being that the size of the stamps are limited three shapes:  $1 \times 1$  inch,  $\frac{1}{2} \times 1$  inch and  $2 \times \frac{3}{4}$  inch.

The new army frank stamp which has been used in some parts of the country in franking army letters, seems to have a taint of speculation attached to it. It resembles the ten cent 1869, and is the product of the brain of B. C. Kenyon, who is a prominent philatelist and at one time the foremost member of the Philatelic Society of New York. Mr. Kenyon is a Major and paymaster of the U. S. volunteers of California. I hope we will be happily surprised to learn in the near future that the stamp is one regularly issued without discrimina-

tion.

Don't get nervous dear reader, there isn't much, only a new variety of the one and one quarter cent proprietary. This time it is an orange brown.

Speculation in Omahas is running fairly wild. Prices bob up and down like wheat on a Board of Trade. There is a gradual rise however, and is likely to continue on the incline until the bubble shall burst. The eighth centers are quoted at two cents each or two dollars per hundred among the trade.

Left strips of the small surcharge have at last turned up in the far west. Several numbers have been discovered and now that they are in existence it will only be a short time until we shall know the exact plates and panes used.

In stamp journalism we have one paper which in future will be of great value to stamp collectors and to the scientific philatelist. Every issue comes out brim full of the finest sort of information, and rarely has a line in the entire volume, but what is worth reading. With the horde of stamp papers that are published to-day, all bidding hard for patronage, very few have attained the position in philately that this journal has attained. The presswork is not as good of late as formerly, but this discrepancy is amply atoned for, with valuable information. I refer to the *American Journal of Philately*.

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THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE COLLECTOR WHICH was published at regular intervals of two months, was merely a price list of stamp journals which the publisher offered for sale. Notwithstanding its motto, "We still live" it has died.

### THE JUNIOR COLLECTOR

ALTHOUGH small, contained some very interesting articles for the beginners. It was published as Official Organ of the "Junior Philatelists." It has also ceased publication.

### THE CANADIAN COLLECTOR

WAS intended by its publisher to appear as a quarterly. The first number was issued in September and the next was due in December but, owing to lack of time the publisher has consolidated it with the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, of Berlin.

### THE JUNIOR PHILATELIST

LAUNCHED on its career in February 1898, but three numbers was sufficient to satisfy its publisher that there are too many larger and better established journals in the field.

### THE BOSTON STAMP BOOK

PUBLISHED by John L. Kilbon, is indispensable to the advanced collector. If he sees one issue he usually sees twelve. Under the new management we receive it regular every month.

### PHILATELIC FACTS,

UNDER the management of Mr. Gladden did not prosper. In April, Mr. H. I. Watts purchased the journal and after issuing three numbers it joined the "silent majority."

### THE METROPOLITAN PHILATELIST.

WE received the first number of this paper when it began its career as a

weekly. We have heard that it is still being published, but if we were to judge by the numbers we have received since then, we would say that it has discontinued, as we have only seen one copy, since it was to appear as a weekly. Why don't the publishers exchange.

### THE REVENUE PHILATELIST

PUBLISHED solely in the interests of revenue stamps and collectors, made its initial bow to the revenue collectors as a quarterly. Two numbers were issued which contained fine illustrations of some of the revenue stamps of Canada, besides many interesting notes and articles relating to revenue stamps.

### THE STAMPMAN

THE much-talked-of journal appearing from the Temple of Osgood in Dover, Col., only showed its yellow face in our sanctum, once. However, taking the words, in the advertisements of the publisher as true statements, there were others issued besides Vol. III. No. 3.

### THE POSTAL CARD REPORTER

PUBLISHED by A. Lohmeyer, contained very interesting and original articles concerning postcards, but no issues have been received for some time.

### THE MICHIGAN PHILATELIST,

PUBLISHED in Michigan, as its name implies, shared the same fate as other journals of the same name, only one number being issued.

### THE NEW ENGLAND PHILATELIST

APPEARED in September. The main article was entitled, "Names by which stamps are commonly known." It was good because it was reprinted from this paper, but the publisher forgot to give us credit.

One number is all we ever saw of this paper.

## Business and Pleasure.

By ALBERT H. HALL.

In the collecting of postage stamps, business and pleasure are combined until their separate identity is almost lost. It is a pleasure to collect stamps as they come. It is a business to buy specimens needed to fill sets. It is a business to conduct an exchange correspondence: it is a pleasure to receive letters from all parts of the world.

I remember that I began with gathering stamps from the waste basket of a business firm and sending them abroad in answer to exchange notices. The stamps received in exchange I mounted on sheets and sent to other collectors. Then I began to send out wholesale lots—1000 mixed U. S. for 1000 mixed foreign—and my stock built up rapidly.

Of course I have received thousands of damaged stamps—stamps with some perforations clipped, stamps with corners gone, and stamps soiled, rubbed or heavily cancelled. These sick stamps have gathered in a hospital box awaiting a chance to do some good, and now I see a way. To any beginner who will send return postage (Canadian stamps will do), I will send an ambulance full. That is where the pleasure comes in.

Now for the business! You have often seen advertisements of "100 different stamps for 10c." Perhaps you thought it was a fraud. You did not see how they could be sold so cheap. But it is all right: they were got for nothing in exchange for stamps picked out of waste baskets. I have thousands of stamps that I am selling for 10c a hundred, all different. Most packets contain about 25 common U. S. and nothing else but Europeans. Mine contain *no U. S.* and have about 25 from Asia, Africa, South

America and Australia. I have a packet of 200 better and different ones for 50c.

When a collector has 1000 varieties he wants to take one country at a time and get all of its inexpensive stamps that he has not bought in packets, Brazil is an interesting country, one of the first to issue stamps. I have made up into packets a lot of 1000 Brazilians. There are 13 varieties, including the 1850 issue with a big numeral in the centre, the 1866 issue with portrait of Dom Pedro, current high values, a postage due stamp, and newspaper envelope and wrapper stamps—a representative lot. They catalogue nearly 50c, and I will send them postpaid with 1c Omahas for only 20c.

Belgium is another interesting country with varied designs. Some of her stamps are very common, I have some very old ones and some very recent ones which you may want. There are the old imperforates of 1851, the Leopold I of 1866, the current issue with label "not to be delivered on Sunday," and the beauties commemorating the Antwerp and Brussels Expositions. There are ten varieties, cataloguing 25c, and I will send them for 10c.

Perhaps British Colonials are most interesting to a Canadian, and single stamps are needed for an album of several thousand varieties. Have you seen the old natal 6 penny of 1867? I think it is one of the prettiest stamps ever issued. It has the beautiful coronation portrait of the Jubilee stamps and is printed in an exquisite deep lilac. I have about 50 copies which were used to pay the revenue on banking business. The cancellation is light and clean, and they have been spared the rubbing of a mail journey around the world. They are gems. With them are the current 6 penny and 1 shilling similarly cancelled. The three stamps catalogued 38c, and I send them postpaid for 20c. I do not expect to be able to duplicate this offer.

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## THE ALLEGHENY PHILATELIST,

**P**UBLISHED by a thirteen year old lad, seems to be in a prosperous condition and although we do not receive it regularly, we know it appears every month.

## THE BOYS' OWN PHILATELIST

**A**PPEARED from this city first as a monthly, and later on as a weekly. Mr. Weaver, its publisher, seems to be doing his best to have a representative Canadian weekly. The publisher changed its name to *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* and a little later a weekly appeared from Toronto under the same name. The contents of the latter are quite interesting, notwithstanding that the main article is a reprint.

## THE EVERGREEN STATE PHILATELIST

**A**PPEARED promptly every month until July when, after an absence of two months it appeared with the announcement that in future, no numbers will be issued in July and August. The interesting editorials of Mr. French and the contributions of E. R. Aldrich, appear monthly.

## THE EASTERN PHILATELIST

**K**NOWN as the "Oldest philatelic journal in America," contains the best reading matter, for philatelists, that is published at the present time. In September it changed hands for the second time in its long career. The new publishers have already shown that the literary contents will be as interesting and instructive as they have been in the past.

## THE PERFORATOR,

**O**F which we have heard and seen so much is an interesting journal for all philatelists. In April, Mr. J. W. Stowell issued the first number of a philatelic paper of his own, having purchased it from H. A. Chapman. In July the "*Penny*" was con-

solidated with the *Perforator*, thus making it the largest philatelic journal published.

## MEKEELS WEEKLY STAMP NEWS

**R**EACHES us promptly, every Monday morning, brim full of the latest philatelic happenings of the day. During the latter part of the year, the publisher Mr. I. A. Mekeel, again introduced his *Chronicle of New Issues* compiled by S. B. Hopkins. This, in company with a number of essays, notes and C. L. Severn's "Hints to Advertisers," completes one week's issue of the *St. Louis Weekly*.

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## THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA

**G**RACES our review table, fifty-two times, every year, but sometimes, two issues are received in one week but no more are received until two weeks have elapsed. Nearly every week it contains excellent notes on stamps, by Geo. S. McKeelin, news, by no means stale, appears from all the important philatelic centres in the U. S., and two batches of news from Toronto, Can. Both the above weeklies contain a weekly review column.

## THE PHILATELIC BULLETIN

**H**AS, during the latter part of the year, demonstrated that it is one of the high-class journals in typographical appearance, and its contents are strictly up-to-date.

Lack of space prevents us giving a review of all journals published during 1898.

