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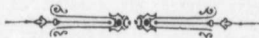
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PUBLISHED MONTHLY

IN THE INTEREST OF STAMP COLLECTING.

VOL. I.

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No. 5.

CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES.

AUSTRIA.—The latest hailing from here are the 20kr., olive, and 24kr., light-blue current type.

BORNEO.—The 10 cent current has been surcharged "6 cents" in black, in two lines.

CANADA.—We are enabled to inform our post-card collecting friends of a new treasure for their albums. On Dec. 7th a new die of the one cent blue post card came into use at the London Post Office. The die is similar to the die of the 1883 issue in that it has not the scroll-work around the numeral of value at the side. It differs from the 1883 issue in that instead of having a spear-like ornament above and below the figures at the side, it has a small star-like ornament above and below the numeral, but at some distance from the same. The above description is somewhat vague, but our readers have probably seen this variety before this, and understand the difference. We expect to give illustrations of the three different dies of post card as fully as allowed, in our next issue.

CURACAO.—The publishers of the *American Journal of Philately* are informed by the Postmaster of Curacao that the 50 cent stamps have not been surcharged 25 cents as reported last month.

CHAMBA.—The *Philatelic Record* chronicles the ½, 1, 2, 3 and 4 anna stamps which have A in STATE in a smaller letter than the rest of the surcharge, thus:—STATE.

FRENCH COLONIES.—On January 1st next there will be fourteen sets of stamps issued. These sets will differ only in the name of the Colony. They are similar to the current issue, as they have two seated figures representing commerce and navigation, at the top the words "République Française—Colonies Postes," at the bottom a label for the name of the Colony, above this a square for the value. Values are 50 cent, rose, and 75 cent, yellow. The fourteen colonies to be provided with stamps are as follows:—Congo Français; Diego Suarez et dépendances; Guadeloupe et dépendances; Nouvelle-Calédonie et dépendances; Senegal et dépendances; Guyane; Inde (Etablissements de l'); Indo-Chine; Martinique; Mayotte; Obock; Océanie (Etablissements de l'); Réunion; St. Pierre Miquelon.

FRENCH CONGO.—The *Timbre Post* illustrates four new stamps for this place all engraved on wood, and printed, black on white, "Postes" above. "Congo Français" below. The 5 cent represents a branch of the banana (?), the 10 cent palm tree, the 15 cent a French (?) flag, the 25 cent the head of a negro.

GREAT BRITAIN.—A contemporary says that there is a new die for the 1d. envelope, bearing on the neck the letters S. H.—Somerset House.

GADELOUPE.—The current type is now surcharged "Guadeloupe" across the top in black. The *Philatelic World* mentions several errors in spelling, such as "Gnadeloupe," "Guadelonpe" "Guadbloupe."

HAWAII.—The envelopes are now engraved instead of being lithographed. A new 2 cent stamp has just been issued—effigy of Queen Liliuokalani; color purple.

INDIA.—The *Stamp News* states that the design of 6 annas is to be changed.

JHIND.—This country's set is found with the surcharged JEIND, most likely an error.

LUXEMBOURG.—We see by the *Philatelic World* that the new stamps have all been surcharged S. P., and are for the use of the sovereign only.

MADAGASCAR.—The 1 fr. is black on yellow, the 5 frs. violet on white. Both of above stamps have a red network.

MAURITIUS.—The 38 cents has been surcharged "Two Cents" in capital letters across the lower part of the stamp. 33,000 have been issued.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—It is reported that 150 sheets (18,000 stamps) of the 3d have been printed on paper watermarked "90." The current 8d., lake, has been surcharged "O. S." in black. So says the *Philatelic Era*.

PAHANG.—The 8 cent is announced with a surcharge for this place.

PUERTO RICO.—The 5 cent is now found in a new shade of green.

PARAGUAY.—The *Timbre Poste* gives illustrations of the new letter cards, 2 cent red on yellow and 3 cent blue on yellow. They have the current stamp in the upper right hand corner, and are inscribed "Republica del Paraguay—Carta Targeta Postal."

PORTUGAL.—A new series is at present being prepared—effigy of King Carlos. The 500 and 1000 reis are each to be printed in two colors.

SURINAM.—The *Ph. Record* chronicles a 10 cent unpaid letter type of current type. The figures being only 4½ min. high instead of 7 min. Bright lilac.

