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From our Regular Correspondent.

#### Lendon Stamp News.

A great stir has been made in Philatelic circles here by the exposure of Williams & Co of Peru. The majority of our stamp papers published that firms advertisements but the few who did not do so are "pegging away" at their less fortunate contemporaries. Those journals which did accept these advertisements are full of excuses. For my part I wondered very much at the number of important journals here which gave space to the so-called Williams & Co, as the said firm gave such poor payment for their advertisements. I believe this was offered in used stathes.

An important auction sale of stamps was held at St. Martin's town hall on February 15 and 16 which was perhaps the Principle sale of the season. The sale consisted of 432 lots which realised no less than £1345 17s 6d. The history price paid for a stamp at this sale was £39 for a 1 penny Turk's Island unused with full gum A Great Britain £1 brown lilac, water marked cross in mint condition fetched £25 while the 10 grey green was sold for £15.10.

News of a daring robbery of the contents of an Exchange Club Packet is just to hand. It appears that some one has changed the Club sheets for plain foolscap paper while in the hands of the potal authorities. The committee of the Stamp Exchange Protection Society has offered a reward of £5 for information heading to the conviction of the thieves.

The new issue of Maltas is now in use as is also the series of Virgin Islands atamps bearing the figure of the Virgin Mary with the Infant Saviour in her arms. A new issue is expected for St. Vincent.

That bright journal "Stamps" gives the famous throughfare—The Strand—the nickname of the "Stamp Street" on account of the number of stamp dealers which have their premises there. Messrs Bright & Son, the catalogue firm of Bournemouth are about to add their names to the already long list. They have announced their intention of opening a shop and premises at 16 Strand (the Rigalry)

says another English journal; the Miscellany between the two big cat-a logue firms, Gibbons and Bright on one street wil lhave no small effect on the prices for many of the stamps which are overpriced by both firms.

FRED J. MELVILLE.

From our Regular Correspondent,

#### Ottawa Notes.

BY J. S. DALTON.

The society formed is called "The Ottawa Junior Philatelic Society." The membership for this year is limited to twelve. The first meeting was held on Mar. 9th. G. H. LeB. Ross, Esq. was in the chair. There is no cash used in connection with this society. All stamps being settled for in exchange.

List of member.

- L. Pereira.
- A. R. Morieset.
- E. N. Ridley.
- G. Pereira, (sec)
- G. Macrea.
- F. S. Prince,
- A. F. Sladen.
- G. P. Reiffastein.
- G. H. LeB. Ross. G. H. Newcombe.
- -. Riraud.
- J. S. Dalton.

Most dealers are selling the 2c purple envelope for \$1.00 and \$1.50. This is too dear for the present.

When is Ottawa to have a philatelic paper?

We have another surcharge; the 3c letter card surcharged 2c. Both the old and new ones were done. Only a small number were surcharged.

The Philatelists here have been booming stamp collecting lately. There has been a stamp company and an exchange society formed. The company is known as the Anglo-American Stamp Co., They mount stamps on approval cards and distribute them among the stationers and chemists of the city. They do not publish a price list or send stamps out on approval.

The stamp business here seems pretty brisk. i

their intention of opening a shop and It is reported that the 4e and 7c premises at 16 Strand (the Rivalry,) stamps will soon be printed.

#### New Issues.

COMPILED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Afghanistan. — The M. J. reports the receipt of two more varieties of the registration stamps.

Reg. stamp 2 abasi black and orange.
2 " vellow.

Brazil.—Has surcharged a half dozen or more of her stamps provisionally.

Canada.—The three-cent envelope and letter card of last year have been surcharged 2c. 2c. black on red.

Ceylon.—The 15c adhesive has received the surcharge "six cents" in black. 6c on 15c sage green.

Chili.—Has a new 30 centavos posttage due, in carmine. 30 centavos, carmine.

Colombian Republic.—A new 1 centavo stamp, red on yellow, has appeared. 1 centavo, red on yellow.

Hayti.— Has added a 60c. red to the new designs, with portrait of President Sam. 60c red.

Malta.—Has added four new values to the current issue; a 4 1-2 representing a Gozo boat in full sail; a 5d. representing an ancient galley of the Knights of Malta; a 2/6 bearing an emblematic figure of Malta; a 10s representing the shipwreck of St. Paul on the island.

4 1-2d light brown.

5d red rose.

2/6 bistre.

10/ indigo.

Virgin Isles—A new issue has appeared for these islands. The central design is a figure of the Virgin with lily, in what may be called an ecclesiastical frame, with name above and value and the words "Postage" "Revenue" below.

1-2d green.

1d red.

2 1-2d. ultramarine.

4d brown.

6d purple.

7d dark green.

1/ orange brown.

5/ indigo.

Perak—The 50c of 1896 has now appeared in green and black color. 50c green and black.

New South Wales-The 6d has appeared in a new color. Gd orange.

