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## IN THE INTEREST OF STAMP COLLECTING.

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JNO. REGINALD HOOPER,
PRESIDENT OF CANADA'S NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The engraving we present this month will, no doubt, be recognized by many prominent philatelists in Canada and the U. S. as that of Mr. J. R. Hooper, the first President of The Philatelic Society of Canada. The engraviug is copied from a photo by De Lorme, Ottawa.

Mr Hooper's life has been published in no less than five or six papers, both in Canada and abroad, so we will be content to give a small sketch of his pinilatelic career. Beginning at a time when stamp collecting was generally laughed at, and regarded as a harmless craze, he is one of the early collectors who foresaw great things ahead, and has made the hobby a "science." His first collection was made twenty-three years ago, when stamps now classed as unobtainable were to be had for a few cents. He steadily increased his collection, and made a study of counterfeit and watermark specialties. Sixteen years ago he published a stamp paper called The Gazette, and advised collectors of coins to give up that pursuit for philately. "Scott's" American album of 1868 was his first stamp book, and the beginning of a collection valued at seven thousand dollars. He has sold close upon four thousand dollars' worth, and at the sale of his "Part I" in New York he realized nearly one thousand dollars for his British Noith American stamps; the latter is his specialty, and he posesses at present a very fine collection, rather inclining to the idea of amassing rare stamps, and paying particular attention to minute varieties of paper, perforation, watermarks, color, etc.

Mr. Hooper was the founder of the C. P.A. of which he was No. r, alsoone of the promoters
of the present Canadian National Association, andjorganizer of the Ottawa Philatelic Society, which claims to be the largest local branch on the continent. He is a member of the Nederland Society of Amsterdam, No. 42. He also belongs to the following powerful organizations, some of which extend to all parts of the globe :-Carleton Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 240 ; Derby Lodge, No. 30 ; Oddfellows Encampment, No. 52; Past Commandant Canton, No. 9; Patriarchs Militant; Foresters ; Past Supreme Grand Lodge,Represertative Sons of England; Audobon Society of America ; St. George's Society ; Clarendon Lodge, No. i ; White Rose Degree, etc., etc.

Of Mr. Hooper's military service, nearly everybody is acquainted, the fact that he is the possessor of Queen's medals for active campaigning, and also that he is the owner of several championship trophies for athletic feats won ten years ago. He has published two professional papers, and acted as parlimentary correspondent in the House of Commons. Outside of his stamp collecting he finds a chance to display his musical talent inSt. Cæcelia Glee Club; The Arion Quartette and the choir of St. Alban the Martyr, in each of which he is a member. Since 1886 he has been a permanent government official in the Post Office Department, Head Office, Ottawa. Mr. Hooper is President of the Ottawa Philatelic Society, and at the Capital he is the recognized leading authority on Philately. Notwithstanding the recent sale of his collection, Mr. Hooper is again engaged in the formation of another collection. Mr. Hooper is also a well-known contributor to the Philatelic press, under his familiar nom de plume, "Canadensis."
L. M. S.

# THE CANADIAN STAMP CATALOGUE. 

BY 工. M. STAEBLER.

(CONTINUED from page 50.)
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.
Issue of 1860 .-In this year Prince Edward Island issued its first postage stamps. Three values only were issued during this year:${ }^{2}$ pence, 3 pence and 6 pence. The 2 penny stamp was rose $n$ color, and had the head of the Queen to the left in a circle, and around this circle were the words "Prince Edward Island Postage," and across the bottom the value in words. The design of the 3 pence was similar to that of the 2 pence, having the head of the Queen in an oval frame; color blue. The 6 pence was green in colot, and had the head of the Queen in an octagonal frame. The above stamps were perforated nine.

Issue of 1864.-In this year ${ }^{1}$ penny and a 9 penny stamp was issued, the design being similar to that of the 1860 issue. The color of the I penny was buff, while that of the 9 d . was lilac. At the same time, of the issue of the two new values the 1860 issue was reissued with these, all perforated with smaller perforations than were used on the issue of 1860 .

