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GENERAL CANADIAN NEWS.

The current Canadian 1C. Envelope exists in three dis-tinct shades, dark, medium and pale blue. ×

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I was recently shown a fine block of 11 Canada 34d. pink. I believe they are unique in this condition.

An unused Nova Scotia, 6d, dark green, sold for \$17.50 at Drew's sale, held on the 30th of April, while a used New Brunswick 6d, brought \$20.50.

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Mr. W. H. Allison, C. P. R. train despatcher, one of London's leading collectors, will move to Toronto on June 15th. London's loss will be Toronto's gain. *

Younger collectors are on the increase in Canada. although from reports it seems there has been a falling off in the U.S. Canadian dealers report that business in the cheaper class of stamps is better than it has been for some time past.

A new set of Canadian Revenues has been recently issued for Electric Light Inspection. They are similar to the Weight and Measure and Gas stamps, are red in color, and have the registered number printed in blue across the centre. The following values compose the set: 25 and 50 cents, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$50.

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Some collectors do not seem to be av are of the fact that the Canadian bill stamps have been obsolve for a long time. When in use, commercial paper was required to have these stamps affixed, and the following rates were charged: s_2 or less, i.e.; s_5 ond over, a_5 on and over, g_{c1} ; each additional snoo or fraction of \$100, 30.

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There has been considerable talk from time to time of There has been considerable talk from time to time of organizing a provincial philatelic association in Ontario. The plan is certainly a good one, and if inself extell-known and energetic collector would place himself extended to the movement, there should be no difficulty in forming a good society, as Ontario is the garden of the Dominion, from a philatelist's as well as an agriculturist's point of view.

* * The publication of *The London Stamp* and *Coin Journal*, to which 1 referred last month, has been postponed until the fall. *Stamp Lore*, 1 expect, will appear this month, and will be one of the best of *C* andaian philatelic journals. The first issue of *The Alt-Around Stamp Ad- vertiser* appeared from St. Hyacinthe, Que., as I announ-ced last month. The publishers claim for their first issue a circulation of 15,000. Personally, I received several sample copies of this issue, and if all the copies were placed in this way, the value of the 15,000 circulation would be materially decreased.

T am pleased to note that the Canadian Government is adopting some of the new cancelling machines, which have been in use for some time in the United States. They are certainly a great improvement on the old hand stamps, which, in the mainty of cases, were practically cancellation in that it was almost impossible to decipher the cancellation of writing. I have seen three different types, Umine of writing. I have seen three different types, Umine of writing. I have seen three different types, Umine of writing that these machines will soon be adopted in all the large cites throughout the Dominion. W. CULLEN BROWS.

W. CULLEN BROWN.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

GENERAL CONTINENTAL NEWS.

A 50 ore Norway of the new type has just appeared.

The Societe Philatelique Francaise has recently been amalgamated with The Societe Francaise de Timbrologie.

At the recent election of the Salisbury Philatelic So-ciety, Hon. Judge Philbrick, Q.C., was elected President.

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Bright's A B C Catalogue, which has been advertised so extensively, is having a large sale. Its low price and neat appearance has made it a favorite, and it will doubt-less prove a keen competitor to some of the older cata-

The London Philatelist is always to the front with val-uable articles, and Mr. J. Tilleard's paper, "Notes on the De La Rue Series of the Stamps of India," which has just appeared in this journal, is an exceedingly valuable and painstaking treatise on these interesting stamps.

Messrs. Chevely & Co. will hold three auctions during May : their 83th sale takes place on April 39th and May ist ; soft sale on the zath and ; sht, optic and the softh and zrth. Some very choice varieties are off out the se-sales. This firm have given up their stamp dealing, and in future will devote their attention exclusively to their series and the second second second second second second second section sales.