St. Vincent-The pretty set of this colony have been replaced by those of the De La Rue type.

Straits Settlements-The 5c brown has been surcharged '4'-'cents' in two lines for Imperial 1d rate. 4c in black on 5c brown,

South Australia-The 6d blue has received the current surcharge O.S. Official stamp-6d blue perf 13.

#### Notes of Interest.

Philatelic literature collectors are getting more numerous every day, or at least we seem to be hearing more of them than ever before. Every collector would find it to his advantage to keep fyles of a few of the leading stamp papers. The cost of this branch of our hebby does not come very high.

Neatness in your album shows off your collection, small or large, to good advantage

There are some collectors who buy few stamps in winter but many in summer. They claim that as the wea-ther gets warmer, prices come down.

The stamp dealers here are buying everything in sight in the line of Canadian maple issue and high value numerals. Not for some time has the dealer experienced such a harvest.

The day when advertising patronage in stamp papers was given out of courtesy to the publisher, more than for business is passed. The dealer nowadays advertises to sell and uses the mediums which are more apt to accomplish this purpose.

One of the beauties of stamp collecting is that there is something in it for everybody and the different channels of study are countless. Either sex, old and young alike can find it useful as a pastime or business.

It takes a brave man to tell his philatelic friend that one of the latter's cherished varieties is a counter-

### Some Varieties in the New Can-

BY AMY L. SWIFT.

Our northern neighbor has been doing so much of late in the way of producing new issues that we do not have time to thoroughly search out the varieties in one set before it is followed by another which is in its turn soon obliged to make way for a still later, so in adopting the above title I mean it to take in the issues since the jubiles set of June 1897 down to the Commemorative 2c of December 1898. The regular values have all been duly chronicled as they appeared nadare well known, but there are several minor varieties which the would-be Canadian specialist ought to have in order that no breach or completeness may dispet his pleasure in his treas-area, and it is these that I intend to

mention. Of course they have all been referred to before in some one or other of the various publications, but the notices have been so scattered and so far from uniform that there may be some collectors who, missing them, are still unaware that there is need to watch for anything except the different values, and it is for the benefit of these collectors that I have tried to gather up and combine the scattered notices.

In the set which followed the jubilee the "maple leaf" set it is commonly called, there are eight values, 1-2, 1. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10 cents, thus giving eight varieties, but it has been dis-covered that if "sizes of frames" are taken into account there would be a number more, how many I have never seen stated and do not think anyone really knows. By size of frame is meant the exact measurement from from the outside edge of the outer line of the design to the opposite outside edge, either vertically or horizontally; taken vertically there are stamps where the measurement with vary fully one-half mm., giving rise to the descriptive term of "long frame" and "short frames." I do not know what horizontal difference is, but hear that there is a difference though not as decided a one in the vertical measure-ments. Some claim that the two sizes are caused by shrinkage or expansion of the paper used, but the explanation is not deemed thoroughly satisfactory because no part of the design itself seems to suffer any change from the normal, yet to suppose that two sizes of plates were used in the printing seems a supposition even more improbable than the other. Whatever the explanation, however, it is certain that the two sizes exist in at least the four lowest values, and it is also certain that besides appearing in the two measurements the 1-2c has the additional distinction of coming in two very different shades, gray-black and deepblack; curiously enough ail the grayblack are found with the long frame, while all the deep black are with the short. What this portends the student is puzzled to decide, but it encourages him to believe that there is more in the two types than just a contraction of the paper, so he considers it best to give them album space until

their status is a little better known.
In the "numeral issue," which gained its name from the numerals of value displacing the maple leaves in each lower corner, I have seen no mention of frame varieties nor have I hunted for any, but the 1-2c has been referred to as coming occasionally with the oval band surrounding the Queen's head unshaded as it is in the former set. Whether this is a real variety or one due simply to a surplus of ink in printing is not decidedly known; claim that there is but one such stamp on a sheet and that it is placed there as a guard against any possible forgery, but others pooh-pooh that idea and pin their faith to the more probable explanation of too much ink, saying that if the variety was intentional it would appear on every sheet of the stamps, something that it does not do.

have small faith in it, but mention it because it has been spoken of elsewhere.

The 2c of this issue comes in three distinct shades, one a raddish-purple, one a very dark rich purple and the other a shade between the two. Shades are hard to describe and are not usually worth much, but the first named two differ as broadly as do pink and carmine, and have in my opinion just as good a claim to be separately listed. Shades have also been mentioned as occurring in the 8c orange and yellow being the titles bestowed upon them, but the p I have not seen.

Next, after the 10c special delivery in which no varieties have yet been described, comes the stamp issue in December to commemorate the establishment of penny postage between Great Britain and several of her colonies. The design is a map of the world with the British possessions printed in red, and so far, I have seen four varieties of it, the difference lying in the tint of the back-ground, or rather, in that part of the map which represents the ocean. In the first printing this tint is lavendar, but changes speedily follow and now in addition to the lavendin I have specimens where the ocean part appears in light bluish-green, in much paler bluish-green, and in a deep striking shade of blue, "robin's egg" blue," one collector called it. These different tints are all found in unused stamps, so are in no way due to fading.