Issue of 1869.-A 4 penny stamp was issued in this year, color black. It had the head of the Queen to the left ; "Prince Edward Island Postage" across the top in two curved lines ; across the bottom "Four Pence."

Issue of 1.370 .-A $41 / 2$ pence currency stamp was issued in this year; it had a full face portrait of the Queen in oval frame, surrounded by the words "Prince Edward Island Postage,", and across the bottom " 3 d . stg. by $41 / 3 \mathrm{~d}$."

Issue of 1871 .-Owing to a change of the currency from pence to cents, a new set of stamps were issued in this year. The 1 cent was orange in color, and had the Queen's head in a circle, surrounded by "Prince Edward Island Postage," and the value across the bottom in words, and in each corner in figures. The 2 cent was blue, and had the head of the Queen in oval frame, "Prince Edward Island Postage" in a half circle at the top, value across the bottom in words, and in each corner in figures. The 3 cent was rose, and had the head of the Queen in an
irregular circular frame, " Postage" ac:oss the top, and below this in a curved line, "Prince Edward Island," across the botton the value in words, and in both upper corners the value in figures. The 4 cent and 6 cent were of similar design, having the head of the Queen in irregular fancy frames, "Postage, Prince Edward Island" across the top in two straight lines; value in words across the bottom, and value in figures in each corner. The 12 cent was mauve in color, and had the head of the Queen in a circle, "Prince Edward Island Postage" above in a curved line, and value in words across the bottom, and in figures in both upper corneis.

## Reference List.

| PRINCEI EDWARD ISLAND POSTAGE. Perforated. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Heavy white paper, large perforations. |  |  |  |
| N | Date. | Value. | Color. |
| 195 | 1860 | 2 pence | rose (perf. 9). |
| 196 | 1860 | 3 pence | blue (perf. 9). |
| 197 | 1860 | 6 pence | green (perf. 9). |
| White wove paper, smaller perforations. |  |  |  |
| 198 | 1864 | 1 penny | buff |
| 199 | 1864 | 2 pence | rose |
| 200 | 1864 | 3 pence | blue |
| 201 | 1864 | 6 pence | green |
| 202 | 1864 | 9 pence | lilac |
| 203 | 1869 | 4 pence | black |
| 204 | 1870 | $41 / 2$ pence | brown |
| 205 | 1871 | 1 cent | orange |
| 206 | 1871 | 2 cent | blue |
| 207 | 1871 | 3 cent | rose |
| 208 | 1871 | 4 cent | green |
| 209 | 1871 | 6 cent | black |
| 210 | 1871 | 12 cent | mauve |
| Provisionals. |  |  |  |

2112 pence, rose, cut diagonally and used for Id. 2126 pence, green, cut diagonally and used for 3 d . 2136 cent, black, cut diagonally and used for 3 d .

Many spurious imitations of these provisionals are being offered, and in buying these care should be taken to get them on original envelope, and to carefully examine the postmark.
(To be continued.)

New South Wales people are growling about the new scheme for printing advertisements on the backs of postage stamps. They say that the ink leaves an unpleasant taste in the mouths of those using them.