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|         |                             |                    |        |                                        |                                                                                                             |               |      |
|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------|
| 1863.   | 1sh. lake,                  | unused             | \$ .80 | 1890                                   | ¼c black                                                                                                    | unused,       | .02  |
| 1866.   | 2c green                    | - - -              | .65    |                                        | same used                                                                                                   | - 2 for       | .03  |
|         | 10c black                   | - - -              | .85    |                                        | 3c slate,                                                                                                   | either shades | .02  |
|         | 12c pale red brown          | - - -              | .35    |                                        | 6c deep pink                                                                                                | - - -         | .10  |
|         | 24c blue.                   | unused             | .38    |                                        | 12c brown,                                                                                                  | mint state    | .22  |
| 1867-73 | 1c brown lilac              | fair               | 1.00   | Jubilee                                | complete 1c to 60c unused                                                                                   |               | 2.75 |
|         | 1c brown lilac,             | unused             | 1.50   | Jubilee                                | 3c used fine                                                                                                | - - -         | .02  |
|         | 5c black                    | - - -              | 3.00   | 1898                                   | 1c carmine rare                                                                                             | - - -         | .12  |
|         | 6c rose                     | - - -              | .15    |                                        | 2c orange Rare                                                                                              | - - -         | .06  |
| 1876    | 3c blue rouletted           | - - -              | .45    |                                        | Newest issues also supplied of Canada, Newfoundland, etc. What can you offer for an 1898 Scott's Catalogue. |               |      |
|         | 5c blue rouletted           | - - -              | .35    |                                        | <b>WHOLESALE</b>                                                                                            |               |      |
| 1880    | 2c green unused, mint state |                    | .10    | Canada                                 | 5c Beaver, per 10—20c, per 100-1.90                                                                         |               |      |
|         | 3c blue                     | - - -              | .04    | Newfoundland                           | ¾c unused per 10                                                                                            | -             | .14  |
|         | 5c light blue               | - - -              | .08    | "                                      | ¾c used " 10                                                                                                |               | .10  |
| 1887    | ¾c red, used or unused      |                    | .04    | U. S. Am. Rapid Tel. Co. per set of 14 |                                                                                                             |               | .38  |
|         | 1c green                    | - - -              | .01    |                                        | I can supply you with any stamp that the Canadian government ever issued and in fact all B. N. A. postage.  |               |      |
|         | 2c orange                   | - - -              | .03    |                                        |                                                                                                             |               |      |
|         | 3c brown                    | - - -              | .03    |                                        |                                                                                                             |               |      |
|         | 5c dark blue                | - - -              | .03    |                                        |                                                                                                             |               |      |
|         | 10c black                   | unused, mint state | .18    |                                        |                                                                                                             |               |      |

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### President's Message.

To the Members of the D. P. A.  
 Ladies and Gentlemen:

It affords me great pleasure to again be permitted to address you. It is indeed gratifying to me to see such unusual activity manifested by the officers and members alike.

I note with pleasure our most important Dept., the Exchange Dept., has through the efforts of Mr. Shove, been again placed in fine working order. To my mind this is the most important Department in our society and each member should accord Mr. Shove the utmost support possible.

All the members no doubt have read in the last Official Organ the report of the special meeting of the officers held in Toronto Nov. 24th. Many important matters in the interest of the society were discussed and acted upon. Some of which were: the adoption of an official emblem, the encouragement of local D. P. A. branches, and a better business basis for the working of the Auction department.

It must indeed be gratifying to all the members, to see such a healthy list of new

applications that appear each month. I know of no other society on the continent that can show a larger list of applicants, and I am sure no better proof could be offered, to show the activity and progress of our society.

I cannot refrain from mentioning our hard-working W. A. and Geo. W. Starnaman, who seem to make it a special hobby to secure new, active members. Can we not all begin the New Year and do likewise. While making your good resolutions for 1899, resolve to secure at least one new member, each month for the D. P. A. You will be astonished how easy it will be if you will only put forth an effort. Remember the prizes Starnaman Bros., are offering.

Ere this message reaches you in print, I presume you will be enjoying your Christmas and New Year's holidays and Thanksgiving present-giving and feast-making, but, while in the midst of our pleasure, let us not forget the poor, the sick and the afflicted, and many that are deprived of these pleasures, through no fault of their own. Remembering that "it is better to give than to receive," and "inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my children, ye have done it unto me."

Finally I will close with my kindest regards and compliments of the season to all,

Fraternally yours,  
 CHAS. BAILEY,  
 President.

### Exchange Supt. Report.

E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y., Ex Supt. reports that he has sold 28 blank books to date. Circuit no 1 is now out, and is valued at \$74 36 net. Those wishing to be put on circuit should write at once. Blank books are five cents each.

### Secretary's Report.

#### NEW MEMBERS

177. Jos. Gibson Jr., Ingersoll, Ont.
178. Sylvester C. D. White, Elmsdale, N. S.
179. Creighton Thompson, Elmsdale, N. S.
180. R. C. Poettiger, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
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| 1c blue '90        | 1c | 2c  | 10c  | 3c red '51         | 1c | 6c  | 60c |
| 2c red '90         | 1c | 2c  | 5c   | 3c " '57           | 1c | 6c  | 55c |
| 3c purple '90      | 2c | 8c  |      | 3c " '61           | 1c | 3c  | 30c |
| 4c brown "         | 1c | 3c  | 25c  | 3c blue '69        | 1c | 9c  | 85c |
| 5c chocolate       | 1c | 3c  | 25c  | 2c brown '72       | 2c | 15c |     |
| 6c br. red "       | 3c | 25c |      | 2c vermilion       |    |     |     |
| 8c lilac "         | 2c | 15c | 1.50 | '75-'79            | 1c | 4c  | 30c |
| 10c green "        | 1c | 4c  | 35c  | 5c blue '75-'79    | 3c | 25c |     |
| 1c Col. '93        | 1c | 3c  | 25c  | 1c " '70-82        | 1c | 3c  | 20c |
| 2c " "             | 1c | 2c  | 10c  | 3c green "         | 1c | 3c  | 20c |
| 3c " "             | 3c | 25c |      | 10c brown '82      | 1c | 3c  | 35c |
| 4c " "             | 2c | 15c | 1.10 | 2c claret '82      | 1c | 2c  | 10c |
| 5c " "             | 2c | 15c | 1.10 | 3c green '83       | 1c | 12c | 90c |
| 6c " "             | 5c | 40c |      | 1c blue '87        | 1c | 2c  | 25c |
| 8c " "             | 3c | 25c | 2.00 | 2c green '87       | 1c | 2c  | 10c |
| 10c " "            | 2c | 15c | 1.20 | 5c blue '88        | 1c | 4c  | 35c |

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 186. Alvin M. Hendee, Hansen, Neb.  
 187.  
 188. John C. Neeland, Stroud, Ont.  
 189. B. H. Eaton, Toronto, Ont.  
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 196. D. F. Mc Craw, Craigvale, Ont.

The above will receive their membership card on payment of dues to Jan. 1st 1900, amounting to 25c.

Objection has been filed against number 187 and will be investigated by the Trustees.

## APPLICATIONS.

Dave Taussig, 348 So. Paulina St., Chicago, age 19, philatelist. Refs. G. W. Hicks and W. A. Starnaman.

Chas. H. Hayden Jr, Northampton, Mass, 30, gardener. G. W. Hicks, W. Starnaman, R. von Pirch, Berlin, Ont., 43, clergyman, Starnaman Bros.

Howard D. Hennesey, Port Hawkesbury, N. S., 16, stamp dealer, J. Harris Cox, G. W. Starnaman.

Lorne L. Thompson, Meaford, Ont., 15, clerk, Geo. W. Starnaman, R. S. Godfrey.

Victor Ruggeri, Long Point, Que., 33, employee, L. P. Asylum, F. J. Garraty, R. C. Bach.

J. C. Galbraith, Box 43, Tottenham, Ont., 34, G. T. R. Agent, R. G. Mc Craw, W. J. Riddell.

The above will be admitted to membership Jan. 15th provided no objection is filed with the Sec'y before that date.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON PAYMENT OF DUES.

141. Richard J. Weekes Massena, N. Y.  
 150. F. H. Munroe, Goderich, Ont.  
 155. Jas. A. Kennedy, Hastings, Neb.  
 158. W. R. Waldron, Woburn, Mass.  
 161. Jane Ross Geddes, St Johns, Que.

The above may be reinstated on payment of back dues.

## CHANGE IN ADDRESS.

J. H. Mac Fie, 13 Bathurst St., London, Ont.

W. Russel Brown, Box 198, Winnipeg, Man.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## Receipts.

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Balance last report.....    | \$ 7.83.      |
| Received for dues, etc..... | 5.75.         |
|                             | <u>13.58.</u> |

## Expenditures.

|                                                           |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Paid Official Organ.....                                  | 1.56.         |
| Postage.....                                              | .64.          |
| 200 post cards for notifying members<br>of 1899 dues..... | 2.00.         |
| Printing same.....                                        | .50.          |
| Balance on hand.....                                      | 8.88.         |
|                                                           | <u>13.58.</u> |

## PAID UP MEMBERS (Continued from last No.)

96. J. Stanley Ogsbury, Altamont, N. Y.  
 97. J. P. Starnaman, Berlin, Ont.  
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 107. N. Matches, " "  
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 119. Ernest C. Plaistead, Penn Yan, N. Y.  
 120. Jemie A. Fraser, Durham, Ont.  
 121. Dorsett Goff, Elkhart, Ind.  
 122. F. Whatley, Jr., Toronto, Ont.  
 123. David B. Emert, Dawson, Ohio.  
 124. E. A. Whalen, Halifax, N. S.  
 125. John C. Stockwell, Danville, Que.  
 126. Hezekiah Weed, Stamford, Conn.  
 127. John H. Lowe, Toronto, Ont.  
 128. Mrs. J. P. Starnaman Berlin, Ont.

