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JOHN HULME LOWE.

This month we present to our readers the likeness of one of Toronto's foremost stamp dealers, John Hulme Lowe.

Mr. Lowe was born in Philadelphia and went to Toronto when very young, which place has been his home since. He has been a stamp collector since he was ten years of age, and is a brother to Toronto's oldest stamp dealer, Geo. A. Lowe. In 1884, John published the Toronto Stamp. Being a writer of considerable ability, he at present is correspondent to several of our leading magazines. He is a prominent member of the D. P. A., and is Sec'y of the Philatelic Club of Toronto.

Visitors to Toronto should not fail to call on him at 109 Huron street.

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### Exchanging Stamps.

BY AUG. DIETZ.

Frequently, in glancing over philatelic publications, we read advertisements of collectors who desire exchange on the basis of Scott, Senf, or Stanley Gibbons. It appears to be the most simple and practical mode of securing from foreign collectors stamps of their countries in exchange for our duplicates. In many cases it has been the means of adding good and rare stamps to our collections without actual expenditure of cash, save the postage fees.

The practice is a good one, I dare say, and from my own experience, covering a period of many years, I can heartily commend it.

But, as all other things of like nature, foreign exchange has its pros and cons—its glad surprises and its sad disappointments.

Disappointments, though, have been rare occurrences in my experience, and I have found my foreign correspondents, almost to a man, gentlemen, and their transactions not alone marked by honesty but by great courtesy, liberality and generosity.

But it is of the disappointments I would write—how they occur, and how they may be avoided.

We are disappointed in receiving a selection of common, poorly centered, torn, or heavily canceled stamps in exchange for a clean, good selection we sent, from which, we are laconically informed, so-and-so much has been retained.

The best policy would be to 'grin and bear it,' and make a mental note of it.

Frequently one is tempted to resort to a "scorching letter." Don't do that. While the U. P. U. unconsciously conveys your irate effusion at the rate of five cents per gush—there's no satisfaction in it to you. Far better hie thyself to some secluded niche and—kick thyself severely—thrice. Caramba!

But there's a way of providing against those disappointments, which, perhaps, you sometimes bring to others.

Exchanging is not buying, and wherever there is a risk, a certain degree of faith and confidence is a prerequisite.

First, exchange want lists and state what you have to offer. Do not misrepresent your stamps—the party at the "other end" may be just as well—if not better—versed in stamp lore than you are. Provide that, unless stamps are as represented, no deal.

If everything appears satisfactory to you, send on your stamps. Register them; and it will not accrue to your loss if you include one or two "complimentary stamps." List your stamps according to the catalogue agreed upon, and state that fact at the top of your sheet.

If your first transaction has been satisfactory, repeat it; send better class stamps; always try to do your best—to show your confidence. In nearly every case you will touch a responsive chord. Real stamp collectors are gentlemen—remember that.

Oblige your correspondent in every way you can. If he wants the current issue of your country unused, and sends the cash or its equivalent in payment, secure them for him, well centered, good specimens; and do not charge him "10 per cent over face"—it looks so "small"—don't do that. You may wish the same favor in return some day.

These are the rules that should govern you—with these rules I have but in one instance met with disappointment.—Virginia Philatelist.

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### Ohio Notes.

BY J. EDWARD SOHN, JR.

The 4c red-brown and also the 15c olive-green have been placed on sale at the Cincinnati Post Office.

The Ohio Philatelic Association has died a natural death.

Cincinnati Post Office has plenty 1 and 2c Omahas on hand.

Cincinnati, Newport and Covington stamp collectors have had several meetings for the purpose of organizing a Philatelic Club. If the meetings prove a success, the Club will be called the Tri-City Philatelic Club.

There are several prospects of organizing a new state society instead of the Ohio P. A. It will be called the Buckeye State Philatelic Association.

Since the Government has issued stamps for Omaha Exposition, St. Louis will feel slighted if the Government does not issue

a set of stamps for her Exposition.

"The Fair," the Cincinnati department store, has got everything but a stamp department. Several collectors of the Queen City have been trying to convince the manager to have a stamp department but without success.