## Writen for Canadian Philatelist:

## SPECIALISTS AND SPECIALISM.

by a subscriber.
Specialism is the order of the day. The decline of general collecting is evident, and the increase of the former is rapidly causing a steady advance of price in the older issues of nearly every stamp-issuing country in the globe. There are but few countries that have not their following of specialists. Why should not specialism continue to increase until all, or nearly all, of the Philatelic world could be termed as specialists? There have been many objects and advantages that have caused collectors to turn their attention to a few countries instead of attempting the impossible, by endeavoring to make a general collection, embracing the whole stamp-issuing world. One of the many reasons that caused the advance of specialism was the yearly "Seebeck" issues of certain Central American and other countries. Collectors became disgusted with these yearly made-toorder issues. Had they not a good reason to do so ? Yes, verily, with so many varieties to collect, with no hope of collecting all those that had been issued, and to have some speculative dealers endeavor to force innumerable new varieties on them each year, assisted in the formation of a resolution to collect but a few countries, leaving these speculative new issues out in the cold. Anotiver important reason was: As collectors became moderately advanced, they recognized the fact of the impossibility of forming a complete collection of all countries ; then follows a desire to have at least something complete, hence the collector naturally selects a few countries with the intention of devoting his entire attention to them. Again, a general collector, picking up two successive editions of a standard catalogue, and making a comparison of prices, notes the decided advance of price in some of the older issues of certain countries-a 10 cent stamp rises to $\$ 2.00$, and others in like proportion. It is with regret that he notes that in his general grasp for everything he has neglected these older issues which are so rapidly rising in value. Take, for instance, the issues of British North America, the United States, the States of the German Confederation, and the older issues of the British Colonies. This last is by far the most important reason in leading the collector to abandon general collecting and take to specialism. The writer does not
desire the above to tend to prejudice collectcrs (erpecially young ones) against general collecting. It is, I contend, all right and proper for some individuals, but for some only. In the first place, I strongly recommend general collecting to the young beginner. When starting to form a collection, it is for him a difficult matter to determine properly which countries he prefers to make a specialty of; but as his collection approaches the thousand mark, he will beon to have some idea of his favorite countries, and will then, as a result, be better prepared to enter the field as a specialist than he would have been had he done so at the first. There is another individual to whom general collecting is entirely feasible, that is, to the wealthy coliector. With plenty of means at his disposal, it is to him a comparatively easy matter to form a fairly complete collection. But outside the two above cases, I am inclined to strongly advocate the claims and advantages of specialism. It is in the end the most profitable investment to the collector of limited means. Perhaps you, my dear reader, are not a specialist. You ask: "Wha. shall I make my specialty? There is abundant field for choice, but it is best to leave it to the tastes of the collector himself. In Canada and the United States, I believe, the general tastes of specialists have a tendency toward collecting solely (singly or collectively) the issues of British North America, the United States and Mexico. These three countries form an interesting triplet for any collector, as the general issues, postage revenue and local, embracing some minor varieties, comprise between four and five thousand different varieties of stamps, but one of the three above countries wlll, I believe, form a very sufficient task for the average American or Canadian. Here in Europe, however, our specialties are, to a large extent, very different to those of American collections. In Britain, we find it task enough to form a fairly complete collection of Great Britain alone ; but, as in America, the ambition of some of our specialists is greater than their purses, and, as a result, take it in hand to collect. Come over the Channel with me, and I will favor you with an introduction to Monsieur Française, who makes a specialty of France, the happy Republic ( $P$ ) and her colonies only. He does not become discouraged at the multitude of surcharges with which the generous (?) Postmasters of the Colonies so kindly (?) supply him. If

Monsieur cannot obtain all these surcharge varieties, he will not hesitate to make them. Can he not easily obtain type and ink at the nearest printer's ? and is it not with him an easy matter for he himself to surcharge the coveted varieties? If you are disposed to hand our friend a few francs, he will gladly and cheerfully show you his outfit, and show you how to obtain unobtainable varieties without money and vithout price. So interested is he in his specialty, that he will show you how to prove a forgery un questionably genuine, or, on the other hand, how to convert new-forged issues at a moment's notice, and show beyond question that they were issued by government authority. Such is the French specialist.Taking the trair at Paris, it is but a short journey to the German capital, Berlin: here we find the most enthusiastic specialists without number, all (?) of whom have the finest and most complete collection of German stamps in the world. All their collections are composed parely of Germany and the German States. What is there in the outside world worthy of notice? Nothing at all! All outside is blank to our German friends. So enraptured are they with their "Faderland" that nothing outside has any attraction for the German specialist, unless it be some rare German State in the collection of some wealthy general collector, and to obtain this he is willing to devote his valuable time in order to procure it lest it be polluted by the touch of some foreign collection. Every collector in Berlin, it is strange to say, has a better collection than any other specialist is the city. The great (?) German dealers have also gone solely into German stamps, which they all can sell cheaper than the cheapest rival dealer in Berlin. German collectors are very honest. They would not think of forging a surcharge on a German stamp as their French brother does. If they lack certain varieties, they are capital engravers, excellent printers, for they can mix ink to perfection, and they are excellent judges of paper. With the above hereditary qualities, the German can manufacture, wholesale or retail, the rarest of German stamps, used or unused, as his fancy may desire. The world over there are specialists, and in nearly every case we find them taking their national country as their specialty. Specialism causes advances in the prices of the older issues of every country. Specialism is the growing custom of to-day among collectors.