The red part of the design was put on so carelessly that hardly any two stamps have it all exactly the same (or in the correct) places; if these varieties were counted as differences would be almost as many varieties as there are stamps, but they are wholly unworthy of attention and it is not likely that even the most devout of devout specialists will consider it necessary to make a collection of them. for which let us be thankful.-Stamp

#### For Stamps With Bogus Cheques.

Clarence Hill, a 17 year old lad of Hudson, Miss., has been held under \$500 bail by the Federal authorities for using the mail with intent to de-He secured consignments of fraud. stamps from dealers and then attempted; to pay for them with bogus checks. -Alegheny Philatelist.

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#### PAPERS REVIEW.

Allegheny Philatelist, Vol. IV, No. 4. All Around Philatelist, Vol. I, No. 1. Bay State Philatelist, Vol. II, No. 3. Evergreen State Philatelist, Vol. II, No. 61.

Herald Exchange, Vol. VI, No. 1. Melita Philatelic Chronicle, Vol. II, No. 3.

New York Philatelist, Vol. V, No. 6. Philatelic Advocate, Vol. VI, No. 3. Philatelic Journal of Philately, Vol. IX, No. 99.

Perforator, Vol. III, No. 1. Stamp Talk, Vol. I, No. 4.

The All Around Philatelist makes its bow to the philatelic public with the March number. For a beginner it is not bad. A revenue department divided into two parts, Canada and the United States, together with a chronicle of new issues, conducted by the publisher, a page of Canadian notes, press review, and an article entitled "San Marino," by F. P., make up number one. In the "editorial" the publisher makes a statement which is incorrect. "Take for instance the 2c purple, numeral issue, which should have been carmine red." The 3c was carmine-red because 3c was the letter rate. What would the Postal Union have said to two stamps of th esame color? The color of the 2c numeral was not found fault with until the letter rate was reduced to 2 cents.

Notes for U. S. collectors by Era, Philately month by month and Minor Varieties by John Petty, are the topics of interest in the Evergreen State Philatelist this month.

The Herald Exchange keeps well up to the standard with a good supply of news and advertisements.

The Melita Philatelic Chronicle is indeed becoming better. Like his brothers, Mr. Muscat devotes about a page to the illutrations "Williams & Co." Surely enough space has been wasted on these people, In "New Issues" column is found four very good illustrations of the new stamps of Malta.

The Perforator, as usual, contains ome very readable matter. "How to some very readable matter. "How to arrange a stamp collection," by C. E. Range occupies the first two and a half pages, and gives the writer's idea of arranging stamps. Amy L. Swift in "Woman in Philately," endeavors to show Mr. Man how selfish he generally find why Mrs. Man is not heard of. These with the regular contributions make up the March number.

Mr. Chapman under "Concerning Late Issues," in the New York Philatelist, gives the public several columns of interesting matter. "Veritas," in an article "The Philatelic reports of Imperial Penny Postage," shows that there is no immediate danger of a universal penny postage stamp, owing to the difference of the currency between the various colonies. Notes from England, the Pines, Toronto and Montreal, with editorials make up the remainder of the reading matter for this month. mingham, England.

The Philatelic Journal, of Great Britain, has opened a new department with the number, entitled "Articles that have appeared in Philatelic Press in 1898. In this is given a list of the best articles that have appeared in the various journals during the past year. It is the publisher's intention to publish a list year by year. The second instalment of "Servia," by Geo. B. Duerst, will be found of interest to collectors of that country. Mr. Brown in his "Review of Reviews," reprints short extracts from its exchanges instead of reviewing them in general.

Through Uncle Sam's carelessness "Stamp Talk," had to go to press without Robie's valued MMS. However. despite this, the number before us is not so bad.

"Philatelic notes from the official reports of the postmaster-general of the Confederate States," by H. G. Askew, and Miss Swift's review are the chief topics of interest in the February number of the Lone Star State Philatelist. The remainder of the price is made up of "clippings" from various journals, editorials and society reports. This paper will fill all unexpired subscriptions of the Texas Philatelist.

The Allegheny Philatelist comes to hand with 32 pages of reading matter. The place of honor is given to "Exchanging Stamps with Foreigners," by Phil. A. Telist. In Canadian notes we find the chronicle of a "find" in Toronto, and reprint the writer's exact words:

I am pleased to be in a position to give the Allegheny readers an account of a valuable "find" recently made in Toronto. There recently occurred the death of an old 50 years' resident of Toronto, of whom his sole survivors were a daughter and a son. After the usual funeral ceremonies were over the will of the gentleman in question was brought forward and the contents made known to his heirs. To his only daughter there was bequeathed among other things his entire business papers and correspondence. The son, who evidently had an idea of the value of such, obtained access to the correspondence, the latter presented himself in the office of a well known stamp dealer in Toronto and brought forward a few letters, two of which contained thereon a lightly cancelled copy of the B. N. A. rare avis 12 penny black. Upon being questioned, as from whence they were obtained, he declined to make known but claimed the ownership of them. A price of \$275.00 was offered for each of them but he evidently expected a much larger sum, and declined to dispose of them.