URUGUAY.—The *Philatelic World* says:—The 8th stamp of the 3rd, horizontal row of the 5 cent has "1391" for 1891.

UNITED STATES.—What has become of the new post cards? Our American contemporaries stated that they were in the large Post Offices over two months ago.

THE CANADIAN STAMP CATALOGUE.

BY L. M. STÄBLER.

TERMS.

All prices are net; cash must be sent in advance; postage extra. All orders under 25 cents are respectfully declined.

As it is impossible to keep all varieties constantly in stock, it is always advisable to send a supplementary order, so as to avoid delay in receiving stamps ordered. All stamps here-in catalogued are known to exist. Address all orders to L. M. STÄBLER, London, Ont.

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NOVA SCOTIA.

Issue, 1860.—A change in the currency caused a new issue for this Province in early part of 1860. The set consisted of five values: one, five, eight-and-one-half, ten, and twelve-and-one-half cent. The one cent and five cent were of like design, having head of Queen Victoria to left in circle. The other three values were very similar in design, but had a full-face portrait of the Queen. For colors, see reference list.

Issue, 1862.—In this year, the want of a two-cent stamp became apparent, and to fill it a two-cent stamp was issued, color mauve, and of the same design as the one cent of the 1860 issue. The stamps of Nova Scotia are found in an immense variety of shades, and as a result furnish material for the most strict specialist. The three pence blue and five cent blue are both found on two varieties of paper, blue and white.

Counterfeits.—Counterfeits of the cent issue were put into circulation about five years after the issue went out of use, but so poor are these imitations that no one with any knowledge of the stamps would be apt to be deceived by them. For the benefit of the beginner and young collector, we give the main points of difference between the genuine and the counterfeit.

1, 2, AND 5 CENTS.

The Genuine is most beautifully engraved in *taille-douce*, more than one-half of the lower part of ear being plainly visible; the central passage is especially marked for its distinctness. There is no pupil to the eye; the head stands out well from the background; the nose is aquiline; the face has a sleepy but good-natured expression. Only

one pearl of the tiara is visible, and that is barely seen above the hair. The genuine is Perf. 12.

The Forgery is very poorly lithographed; only the lobe of the ear is visible; the head is flat, and does not stand out from the background; has a dark outline to the profile of the nose, mouth and forehead, which is not seen in the genuine; the eye has a pupil; the expression of the face is strong, and the outline of the nose is *straight*. All the pearls of the tiara are equally visible, but not very distinct. The forgery is perforated 12½.

10 AND 12½ CENT.

The Genuine is beautifully engraved in *taille douce*. The eyes are small, with a distinct pupil; the eyebrows are light, especially at the outer corners; the hair is dark and regular; the genuine perforated 12.

The Forgery is very poorly lithographed. Very large dark staring eyes, with a dark iris, but no pupil is visible; the eyebrows are equally dark all over, and they meet over the nose; the hair has patches of light all over it; the forgery is perforated 12½.

We occasionally come across one of the forgeries, but they are easily distinguished with but little examination. It is a good example of the inability of forgers to imitate the steel and copperplate engraving with lithographs.

Reference List.

NOVA SCOTIA POSTAGE.

Unperforated.

No.	Date.	Value.	Color.
179	1851	3 pence	blue on blue paper
180	1851	3 pence	blue on white paper
181	1851	6 pence	light green
182	1851	6 pence	dark green
183	1851	1 shilling	violet
184	1851	1 penny	red-brown

PROVISIONAL.

185	6 pence, cut diagonally and used for 3 pence.
186	1 shilling, cut diagonally and used for 6 pence.

Perforated.

187	1860	1 cent	black
188	1860	5 cent	blue blueish paper
189	1860	5 cent	blue-white paper
190	1860	8½ cent	green
191	1860	10 cent	vermilion
192	1860	12½ cent	black
193	1863	2 cent	mauve

PROVISIONAL.

194	10 cent vermilion cut diagonally and used for 5c.
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(To be continued.)

Written for the Canadian Philatelist.

WHY ARE WE PHILATELISTS?

BY J. C.

Several times during the last year have I intended to put together a few thoughts in answer to the above question, so far with no result, but the enthusiasm which seems to have been evoked by the formation of the Philatelic Society of Canada has roused me to give a leaf from my own experience, hoping others may do the same, as we all ways enjoy these personal references instead of dry generalities.