## XMAS. AUCTION SALE.

Bids close Jan. 25th '99. Bids received for separate lots or entire lot. No reserve. Lot. Value

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Block 8 Shanghai ½c            | \$ .20 |
| 2. " 8 " postage due ½c           | .20    |
| 3. Sheet 20 Cuba 25c, 1879        | .60    |
| 4. Block 8 Turkey local 5 paras   | .20    |
| 5. Strip of five 5c New Brunswick | .25    |
| 6. " " four 2c Greece unpaid      | .30    |
| 7. sheet of 20 Porto Rico ½md '93 | .20    |
| 8. " " 20 " " ½md '90             | .40    |

All unused and well centered.

**JOS. GIBSON, Jr., - Ingersoll, Ont.**

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I will give to every 3rd purchaser of the following packet, an unused ½ cent Canada Jubilee free.

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We have put up a packet of 1000 mixed stamps cataloguing over \$20.00 and are selling it for \$1.50.

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Buy one packet and you will buy ten more.

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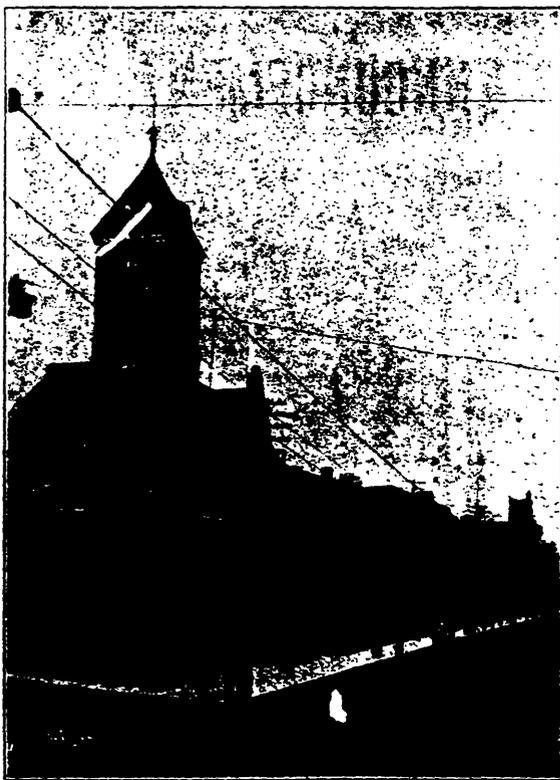
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|-------------------------------|-----|
| 15 var U. S. Postage.....     | .05 |
| 10 " " Revenues.....          | .05 |
| 1898 Documentary 3,4,5,10,25c | .08 |
| " " " 50c.....                | .10 |
| 3 var. Chile Telegraph.....   | .04 |
| 4 " unused Porto Rico 1895.   | .05 |
| 4 " " Philippines 1895.       | .05 |

Postage 2c on orders under 15 cts.

### **MEYER BRANDVIK,**

2401 27th Ave. South,

**MINNEAPOLIS, - MINN.**



## Berlin.

The accompanying cut illustrates the South side of King Street, Berlin, from the post office. The tower in the distance belongs to the Walper House, the largest hotel in Western Ontario. The post office is the finest of its kind in any town in Ontario. It is a handsome red brick building with tower over one hundred feet in height. Mr. C. F. Niehaus, the genial postmaster, and his able and obliging assistants Mr. C. A. Wilson, and the Misses Ward, Rathman, Huber and Hutchinson, form a staff that any city might be proud of.

The cut only shows half the building.

The building next to the white topped wagon is the office of Starnaman Bros., publishers of the *ADVOCATE*.

This cut was loaned by the *News Record*, Berlin's leading daily and weekly newspaper.

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### APPLICATION.

Omitted from page 35.

R. F. C. Robinson, Huns Valley, Manitoba, age 22, Deputy Postmaster, Refs. Starnaman Bros.

Those who desire to join can get full information from

GEO. W. STARNAMAN, Secy-Treas.  
Box 104, Berlin, Ont.

## JOIN THE D. P. A.

Full particulars from the Secretary.

(D. P. A. report continued.)

- 129. Herbert Gile, Melrose Highlands, Mass.
- 130. G. A. Mc Intyre, Berlin, Ont.
- 131. John B. Davis, Chelsea, Ind. Ter.
- 132. J. Edward Sohn Jr., Cincinnati, O.
- 133. Ernest F. Wurtele, Quebec, Que.
- 134. C. T. Kirkby, Winnipeg, Man.
- 135. J. O. Wright Jr., Athens, Ohio.
- 146. Albrecht Loewit, N. Y. City.
- 204. Elmar Mc Donald, Wallaceburg, Ont.

The balance of the members will be found under the head of "new members" commencing with Oct. number of this paper.

REINSTATED.

Elmar Mc Donald, Wallaceburg, Ont.

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

United States, Foreign and Revenues.  
SOME REAL BARGAINS.

The following stamps have been selected with care and will be found to be very satisfactory at the prices here given:

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| 1c Express, brown           | - \$ .07 |
| 2c " blue                   | .07      |
| 2c Playing Card, blue       | .17      |
| 5c Agreement, red           | .04      |
| 5c Certificate              | .03      |
| 5c Express, reddish         | .07      |
| 5c Inland Exchange          | .04      |
| 25c Entry of Goods          | .07      |
| 10c Bill of Lading          | .06      |
| 25c Insurance               | .07      |
| 25c Power of Attorney       | .04      |
| 60c Inland Exchange         | .09      |
| \$1.00 Conveyance           | .08      |
| 1.00 Inland Exchange        | .08      |
| 1.00 Foreign "              | .07      |
| 1.00 Lease                  | .06      |
| 1.00 Life Insurance, red    | .09      |
| 1.00 Power of Attorney, red | .08      |

|                                                                                                                                 |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| \$2.00 Conveyance                                                                                                               | .11   |
| 2.00 Probate of Will                                                                                                            | .50   |
| 2.50 Inland Exchange                                                                                                            | .17   |
| 1.50 Inland Exchange lake red                                                                                                   | .75   |
| 50 varieties U. S. stamps                                                                                                       | .25   |
| 100 " " "                                                                                                                       | .40   |
| 100 used one-cent Omahas                                                                                                        | .25   |
| 100 Foreign, 25 var.                                                                                                            | .10   |
| 100 Envelopes, cut square U. S.                                                                                                 | .15   |
| 100 U. S. postal Cards, cut square                                                                                              | .10   |
| 1000 Perfect stamp hinges                                                                                                       | .10   |
| 3c Rose, Embossing unused                                                                                                       | 12.50 |
| 15 var U. S. only Dept. Special Delivery and Dues, fine                                                                         | .25   |
| Pkg. no 3. 300 stamps from Mexico, Chile, Hungary, Cuba, Porto Rico, Japan, China and Central America.                          |       |
| This is a fine package for only \$1.00                                                                                          |       |
| Try one of my "Special Packages" at 50c. These packages are fine—any of the above that are not found fine, I will refund money. |       |

To any one sending me an order amounting to one dollar or more, I will give one Japanese stamp album with 18 different stamps and 3 postal cards. The album is printed in colors and is a beauty.

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International Postage Stamp Album 1899 \$1.50 Postage Paid.

Send me Your Want List.

## F. S. VAUGHAN,

### STAMP DEALER,

416 Peoria Ave., Peoria, Ill., U. S. A.

## The One-Cent Omaha.

BY APEMANTUS.

The one-cent Omaha, like the one-cent Columbian, illustrates a period of discovery; and both stamps are, I believe, the most beautiful design and coloring of any in the series. The period of history illustrated by the one-cent Columbian is quite familiar to every one, while on the other hand, that illustrated on the one-cent Omaha, though nearly two hundred years later, has very little notice even in our school histories. Although the two discoverers nor the two discoveries can in any way be compared, the discovery of the Mississippi by Marquette was by no means an unimportant one, and we believe the perusal of the account of the journey will prove both interesting and profitable.

Marquette was a jesuit Priest who accompanied Joliet, sent by Frontenac, (then governor of New France) on a voyage of discovery to the Mississippi. Their outfit was very simple. Providing themselves with two birch canoes, and a quantity of smoke meat and Indian corn; on the seventeenth of May, 1673, with only five men, these two adventurers, Louis Joliet and Jacques Marquette started on this exceedingly dangerous voyage. Leaving Point St. Ignace their course was westward; they soon passed the Straits of Mackinaw and coasted along the north shore of Lake Michigan and Green Bay, stopping at evening to build their camp-fire in the edge of the forest, they reached the Menominee river and ascended to the Indian village. Here the Indians tried to dissuade them; the banks of the Mississippi, they said, were inhabited by ferocious tribes, who put

every stranger to death; and that there was a demon in the river, whose roar could be heard a very great distance and he would engulf them in the abyss where he dwelt, and that the heat was so intense that they would immediately perish.