Later the true legal ownership of them has been informed of their value and will institute legal proceedings for the recovery of them.

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#### Ourselves.

Our readers will no doubt be surprised at our appearance this issue and we hope that when they thoroughly examine the reading matter and the make up of the "Stamp Reporter," they will feel satisfied with the change. We believe that a good live weekly is required for the Canadian collectors and with that end in view have started out to fill the "long felt want." Of course we are not satisfied with this issue but hope, as the merchant says in his advertisement, "that by strict atten-

tion to business to merit your support, especially as we shall supply the best to be had," Subscribers to the monthly issue will be credited with the amount due them on the new issue and we hope that they will not only renew their own subscriptions but send us the names of friends interested in \$matters philatelic, that wemay send them sample copies and so secure their subscriptions. The Reporter, in its new dress, will hereafter be a weekly visitor, and will be issued on each Saturday. We have been ledto make the new venture owing to the warm reception we have received on all hands in our monthly shape, and trust that the enterprise will meet with the support, that in our opinion, at least, it merits.

An "Observer" in the Philatelic Advocate, wants to know how it is that some dealers can obtain new issues of stamps before many of the postmasers have any knowledge of their existence. The query is a pertinent one but "Observer" will have to go to the department for the answer. Even at that his trip will be in vain.

Mr. Ed. Marris, of Hamilton, former correspondent for this paper, has secured a position as purser on one of the lake steamers for the season. During his absence Mr. C. Applegath will keep us posted weekly concerning the "Hams."

The Texan Philatelist is dead.

Advertisers will do well to secure ad space at once as the rates are very low at present and will change in a short while. The present circulation of the "Weekly" is fair and brings good returns to dealers. There is no doubt that it will be materially increased week by week. Better take time by the forelock and secure space while it is cheap.

Do you want your advertisement to pay? Place one in next week's issue.? Although unused stamps are acceptable, we would prefer silver or money order.

The catalogue of 33rd sale of B. L. Drew & Co., which takes place on March 29th and 30th, at Ellis Hall, Boston, consisting of over 1100 lots, is out.

We want some correspondents to report weekly from New York, Boston, Montreal and San Francisco. State terms when writing.

Intending advertisers will kindly remember to send cash with copy.

Send in your subscription now.

FREE.—All Canadians sending us 50 used 2c Imperial Postage "Map" stamps will receive Miscellaneous free for one year and a copy of complete book on "Stamp Collecting" by Fred J. Melville.

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It is the publisher's intention to allow only first class responsible persons to use the advertising space of this paper, If a subscriber or nonsubscriber answering any of the advertisements in this number or any of the following numbers does not receive just treatment at the hands of the advertiser he has but to file a complaint with us giving full details and his case will be investigated.

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Unexpired subscriptions to the monthly Stamp Reporter will be filled by the weekly.

One number of the Weekly will be be sent for each of the remaining numbers of the monthly due each subscriber i. e., if your subscription began with the August number you would have received to date 6 numbers. The remaining 6 will be 6 consecutive numbers of the Weekly.

Subscribers will not lose by this arrangement as each number of the Weekly contains about double the quantity of one monthly issue.

#### Special Notice.

Every subscriber who receives more than one copy of this number will confer a favor by handing the extra copy to a philatetic friend.

#### Trade Notes.

Attention is called to Mr. Beatty's large advertisement on the last page, it being his eighth auction sale and also a large variety of single snaps. During the last year Mr. Beatty has devoted his entire time and attention to his "Auctions," always endeavoring to place month by month a large selection of lots before the philatetic public. Buyers have found his stamps to be first class and prices right. This week he has divided his space devoting only part to his auction. The lots, however, will be fouind up to date.

Mr. Wm. Riddle offers some fine bargains in Canadians. His column ad. will be found on page 7. Canadian stamps is his specialty. Although a new dealer, his stock consists of some fine stuff. Any persons answering his ad. are sure of courteous treatment.

The Standard Stamp Co. are open to buy your duplicates. Try them.

By exchanging your duplicates with Wicks you will be enabled to add rarities to your collection. Look up his inch ad. on page 3 and notice the liberal prices he offers.

Mr. E. Kerr, another new dealer from St. Catharines, offers some good bargains in Canadians. Look up his two inch ad. on page 5.

#### News in Brief.

Mr. Ed. Marris of Hamilton, one of our regular correspondents, intends to remove to Fort William about May 1. We wish him success in his new field.