Before closing, I must beg my French and German friends to take no offence at the above references for, candidly, some of the most honest, painstaking and ardent specialists I have eve: met are the German and French collectors. I only make the above reference to show how enthusiastic they are.

Thanking the editor for having allowed me to encroach on his valuable space, I will close, trusting at some future time to again have the honor of addressing you.

## PHILATELIA.

## (A Parody Adapt it to Ware's " Zinobia")

by L. h. BENTON.
I am charged with being a stamp collector. The charge is true, and I glory in its truth. Who ever acquired a magnificent collection of stamps, proofs, or essays, who was not a stamp-collector? The rich collector is not more ambitious than the pocr collector. It is but in another way. All magnificence is born of the pocket book. Let the pocket book be a large one and who shall blame it ? I confess, I did once aspire to be the owner of not only a large collection but a fine one. That I am. I now aspire to remain so. Is it not a worthy ambition? Does it not become a follower of Philatelica of Philatelicus ? My collection is admired by you all for what it now is. You would not it should have been less. But why pause here? Is so much ambition praise worthy, and more, criminal ? Is it fixed by finance that the limits of this collection should be ten thousand stamps on the one hand, and twenty thousand dollars and no more on the other? Are not unlimited numbers and unrestricted finances more appropriate ends? Or hath the extent of the collection no fixed limit, but is in proportion to the avoirdupois and dimensions of the owner's pocket book ? Mr. Richman has a magnificent collection. Let Mr. Poorman possess one also. Not that the catalogue
price guides this and no price guides this and no more. My finances prospering, and I swear not that Mr. Richman shall surpass me in magnificence, or Mr. Moneybays in number. Philatelicus was right-I would that all the stamps were mine. I feel within the will and the power to take care of them, were it so.

Are not stamp collectors happy ? I look upon the past and the present, upon the greater and lesser collectors, and ask nor fear the
answer-what coilector is dissatisfied with his lot? What one is depressed? What old attic and musty trunk pillaged? What pocket book drained with taxes? Whose stamps have I unjustly taken, or collections coveted or robbed ? Whose honor have I cuestioned? Whose rights, though of the weakest and poorest, have'I tampered with ? I dwell where I would ever-dwell, in the good opinion of my brother philatelists. It is written on your bills that I do not owe you more than is paid. The foundation of my hobby is not any other power than love. Suppose now, my ambition add a..other stamp to my collection-is it an evil? The stamp album already bound for us by the joint acts of the bookbinder and his late assistant, we found empty and light. It is now full and heavy. One harmonious whole has grown out of sundry retail and wholesale purchases. With my hands they are placed in the album. The arrangement of them have I planned, and put them on fast and sure. Irosperity and plenty are on all thepages. The stampson the pages bear testimony to the distant and various industries which he seeks its market, through the mails. 7 is is no vain boasting-receive itnot so, good friends ; it is but truth. He who cheats sins with him who cheats another. He who is unjust to himself, or less than just, is minus many stamps as well as he who gives his stamps away to his neighbor's boy. I tell you what I want and what I have, that your knowledge of what I lack in the stamp line may not rest on ignorant grounds. If I am more than just to myself, please lick me. If I have overstepped the modesty that became me, I am open to your censure, (also your cents, sure) and will grin and bear it. But I have spoken, that you may know who I am -not only by my acts, but by my stamps. I tell you that I am ambitious-that I crave stamps, and while I live will have them. Being a stamp collector, an album is my chosen book. I love it. But I strive toowho can bear me witness that I do-that it shall be, while I own it, the nobbiest album in Christendom. If I can, I will yet hang the man that says it is not-that is I will hang him a May-basket sometime next December.