The travellers next reached the Mission at the head of Green Bay; entered the Fox River; crossed Lake Winnebago, and followed the great windings of the river beyond. Elk and deer were abundant. On the seventh of June they reached the Miamis and were delighted to find a cross planted in the place. The Indians had decorated it with a number of dressed deer skins, bows arrows, etc., as an offering to the great Manitou of the French, a sight by which Marquette says he was extremely consoled.

They remained here until the tenth of June, when with two Indians for guides they resumed the journey. All the town came down to the shore to see them depart.

The river twisted among the lakes and marshes choked with wild rice; and, but for their guides, they could scarcely have followed the narrow channel. It brought them to the portage, where, after carrying their canoes a mile and a half over the prairie and through the marsh, they launched them on the Wisconsin, bade farewell to the waters that flowed to the St. Lawrence, and committed themselves to the current that was to bear them they knew not whither,—perhaps to the Gulf of Mexico, perhaps to the South Sea or the Gulf of California. They glided down the tranquil stream for several days. At night bivouaced,—the canoes inverted on the bank, the flickering fire, the meal of bison-flesh or venison, the evening pipes, and slumber beneath the stars; and when in the morning they embarked again, the mist

# AUCTION SALE.

Sale closes Jan. 25th. Bid early.  
Postage must be paid by purchaser.  
All stamps in good condition.

| Lot. No. | CANADA.                                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.       | 100 four maple leaf 1c                                   |
| 2.       | 100 " " " 3c                                             |
| 3.       | 300 " " " 3c                                             |
| 4.       | 500 " " " 3c                                             |
| 5.       | 200 " " " 3c                                             |
| 6.       | 100 " " " 3c                                             |
| 7.       | 200 with figures 1c                                      |
| 8.       | 200 " " " 3c                                             |
| 9.       | 400 " " " 3c                                             |
| 10.      | 500 " " " 3c                                             |
| 11.      | 500 " " " 3c                                             |
| 12.      | 1000 " " " 3c                                            |
| 13.      | 1 1sh So. Australia, Scott No 57 cat \$5.                |
| 14.      | 3 5c entire U. S. Colum'b'n envelope.                    |
| 15.      | 1 10c " " " " "                                          |
| 17.      | 1 1869, 3c U. S. used without grill.                     |
| 18.      | 1 Canada Bill 3c laid, fine copy, rare.                  |
| 19.      | 1 10c U. S., 1851, fine.                                 |
| 20.      | 1 10c " 1855, fine.                                      |
| 21.      | 1 3c " 1855, unused o. g.                                |
| 22.      | 3 3c " 1855 and '61 1c and 10c.                          |
| 23.      | 1 30c " 1861 orange fine.                                |
| 24.      | 1 5c " 1862 brick brown unused,<br>o. g. Reserve \$3 00. |
| 25.      | 1 1c " 1867 blue, grill 11 x 13 o.g                      |
| 26.      | 1 2c " 1868 black, grilled.                              |
| 27.      | 1 1c " 1869 orange.                                      |
| 28.      | 1 3c " 1869 unused o. g                                  |
| 29.      | 2 3c and 10c 1869 fine.                                  |
| 30.      | 1 3c U. S., 1870 double grill unused.                    |
| 31.      | 2 6c and 90c 1873 carmine.                               |
| 32.      | 3 1 and 2c unused and 3c used 1887.                      |
| 33.      | 1 15c orange, U. S. unused.                              |
| 34.      | 1 1888, 5c blue " " "                                    |
| 35.      | 4 var. U. S. cat. 18c.                                   |
| 36.      | 8 var. U. S. cat 32c.                                    |
| 37.      | 3 var. H. I. island cat. 12c                             |
| 38.      | 1 U. S. 1894 \$1 black unwatermarked.                    |
| 39.      | 2 " War, 12c and 24c cat. \$1.25.                        |
| 40.      | 1 Bolivia 1871, 10c.                                     |
| 42.      | 10,000 Omega Hinges. Reserve 50c.                        |

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| 2c " " "                   | .30   |
| 3c Foreign Exchange        | .03   |
| 2c Playing cards blue      | .18   |
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| 5c Inland Exchange Imperf. | .08   |
| 5c Express                 | .04   |
| 6c Inland Exchange         | .12   |
| 10c Bill of Lading         | .02   |
| 10c Foreign Exchange       | .30   |
| 15c Inland " "             | .02   |
| 25c Bond                   | .05   |
| 25c Certificate, imperf.   | .24   |
| 25c Entry of Goods         | .03   |
| 25c Life Insurance         | .15   |
| 25c Protest                | .16   |
| 25c Warehouse Receipt      | .35   |
| 30c Inland Exchange        | .05   |
| 40c " " "                  | .05   |
| 50c Foreign Exchange       | .30   |
| 50c Mortgage               | .02   |
| 50c " P. P.                | .40   |
| 50c Passage Ticket         | .08   |
| 50c Lease                  | .25   |
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| 50c Surety Bond            | .04   |
| 60c Inland Exchange        | .08   |
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hung over the river like a bridal veil; and then melted before the sun, till the glassy water and the languid woods basked breathless in the sultry glare.

On the 17th of June, they saw to their right the broad meadows, bounded in the distance by rugged hills, where now stands the city of Prairie du Chien. They had found what they sought, and "with a joy," writes Marquette, "which I cannot express," they steered forth their canoes on the eddies of the Mississippi.

Turning southward they paddled down the stream, through a solitude unrelieved by the faintest trace of man. On the 25th they discovered foot-prints on the western bank and a well-trodden path which led to an Indian village where Joliet and Marquette passed the night. They were escorted to their canoes in the morning by the chief and six hundred tribesmen.

Again they were on their way, slowly drifting down the great river. They passed the mouth of the Illinois, and glided beneath the line of rocks on the eastern side, cut into fantastic forms by the elements, and marked as "The Ruined Castles" on some of the early French maps. Presently they beheld a sight which reminded them that the Devil was still lord paramount of this wilderness. On the flat face of a high rock were painted, in red, black and green, a pair of monsters, each "as large as a calf, with horns like a deer, red eyes, a beard like a tiger, and a frightful expression of countenance. The face is something like that of a man, the body covered with scales; and the tail so long that it passes entirely around the body, over the head and between the legs, ending like that of a fish." Such is the account which the worthy Jesuit gives of these

manitous or Indian gods. The rock where these figures were painted is immediately over the city of Alton, Ill. They are almost entirely obliterated at the present time. They soon after reached the mouth of the Missouri. Their light canoes whirled on the mirey vortex like dry leaves on an angry brook. "I never," writes Marquette, "saw anything more terrific." They passed the lonely forest that covered the present site of St. Louis, and, a few days later saw on their left the mouth of the Ohio.

Several days later as they neared the mouth of the Arkansas, they saw a cluster of wigwams on the left bank. Their inmates were all astir, yelling the war-whoop; several large canoes, filled with savages, were putting out from the shore, above and below them to cut off their retreat, while others waded into the water to attack them, failing to reach the canoes one of them threw his war club, which flew over the heads of the startled travellers. The elders of the village finally arrived and on seeing the peace pipe invited the Frenchmen to come ashore. They did so and found a better reception than they had reason to expect. They passed the night in the village.

The travellers now held a consultation as to what course to take. They had gone far enough to establish one important point, that the Mississippi discharged its waters into the Gulf of Mexico. They thought themselves nearer to its mouth than they actually were, the distance still being about seven hundred miles. They resolved to return to Canada for fear of being killed by Indians or captured by Spaniards and the results of the discovery lost.

They commenced their homeward voyage

# Have You Heard The Story

about the man who got a feather down his throat and was tickled to death?

Perhaps you have. Well! take your catalogue, and look up the following and see if it won't pay you.

## My First Auction Sale

will be held on Jan'y 30th 1899, and the following lots are put up without reserve. All bids will be accepted until the day of sale to 8 p. m.

### Canada.

| Lot No. | Scott's No. | Description                                 | Notes    |
|---------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1.      |             | 3d red                                      | used     |
| 2.      | "           | 6d violet                                   | "        |
| 3.      | "           | 4d pink pair                                | "        |
| 4.      | "           | 18. 3d red                                  | "        |
| 5.      | "           | 20. 3d "                                    | ribbed " |
| 6.      | "           | 32 5c beaver                                | " "      |
| 7.      | "           | 54. 3c bright red laid paper.               |          |
| 8.      | "           | 86. strip of four ½ct. Jubilee unused o. g. |          |
| 9.      | "           | 156. 8c blue registration used              |          |

10. Scott's No. 262. 10c brown envelope entire unused
11. "Officially sealed" not cat. in the 58th, but cat. in Scott's 56th at \$2.50
12. 5c beaver (1859) variety (outer line) not cat. in Scott's 58th, but cat in 57th at \$15.00. Rare.

### Newfoundland.

- Lot No. 13. Scott's no. 26. 2c green unused o. g.

### New South Wales.

- Lot No. 14. Jubilee set of 1, 2, 2½d used on part cover, lightly cancelled.

The above lots are all perfect specimens. Used copies are lightly cancelled. Money will be cheerfully refunded, by return mail, if lots prove to be not as represented.

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on the 17th of July. Reaching the mouth of the Illinois, they entered and followed its course to the village of the Illinois Indians. A chief and band of young warriors guided them to Lake Michigan. Coasting its shores they reached Green Bay at the end of September, after an absence of about four months, during which time they had paddled their canoes a distance of over 2,500 miles.