Malta is soon to join the penny postage scheme.

fr. Stewart Wilson, an ardent philatelist, has been appointed post-master-General of the Punjab.

Of the low value Omnhas the 5 cent sems to be the scarcest in a used condition. According to the number is-sued the 8 cent should be the one.

The U. S. stamps are being surcharged for use in Porto Rico.

All remainders of the Omaha issue have been placed on sale at Omaha.

The Co-operative Stamp Company, of Sydenham, England, whose stock has been valued at between £34,600 and £35,000 has been consolidated with the firm of C. H. Nunn, Graves & Co., Ltd., Bury street, Edmund, England. The subscription list of the Philatelic Monthly Advertiser, which was published by the Co-operative Stamp Co. will be filled by the Stamp Collectors' Journal.

A new philatelic monthly to be known as "The Stamp Exchange," is announced to appear on the 15th of April, from Boston, Mass., with R. W. Tucker, as publisher. We wish the gentleman success but fear that he will find there are many "ups and downs' in the life of a philatelic publisher.

The Texas Philatelist in now a thing of the past. The publisher cannot find the time required to devote to it and therefore has to give it up. We are corry to lose the T. P., as it was on eof our regular visitors. The Lone Star State Philatelit will fill unexpired subscriptions.

The Montreal Philatelist for February and March has appeared in one number.

Mr. Bach's wonderful find, which he fully described with illustrations in his January rumber, proved a pleasant surprise to him.

Of the new 2c rod envelope, there two very distinct types. In die are two very distinct types. A the embossing is sharp; in die B faint. Die A messures 24x27mm; die B 25x29mm.

It is reported by those who ought to know that the newspaper and periodical stamps have been repinted and that very few of the sets contain the originals. The list of denominations andicolors is as follows:

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\$5 blue. \$10 green. \$20 grey violet. \$100 reddish purple. REPRINTS.

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\$20 cold grey green.
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"I. R."

A new monthly, the All Around Philatelist has made its appearance from E. Boston, Mass., Joseph Plourd, publisher.

Now that the Government have started surcharging stamps there is a possibility of seeing the 3 and 8 cent stamps surcharged 4 and 7.

The Imperial penny postage stamps continue on sale at this office.

The four and seven cent stamps are expected to appear at an early date.

Only 3,000 of the so-called error of the two cent envelopes were printed. The modest price of \$1 is being asked by dealers.

The first surcharge of Canada did not amount to much, the work was done by a rubber hand stamp and there is hardly two copies exactly alike.

A very small piece of work was that done by the Postmaster-General recently, the opening of a stamp store in London for the sale of Canadian stamos.

The 5c. numeral has been placed on sale at some places.

High value Jubilees are selling under face, while the 1-2 cent is beginning to raise again.

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#### FRENCH COLONIAL STAMPS.

#### Also Notes on Reprints, Canceilations, and Forgeries.

The one centime olive on bluish, 1872, the two centimes red brown on yellowish, and the four centimes gray of 1876, imperforate issues of French Colonies, are very often confounded with those of the 1870 imperforate lithographed issue of France, although their design is quite different.

The design of these French Colonies Colonies stamps is exactly the same as that of the corresponding perforated (1872) issue of France. They differ most materially from the preceding issue in the shading of the neck, as in the 1870 set this shading was made with short unbroken lines, while in the 1872 issue dotted lines were used.

The rarest of the three stamps mentioned above is the four centimes gray which was only used at Saigon, Cochin-China, and for that reason those having any other cancellation must be considered forgeries. The same can be said of the twenty-five centimes black on red, of the 1879 issue, which was only in use in New Caledonia.

The usual forgeries of unperforated issues of the 1867-70 Napoleon "Laureated," the 1870-74 "Liberty," and the 1870-80 "Allegorical," of French Colonies, are simply stamps of the corresponding issues of France from which the perforations have been cut down.

By a careful use of the millimeter scale, collectors will be able to detect this fraud, as the genuine imperforate specimen, should measure at least 19

x 23 m'llimeters.

For used specimens the cancellations can generally be taken as a proof of genuineness, as many of these bear the names of the postoffices of the colony; others have a lozenge-shaped cancellation made with dots, with letters in the centre indicating the colony using

> ASE for Assinie. CCH for Cochin-China. GAB for Gabon. GOR for Goree. GPE for Guadeloupe. GNE for Guvane. INDE for India. MQE for Martinique.
> MYE for Mayotte.
> NCE for New Caledonia. NSB for Nossi-Be. OCE for Oceanie. REN for Reunion. SNG for Senegal. SPM for St. Pierre Miquelon.

Another cancellation, consisting simply of black dots, was used at the inland offices in Reunion.

The following stamps were printed in 1889 for the Paris Exposition. They are all of one type of each series, for both France and the French colonies, all imperforate. They are: —
1859—1862. Eagle.
1 centime, olive on greenish blue.

5 centimes, green on greenish. 10 centimes, bistre on yellowish. 20 centimes, blue on bluish.