## LITERARY NOTES.

The Michivan Philatelist is a new aspirant. It is mostly filled with non-philatelic matter, poorly printed on poor paper. We trust to see improvements in the near future.

The Empire State Exchange contains a philatelic department. See the advertisement of the puilishers in this number.

The Post Office enjoys a first class advertising patronage, although not yet a year old. The paper as yet has published but little original reading matter, its space being mostly taken up with advertisements and reprinted articles.

The American Collector is announced from Rochester, Ind., with Harold Van Trump as editor. Mr. Van Trump is city editor of the Daily Republican of that place, and is a thorough newspaper man. He will, no doubt, make a success of his venture.

The Coin and Stamp, a new aspirant, has been received. It hails from San Antonia, Texas, and is published by Dr. J. B. Breeding. The contents and make-up of the first number is fair. It is the official organ of the Algoma City Philatelic Society.

Plain Talk, a high class, young peoples' journal, is among the best ofour non-philatelic exchanges. It contains a Philatelic Department, which is ably edited by Alvah Davison the editor of the Post Office. The number before us contains a portrait of R. R. Bogert, of the Bogert and Dubrin Co.

As a result of the consolidation of the firms of Bogert \& Co., of New York, and Dubrin and Hanes, of Philadelphia, under the firm name of "The Bogert and Dubrin Co.," The Philatelic World has merged into The Philatelic Monthly, which now comes to hand christened The Philatelic Monthly and World.

It is only a little over a year ago that Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News was begun as an experiment, and notwithstanding the many difficulties it has had to contend with it has completed its first volume. During the first year of its existence it has become a necessity to collectors, and during the entire year has been issued on time. Are you a subscriber? If not, you miss a great treat in the way of a philatelic nature, and having missed the first volume, you should subscribe at once, and thereby have the second. One dollar per year. Published by C. H. Mekeel, Locust street, St. Louis, Mo. Sample copies free.

# The DPhilatelic Society of Sanada. 

Organized September, 189.


## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

## To Members P. S. of C.:-

The height of the collecting season sees our Society well equipped for business, and ready to satisfy the tastes of the most ad vanced collector. The Exchange and Sales Departments are now in full working order, and while, probably, it is too stringent for many of our younger or even older collectors who are not sufficiently advanced, still it affords a basis of security to all those who participate.
To meet the one apparent want of the Society, i.e., an Exchange Branch for the new beginners, the Executive Board have now a proposition before them by which there will be a complex system, and our younger members can participate without a guarantee of fifty dollars being required. In short, it is proposed to form separate circuits for junior collectors, or those not far advanced enough, and where one or two sheets could be sent in with fair stamps, as the present rule would require five sheets to be sent in at once, and they would have to be good and rare. We have accomplished now what the most particular collector could demand in the way of protection, and there is now no reason why we should not have a "complex" and give all a chance to participate in our grand national organization, which would be under nearly the same rules, and where branch societies can participate as a branch on the guarantee of their officers. I have received several letters asking for this Exchange, and stating that a guarantor over twenty-one years of age was enough without having a guarantor guaranteed by another party. I do not advise changing in the least the system so well
inaugurated by Mr. Robertson, our Exchange Superintendent, but with the above system we will beat the world. Without it we would shut off our supply of material, as it were, and be too exclusive. I hope that by next month our Superintendent will be able to announce this one apparent want as being filled Then on-" on to the end," shall be our watchword.

I trust that the branches will all elect their officers as soon as possible. Those members having duplicate stamp papers, photos, counterfeit stamps, etc., should send them to the Librarian. Those who have anyone owing them should send their bills to the Official Collector. The latter officer is a "hustler," and can and will collect where other means fail. Try it. He will only collect for our members, but can collect from parties all over the U.S and Canada.