Marquette remained here to recuperate his exhausted strength; but Joliet descended to Quebec, to bear the report of his discovery to Count Frontenac. Fortune had wonderfully favored him on his long and perilous journey, but now she abandoned him on the very threshold of home. At the foot of the Rapids of La Chine, immediately above Montreal, his canoe was upset two of his men and an Indian boy drowned and all his papers were lost and he himself narrowly escaped. In a letter to Frontenac he speaks of the accident as follows:

"I had escaped every peril from the Indians; I had passed forty-two rapids, and was on the point of disembarking, full of joy at the success of so long and difficult an enterprise, when my canoe capsized, after all the danger seemed over. I lost two men and my box of papers, within sight of the first French Settlements, which I had left almost two years before."

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## Tóronto Topics.

BY OBSERVER.

I believe that it will interest the majority of the *ADVOCATE* readers by giving a few philatelic facts about Toronto. I believe there are over 5,000 persons directly and indirectly interested in collecting stamps. There are over 15 dealers, of which 7 have

offices in the business center of the city.

During my career as a collector, I have seen the rise and fall of many excellent stamp journals in Toronto, among which I might mention the *Toronto Journal of Philately* 1886, the *International Philatelist* 1890-92, *The Canadian Journal of Philately* 1893, etc., etc. They enjoyed healthy support and contained many timely articles but were discontinued, principally through lack of time on the part of the publishers to devote to the publications.

In my next notes I will endeavor to give more stamp news.

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## Points and Pointers.

BY CRESCENT.

I have before me now, a letter franked with two one-cent Omahas, of which one has the second "S" in "Mississippi" upside down. I should suppose that this would be termed a variety and is no doubt collectable. As the two are unsevered, it is probable that only one of the kind exists in each sheet. So far this is the only one I have seen although I have examined all I could get. How about their variety? Let others be heard from on this topic.

Collectors would do well to look over their duplicates or "dupes" of the common Canada issue for varieties in color as they are sure to be catalogued sooner or later. The ½c is seen in two distinct shades—a dark grey and a black. The 1 cent and 2 cent are the only exceptions in the set up to fifteen. The 3 cent has the greatest range of all, except perhaps the 8 cent. The former may be seen in all shades from a dark brown to a light red or pink. The latter is described in the catalogue as slate and one of the most handsomest stamps that could be seen in and collection is the 8 cent purple. The extremes in the 5 cent are green and slate, while the 6 cent has a light and dark shade.

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| CANADA.                                                                                                                                                         |                  |                  | Per 100. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| Issue.                                                                                                                                                          | Value and Color. | per 100.         |          |
| 1851                                                                                                                                                            | 3 pence red.     | \$7.00           |          |
| 1859                                                                                                                                                            | 1 cent pink      | .90              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 5 " vermilion    | .70              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 10 " violet      | 9.00             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 12½ " green      | 8.00             |          |
| 1868                                                                                                                                                            | ½ " black        | 3.50             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 " b. red       | 4.00             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 2 " green        | 2.00             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 3 " red          | .50              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 6 " brown        | 2.50             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 12½ " blue       | 5.00             |          |
| 1869                                                                                                                                                            | 1 " yellow       | 4.00             |          |
| 1872                                                                                                                                                            | 6 " brown        | .75              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 10 " r. lilac    | 1.00             |          |
| 1875                                                                                                                                                            | 15 " gray        | 3.00             |          |
| 1890                                                                                                                                                            | 6 " r. brown     | .50              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 10 " car. red    | .70              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 15 " b. gray     | 1.00             |          |
| 1892                                                                                                                                                            | 15 " gray        | 1.00             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 20 " vermilion   | 3.00             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 50 " blue        | 5.00             |          |
| 1897                                                                                                                                                            | 1 " orange       | .30              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 2 " green        | .60              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 5 " blue         | .75              |          |
| Four Leaves Issue.                                                                                                                                              |                  |                  |          |
| 1898                                                                                                                                                            | ½ " black        | .30              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 " green        | .09              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 2 " purple       | .20              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 5 " blue         | 1.00             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 6 " brown        | 2.50             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 8 " orange       | 1.75             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 10 " lilac       | 3.50             |          |
| Numerical Issue.                                                                                                                                                |                  |                  |          |
| 1898                                                                                                                                                            | ½ " black        | .20              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 1 " green        | .05              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 2 " purple       | .10              |          |
| 1898                                                                                                                                                            | 5 " blue         | .70              |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 6 " brown        | 2.50             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 8 " orange       | 1.75             |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 10 " lilac       | 3.50             |          |
| Special Delivery.                                                                                                                                               |                  |                  |          |
| 1898                                                                                                                                                            | 10 cent          |                  | 2.50     |
| Envelopes (Entire)                                                                                                                                              |                  |                  |          |
| 1877-96                                                                                                                                                         | 1 cent blue      |                  | .50      |
| "                                                                                                                                                               | 3 " red          |                  | .20      |
| 1895                                                                                                                                                            | 2 cent green     |                  | .50      |
| UNITED STATES.                                                                                                                                                  |                  |                  |          |
| 1851                                                                                                                                                            | 1 cent blue      |                  | 7.00     |
| 1855                                                                                                                                                            | 1 " "            |                  | 4.00     |
| 1861                                                                                                                                                            | 3 " rose         |                  | .15      |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 12 " black       |                  | 8.00     |
| 1862-66                                                                                                                                                         | 5 " brown        |                  | 9.00     |
| "                                                                                                                                                               | 15 " black       |                  | 10.00    |
| "                                                                                                                                                               | 24 " lilac       |                  | 9.00     |
| 1872                                                                                                                                                            | 7 " red          |                  | 12.00    |
| 1882                                                                                                                                                            | 5 " brown        |                  | .20      |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 6 " rose         |                  | .75      |
| Wholesale mixtures desired, but before sending, be particular to communicate such intelligence in regarding quality, number and price, enclosing reply postage. |                  |                  |          |
| Omaha Issue.                                                                                                                                                    |                  |                  |          |
| 1898                                                                                                                                                            | 1 cent green     | evenly           | 1.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 2 " red          | mixed            |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 4 " orange       |                  | .75      |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 5 " blue         |                  | 1.25     |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 8 " black violet |                  | 2.00     |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 10 " brown       |                  | 1.25     |
| 1894                                                                                                                                                            | 1c and 2c red    | Due Stamps       | .04      |
|                                                                                                                                                                 | 3, 5 and 10c     | " "              | .40      |
| 1885                                                                                                                                                            | 10c blue,        | Special Delivery | 3.00     |
| 1895                                                                                                                                                            | 10c " "          | " "              | .25      |

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 Alexander, 110 London Wall, London,  
 England.

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**Announcements.**

The following new papers are announced to appear in January:

Philatelic Trade and Exchange List, by Herbert F. Butler, Newton Centre, Mass.

The Niagara Philatelist, by Niagara Philatelic Co., Box 58, McDeltown, N. Y.

Monthly Advertiser, by the Egyptian Stamp Co., 88 Meldrum Ave., Detroit.

A monthly by W. A. Lydiatt, of Toronto, Ont., to take the place of the defunct Toronto Canadian Philatelic Weekly.

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**Removal Notice.**

W. Russel Brown of Port Arthur, Ont., has moved to Winnipeg, and all letters and papers should be addressed to Box 198, Winnipeg, Man. Publishers of the following papers please note: Mekeels Weekly, Metropolitan Weekly, Virginia, Montreal, Texan, Lone Star State, International, Messenger, Columbian, Rocky Mountain Stamp, Bay State and Bulletin.

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| 200 " " " "                       | .35 |
| 300 mixed stamps                  | .15 |
| 1000 " " a bargain                | .35 |
| 20 fine unused stamps             | .09 |
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The appearance of this issue of the *Advocate*, proves that philatelic journalism in Canada is not what it was when the *Advocate* entered the journalistic field. At that time, some two years and a half ago, the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* was in the last stages of its philatelic career, as also was *Stamp Love*. The *Ontario Philatelist* changed managers, and the *Philatelic Messenger* was published as a quarterly. The *Dominion Philatelist* and the *All Around Stamp Advertiser*, completed the list of philatelic journals issued at the time the *Advocate* began publication.

During these two years of successfully publishing this paper, five of the other journals have ceased publication, the remaining one appears very irregular. The *Advocate*, to the contrary, has evinced that all that is required to firmly establish a philatelic paper, is pluck and good management. If the publishers of any paper have these qualifications, they will very seldom fail in their enterprise. True, the path of a philatelic publisher is not strewn with roses, for as a matter of fact, it might be stated that we only received three subscriptions from our first issue; now, we are pleased to state, that the number has increased to a very few names less than one thousand, all *paid up*.

When we first contemplated publishing the *Philatelic Advocate*, we were not aware that there were between thirty and forty journals published for the benefit of philatelists, and happily, were in ignorance concerning the irregular appearance of the other journals. We supposed that a paper should appear on time, and we have always tried, and as our readers very well know, we have seldom failed to keep up to this supposition.

Since we have entered on our career as philatelic journalists, we have secured a large number of names of Canadian collectors who had never seen or even heard of a stamp paper. As our regular advertisers have found out, these are the collectors who are usually the best customers.

We sincerely hope that this issue will be a benefit to a large number of collectors, as the majority of the articles contained in this issue are original contributions from the pens of experienced writers, who know what they are speaking about. As for ourselves, we have spared neither time nor labor in preparing this number, which is the largest issue of any stamp paper ever published in Canada.

We hope that all our readers have enjoyed their Christmas and New Year, and that philately will make great strides in success during the coming year.