Some people sneer at the stamp collector, and we perhaps hear the word "crank" bandied about; but have those who so sneer ever summed up the benefits gained by this fascinating pursuit? Being only a mere tyro in the art, no doubt I shall omit many of these; but methinks, novice as I am, I could sum up a respectable array of reasons *pro*, let others take the more ungrateful task of collecting the *cons*. And first, the knowledge gained in different subjects—in history first. The stamps, for instance, of such countries as France and Spain, with the alterations of Republic, Empire, Kingdom, Carlist, War Stamps, with the varieties of heads, when contrasted with our own British Stamps during the fifty years that stamps have been used, the serene face of Victorias, "beloved, revered," and our own familiar three cent stamp since Confederation, and all the varieties of beaver, ship, seal, cod-fish, with the different values in cents and pence, form an interesting page of history. Then, in Geography, shall I confess that since commencing in earnest this pursuit I have gained some definite knowledge as to the topography of several countries. I was much struck lately with the interest shown in this subject by a bright boy, one who had never been specially interested in geography. A few months as a stamp collector seemed to give him more knowledge of the islands, etc., of the world than his years of geographical training. Then a knowledge of the coins used in each country is soon gained, and the names of the sovereigns past and present.

Then what a gain is the training of the powers of observation. How blind we are to what we take no interest in! How readily we see what we are looking for! This is as true in the case of the philatelist as the botanist or the astronomer. Ask anyone with no knowledge of stamps to tell the difference between a perforated

and unperforated or watermarked stamp, and the answer will be: "There is no difference; they are exactly the same." Then the gathering, arranging, classifying, placing neatly and systematically, is a valuable training.

And is it not well to see a boy or girl take an eager interest in some pursuit? Is it not better than the sensational novel, or the soul-killing daily papers, or the dawdling in drawing-rooms, or attempts to kill time we sometimes see? We would not urge the giving up one's time to the neglect of known duty, but many an hour otherwise perhaps wasted can be pleasantly and profitably spent in this pursuit, and the exhibition of the collection to friends often gives much pleasure and information. I had intended to keep out all reference to the money value, but the question of dollars and cents will come up, and postage stamps are like diamonds, always rising in value, if not to such an extent, yet sometimes with leaps and bounds.

In this respect, take my own small collection. Twenty-five years ago I collected a few on a page of my scrap-book, but no additions were made for some time. Then a young lad (now a distinguished barrister of Toronto, after gaining high honors in the University) gave me or exchanged with me a number of stamps. I wonder what became of his collection, or if, while laboring at a brief, he ever thinks of those British Columbia's I sent him, which now so many would like to have. With what a lavish hand did I distribute to friends those British Columbia and Vancouver Island stamps! so that when, after twenty years, my interest in them was again, by a mere accident, revived, my time and thoughts having been given to pursuits educational, horticultural, literary, social, botanical. Now, on recurring to pursuits philatelic, I could find on my old B. C. letters but few of these stamps now become so valuable.

I have been greatly amused and interested in the attempts I have made to obtain assistance from friends to find how different is the fate of letters in different houses. Some stately mansions contain not a single old letter; some lowly cots may hold treasures of this kind. Some people burn their letters as soon as read; others keep the letters, but burn the envelopes. Of all the friends I asked I found only one who, like myself, had kept old letters—in the one case, a trunk-full, and in the other, a bag-full in the garret yielded up a few

treasures. How tantalizing, when turning over letters that we know are old, to find the word "Paid" in all varieties of writing and printing, instead of the stamp for which we are so anxiously looking. Another tantalizing thing which occurred to me was, that when I found my B.C. stamps were so scarce, I wrote to a relative who I knew must have as many almost as I of those precious letters, I was told that they had all been burnt a short time previously.

Of two stamps in my collection, I have made several futile attempts to find the value, and if any reader of this article can help me in this matter I shall be greatly obliged. They are New Zealand 2d. and 6d., and were obtained from a friend some time between '62 and '65, and by catalogue may be worth \$2 and \$10 respectively, or 5 cts. and 8 cts. When Scott's new catalogue arrived, I thought the matter was settled by the number of perforations, but I am as much in the dark as ever, as, though not heavily blurred by ink, they have the appearance common to much-travelled stamps of having been carried in the pocket for days, and watermarks, if present, are not visible. This 52nd catalogue raises one of my stamps very much in value; the 3d. beaver, fourteen perforations, is now valued at \$25 by a bound; and this stamp, which I obtained I know not how—perhaps from my quondam legal friend—is now on that page the cynosure of all admiring philatelic eyes.