I wish to again emphasize what I said in a previous address, and that is, for our members to be careful about dealing with anyone outside of our Society. In our ranks we can and will protect you from fraud, therefore patronize those dealers who can write "P. S. of C." after their name ; and I advize all members who advertise to place these letters with their official number in their advertisements, to let the world know you belong to an incorporated body which can guarantee its membership.

Any complaints against members or others should be at once forwarded to Mr. W. J. Be itty, P.O. Dept., Ottawa, chairman of the Executive.

Let everybody in their correspondence, etc., advise their fellow-collectors to join our national Society.

Yours truly,
Ottawa, Feb. 3, 1892.
J. R. Hooper,

President.

## SEC.-TREASURER'S REPORT.

## To the Members of the P.S.C.:

I am pleased to report nineteen applications for membership this month, and to submit the names to the consideration of the members. If no objection is received before the next issue they shall be considered elected. The applications are herewith submitted :
applications.
H. E. Deats, Flamington, N.J.

References-R. R. Bogert and S. B. Bradt.
A. Corbman, Midiand, Oit.

References-E. Y. Parker and L. Miller.
G. G. Ford, 50 W. St. Paul st, , Rochester, N.Y. References-L. Miller and L. M. Stæbler.
S. H. Saunders, Hanover, Ont.

References-L. Miller and L. M. Stæbler.
Guy Watson, Hamilton, Ont.
References-L. Miller and L. M. Stæbler.
G. H. Lowe, 346 Spadina ave., Toronto, Ont. References-L. Miller and L. M. Stæbler.
F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N.H. References-L. M. Stebler and J. R. Hooper.
C. P. Newcomer, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

References-L. M. Stebler and Rev. M. S. Newcomer.
E. C Everett, 87 Broad street, St, John, N. B. Reforences-F. B. Saunders and A. M. Hanson.
G. S. McCord, Sackville, N.B.

References-F. B. Saunders and A. M. Hanson,
F. L. George, Box 425 Portsmouth, N.H.

References -L. M. Stexbler and -.
E. H. Bennington, Brockton, Mass. References-J. R. Hooper and W. J. Beatty.
F. Honore, Baptist College, Victoria ave., Ottawa, Ont.

References-J. R. Hooper and Jos, Aube.
J. A. Craig, Chemist, Yarmouth, N.S.

References - J. R. Hooper and G. Hooper.
Geo. Black, Chelsea Road, Hull, Que. References-Jas. Wadsworth and W. J. Beatty.
L. L. Brophy, Geological Survey, Ottawa, Ont. References-Louis Gauthier and J. R. Hooper.
H. P. Brummell, Geological Survey, Ottawa.

References-Louis Gauthier and J. R. Hooper.
H. Valin, 205 Willrod street, Ottawa, Ont. References-E. Valin and J. R. Hooper.
Eugene LebeUf, care of Panama Railroad Co., Colon, U.S. of Colombia.
References-L. M. Staebler and R. W. McClure.

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## REPORT OF OFFICIAL COLLECTOR. P. S. OF C.

## To whom it may concern:-

I desire to say that the position of Official Collector for the Philatelic Society of Canada has been assigned to me, and I will endeavor to fulfil it in a painstaking and business-like manner. I am not given to much waste of time ordinarily, and any accounts placed in my hands for collection will be attended to with a vim and without loss of time. I intend to pursue a rather sharp course, which some delinquents would perhaps call radical, but they will have the remedy in their own hands, viz:-pay up. I shall first send a letter asking that the account be paid to me forthwith, and if the delinquent does so that is the end of it, and none outside of those immedi ately concerned will know anything about it; if however no notice is taken of the first letter, a second will be sent registered, and if this brings forth no reply, I will have the post office authorities send a tracer after it, and if I find the letter has been duly received, I shall then put my machinery into motion, which will be something after the following style:

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## EDITORIAL．

We are a few days late this month，owing to a delay occasioned in receiving the plate for our illustration． We feel sure that in presenting these superior half－ tone portraits of prominent Canadian Philatelists we add a point to this magazine that will meet with the approval of all our readers．We shall present the portraits sent occasionally，as the occa－ sion demands it．We believe in gradual improve－ ments，and shall month by month continue to make additional improvements，which we trust dealers and collectors will，by their continued patronage，show their appreciation of．