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I take the liberty of quoting the following from *The* Stamp Collector's Fortnightly:—It is stated that the designs of the new Japaness atmission which are to com-memorate the late war with Chinese the now been ap-proved by the Mikado. One will be the now been ap-late Marshal, Prince Arisuguwa Sambito, "chait of the late Marshal, Prince Arisuguwa Sambito," at the other staff of the army of the Japanese empire," and the other a likeness of the late Lieut.-General, Prince Kitashira-kaw^{*}, commander of the Imperial Guards engaged in the subjugation of Formosa.

* * "The New Collector" is still being boomed here. Messrs. Brown and Whitheld King appear to be at the head of the movement, and while many favor the collect-ing of only issues subsequent to 1890, it is still difficult to say just to what extent the collecting of new issues will go, but it certainly is undeniable that the older and rarer issues of the majority of collectors, and this is causing meach of the majority of collectors, and this is causing meach of the majority of collectors, and this is causing meach of the majority of collectors, and this is causing meach of the majority of collectors. A like the second more recent issues which cau be obtained at merely nom-inal rates. A J. RINNERS.

CLIPPINGS.

A dainty fad for philatelists is the wearing of their favorite specimens mounted in cuff buttons. The small 3c. black of Canada, mounted in gold cuff buttons, has the appearance of onyx, and the effect is very striking.— Daily Stamp Item.

The cancellation which one frequently meets with on the Belgian stamps, consisting of a long narrow band, with diamond-shaped figures, is that used in the postal sosting the banks. Such stamps have never been used for stamps, which, however, are used to denote use in tele-graphing.—*Boston Stamp Book*.

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The Editor's Table.

UR ranks are being daily increased by numbers of new collectors, but notwithstanding this our upto-date dealers are constantly devising new methods for interesting those who have never collected stamps. Such enterprise cannot be too highly commended, and I would that more of our dealers would do a little missionary work, which not only benefits the dealer himself, but also aids the progress of our science. I

Recruits think I cannot do better than mention three or Wanted. four of the methods which have served to interest many who were formerly non-collectors. A certain New York dealer has been advertising in the daily papers to give stamps away to anyone who will call for them, and to those who apply he gives a cheap packet of continental stamps which, while costing the dealer but little, serve to form the foundation of many a collection. This method is a good one, and from point of cost it is one which could be advantageously adopted by almost all our dealers. Personally, I have an advertisement which I am using in the general press, offering a small collection to any noncollector for a 3-cent stamp to cover postage. If such an advertisement is carefully prepared and made to look. attractive, a large number of replies will usually result, and when a price list is enclosed with the stamps it will serve to bring the dealer further orders. Not a few collectors and dealers keep a supply of cheap continentals. which they give away as the opportunity occurs. A San Francisco dealer is planning to give away several millions of cheap stamps, and should he do so he will likely interest a large number who hitherto have never collected stamps. I must not pass over the enterprise of some of the leading dealers who are advertising albums and lots of cheap stamps at prices far below actual cost. The majority of collectors collect as a pastime and not a study, and offers such as the above all serve to make attractive the pursuit which is interesting so many, the world over. Let every dealer and collector, so far as lies in his power, endeavor to interest his friends, and thus aid the great forward movement of Philately !

HE 1896 general issue for Nicaragua has a map for the design, which is quite a marked change from the preceding issue; a set of seven postage due stamps have also appeared.—It is said that Argentine will shortly issue a new %cc. stamp.—The stamps of the Republic of Cuba, mentioned in these columns last month, are reported as now being used in some parts of

New Issues. have appeared from Abyssinia.—The Governmat of New Zappeared have appeared from Abyssinia.—The Govern-

ment of New Zealand have recently made the awards offered for a set of twenty-two designs for stamps illustrating the scenery of the country; consequently we may expect an attractive set from this colony at an early date.—I understand that the s, to and a5 b. Roumania have been surcharged, respectively, to and ao paras and plastre, for use in the Levant.—A new td. rose Transvaal has appeared, same type as the current set, with the value printed in green.—Nstwithstanding the fact that they have been denounced by the S.S.S., the new Greek commemorative stamps are having a good sale. They are being offered by many of the leading dealers.—Fernando P6 has issued a zc. carmine, with head of Baby King.—A set of five French postage due stamps have been surcharged for use in Morocco.

The Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps.

CIRCULAR NO. 5.

391 STRAND, LONDON, ENG., April, 1896.

The Society, in conjunction with the Special Committee appointed by the London Philatelic Society, having taken into consideration the Stamps mentioned below, are of opinion that they are not worth the attention of Philatelists, and appeal to all Collectors and Dealers to discountenance collecting or dealing in the same.

21. Ecuador. The Government of this country is an old offender, and its delinquencies were referred to in a previous circular. (See No. 4, paragraph 17.)

a previous circular. (See No.4, paragraph (r.) From a Circular Notice in four languages, dated 5th December, 1895; it appears that a special postage stamp is to be issued on the 5th June, 1806, which will be available for postal purposes only on the day of issue, and ten following days. This issue is to commemorate the pollowing days. This issue has commemorate the advise dealers to beware of it, haps scarcely necessary to advise dealers to beware of the partial deactage the partial days to the second scarce the partial days the partial days

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22. Indian Native States. The postal departments of several of these States either have been or are about to be taken over by the Central Government. In the case of Jhind and Cashinere this has already been done, and it is reported that a similar course has been, or is shortly that a similar course in the been, or its shortly wadhwan, Nowanugger, Bhor, Nangao and Faridket.

It appears that the issues of some of these States have been reprinted, and are being offered for sale. Collectors and dealers should therefore be on their guard.

23. Republic of Cuba. Stamps of an issue prepared in 1877 are now being offered for sale. The values are 2, 5, 10, and 25 centavos.

1) The Third Circular, under the heading No. 13, reterence was made to a contemplated speculative issue of Grecian Stamps to commemorate the Olympian Games. From a recently published notice, the issue appears now to be an accomplished fact, and to consist of twelve stamps in value from 1 lepta to to drachmas.

Bulgaria. An issue has appeared in commemoration of the conversion of Prince Boris.

Collectors and dealers should exercise discretion with regard to these stamps, unless they are intended permanently to supersede the current issue.

HERREBT R. OLDFIELD,

Hon. Sec. to Special Com. London Phil, Soc., and Acting Hon. Sec. (pro tem.) to S.S.S. FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

The Bogert and Durbin Co. hold an auction sale on May 16th.

* * The Sons of Philatelia hold their 28th auction sale on

FROM OVER THE BORDER.

May 25th. 36

It is reported that 5,099.500 of the orange special delivery stamps were issued.

At the Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s sale, held on April 21st, an unused and entire U.S. envelope 1863, 2C., die 23, sold for \$247.

Messrs, A. L. Cassino talk of selling The Boston Stamp book. It is said that Mr. J. Kilborn, the present editor,

Book. It is said th will buy the paper.

U.S. revenues still continue to boom, and fancy prices are readily obtained for the rarer varieties. A \$5 Propri-etary sold for \$250 at an auction two or three days ago.

The U.S. plate number collectors have recently had a much-felt want supplied through an enterprising dealer who has just issued a first-class album for plate numbers.

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The C. H. Mekeel Co. recently sold to Mr. W. A. Castle the toc. Baltimore on white paper, for the consideration of $\$_{4,400}$, which is said to be the highest price ever paid for a single stamp,

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I have heard a rumor to the effect that some New York collectors are intending to organize a Philatelic Bicycle Club. So many philatelists ride that such a club would be possible in any of our large cities.

Through the efforts of Mr. G. E. Cleaver, *The Phila-telic Literature Society* has been organized. It starts with a charter membership of sixty-nine, and, judging from the large number who are interested in philatelic literature, the society should prove a success.

HENRY F. DOYLE.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Under this heading I will publish any correspond-ence of interest to my readers, and answer such questions of general interest as may be submitted.

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