OUR SISTER SOCIETIES.

[We desire the Secretaries of all Societies to send us *brief* reports of their meetings each month, and such will be published free, and we trust that Societies will not be slow in taking advantage of this privilege.]

The Algona City Philatelic Society is one of the leading local societies in the United States, its headquarters being at San Antonio, Texas. Meetings are held every Friday. Secretary, Ed. W. Hensinger.

The stamp collectors of Michigan have just formed an active organization under the name of the Michigan Philatelic Society. If they have *The Philatelic Hustler* (?) as their official organ, their progress will not be great, as the paper would be a disgrace to the worst society in existence.

The A. P. A.—Eight more resignations for December! This is a miserable showing for an organization which claims to be the leading in America. If the members do not bestir themselves at once they will find their

large society dwindling down to a mere nothing. The incorporation papers of this society are being rapidly carried through, and will be completed before many days. We sincerely hope to see our big sister society take a turn for the better ere many months elapse.

The Sons of Philatelia is progressing finely. They have already over 100 members, and have only been organized 10 months. Our second annual election will be held on January 1st, 1892. All officers are elective, and every member is entitled to vote. Any honest philatelist, in the United States, Canada or Mexico, can join. Initiation fee, 5c. Dues only 25c. per year, including a year's subscription to our official organ. If you wish to join send your initiation fee to R. M. Miller, Secretary, New Chester, Adams Co., Pa., U. S. A., and receive an application blank, etc., by return mail.

The *United Philatelic Association* has just been organized. Object:—Advancement of a mutual correspondence between Philatelists, and to aid the increase of their respective collections. Any dealer or collector may become a member of the association by applying to the Secretary, who will first require of him (or her) his initiation fee of ten cents, and at least two references signed in their own hand writing. Dues 50 cents per year. Arrangements are now being made for an official organ. Samuel S. Atwood, 35 N. 9th-st., Philadelphia, Pa., is the Secretary, to whom all communications in regard to the above should be addressed.

The 125th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was called to order on Nov. 19th, by Pres. Wolsieffer, 13 members present. A report from ex-auctioneer Bradt, covering the entire period of his services as auctioneer was submitted; also a list of debtors to the Chicago Philatelic Society Ex. Department, with amounts of indebtedness. Librarian A. S. Pierce reported a bulky donation to the library by Mr. Bradt, for which the Society's thanks were tendered. Mr. A. S. Pierce was instructed to make an offer, approved by the Society, to the publishers of the St. Louis, Mo., *Stamp Collectors' Companion* for same to become Society's official organ. Mr. H. Oster spoke of matters in connection with the auction department. Mr. C. I. Sturgis, of Chicago, was elected to active membership. Adjournment at 10.25 p.m.

C. E. SEVERN,
Secretary.

LITERARY NOTES.

The following publications have been received with thanks:—*Eastern Philatelist*, *One Dime*, *Philatelic Record*, *Stamp News*, *Spy Glass*, *Stamp World*, *Philatelic Tribune*, *Philatelic World*, *New Hampshire Philatelist*, *The Collector*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Chicago Stamp News*, *American Philatelist and Collector*, *Skandinavisk Frimærke Tidend*, *The Worcester County Philatelist*, *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, *Philatelic Era*, *Collectors' Stamp Journal*, *Philatelic Hustler*, *Ohio Philatelist*, *Empire State Exchange*, *The Monitor*.

We have received October number of the *Ohio Philatelist*. First time it has visited our sanctum, but we shall be pleased to see it often.

We regret to announce that the *North American Philatelist* has succumbed. Cause of death not at present known; probably starvation is the cause.

We have received the auction catalogues of the S. B. Bradt Co., of Chicago, Messrs R. R. Bogert Co., and Duncan S. Wylie Co., both of New York. Accept thanks for the same.

Among our new exchanges are the *Empire State Exchange* in its third volume, and published by Perrin Bros., Eden Valley, N. Y. Also *The Monitor*, hailing from Cincinnati, and contains a little philatelic matter.