At last，action has been taken in the United States in regard to the duty on stamps．A bill has been introduced in the U．S．Senate and passed
its second reading，and has been ordered to be printed．The bill provides that all used and un－ used foreign postage stamps，postal cards and stamp envelopes shall pass free of duty．The removal of the duties will be of great benefit to the larger U．S． dealers，as it also will be to foreign dealers，who export stamps to the United States in large quan－ tities．These latter lost much of their United States trade through the heavy duties levied．The United States dealers who started a movement to abolish these daties，and then dropped it because of its apparent difficulty，cannot justly claim to have been the means of assisting the movement a particle．The success of the movement is，we believe，due to pri－ vate collectors，who，instead of publishing lengthy articles on what they intended to do，set to work quietly，determined to succeed；hence their success． In all probability the bill will successfully pass its final reading．

While speaking of duty on stamps，we might men－ tion the state of affairs as regards this matter in Can－ ada．In the United States，if the dealers in one town have their stamps stopped for customs duty， those in all other towns in that district will suffer likewise，for they all come through the one entry port of that district where they are stopped．Here in Canada it is different．Every inland city or town，large or small，has its custom－house．The packages are stopped at the border，and then for－ warded to the town or city for which they are desig－ nated，and the customs officials of that town set the duty－not at the entry port，as it is done in the United States．Dealers and collectors in some cities and towns complain heavily of the outrageous duties levied on their stamps，but in the majority of cases the Canadian customs officials levy no duty whatever on stamps，but pass them through marked＂not for duty．＂The publisher of this magazine imports more foreign stamps than any other dealer in Canada，yet up to the present date has never been called on to pay a single cent duty on the stamps imported．The charging of duty on stamps by their market value is sheer nonsense．What home industry is protected in so doing？None whatever．The only laufut way that duty may be charged on stamps is as printed matter，and if they are classed as such the duty on the rarest of stamps would only amount to a few cents a thousand．

Postal－card collecting is slowly but surely taking a hold on certain of the Philatelic public．The ad－ herents of this branch of our hobly increase daily， and there is no reason why it should not continue to increase．Postal cards，it is true，are not，on the whole，to be obtained as cheaply as stamps；but this latter fact only gives the collector more satisfac－ tion after havirg obtained them．It is that which
is difficult to obtain that is relished most when it is procured. So it is with postal cards. A good collection of entire postal cards, especially unused ones, is an attractive and interesting study when neatly mounted. In a few years it will be impossible to form a collection of cards as easily as it can be done now. As postal-card collectors increase, the prices of cards will increase, We earnestly trust to see this branch of collection increase rapidly.

Another branch of stamp collecting that has gained much ground of late is revenues stamp collection; and already dealers experience a brisk demand for these stamps, for which good prices may be obtained.Revenue stamp collecting is just in its infancy on this Continent. The only thing that much interest was taken in was the United States revenues. In Europe, however, things have been different. For many years past the collecting.of revenue on fiscal stamps has been in vogue. The prices obtained on the Continent for rare revenue stamps have been as good as those obtained for the rare postage stamps. Rare revenues are in constant demand there, and fetch high prices. At the present time, a fair collection of revenue stamps can be made at half the price it can be made a year hence. Why not collect revenue as well as postage stamps? If you want beautiful stamps, attractive to the eye, such are revenue stamps. If you want stamps showing the engraver's skill, revenues are the stamps. Mexican revenues have of late been boomud by certain U.S. firms, and justly so. They are pretty stamps, and quite worthy of a place in your collection. But there are reveriues of revenues, and those are the revenue stamps of Canada, which, for beauty, color, engraving, design, etc., excel anything of their kind. Where can you find finer engraving than our rare Supreme Court stamps? where better designs than the old green law stamps? while the bill stamps of the first, second and other issues defy comparison, The Quebec laws, as also those of Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia, are beautiful sets. Canadian revenues comprise hundreds of varieties, all equally interesting. Start now, and begin collecting these beautiful stamps and be amply repaid. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever." As soon as the postal part of our Canadian Stamp Catalogue is complete, we shall begin a full and exhaustive descriptive catalogue of Canadian Revenues.