There is a report about the city that stamp collectors in Kentucky have formed a society. It is uncertain whether there is any truth in the statement.

Since stamps have been issued for Cuba, there will be a still better demand than ever before.

Several stamp concerns through the state will have an exhibition at the Ohio Centennial Exposition which will be held at Toledo in 1903.

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### American Notes.

BY CAROLINA.

I notice that the stamps of St. Vincent will soon be followed by the usual Crown type.

No more Omaha stamps will be printed. About 148 plates of the whole series have been used.

The 10c U. S. stamps have been changed in color from green to brown.

Another stamp paper has made its appearance from Tenn. The Stamp Tribune is its name, and if the following numbers are as fine as the first it will be a dandy.

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## Editorial.

Our January number was unavoidably late in appearing. Our printers had such a rush of work that they were unable to get it out on time,

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Send in your copy for the March number at once and you will confer a favor to the publisher.

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The D. P. A. convention will be held at Toronto about the 1st July.

## Trade Notes.

If an auction buyer. do not fail to look over W. A. Beatty's 7th sale. This part of the business is Mr. Beatty's specialty, and a trial with him will convince you.

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### Chicago Notes.

BY CHICAGOAN.

The Chicago post office has been selling nothing but Omaha stamps the past month in order to dispose of the stock they have on hand.

"It is likely that the current U. S. stamped envelopes will have their colors changed beginning with the new year. The 3rd assistant postmaster writes: 'On the 10th of January next, when a new contract goes into operation, the department will probably issue the one, two and five cent stamped envelopes with embossed stamps in green, red and dark blue, respectively, the colors corresponding to those of the same denominations of adhesive stamps.'"

I have seen the new 2c. envelope, though it has not been placed on sale at Chicago as yet, and think it is a great improvement over the old color.

Mr. C. E. Severn, the new president of the Chicago Philatelic

Society, conducts a department called "Stamp Chats" in a boy's magazine published in this city. I find the following in the first number:

You can hardly pick up any kind of a paper without you find some article about stamps in it. Below are two clippings which I came across recently. The last clipping does not agree with the list of rare stamps given in the January number of the International Philatelist. Which is correct?

A few years ago a "stamp fiend" who is also a collector of autographs, attended an auction sale where he bought for a dime a bunch of letters written by Prof. Benjamin Silliman, jr., of Yale College. He had no use for them, and his bid was made in sport; but on one of the envelopes he found a "five-cent red New Haven" postage stamp, one of the rarest in the world. He sold it for a great sum, said to be \$1000.

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### The Rarest Stamps in the World.

The Mauritius postoffice stamps while commanding the highest price, are not the rarest stamps known. They rank third in scarcity---the 2 cent Hawaii, of which five copies are known in collectors' hands, ranking first, and the British Guiana pink 2 cent, eight copies being known, second.---Harper's Round Table.

An advt. in the Stamp Reporter will pay you. Try it in our next number.



## Hamilton Notes.

The 2c. stamped envelope printed in purple is a much sought for stamp, both by collector and dealer here. They were on sale for about two weeks and were bought mostly for immediate use, they having escaped the speculators. Hamilton seems to be the only place that had the largest supply of envelopes, 500 in all being sold. Very high prices are being offered for them.

The Hamilton Stamp Club started the season by electing the following officers: Pres., E. G. Kittson; Vice-Pres., Fred Robinson; Sec.-Treas., A. H. Ward; Librarian, C. S. Applegath; Sec. Information Bureau, Jas. Slater, Auction Mgr., R. S. Mason.

Four shades of the Imperial stamps have been placed on sale during the past 4 weeks. The colors as follows: Black red and lavender; black, red and light blue; black, red and grey; black and carmine and Russian blue. The carmine color is raised on on the stamps, the cause being too much ink used.

The 5c numeral stamp has at last made its appearance at the post-office here.

The new Cuban stamps for temporary use have made their appearance. They are the current 1, 2, 5 and 10c. U.S. stamps with "Cuba" and the amount in pesos printed on the face in black ink. The different values are 1. 2 1-2, 5 and 10c. de peso.

## Chronicle of New Stamps.

## CANADA.

Adhesives---The color of the 2c numeral has been changed from purple to red.