The *New Hampshire Philatelist* still continues to come to hand as regular as clockwork, but is still very small. However we are led to believe, according to the last number, that we may expect an enlargement at an early date.

The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* for October has been received. This paper is just what is needed, but it is the general opinion that if Bro. Green would expend a little more cash, and have better paper used, he would be amply repaid.

The little *Philatelic World* still appears each month to comfort the waiting philatelic public with its Chronicle, editorial in abundance (?), and a few prices. It is among the oldest of our contemporaries, now being in its ninth volume. It is published by Messrs. R. R. Bogert and Co., New York. Subscription 25 cents per year.

The Collector for December has just been received, full of *Sons of Philately* matter, in fact nothing else of interest is contained. We are pleased to see our small contemporary's recent enlargement and determination to push ahead. Success Bro. Miller.

The *Philatelic Tribune* for December has just come to hand. One of its special features is being "best advertising medium in the world," which fact the publisher takes a most liberal advantage of. This paper is now in its eleventh volume, and is published by Mr. F. J. Stanton, of Smyrna, N. Y.

We have just received a copy of *The Philatelic Hustler*, published by C. J. Van Valkensburg, of Manchester, Mich. It is poor in every respect—poor paper, poor style, poor matter. We had often heard of American slang, but we never knew the meaning of the word before we received this nonsensical sheet. Unless the publisher can improve, he should by all means retire.

Our very esteemed contemporary the *Brooklyn Philatelist* is of the opinion that there are two *Canadian Philatelists* at present published in Canada. First we heard of it! There is, as we believe, a *Dominion Philatelist* published in Canada, but its publisher has not favored us with a copy for some time; if he has not ceased its publication, he must be ashamed of his paper, or he would have paid some attention to our exchanges. Can't you exchange, Bro. Ketcheson?

The *Philatelic Era* for November is of unusual interest, consisting of a well conducted Chronicle, an article on "The Artistic Side of Philately" has some literary merit; but we hardly agree with the author in his suggestion to let "Seebeck control the world of stamp issues." A little article on "What They are Doing" gives an interesting account of the various vocations of our leading philatelists. We are also pleased to see Bro. Jewett intends increasing his subscription. All publishers should follow. The prices of the leading Philatelic papers are far below what they should be, and we strongly advocate a union of the principal publishers to make a general increase in their subscription rates. We should be more than pleased to receive communications from our brother publishers in regard to the establishment of such a union.

The Philatelic Society of Canada.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members of The Philatelic Society of Canada:

The past month has been one of great activity in our ranks. We have been busy with our incorporation, and have just completed our labors, thanks to the earnest endeavors of Mr. Robertson. Our ranks have been consolidated, and we are better equipped and prepared to advance the science of Philately than any other society on the continent. The exchange department will soon be in operation, and nothing will be left undone to make our national society one which Canadian collectors cannot afford not to be a member of.

The close of the elections has resulted as follows:

For Vice-President of Nova Scotia—A. B. S. DeWolf, Halifax.

For Vice-President of United States—H. C. Beardsley, St. Joseph, Mo.

For Vice-President of Manitoba—C. A. Allen, Winnipeg, Man.

The following officers have also been appointed and will resume their duties as such immediately:

Vice-President of Newfoundland and P. E. Island—Ed. J. H. Pauley, Halifax.

Purchasing Agent—Wm. Hirsh, New York.

Counterfeit Detector—R. F. McRae, Montreal, Q.

Assistant Purchasing Agent—E. W. Stanton, Montreal, Q.

Mr. Pauley will materially aid in extending our usefulness in Newfoundland and P.E.I., while Mr. Hirsh will attend New York auctions to purchase for members as well as buy new issues, etc., as required.

It is earnestly hoped that all officers will send in a short report to the Secretary each month. All matter referring to the conduct of members of this or any other society, or matters pertaining to the management of the society, should be addressed to the Chairman of the Executive, Mr. W. J. Beatty, P.O.D., Ottawa, Ont.

I have formed the British Columbia Philatelic Association, with headquarters at Kamloops, and have granted them a charter as Branch No. 10 of our National Society. I have already granted permission to form a branch in Oxford County, Ont., as well as one for the Niagara District. Collectors living in those sections will benefit greatly by this.