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The *Advocate* has proved a satisfactory advertising medium, as the following selected from many others will show. "Your paper brings in more returns than any of the others we advertise in." W. C. Lowry publisher of the *Texan Philatelist*.

Mr. Lowry has advertised in almost every philatelic journal published.

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The following is the result of the D. P. A. Prize Contest as found on page 1, giving list of those who have secured three or more members.

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Starnaman Bros., | 33. |
| Geo. W. Hicks,   | 15. |
| F. D. Sawyer,    | 5.  |
| F. J. Garraty,   | 3.  |
| Jno. H. Lowe,    | 3.  |
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| (210) Diamond Philatelist, complete file                    | 24 numbers .25  |
| (242) Fireside Philatelist " " 12 " "                       | .25             |
| (331) Midland " " 5 " "                                     | .10             |
| (514) Pet Philatelist " " 4 " "                             | .10             |
| (655a) Stampic Exchange Vol 2, complete.                    | 2 " SCARCE. .10 |
| (—) Tennessee Phil., (1898) complete file,                  | 3 " .12         |

I hold publisher's stock of back numbers of above. Get my prices on odd numbers you may need.

## Leaders.

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| Omaha Philatelist, complete, 19 numbers | .75 |
| Perforator, Vol. 1 complete, 12 numbers | .75 |

They're worth at least \$1.00 each. Can give

## Panic Prices!

on Weekly Phil. Era, Mekeels Weekly Stamp News, International Stamp, American Collector, Columbian Phil., Eastern Phil., Evergreen State Phil., Perforator, Daily Stamp Item and Rocky Mt. Stamp as I have big stocks of them. Can furnish anything wanted in these, excepting 2 numbers each of Mekeel's Weekly and Evergreen Try me on anything you may happen to need in my line.

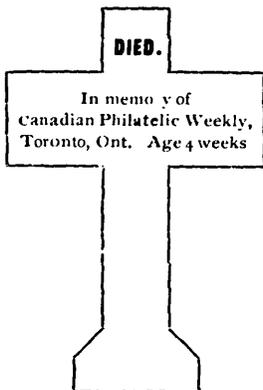
## I Buy Papers.

List telling all about it only ten cents and this amount will be refunded when we remit for the first lot you sell us.

Address Erwin Lester Shove, Unionville, N. Y.

## Special!

Just purchased of the Estate of R. M. Miller, all his stock of lack numbers of the Collector (Jones' No. 500.) What do you lack? Some of the numbers, especially those of Vol. 1, are scarce and persons desiring them will do well to secure some at once. Prices reasonable now.



See F.S. Vaughan's adv. Also R.S. Mason's. 28,000 postal notes were sold during November and it is estimated that the number sold in December will be over 40,000.

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Attention is called to the article on page 19. Correspondents are hereby notified that we cannot accept Canadian stamps in payment for subscriptions, etc., and the party sending them places himself liable to a fine. We will accept unused low values U. S. stamps in good condition in any quantity. Canadian correspondents may send silver, well wrapped, express order or postal note. The latter is a cheap and convenient means of remitting, the rates being from 25c to 40c one cent commission, and from 50c to 90c two cents.

Appropos to the above, the following is a copy of a letter we received from the P. O. Department

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter of the 20th, instant, enquiring whether stamp collectors can legally sell Canadian postage stamps for use as relics, and to say, in reply, that there is a clause

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## Two Cent Postage.

The very important announcement comes from Ottawa that on New Year's Day the rate of postage for letters within the Dominion is reduced from three to two cents. By the terms of the postal arrangement with the United States the reduction will apply to letters from Canada to that country

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## Premium List.

All former offers are hereby cancelled.

Send us 25c and we will give you this paper one year, a 20 word adv. on the Bargain Page and your choice of any one of the following:

Premium No. 1.

## To Get Subscribers

to the Philatelic Advocate.  
we offer

## \$1.05 FOR 25 CENTS.

|                                                                                               |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 18 Japanese stamp and 3 post cards mounted in a finely colored album made of rice paper worth | .50           |
| 12 blank Approval Sheets                                                                      | .10           |
| PHILATELIC ADVOCATE one year                                                                  | .25           |
| 20 word adv. on Bargain Page of same                                                          | .20           |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                  | <b>\$1.05</b> |

All for 25c postpaid with 3c stamps or if you prefer, with the new Imperial Penny Postage stamp.

- No. 2. An unused 8c Canadian Jubilee stamp.
  - No. 3. One 5, 6, 8, or 10c Canada, (maple leaf) used or unused.
  - No. 4. 1000 PERFECT hinges.
  - No. 5. 50 Can. four maple leaf 3c used.
  - No. 6. 100 stamps ALL DIFFERENT.
  - No. 7. Half inch adv. in this paper.
  - No. 8. EASTERN PHILATELIST one year.
  - No. 9. Perforation Gauge and Mill Scale.
- Renewals are entitled to premiums the same as new subscribers.

STARNAMAN BROS., Berlin, Ont

# WE HOPE TO SERVE YOU.

Clearing sale of many stamps. Terms cash, goods returnable if you are not suited.  
Postage Extra.

|                                                  |      |                                                                                              |               |
|--------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| *Trinidad Jubilee 2p                             | .08  | Brazil, '95, 2000r                                                                           | .50           |
| Borneo 10c on \$1.00                             | .09  | " '89, 1000r                                                                                 | .60           |
| " " 4c on 1.00                                   | .07  | Cape of Good Hope, 4p triangular.                                                            | .22           |
| *Malta, 5sh. fine                                | 1.60 | *Canada, '59 10c violet, gum                                                                 | 1.15          |
| *Tonga, 5p on 4p                                 | .25  | " '52 6p part cover                                                                          | 2.10          |
| *Seychelles 13c cat. 35c                         | .15  | " '51 3p laid                                                                                | .60           |
| Guatemala, '95 3 types cat 30c                   | .10  | " '52 3p wove                                                                                | .17           |
| *B. C. A. 1p on 3sh, rare (just rec'd)           | .75  | * " '52 3p wove                                                                              | 1.40          |
| " 1p 4 on corner, also 2p orange<br>and black    | 4.00 | " '58 3p ribbed                                                                              | .50           |
| B. C. A. 3sh black and yellow                    | .70  | " '58 3p perforated                                                                          | 1.30          |
| *Can. register 5c green                          | .12  | " '59 1c, 5c, 10c                                                                            | .26           |
| " " 8c blue                                      | 1.40 | Canada '59 17c blue                                                                          | .75           |
| " Envelope 5c red                                | .25  | " '68 12c "                                                                                  | .60           |
| * " Imperial stamp                               | .04  | " '69 3c wmkd.                                                                               | .75           |
| <b>NEWFOUNDLAND.</b>                             |      | " '68 1/2, 2, 3, 6,                                                                          | .25           |
| * '76 5c roul, green                             | .75  | " '90 20c red                                                                                | .10           |
| * '87 sheet 100 1c                               | 1.45 | " '90 50c blue                                                                               | .22           |
| '76 3c roul.                                     | .50  | " Jubilee 3c black                                                                           | .17           |
| '67 1c                                           | 1.10 | Pairs, blocks, proportion rate.                                                              |               |
| '76 5c roul.                                     | .26  | " Jubilee 6c brown                                                                           | .40           |
| * '86 2c green                                   | .60  | " " 8c gray                                                                                  | .11           |
| * Five varieties                                 | .20  | " Maple leaf 1/2 to 8c                                                                       | .11           |
| Eight varieties                                  | .14  | " Figures 1/2 to 8c                                                                          | .07           |
| Nova Scotia 12c black                            | .75  | " Special Delivery                                                                           | .15           |
| Natal 5sh perf 15 x 15 1/2 2.00                  |      | * " register 2c orange                                                                       | .07           |
| South Australia '60, 10p<br>on 9p black, cat \$5 | 2.10 | * " " 2c verm.                                                                               | .18           |
| New Brunswick 3p red, fine                       | 2.00 | " " 2c verm.                                                                                 | .06           |
| New South Wales, 5sh (type 31) O. S.             | 1.25 | 50 Different foreign stamps 6c. 100 diff 10c,<br>200 diff 25c 1000 mixed 30c 1000 better 50c |               |
| Nova Scotia 3p blue, fine                        | .90  | <b>UNITED STATES.</b>                                                                        |               |
| Canada Revenues 15 var.                          | .10  | Omaha 8c                                                                                     | .07           |
| Bill Stamps 3rd 1c to 50c, 10 var.               | .08  | *'69 6c blue                                                                                 | 1.50          |
| Supreme Court \$5.00 fine                        | 1.25 | *'69 3c blue                                                                                 | .45           |
| Quebec beaver Reg. 3 var.                        | .25  | '51 12c black 1.00                                                                           | '51 10c green |
| Adams' Canada Revenue Cat                        | .10  | '55 10c green                                                                                | .18           |
| Ketchesons' " " "                                | .25  | *'69 2c brown, horseman                                                                      | .75           |
| Stamp Albums at 20c, 25c, 40c, 50c, 75c          |      | '69 15c brown and blue, fine                                                                 | 1.25          |
| 90c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 \$2.50 postfree.        |      | '69 24c green and purple, fair                                                               | 2.25          |
|                                                  |      | * unused. Treasury, 24c brown fair                                                           | 1.50          |

## CANADA WHOLESALE.

|                 |        |        |
|-----------------|--------|--------|
|                 | 100.   | 1000.  |
| Jubilee 3c rose | \$ .45 | \$3.50 |
| " 5c blue       | 4.00   | —      |
| 4 maple leaf 1c | .35    | 2.50   |
| " " 2c          | .60    | 4.75   |
| " " 3c          | .20    | 1.15   |
| " " 5c          | 2.10   | 18.00  |
| " " 8c          | 2.50   | 22.00  |
| " " 1c          | 1.25   | 10.00  |

Send us Your Want List  
in Postage & Revenues.