40 centimes, orange on yellowish. 80 centimes, carmine on pinkish.

1870 Napoleon Laurented. I centime, olive on greenish. 30 centimes, brown on yellowish. 80 centimes, carmine on pinkish.

1871. Liberty. 10 centimes, bistre on yellowish. 20 centimes, blue on bluish. 40 centimes, orange on yellowish. 25 centimes, blue on bluish.

1877. Allegorical group. 1 centime, green on greenish. 2 centimes, green on greenish. 4 centimes, green on greenish. 5 centimes, green on greenish. 10 centimes, green on greenish.

15 centimes, gray on grayish. 20 centimes, red-brown on yellowish. 25 centimes, pale blue on white.

25 centimes, blue on bluish. 30 centimes, brown on brownish. 35 centimes, black on orange. 40 centimes, vermilion on yellow. 75 centimes, carmine on lavender.

1 franc, bronze green on straw. 1878--1880. Allegorical Group. 1 centime, black on blue.

2 centimes, brown on yellowish.
4 centimes, claret on lavender. 10 centimes, black on lavender. 15 centimes, blue on bluish.

20 centimes, red on green. 25 centimes, black on red.

25 centimes, polace on red.
25 centimes, yellow on yellowish.

It is to be remarked that the reprints of the Allegorical group issues are all of type II, with the "N" of the word "INV.," in the lower corner of the stamp, under the "U" of the word

"Republique;" and also that the colors are not exactly the same as the orig-

inals. The follwoing stamps of the Allegorical group were also reprinted and issued but were never used in the French Colonies:-

1877, 20 centimes, blue on bluish. 1877, 5 francs, lilac on lavender. 1878, 3 centimes, yellow on yellowish.

3 centimes, gray on grayish. 25 centimes, black on pink.

Some specimens of these reprints are found regularly canceled, as all stamps were accepted to prepay postage until the French Government found that a loss resulted on the sale of the stamps occasioned by the different money valuations, existing in the numerous colonies, as speculators were buying stumps in some of the colonies at seventy-five cents on the dollar and sending them to others, where they were sold at face value, thus realizing a profit of twenty-five per cent. But this speculation being made on too large a scale, the government became aware of it, and to prevent this loss the treasury, the postmasters in the several colonies were ordered to surcharge the remaining stamps with the names of the colony; for that reason the stamps of New Caledonia, Diego-Suarez, Obock, Benin, Cochin-China, Nossi-Be, Tahiti, Guyane, Reunion, St. Pierre Miquelon, Gundeloupe, and later those of Ste-Marie de Madagascar, are found with the name of the colony over-printed on them for use, until the time when a special series of stamps could be made for the use of each of the colonies.

Despite the interested assertions of some dealers, and the belief of numerous collectors, these stamps were all very regularly issued, and are not speculative issues.

In 1892 a new set of stamps was

made for the use of each the following colonies:

Congo Francaise. Cote d'Ivoire. Diego Suarez et Dependances. Etablissements de l'Inde. Etablissements de l'Oceanie. Golfe de Benin. Guadeloupe el Dependances. Guinne Francaise.

Guvane. Indo-Chine. Martinique. Mayotte.

Nouvelle Caledonie et Dependances. Obook.

Reunion. St. Pierre et Miquelon. Senegal et Dependances. Sultanat d'Anjouan. In 1894 fcr:-

Soudan Francaise. Nossi-Be. Ste. Marie de Madagascar.

Diego Suarez.

Renin. In 1896 for:-Madagascar et Dependences. In 1898 for:-

Grande Comore. The set for Diego Suarez issued in 1894 was to supercede the 1892 issue of Diego Suarez et Dependances i. e. Nossi-Be and Ste. Marie de Madagascar. As there were no postoffices in the Gulf of Benin, the improper name of Golfe de Benin was changed to Benin, in 1894, therefore the set issued. As Benin is not the name of this governmental district, the next supply of stamps will be printed with the cor-rect name of this colony which is Dahomey et Dependences. The set for Madagascar et Dependances issued in 1896, as a consequence of the conquest of Madagascar by France, supercede the provisional issues of the French offices in Madagascar and those of the 1892 type, used for Diego Suarez, Mayotte, Nossi-Be and Ste. Marie de Madagascar.

It is well to note that the stamps of Congo Francais are in use in Gabon, and that the Establissements de l'Oceanie stamps are used in all the French settlements in Oceania, including the principal one Tahiti, the rare provis-ional issues of which they took place

Each set of the stamps issued in 1892-98 consists of thirteen values, as follows-

1 centimes, black on blue. 2 centimes, brown on buff.

4 centimes, claret on lavender.

5 centimes, green on lavender.
10 centimes, black on lavender.
15 centimes, blue on white quadrille

paper.

20 centimes, red on green. 25 centimes, black on rose.

30 centimes, brown on bistre. 40 centimes, red on straw.