Branches Nos. 1, 2, 6, 7 and 10 report increases in their local membership. All branches should send names of their Exchange Manager (who will also act as local president) as well as their Secretary's address to Mr. Stæbler at once.

Members should endeavor to secure at least one new member each, and send their names in before January 15th. Do not look on and see a few working, but ask every Canadian collector if he can afford to be without our assistance. We will secure every reliable collector in Canada.

Wishing every individual member a right merry Christmas and a very happy New Year, I remain yours faithfully,

JNO. R. HOOPER, *President.*

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To Members P. S. of C.:—

Since my last report, I have received several parcels of papers, etc., for the library. Members having old Philatelic papers useless to themselves, will find that the best thing is to donate to the library, where they will be taken care of and put to a good use. I have received the following :

From Mr. J. R. Hooper, (No. 1) Ottawa: The Evening Herald.....	Vol. 2 No. 251	
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The above papers are on file, and any members can have any one that he may wish to examine, on sending 1 cent per paper for postage, and promising to return same within 3 days. I must insist on having papers returned promptly, and also that they are kept clean. Wishing all the members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Believe me, yours fraternally,

H. S. Dickson, *Librarian*,

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Members P. S. of C.:—

The past month has by no means been an idle one in our ranks, for our members have been working hard to advance the interests of "Our National Society." As can be seen by our membership list, a gain of 56 members has been made during the past month, and that at present we have two hundred and eleven members on our roll. We *must* reach the 300 mark before January 15th, and to this end I ask the aid of every individual member of the association, and request *each* to make an *effort* to add one or more names to our roll. Our dues are low, viz: 25c. per year, and the official organ is sent free to all. Since my last report I have received the dues of Nos. 5, 9, 23, 70, 80, 90, 159, 160, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 46, 168, 144, 172, 173, 177, 182, 175, 149, 150, 189, 113, 42, 151, 101, 110, 192, 193, 195, 196, 145, 73. The dues are payable at any time before Dec. 31st. To all I extend the best greetings of the season—a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am, yours,

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EDITORIAL.

We wish our readers, one and all, a right Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, and we trust that in their merry-making they will not forget PHILATELY.

We herewith present ourselves before our readers in new attire, viz :—a cover, which feature we feel sure will be appreciated by our readers, one and all. During the past few months the paper has been full of our own advts., and this interfered greatly with the standard of the paper. As will be seen, we confine our advertisements in a large measure to the cover this month, which increases the proportion of reading matter to a large degree. In course of a month or so we shall be enabled to cut down our advertisements to a page or so—that is, when our new lists are issued.

One of our correspondents takes the trouble to inform us that this magazine has an unlucky name, and that we are the fifth "*Canadian Philatelist*" published in Canada, one at Quebec, one at Whitby, one at Toronto and one at Niagara Falls. At the time our first number was issued we were not aware of this fact, or we might have named this paper otherwise. It is now, however, too late, and we take this opportunity of informing our valued correspondent that we have no intention whatever of following in the wake of our predecessors, and further we are here to stay, and to this and other parties we say, no risk whatever is run by placing your subscription with us, as we guarantee to fill them all or refund amount paid. We further urge all collectors to subscribe at once, as before long our subscription price, as well as that of all other first-class journals, will be advanced to \$1.00.

The Philatelic Protective Association, of 8 Gower street, London, W. C., have just issued their circular No. 3 in relation to new forgeries, and collectors are warned against the following forgeries ;—*Hanover*—10 gr. green, made from the 2 gr., and heavily post-marked over the value. *South Australia*—3d. on 4d. with the black surcharge changed to red ; 4d., old type, with the star mark obliterated and cr. and S. A. stamped in its place. *Trinidad*.—1851. Without value ; the red, purple-brown and blue stamps made from the Mauritius stamps of similar type. *Great Britain*.—Unperforated 1d., marked small crown, changed to the 1d. bluish black. The committee of experts of the Philatelic Protective Association shall be pleased to report upon any specimens of the above, provided that such stamps are sent to the Secretary with sufficient postage for reply.