Our "400" List FREE with every order.

**CARTIER STAMP CO., TORONTO, ONT.**

(From page 49.)

in the Post Office Act which forbids any person other than a Postmaster or a licensed Stamp Vendor to exercise the business of selling postage stamps; but this Department has not heretofore raised any objection to the restricted sale of them for the purpose you mention, and will not likely do so unless some abuse should arise out of it which is not at present foreseen.

I am, Gentlemen,  
your obedient servant,  
W. D. Le Sueur,  
Secretary.

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### Special Request.

We ask, as a favor, that every person (whether a subscriber or not) receiving this paper will acknowledge receipt of same. By so doing you will greatly oblige the publishers. The best way for non-subscribers to acknowledge is to send 25c for a year's subscription. For the benefit of those who never saw a copy of this paper before, we wish to state that this is a special number. During the past year we have averaged over 13 pages per month.

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### D. P. A. Special Report.

By order of the President, N. Matches has been removed from the office of Auction Manager for neglect of duty, and Mr. E. B. Mc Gillivray, 47 Elizabeth St., Toronto, Ont., is appointed in his stead. The Auction Sale will appear next month, and members having stamps they wish to dispose of should send them to Mr. Mc Gillivray before Jan. 15th.

The annual dues for 1899 are now payable and should be sent to the Secretary at once.

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Don't miss Matthew R. Knight's big 28c offer.

Beginning with 1899 U. S. stamped envelopes are to be reduced in price. The new card is not an improvement—is smaller and not much in looks.

The following additional countries have signified their intention of using the Imperial penny postage scheme:—Hong Kong, Straits Settlement, Seychelles, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast Colony, Lagos, Gibraltar, St. Helena, Fiji, Falkland Islands, Trinidad, Tobago, Windward Islands, Leeward Islands and Cyprus.

Special from London, England.—The supply of the new Canadian Imperial postage stamps, obtained by the High Commissioner for sale at London, was exhausted the first day they were put on sale.

Since the new rate came into operation 5,000 out of 41,500 letter to the various countries affected have been overpaid, but nineteen-twentieths of the letters for Canada were properly stamped.

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The editor of the *Toronto Canadian Philatelic Weekly* made a great find when he discovered one of the Imperial stamps with the red printed out of place. He says "A search among several thousand failed to reveal another one." The real fact of the matter is that there is scarcely a sheet that does not contain from twenty to thirty of these misprints.

The Imperial penny postage stamp has appeared printed in its new color. Instead of lavender the color is a light blue with a faint tint of green.

Plate number 2 of the two-cent numeral issue has appeared.

Mr. Paul Madliger, of Brantford, Ont., has written on an ordinary postal card in English 7,580 words. This is equal to about six columns of newspaper matter.

# 280. THE PHILATELIC MESSENGER 280.

A Monthly Journal for Stamp Collectors.

Matthew R. Knight, Editor and Publisher

## Extraordinary Bargains

IN OUR

## Premium List For 1899.

Old or new subscribers remitting **only 28 cents** in stamps or silver will receive:

1. The Philatelic Messenger for one year, worth 15 cents.
2. An exchange notice of 30 words, including address, worth 15 cents; and
3. One of the following premiums, worth from 15 cents to 1.95.

| No. | LIST OF PREMIUMS.                   | Cat. val. |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1.  | Barbados, 1874-82, set of 5         | \$ .26    |
| 2.  | Canada 1897, Jubilee, set of 4      | —         |
| 3.  | *Canada, 1897, Jubilee, 8c          | —         |
| 4.  | *Canada, 1897, Jubilee 10c          | .15       |
| 5.  | Cape of Good Hope, 1885, 5sh.       | .25       |
| 6.  | Cape of Good Hope, 1893, 1 sh.      | .50       |
| 7.  | *Confederate States 1863, 2c        | .35       |
| 8.  | *Ceylon, reg. env. 1885, 12c        | .25       |
| 9.  | Greece 1862-82 set of 10            | .43       |
| 10. | Guanacaste, 1899 (sm. s.) set of 5. | .70       |
| 11. | Guatemala 1887-95, set of 6,        | .28       |
| 12. | Japan 1876-92, 5r.-1y., set of 13   | .26       |
| 13. | Japan 1896, Memorial set of 4,      | .30       |
| 14. | Mexico 1893, 1-20c., set of 9,      | .34       |
| 15. | Mount Athos 1876 10pa. (822).       | .50       |
| 16. | Mount Athos 1876. 1pi. (824)        | .50       |
| 17. | Newfoundland 1887-92, set of 6      | .24       |
| 18. | *Newfoundland 1897, set of 3        | .26       |
| 19. | *Newfoundland 1898, set of 5        | —         |
| 20. | North Borneo 1887-92, set of 9      | .43       |
| 21. | *Switzerland 1881, set of 9         | .36       |
| 22. | Tunis 1888-93, 1-40c., set of 7     | .31       |
| 23. | Turkey 1871-93, set of 12           | .30       |

|     |                                      |      |
|-----|--------------------------------------|------|
| 24. | *U. S. env. 1875, 1c blue (1478)     | .75  |
| 25. | * " " 1883, 4c green (1494)          | .30  |
| 26. | * " " 1883, 4c green (1496)          | .30  |
| 27. | 100 varieties foreign, good value    | —    |
| 28. | Ecuador, revs. usrd post., set of 8. | 1.95 |

\* means unused Subscribers outside of Canada. United States and Newfoundland must remit 12 cents extra.

### SUBSCRIPTION.

In CANADA, UNITED STATES and NEWFOUNDLAND, 15 cents per year; to all other countries, 25 cents per year.

Subscriptions must commence with current number. Back numbers cannot be supplied at subscription rates.

### ADVERTISING RATES.

One inch 30 cents; quarter column (1½ inches) 50 cents; half column (3½ inches) \$1.00; one column (7 inches) \$2.00; one page \$4.00. Sixty words only are allowed to the inch.

**TERMS:**—Positively Cash in advance in every case. Our rates being much lower in proportion to regular circulation than those of other stamp journals, we cannot allow any discounts for repeated insertions, and we cannot insert any advertisement until it is paid for.

Copy for ads. must reach us before the 5th day of each month to insure insertion. Positions on front page and next to reading matter will be given to advertisements first received. When such position has been assigned, it may be retained as long as the ad. is paid for in advance.

### REMITTANCES.

Unused current stamps of any country are accepted in payment for subscriptions and advertisements up to \$1.00. Amounts over \$1.00 may be remitted in bank notes, postal notes, post office or express order.

280. MATTHEW R. KNIGHT, 280.  
BOUESTOWN, NEW BRUNSWICK CANADA.

## Last Thoughts.

Owing to the adoption of the two cent postal rate for Canada the two cent purple has been changed to red. A supply has already been printed but will not be put on sale until the present stock of 2c purple is exhausted, which will be about the first of February. The plates of the 3c will then be cancelled and no more stamps of that value will be issued.

Publishers thinking of discontinuing their papers will find it to their best interest to secure our terms for filling unexpired subscriptions. All correspondence strictly confidential.

The "Philatelic West" has changed its name to "Philatelic West and Camera News" It has also changed printers, but it was a change for the worse. The paper would present a neater appearance if it was folded instead of rolled.

Jannaush's Want List is a handy check list. Price 10c, from Roy B. Bradley.

We have received the "Standard Price Catalogue and Reference List of United States Plate Numbers Issued from 1893 to 1899. It is indispensable to plate number collectors, and well worth the price—25c. Published J. M. Bartel & Co., 725 Eleventh St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

The New Years number of *Mekel's Weekly Stamp News* was a grand issue. It consisted of 24 large pages and cover. You can get a copy free if you answer the adv. on page 60. "Do it now."

A boy is only half a boy, unless he reads *Youth's Realm*. We give it and this paper one year for 35 cents.

Join Canada's largest and best philatelic society, the D. P. A. You get this paper free, can offer your duplicates for sale by

Auction, and receive many other benefits. It only costs you 25c a year to belong. Particulars from G. W. Starnaman, Sec'y, Berlin, Ont.

The Central Stamp Exchange is no more. Those who were members of the Exchange but not subscribers to this paper will receive it regularly by remitting the subscription price.

Robie's Great Book

## STAMP HUNTING

and this paper one year for 50c.  
STARNAMAN BROS., BERLIN, ONT.

### Holiday Bargains.

|                                                      |        |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| New Imperial Penny stamp.....                        | \$ .03 |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c full set Proprietary '98 unused  | .35    |
| 150 varieties stamps only.....                       | .20    |
| 100 " " " " " " " " " " " "                          | .09    |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c Canadian Maple leaf set and p.c. | .10    |
| Excellent Hinges per 100.....                        | .10    |
| CHAS. W. Mc GREGOR, Waterdown, Ont                   |        |

Your Advertisement in one inch space

(Same Adv.)

**3 times for 75 cents.**

**Khartoum is ours! Gordon is avenged!**

No one is sorry but you will be if you fail to secure one of my sheets of Canadian maple leaves.

$\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10c four leaf,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2, 3, numerals, 5, 8 old issue, 1, 2, 3, Jubilee.