Scott's 5 1st edition and standard catalogue has just been issued. The general style of the work is the same as that of the 5 tst edition. A notable feature of the work is the heavy advance of the stamps of British North America and the U. S. It is easily to be seen that these stamps are a very good investment.

Following immediately on the incorporation of the P. S. of C. came that of the A. P. A., our large sister Society. It is incorporated under the State laws of West Virginia. The February number of the American Philatelist contains a declaration of incorporation and other official matter. The incorporation may serve in a small degree to assist this association to stand on firmer ground, and also serve to assist in holding the membership together better than heretofore. The A. P. A. expect to amalgamate with many of the smaller societies, and in that way increase their membership. Such steps would be beneficial to both the A. P. A. and the smaller societies, giving the former better support and the and the latter the benefit of the incorporation. We trust to see the A. P. A. steadily advance, now that it has such favorable circumstances to assist its growth.

## The chief Executive Committee of the Philatelic

 Society of Canada has under consideration the invitation of the Ottawa Philatelic Society to hold the annual convention at Ottawa, It is altogether probable that the invitation will be accepted. Two branches now exist in Ottawa-one in the Civil Service, all of whom are over 21 years of age ; and another composed of the junior collectors. The two branches hold separate meetings, and a joint meeting once a month, at which their monthly auction is held. The Ottawa branches have now nearly 15 active and honorary members on their roll. If the annual convention goes to Ottawa, those attending the convention can depend on having a big time. The Ottawa collectors are a fine lot of first-class entertainers. At Ottawa, the convention will be a success.The situation and size of our new office not being suitable for our now rapidly-increasing business, we have been obliged to remove to larger and more convenient quarters. We have secured quarters in the new Union Block, which is situated in the heart of the business portion of the city. All collectors passing through or stopping in London are cordially invited to call on us in our new office. In future our correspondents will please address us at $1851 / 2$ Dundas street.

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[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. which whill be published in the following shumber in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]
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> Toronto, 23rd January, 1892 , Messrs. Macdougall \&o Robinson, Barristers, St. Thomas: Sirs, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 20th enclosing Declaration of Incorporation of the Philatelic Society of Canada, which was duly filed in this office on the 22nd January instant. Your obdt, servant, JoHN F. C. UsshEr, Deputy-Registrar.
L. M. Stabler, Esq.:

Dear Sir,-I do not believe the members of the P. S. of C. know that there is a N.Y. purchasing agent. No bids were received for Scott's iroth sale. Catalogues for iItth sale have been issued, to be held February 25th; also for 2nd part Rogers' 3rd sale, closing March 5th. Catalogues can be had on application to me, and all bids received in time will be executed. Aside from attending auction sales, will the P.A. have any other duties, such as have the P.A.'s of the A.P.A. ? i.e., obtaining unused specimens of new issues for members at face, plus cost of transportation ?
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Yours truly,
R. P. Spooner, Purchasing Agent.

## EXECUTIVE REPORT.

The Executive Board of the Philatelic Society of Canada, after careful consideration, deem it wise to establish a duplex system of exchange, in order to suit the younger and less advanced collectors, who we look upon as the life of our Society. This addition to our already fine exchange system will not affect that already established, which ensures safety to all participating, and guarantees to the advanced collector the surest and best method of disposing of his duplicates. The "duplex" system will give another exchange, in which the beginners and junior collectors can participate without being put to the guarantees required in the present system now in vogue.

Your Executive have also had laid before them an invitation from the two Ottawa branches of the cocicty, inviting the Convention to the Capital for their first meeting. We therefore appoint Ottawa as the place of our first Convention, and the date will be left open, but will be placed by the President to immediately follow the A. P. A. Convention in August next.
(Signed)

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