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## STAMD NOTES．

Scott＇s catalogue to hand showing reduction of several Canadian stamps，the thought arises are Can－ adians having their due．We lately received from an English wholesale firm a duly signed and stamped offer for unused Jubilees as follows： 12－500 f． 4.15 ．o．1， $2,3,5,10.25$ ． per set used，held them over，we also received $\$ 6.00$ per 1000 cash， and know of $\$ 5.00$ per 1000 being paid，both of these varicties are catalogued at ic if they bring these prices wholesale they should list higher．Offer shows slight．Ad－ vance in unused Maple Leafs，used remaining about tric same．

Much comment has been made regarding seebecks，are not collect－ ions of unused stamps greatly to blame for the abuse made of these varictics．We do not deny that there are valuable stamps in unused conditions even then they have not to the old veteran who has dore stamp duty for his country which after running all risks comes out clean，bright and entirc．

The Secebcks come artistic，
showery and attractive and have done much to bring recruits to our ranks．While we do not as a rule approve of collecting unused stamps but in certain cases they are desir－ able and should at least fill the spaces alloted．Chenp and almost worthless varieties such as U．S．A． Rev．98．Certain Austria，Belguim， Bavaria，France，Sweeden，etc．

It is a wonder collectors have not raised a cry against the stamps of British colonies of late years simil－ iarity，very little difference being found in the Stamps of Antique， Bardadois，Cyprus，Nevis，St． Lucis，Turks Islands while others closely follow the type of Great Britain．Mexico is now out of the Postal union．Post office orders camot therefore be sent，bear this in mind it wiil save you trouble．

In mailing collectors should re－ member that there are collectors of entries and try to make the envelope as attractive as possible using such stamps as will be of most value to the receiver．We lately recelved a registered letter from U．S．on which were 4c．，2－1c．Omahas on back， 3－2c．red precisely of no value．Had writer used 4 c ．envelope and 8 c ． stamp，or 5 c ．envelope，and 2－ic． Omahas it would have shown more tact，for returns 1，2，3，Jubilee were used．An eutry that attracted our attention and showed much talk was a Salvador registeration of＇ 97 ， ${ }_{15} \mathrm{c}$ ．envelope， 24 c ．yellow， 30 c ． rose， 50 c ．purple，$\$ 100$ ．carmen brown all surchatged．Trace Cen－ tavas a complete set on one entire， that man was doing a brother col－ lector a good turn．
Detroit post office report for month ending Oct． 15 show the number of vessels passing to be 3，156．Number of pieces of mail delivered to them 29，536 with ro3ni collected．Oct． 12 in 12 Horne 103 vessels passed and 1,087 pieces of mail were tossed on board．
The president of the Provincial Saving Institution of Jersey City； N．J．has a milled cdge silver dollar， 1,804 ，some folks claim this coin to be a myth．
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## SOME STAMP FINDS.

WITH APOLOGIES TO bARON WM CHAUSEN AND LEWIS ROBHE.

## BY A. LLOYD JONES

(Continued From Last Number.)
"Well," said another collector, a Johnny Bull in every pore of his body "I'ave made some of the dearest finds, don't you know and had some of the 'ardest luck with stamps that I believe sever fell to lot of stamp collector. In the middle heighties I made ha business trip, you know, through halmost hall the British colonies. Halthough the primary hobject was not to search forstamps I made hit my business to look around and gather hin all the "wee bits" I could. Hin many of the colonies and specially hin Australia I picked up some sweet stamps. These $I$ would always send at once to London so as not to be bothered with carrying them. But the greatest of hall sreat finds hever made, I believe, was made by me on that trip. I'ave never told any one of hit before for I was hafraid I would not be beliered. Well this great find, as you might guess, was made in Mauritius and consisted of a rare old Mauritius one penny and two pence stamps. But, now hold your breath, the great thing about hit was that hit consisted of full sheets of these stamps! I found them in the house where I was staying in the proverhial scrap album. They had been bought, and were the first sheets sold, to keep as a relic. "Well I bought them for just face value. I thought I would not trust them to the mails, you know, so I started for London with the stamps halong with me, but the stamps were fated never to see England. On the trip to London once when I was on deck examining my treasures, a mischicvous monkey that was on board slipped up behind me and grabbing the stamps hout my ands ran haloft with them, me right after him. Then when that blarsted monkey saw I was going to catch him what did ' $e$ do but just tear the sheets into little bits and throw them in the air to be blown away. Well, I was so mad that I just pulled my pocket knife, the only kind of a weapon I had with me, and cut that devlish monkey's throat with the knife. Then when I tried to recover the value of the stamps from the captain instead of being able to get anything he compelled me to pay him for killing his blarsted pet monkey.

## OIJDS AND ENDS.

BY J. SYDNEY DALTON.
Nermotto: Frcere on to Transvall stamps.

There have been a great many new papers started in the last three months but most of them, have died with Vol. 1, No, 1. There are some exceptions, however, and this paper is one.