50 centimes, carmine on rose. 75 centimes, black on orange.

1 franc, bronze green on straw.

The 1, 5, 15, 25 and 75 centimes and 1 franc have the name of the colony in red, and the 2, 4, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 in blue. The names of the colonies are printed as part of the stamp, and are not surcharged as is claimed by some.

GEORGE CARION.

## Counterfeits of Cuba 1898-1899 Issue.

Among a number of Cuban stamps of the 1898-1899 issue recently acquired by our publishers from an export commission house, whose acumulation of cancelled stamps we purchase annually, we were greatly surprised at the unusual appearance of one speciment each of the 3 and 6 centavos stamps, and upon a careful examination of the stamps in question we came to the conclusion that the stamps were counterfeits, made with the intention to defraud the government. A native printing from the plates was out of the question, as will be seen later on fron the variations in the designs, nor is there any good ground to consider the stamps a temporary issue made in Cuba by the authorities, in imitation of the original Spanish issue as there was evidently no dearth of these values at the time the two stamps in question were used. cancellation on the 3 centavos stamp is merely a blotch, that on the 6 centavos stamp bears the cancellation— Habana-1 Nov. 1898.

The chief points of difference are:

Printing-The genuine stamps are clearly printed (typographed), the counterfeits are very coarse, poorly printed lithographs. Perforation-The genuine stamps are perforated 14 more or less clear cut; the counterfeits are rough, pin-perforated, about 15, but reallyhave no definite scale, as all four sides vary. Paper-Both the genuine stamps and the counterfeits are printed on wove paper, but the paper of the counterfeits is somewhat thicker and more opaqu etha nthat of the genuine. Design-Both counterfeit stamps are undoubtedly printed from plates made from one die or transfer, as the only difference is in the numerals of value, the rest of the design being identical in both stamps. The chief differences between the counterfeits an dthe genuine aside from the general appearance, are as follows ... Size, genuine, 18x21 1-4mm; counterfeits, 18x21 3-4mm. In the top and bottom labels the fine lines of shading above the words CUBA-1898 Y 99 and CENTAVOS are entirely missing in the counterfeits, and both 9's. In the lower labels allthe letters of the counterfeits are again different, especially the C, which is above the lines of the other letters, and the A. V. and S. numerals of value, 3 and 6 respectively, are also quite different in the counterfeits, and much further removed from the last end of the label. The fine inner las of the circle which frames the head is very distinct and unbroken in the genuine stamps; in the counterfeits it is broken into a number of small dashes.

In addition to the differences mentioned above, numerous points of variance in the head and in the details of the frame could be pointed out, but the points mentionedare sufficient for the reader to recognize the counterfeit We need only add, thatin regard to the there is also a difference—the genuine 3 centavos is a dark brown, the counterfeit a violet brown; the genuine 6

centavos is dark blue, the counterfeit a dark ultramarine. Although we have seen only the two values described above, we have no doubt that other values, perhaps the whole set have been counterfeited, and any of our readers finding specimens of other values would greatly oblige us by informing us of the fact.—Post Office.

#### Clippings.

i (Tri-Monthly Collector.)
A find of 500 of the 90c carmine
Continental Bank Note Co.'s print, at
the Washington postoffice recently,
will reduce the price of said stamps
very much. It catalogues now \$25.

There were 43,000 sets of newspaper stamps reprinted. All of the stamps returned to the department by the many postmasters were destroyed. None were used to make up the 50,000 sets sold to collectors. Of the 50,000 sets only about 7,000 are original.

Following is a list of the number (originals) on hand, when the department determined to sell them to collectors:—

. . . . .

\$ 5.00 only 155. 10.00 only 11,000. 20.00 only 8,000. 50.00 only 16,000. 100 only 7,500.

From the above list, which is correct, it, will be seen that those who are fortunate enough to be the owner of 1895 originals can count on having "good stuff."

(The Perforator.)

The postmaster at Hamilton recently ordered the mail clerks to keep a strict account of all uncancelled stamps on letters that arrived from other post-offices for delivery at Hamilton, and in about six weeks it totalled up to several hundred dollars. All of these stamps could be used again by unscrupulous people as they were never touched by the cancelation.

Complaints are being made against postal clerks removing stamps from packets, etc.