All the above for 25c.

All applicants first week after adv. appears will receive one  $\frac{1}{2}$ c unused maple leaf also one foreign.

Postage 3c on orders under 3 sheets.

**Maple Leaf Issue.**

Strips, Blocks and pairs. Lightly cancelled

SID WOOD,

3 Lemoine Terrace, Winnipeg, Man.

## BARGAIN PAGE

Notices on this page 1c a word, 3 insertions of same adv. for price of two. No ad. taken for less than 10c. No charge for address.

**Wanted.** Newfoundland Jubilee stamps. News-Record, Berlin, Ont.

**Bargains** are our approval sheets at 50%. Try them. References required. Egyptian Stamp Co., 111 Meldrum Ave., Detroit, Mich. 4

**Send** 100-150 mixed stamps 20-30 var. from any one foreign country and receive the same value in U.S. and other American stamps. Send 100 Canada 10 var. and get 100 U. S. 20 var. David B. Emert, Dawson, Ohio. D. P. A. 123. 2

**Say!** Send for our beginner's sheets at 50%. We give premiums. Send reference. New stock and list. The Stamp Concern, Gainesville, Ga. 2

**Free.** List of U. S. stamps at 50% dis. 50c orange 8c. 3c agriculture 12c. Central Stamp Co., L. Box 53, Waamego, Kan.

**Bargains.** 50 U. S. 10c., 50 Can. 10c. 5 Can Register 5c. All for 23c 100 fine var \$1.00. 25 small stamp envelopes 18c. Geo. E. Mueller, Berlin, Ont., Can. 2

**Special Bargains.** 100 U. S. stamps 6c., 100 foreign 9c., 25 var worth 50c for 23c postfree. C. H. Bachman, Berlin, Ont.

**To exchange** for U. S. and Foreign stamps, 1-2 1/2" x 2 1/2" Camera and full supplies. As good as new. Cost \$7.50 Write me. Tremain Babcock, Dayton, Texas.

**Send** me different, receive same value from me. 30c due, 1890 etc. for ex. Comp. set 7 var. Labuan cat. 1.10 for 35c. Fine Labuan, etc cat \$1.50 for 40c. Send lists, etc. W. A. Hirsch Stamp Co., 2252 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

**3 good** stamp papers for every two 4c, 5c, or 8c Omaha sent me; 5 papers for two 10c Omahas. D. B. Emert, Dawson, Ohio.

**The** offers on page 34 are cheap.

**Send** for my approval sheets at 50 per cent. T. E. Morgan, Delhi, Ont. Can.

**Send** 5c and receive any of the following: 20 var. U. S., 1.5 and 4c Omahas, 1 2, 3 and 4c Columbians, 200 mixed U. S. stamps including Col. Omahas, revs., etc. etc. Wm. Kingston, McCoy, Oregon.

**There** are bargains on our approval sheets for beginners at 60%. Give them a trial and be convinced. 15 different U. S. stamps given free to every applicant. Huges 9c per thousand. Van Culler Stamp Co., 250 Green St., Schenectady, N. Y.

**Wanted** An earnest junior collector, in Berlin or any other city, to belong to the Junior Philatelists. Enjoy benefits and get new members. Particulars for stamp D. W. Hardin, Saginaw, Mich

**Send** 100 or more Canada postage, Revenues, etc., at least ten varieties, not over ten of a kind and receive same quantity good variety, old U. S. postage, Revenue, Dues, Columbian, Omaha, etc. Send stamp for other plans. N. S. Moore, Naples, Ill.

**Instructive** MSS., a write up of some interesting varieties, wanted for cash or adv. space in Niagara Philatelist, 2c per year. Niagara Philatelic Co., Box 58, Modeltown, N. Y.

**Special** 400 varieties of U. S. stamps, including issue of '61 to date, Omahas, Dept. etc. only 48c. H. E. Williams, Box 385, Charlotte, Mich.

**18** var. Japanese stamps, cat. over 50c, and 3 Jap. postals mounted in a nice album all for only 25c. R. C. Potteiger, 179 S. River St., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

**Attention** collectors. Fine sheets of foreign stamps on approval, prices below 58th cat. and 50 per cent com. given with orders of 25c or more. Premiums with remittances of 25c. P. B. Reynolds, 11 East 57 St., New York.

**100** var. foreign 5c; 150 var. 10c; 200 var. 15c; 250 var. 25c; 300 var. 35c. 6 var. Omahas, 1-10c, 12c. Postage extra. Dave Taussig, 348 So. Paulina St., Chicago, Ill.

**Look!** 101 fine foreign stamps from China, Chile, Egypt, Venezuela, Ceylon, Argentine, etc., all different, only 12c. Price list free. Edward C. Dowse, Box 841, Sherborn, Mass.

**Look!** Self inking rubber stamp your name and address on only 25c postpaid. Send for illustrated price list. Delhi Novelty Co., Delhi, Ont.

**Canada** Maple Leaf  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8c only 10c. I would like to exchange some old U. S. and Canadian postcards for foreign stamps Chas. Farr, Box 201, Brockville, Ont.

**Free** Sample of best gummed paper made, postpaid with Omaha. Sheet-  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 10$ , 1c per sheet, 16c per doz. 70c per 100. J. O. Wright, Jr., Box 16, Athens, Ohio.

**Trade** your duplicate stamps to N. S. Moore, Naples, Illinois, for stamps from his sheet.

**Approval** sheets containing stamps cat. 50c price 10c. 160 var. Foreign 10c 1000 mixed 25c. Alma Appleton, Goodales Corner, Maine.

**Free** samples of Souvenir Cards and foreign philatelic papers. Enclose stamps for postage. A. Burnham, P. O. Box 2447 New York, N. Y.

**Hay!** There! 4 different U. S. 1898 revenues and two Omahas for 5c. Ralph B. Bartoo, St. Ansgn. Iowa

**Any** one sending me 100 or more Canadian stamps, evenly mixed, will receive in return double value in used and unused foreign. R. F. C. Robinson, Huns Valley, Manitoba.

**We** give 60% off, on our up-to-date approval sheets. 100 var. 15c, no common stamps in this packet. East Pittsburg Stamp Co., Box 43 East Pittsburg, Pa.

**Bargain.** 500 mixed foreign stamps 35c or 100 better foreign stamps for 20c. Reade Davis, 312 Seaton St., Toronto, Ont.

**W. J. Coleman,** 160 Hoyt St., Brooklyn, N. Y., will give 250 mixed foreign stamps for every 100 mixed Jubilee and maple leaf issues sent him.

**Wanted.** A few good buyers of winners stamps., Send good reference. Wm. Winton, Jr. Lock Box 33, Ithaca, Mich.

**Will** exchange 100-1000 U. S. stamps for equal value foreign, S. J. Petrie Russellville, Ala.

**Halt.** Don't go farther when you get 25 different stamps for only 5c. Postage 3c. Quick march with your orders. Victoria Stamp Co., 22 Victor St., London, Ont.

**You** get splendid value in my up-to-date packet of Omahas, Can. and Newf. jubilee, and new issues. It contains 25 good stamps such as 6c Newf. jubilee, unused, 10c Can. unused, 6 and 8c used maple leaf issue, unused Omahas (high values) etc. Price 5.0 cts. postpaid. 5th packet will contain a  $\frac{1}{2}$  Can. jub. Postpaid with jubilee or  $\frac{1}{2}$  maple leaf. Refs. Starnaman Bros. W. E. Elliott, Box 159, Goderich, Ont. (D. P. A. 90.)

**200** mixed foreign, Roman States, France, England etc 10c. Herbert C. Moore, East Brady, Pa.

**Song** Book containing 180 popular songs for the 6, 8 and 10c Canada maple leaf lightly cancelled. Meyer Brandvik, 2401-27 Ave South, Minneapolis, Minn.

**Free** Good packet to all selling fifty cents worth of stamps from my approval sheets at 50 per cent discet. Ref. required. C. H. Simpson, Box 396, Berlin, Ont.

**Send** me 100 to 1000 stamps of your country and receive same value and number in U. S. Willie Welch Jr. Wamego Kan.

**I will** exchange 162 diff. stamps for Canada maple leaf issue complete; or 20 diff. U. S. for 20 diff. Canada. C. W. Grahm, Stanton, Iowa.

**Free.** 15c in stamps to persons sending reference for my approval sheets at 50 per cent com. J. C. Albert, 516 S. Pine St., Lima, Ohio.

**20 var.** Hawaii, Central and South America and Phillipine Islands, only 20c. Your money back if you want it. Leon V. Cass, McGraw, N. Y.

**Free** Five good stamps given absolutely free to everyone sending with refs, for my approval sheets at 50 per cent dis. Jos. Gibson, Jr., Box 684, Ingersoll, Ont.

## Beginners.

**Jump at this marvellous offer.**—\$1.00 for 20c. Packet No. 1, in our new free price list contains 100 good foreign stamps from Venezuela, Ceylon, Spain etc., etc. We guarantee this packet to catalogue from \$1.00 to \$1.50, so you can sell these stamps and make from 30c to \$1.30. Price only 20c.

**Another good offer** for this month is a set of 9 var. Switzerland unused catalogued at 46 cents. Price only 15c.

Agents wanted for our fine approval sheets at 50% dis. One agent says, "Your sheets are all right have bought the lot myself." Reference required.

OUR LIST IS FREE. SEND FOR IT.

R. S. MASON,

HAMILTON,

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