We are expecting something good when Mr. Chapman's new paper appears.

Canada can boast of having three good monthly papers now anyway and if the Manitoba Philatelist stays in the ranks it will make the number four.

Collectors and dealers don't seem quite satisfied about the price of the $1 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. and 6 c . Jubilee for there are hardly two dealers that sell them at the same price.

The Maple Leaf issue is in great demand and there is a good sale for them.

Porto Recian stamps should be a good investment for they will not be in long.
The Evergreen State Philatelist had twelve pages and cover last month and out of the twelve had seven pages of good reading matter. It is a nice little paper.

Another new paper the Philatelic Chronical and Michigan Philatelist appeared last month and is very good having sixteen pages and cover. Success Bro. Williams.

We are pleased to note that the 59th edition of Scotts' catalogue is nearer the market prices than formally.
The 2c. purble envelope is not such a good investmedt after all, owing to the quantity some Canadian Philatelist have on hand.

The Capital is about the slowest place in Canada as to stamps. There is not one company, and very few dealers.

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Publishers desiring a notice under this lead will conter a favour by sending one copy of their journals to Henry A. Chapman, J.P., Rocky Hill, Conn.
The American Journal of Philately for November of course had its leader on the new catalogue just issued-the fifth edition of the Standard, which was put on the -market at the promised time. 'A few quotations are pertinent; "The path of the catalogue maker is not a flower-etrewn one. $\qquad$ Now that the work has appeared, it will probably be subjected to the usual amount of criticism.
has been the endeavour of the publishers to make the catalogue reflect the actual present markel value of the stamps listed.
The catalogue gives general satis faction to dealers. The collectors have yet to be heard from. Many of then seem to have the idea that the catalogue is made sither to depreciate the value of their collections or to put a prohibitive price upon stamps they lack.
ideal philatelist is one who collects for the sake of collecting, not for speculation, who is in philately to stay.

There is every reason to anticipate improved prices in this and succeeding years, and we may expect the financial thermometer to once more mark high." The usual features occur in this number, notes, chronicle, \&c.

Stampic America for November appears as a thanksqiving number, with a picture of what is considered by some the " national bird" on its cover. It is a rather lean looking fowl, like its contents, but November issues are often lean when bis Christmas numbers are promised, and Mr T. B. Unknown promises sumething sreat lor the close of the year.

Anxious to suit all tastes, the Vinginia Philatelist publishers put forth a cover with colours changed monthly. The November number is edited by Royal Bennett l3radley, who leads off vith a sketch of Oscar Jamnasch, vice-president of the Southern Philatelic Association, with accompanying likeness. Mr. Januasch hails from six-shooter Junction, inut doesu't have a dangerous look. "Locus Viridis" continues his Porma and Piacenza article; Dliss Suift talks of "A Nerlceted Field," i.c., state revenues ; the New York and Boston correspondence follow; then Mr Poolzow's readable review, and the reports of three socicties close the interesting number.

No. 2 of the neat little Moliue (III.) Stimp News well says-- Mthough our piper is not the
greatest, we hope you will not regard it as the smallest." Tyhographically it is far ahead of many. A grood budget of nows is promised in future.

Antiverpia et Scaldis Philatelique Reunis is an interesting journal, the October number containing sixteen large pages and cover. A portion of it is printed in English, there being a Sheffeld correspondent, and "miscellaneous" items in our languare. This item appears: "Herbert Watts says in the Herald Exchange that Belgian stamps are groing to be in demand this fall. Well, all the better; the editor of this paper will send you as many thousands as you like in exchange for the same number of U.S.A. and Camadian postage stamps and post cards (no revenues)."

The number of The International Philatelic Review af Rochester, N. Y., has come to hand, and it is handsomely printed and quite newsy. The cover is an enlarged facsimile of the ioc stamp of Hawaii and looks very nicely, even if trapical.

Stamps (the American one) is published by Cranford Caper, than whom it would be hard to find a better exponent of philately. It can be said of this journal that it appears like its editer, faultlessly dressed. The attention of collectors is called to the advisability of looking for the odd shades of unused stamps. "Opportunities frequently occur"to pick up these shades at the ordinary prices, and a collector who places them in his album as he finds them will never regret it."

The Philatelic Inter-Ocean, neat, if not large or gaucy, has reached the dignity of a cover. It comes from Waterloo, Iowa, and my friend, J. A. Cook, appears to be the presiding genius. The October isth issue has some interesting items.

From the Antipodes comes the Australian Philatelist, which is no chicken, and its September 30 issne is well supplied with grood things, among which are notes from R. W. Gossett, of Auckland, who tells about the "pigcongrams."

The November Philatelic Advocate has " l'ithy Philatelic Points," compiled by G. IV. Sarnaman. This journal evidently hasric a very lofty opinion of the boy who writes stamp news for the Montreal Herald. The trouble is, that many journals think that matters stampic are only for the juveniles, which could be forsiven, but it takes something more than a juvenile (sometimes) to tel about them.