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CANADA.	
0-97 lc yellow, per 1000\$ 20	181
" 3c red per 1000	15
" 5 and 8 per 100	35
1898 (Maple leaf) 1c green per 100 " 3c red per 100	30
" 3c red per 100	15
" 5c blue per 10	15
oc brown, per 10	50
" 8c. yellow, per 10	30
10c. violet, each	09
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numeral oc yellow per 10	20
Amas stamps per 100	75
1870 3c orange red, per 50	<b>25</b> .
UNITED STATES.	
1878 2c brown per 100	20
zc green ner 100	20
oc green per 100	50
16 blue per 100	50
COLUMBIAN ISSUE.	
1c blue per 100	20
2c lilac per 100	10
OMAHA ISSUE.	
1c green per 100	40
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SINGLE SNAPS.	
1851 3p red wove	17
1858 3p red ribbed 1	
1859 5c vermilion	03
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" le brown red	15
" 3c red 6 dark brown	02
	10
" 15 lilac	15
	10
JUBILEE ISSUE.	
*1-2c black	17
lo yellow	01
2c. green	02
8c violet	04
50c ultramarine	10
MEMPOTAND AND	40
NEWFOUNDLAND.	
6 pence Lake unused	40
1873 6c rose	15
1870 Sc blue roulitted	35
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Set 1c violet, 5 yellow, 10 red,	
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#### Philatelic Facts.

Collectors who have been studying philately for years are not the ones who claim to know it all.

When asked to show his collection a philatelist generally apologizes for not having a better one.

The "Present Day Philately" is represented by a more substantial class of people than ever before; it has reached the stage of most careful study and appeals more to older minds than formerly, and while this is an indication which is very desireable and adds dignity to the pursuit, as well as substantiality, we ought not to crowd out the boys. There is room for all, and it is very frequently remarked that the youth will learn more from his stamps in many ways more than from his geography or history.

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The new watermark of the Hungarian stamp, according to the Philatelic Monthly, is practically the result of an accident. The explosion of a boiler in the paper factory, which for-merly supplied the paper to the government, having destroyed that plant, a supply was ordered elsewhere, and the manufacturer furnished, at short notice, paper with the new water-mark. The design pleased the postal authorities and has since been permanently adopted. The new watermark represents the Hungarian crown in a circle covering about six stamps.

#### Local Happenings.

St. Catharines will run for D.P.A. convention seat in 1900.

The 5c stamp, numeral issue, has not been received at this office.

Plate No 3 of the Imperial Postage stamps has been received here.

A supply of fifty cent jubilees have been sent to the postoffice here.

Jas F. Irwin, of this city, intends to leave shortly for the United States.

A dealer here recently sold some 2c Columbians, used, at 20 cents a hun-

Mr. W. A. Starnaman, of Berlin, paid up a visit last week. He was attending the convention of the Canadian rOder of Home Circles held here.

By the March number of Stamp Talk just to hand, we notice that the publisher of that journal has purchased the International Philatelist, bag and baggage.

One person, having noticed an item in one of the Toronto dailies, calling attention to the fact that the 2c purple envelope was an error and would likely be recalled, had the good for-tune to secure fifty copies of the error which he has laid away for future developments.

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1878, Mauritius, 50c on 1c gr. 20	8 ! 1	1878, " 6d green 20	08
1867, Newfoundland 6e rose. 25	12. 1	1858, Two Scilies, i'G lake 35	15
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1876, " 5c " " 60	30 1	Sq1, " od sea green 50	30
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1868, St. Settlement 302 claret 15		890, " " Is O Green 15	06
1863, St. Helena, 6 d blue cc 5 00			

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## AUCTION SALE.

My 7th Auction was not completed last month owing to lack of space, so the balance will be held on APRIL 10th and all bids will be accepted up to the day of sale. NO RESERVE.

61-15 4c br red, 1899. 62-46 5c dk blue, 1899.

63-5 10c puce, 1899.

64—1c postage duc, 1879-93. 65—133 2c postage duc, 1879-93. 66—5 3c duc, 10 5c duc, 9 10c duc, 1879-93; 24 stamps as 1 lot.

67-140 lc postage due, 1893-9. 68-310 2c postage due, 1893-9.

69-9 3c due, 5 5c due, 5 10c due, 1893-9; 19 stamps as 1 lot.

70-105 10c blue, special delivery, 1885-9.

71-15 10c orangex, special delivery, 1893

#### UNITED STATES REVENUES.

72-1 le green postage, 6 2e rose postage surcharged I.R. 1899; 7 stamps as 11 ot.

73-2 1c blue, 5 2c rose, 2 .0c brown, 1 25c purple brown, 10 document-

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ary stamps as 1 lot.
74-4 1-8c green 2 1-2c brown, 1 3-8c
orange, 8 5-8c dk blue, 1 lc
green, 2 1 1-4c dk purple, 18 proprietary stamps as 1 lot.

FOREIGN.

75-50 1d rose, Grenada, 1887. 76-50 1d rose, Grenada.

77-50 1c rose, Hawaiian Islands, 1882-

78-50 le rose Hawaiian Islands, 1882-

79-3000 foreign continentals, good for packets and cheap sheets; a well assorted lot.

-2000 foreign continentals, good for packets and cheap sheets; a well assorted lot.

#### TERMS OF SALE.

27 All bidders will be notified, and upon receipt of money goods will be promptly forwarded. I don't want bids from irresponsible people. Will some one make me a bid for a barrel of stamps said to be unassorted and weighing 120 lbs., estimated to contain 900,000 stamps. The highest bidder gets it.

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