*2c. red, (numeral type.)*

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The colors of the Imperial stamp have been changed to carmine and blue.

*2c. Imperial, black, carmine and blue.*

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## ENVELOPES.

The two cent envelope, with stamp embossed that appeared in purple on white, has been recalled. The envelope has now been received printed in red. The one cent green on white has been issued to some places.

*1c. green on white.*

*2c. purple on white, (recalled).*

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- 2-8 2c registered, 21 5c green registered, 1875-90; 29 stamps as 1 lot.
- 3-71 5c olive green, 1875-97.
- 4-21 6c brown, 1870-97.
- 5-95 8c slate, 1892.
- 6-9 10c rose, 1870-96.
- 7-45 1-2 black, 1882.
- 8-36 1c orange Jubilee.
- 9-11 2c green, 1 5c blue, 12 Jubilee stamps as 1 lot.
- 10-20 3c Jubilee unused.
- 11-126 3c red Jubilee, used.
- 12-9 1-2c black, 1898, maple leaf.
- 13-205 1c green, 1896, maple leaf.
- 14-46 2c purple, 1898, maple leaf.
- 15-445 3c red, 18. s., maple leaf.
- 16-11 5c blue, 1898, maple leaf.
- 17-3 6c brown, 1898, maple leaf.
- 18-18 8c orange, 1898, maple leaf.
- 19-100 1c green, 1898, figures.
- 20-50 2c purple, 1896, figures.
- 21-450 3c red, 1898, figures.
- 22-35 2c Imp. "Map stamps;" 3 shades mixed.

## NEWFOUNDLAND.

- 23-5 3c blue, 1880; 9 5c blue 1880-7; 3 3c brown, 1887; 17 stamps as 1 lot.
- 24-3 1-2c black, 1890-7; 12 2c orange, 1887; 15 stamps as 1 lot.
- 25-25 1c green, 1887-96.
- 26-86 3c slate, 1890-7.
- 27-24 3c blue, Cabot issue, 1897.

## UNITED STATES.

- 28-25 3c red imperf, 1851-5; 8 3c red, perf, 1855-6; 7 3c blue, 1869; 40 stamps as 1 lot.
- 29-200 1c blue, 1870; 82 not examined for grilles or ribbed.

- 30-21 3c red, 1861-66.
- 31-11 2c brown; 5 6c carmine, 17 10c brown, 5 15c orange, 1870-88; 38 stamps as 1 lot.
- 32-2000 3c green, 1870-82.
- 33-118 2c vermillion, 1879-80.
- 34-2000 2c red brown, 1883.
- 35-2 3c ver, 1887, 2 4c green, 1883, 3 5c blue (Taylor) 1876, 15 4c carmine, 1888; 22 stamps as 1 lot.
- 36-13 5c blue, 1888, 5 5c brown, 1883, 18 stamps as 1 lot.
- 37-500 1c blue 1887.
- 38-1000 2c green, 1887.
- 39-100 3c purple, 1890.
- 40-162 4c brown, 1890.
- 41-110 5c chocolate, 1890.
- 42-16 6c br red, 1890.
- 43-40 8c lilac, 1890.
- 44-150 10c green, 1890.
- 45-4 15c blue, 1890.
- 46-7 3c green, 5 5c chocolate, 2 6c purple; 14 Columbian stamps as 1 lot.
- 47-20 4c blue Columbian issue.
- 48-12 8c magnetia, 14 10c black brown 26 Columbian stamps as 1 lot.
- 49-1000 1c blue Columbian's.
- 50-5000 2c violet, Columbian's.
- 51-264 3c purple, 1894-8.
- 52-320 4c brown, 1894-8.
- 53-415 5c chocolate, 1894-8.
- 54-70 6c 6c dark red brown, 1894-8.
- 55-150 8c puce, 1894-8.
- 56-475 10c green, 1894-8.
- 57-16 15c blue, 1894-8.
- 58-75 1c green, Omaha.
- 59-350 2c copper red, Omaha.
- 60-6 4c orange, 2 5c blue, 2 8c brown, 1 10c grey violet; 11 Omahas as 1 lot.

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