The Rushden Stamp (October 25) has it grod leading article on "General Collections." Its department for juniors is eagerly read by this junior (in stamps, if not in yars). The English journal now sandwiches its "ads" and reading matter together, but docs it better
than some journals do this side. Still, it isn't pleasant to have to jump around an "ad" to finish the article you are reading.
"Veritas" has the leader in the Evergreen Philatelist for November, and talks of the Great Garrier Island stamp in his inimitable way. Paul Cline, my Buckeye friend, treats well of North American issues. The editor thinks many journals fail because they are too much like peas in a pod to create a demand.
The Nebraska Philatelist came doubled up for Septentoer and October, but this journal advertises to give twelve numbers all the same for the subscription price. This journal, as I have remarked before, always comes well printed, and has good waters.
The Philatelic Chronicle, No. I (November) comes from Charlotte, Mich., printed in nice large type. "Green Goods in Philately" is the leading article, by "Numisma." Mr H. L. Ambrose is the review editor. Reprinted articles appear as "Stolen Sputterings." The enver is of the ruddy-gorrel style, plated.

The Lemaire publishes a good journal in Le Philateliste Francais. The October issue has illustrations of the new Cubans, Ecuadors, and others. The attempts to pun on the publisher's name are rather tough-le maire, le mairc-er.
The November Bay State Philatest is pretty well supplied with notes (readable, too), although one correspondent prefers philatelic stories. Goodness!

The Allegheny Philatelist, which has been brought out the latter part of the month, proposes to change its plan, and come out nearer the first part. Althoush this journal does not have what is senerally designated as a "cover," it can be excused, as it certainly is cheap at one cent a month.

The October 25 Philatelic Bulletin, prompt as a clock, has good articles by sterling writers, and it was pleasing to see that the review was not so abbreviated as sometimes, and we could read more of it without tiving.

The October 15 New York Philatelist has a grand picture of Erwin L. Shore. President Evans, of the Empire State Philatelic Sucicty, has an article on "The Westervelt Local," illustrated with cuts. Editor Herbst facetiously calls me the "Man with the Hec." i shall always remember well the "Indian Cigars" of Herbst Senior.
The Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser is mother ;nurnal te appear with clock-like reg, 'arity, and its exchange notices are appreciated by those renders who like to "swap" with foreigners.

## DEALERS.-

Advcrtise in our New Year's No.

## TORONTO NOTES.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mo., was a recent and a welcome visitor to our City the past month. The Local fraternity has not har the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Meekeel since 1894, and it goes without saying that we all were again glad to welcome him to onr city. Mr Mekeel combines business and pleasure, and I understand that he secured some particularly fine lots of B.N.A. from the local dealers.
Speaking about the prospects of the coming winter trade Mr. Mekeel assured your correspondent that philately will shortly see a revival that has not been experienced since the balmy days of ' 88 and ' 90 '. 'ive trust that every effort will be put forth by collectors and dealers alike to give the many new appointments a cordial and bearty reception into the ranks of philately.
Something interesting has de veloped here during the past month. A local dcaler purchased in the usual way 1400 surcharged 3 C Numerals, bunched in 100 lots. As customary for him he opened a few hundred to examine the condition of samc, only to find that $t^{\text {th }}=$ entire lot were bogus (i.e., bogus surcharged), and had been carefully salted (if I am permitted to use the term), with a genuine surcharge on the top of each hund. ed lots.
Upon examination we find that the work is likely that of an amateur, very poorly executed, and printed with a rubber hand stamp. I would therefore advise any collectors or dealers to carefully examine any future lots which they may have oficred to them, as I regret to say many have been sent out of town, likely from the same source from whence they came.

While on the subject of bogus stamps perhaps many readers are ignorant of the fact that the much lauded Great Barrier Island or pigeon post stamp has, through the efforts of Witchfield, King, and Co., to be a rubber stamp label, and the most deplorable fact is that that the work has been done by a dealer, who once resided until recently in Montreal, Canada. It would be interesting to know who this party is. Perhaps some of our readers in Montreal can enlighten us.

Dealers in Toronto report business on the cecline during the past month. The only reasun given is that collectors have the War fever to some extent, and, together with the new catalogue, tend to slacken trade somewhat. However, a revival is $r$ pected shortly, and we all are qi ite confident in a brisk winter trade.

Quite a few amateur dealers are represented in the winuows of various book and stationery stores
through the city. $1,2,3 \mathrm{c}$. sheets and packets to suit any purse, are displayed, and one usaally sees a crowd of youngsters discussing the ways and means of philately about these spots after school hours. ' Not a few collectors in this city have received their first inspiration to collect through this medium.
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The long looked for Scott's cat. is out, reducing the prices of stamps, and small dealers who happen to be loaded with stamps will feel very tired. A boom in price, unless support:d by an increase in value, always does harm, whether it is in town lots or stamps.

The new Zanzibar stamps have arrived, printed in very bright colors. The set begins with $1 / 2$ anna for the lowest and runs up to 8 ammas.

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