CHAS. J. PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

While speaking of forgeries, we desire to call the attention of our readers to something going on nearer home. There is a town in New York State called Greene, and from this place come thousands of forged stamps ; not an ordinary forgery, but *U. S. unperforated revenues* and genuine (?) and issue 1872, Grilles of the U.S. The firm in question have of late been filling the market with U. S. unperforated revenues, which are nothing more or less than perforated ones with clipped perforations. In fact, in a lot sent us we found some with the remains of perforations left on. Every dealer and collector in our vicinity has received a *choice* consignment of this trash. These parties will place a *pair* of the genuine unperforated stamps on a sheet, together with a host of the forgeries, and offer them at such a low (?) price that many collectors have purchased this great bargain. (?) We warn our readers, one and all, against this firm, and no one should purchase these

revenues except from some reliable dealer. In regard to the Grilles, we would merely mention that they are very poor imitations, being made by a sharp instrument of some kind, and composed of a number of lines crossing each other at right angles.

The growth of the P. S. of C. has astounded outside societies. In the history of Philately no society has made such rapid growth—an average increase of 75 members per month since its organization, and still no sign of a slack of the interest taken in it by outsiders. Philatelists all over the continent are recognizing the fact that unless they are members of *Canada's great Society* they are behind the times. Our advantages are many and our dues are small. Other societies charge their members heavy dues, and what benefit do they get from it? None whatever! it is used in an endless variety of ways, none of which benefit the collector, and therefore it is money wasted to join such organizations. The dues to the P. S. of C. are but 25 cents per annum, and many real benefits are derived from this small investment. Our exchange, purchasing and collecting departments are the best in existence. All matters are attended to in a business-like manner, and all the officers are in earnest, and spare no time nor expense for the advancement of the National Society. Our incorporation papers are already carried through, and the seal of the judge has just been placed on the papers, making us the most firmly established collectors' society in America.

We join our brother publishers in strongly advocating a united advance in the subscription price of first-class philatelic magazines. Such a move must come, sooner or later, and the sooner the project is completed the better. It is better for the collectors to support one good paper, at a reasonable rate, than to have a half a dozen worthless papers at the same price. Now, no active and true Philatelist would surely refuse to pay \$1.00 or even \$2.00 for a first-class magazine. If publishers got reasonable prices like the above, it would greatly improve the class, size and matter of our stamp journals. Publishers could afford to have better matter, etc., and in the end the collector would be getting more for his money than at present. Further, there is but one solid and feasible plan for the proper completion of the above, and that is: that all publishers of first-class magazines (none of these small aspirants) shall form a *Philatelic Press Association* for the control of the above. It is also important that only A 1 magazines be admitted. Other matters of great importance to the publishers could also be controlled by the association, such as:—The protection against advertising frauds, and the prosecution of the same. Further, a register of first-class authors may be kept; this may furnish some material aid to editors in the selection of MSS., as no second-

class authors whatever will be admitted to the register. Any magazines outside of the association will have small chances of success. This fact, we believe, will tend to discourage the multitude of small, useless papers published by every famous (?) collector in the country. We should like to see this matter pushed through at once, and with that object in view we desire to enter into correspondence at once with the editors of the *Philatelic Journal of America*, *American Journal of Philately*, *Metropolitan Philatelist*, *Philatelic Era*, *Eastern Philatelist*, *Dominion Philatelist*, *Southern Philatelist* and the *Brooklyn Philatelist*. No time should be lost, and if possible we should like to see this plan completed before the 1st of February, 1892.

The movement to secure the abolishment of "The duty on Stamps" seems to have fallen through, for a certain large St. Louis firm, who had charge of the same, have not of late mentioned the fact, and we presume that they have given it up because of the difficulties presented by the same. We trust it is not dropped for good.

Our wholesale list, which was promised to be issued for December, has been delayed owing to a heavy rush of Xmas trade at our printer's. Now, however, work will be begun on same at once, and we expect to be able to place it in the hands of wholesale patrons before January 15th.

TO COLLECTORS.—Our retail price list is to be issued immediately after our wholesale list. It will be equal to the largest ever issued, and will consist of 32 large pages, uniform in size with this journal. The prices will all be rock-bottom, and the list will cover a most complete range of single stamps, sets and packets. Send for a copy.

Dealers, we make a specialty of the Wholesale Mixtures advertised on another page. To introduce them and to get every dealer to give them a trial, we will insert a 1 inch ad. free for every dealer who orders \$3 worth or more of them. We make this offer for one month only, for, after the mixtures have been given a trial, they will sell on their own merits. *One trial solicited.*

Dealers, we invite a fair trial of our advertising columns. Our rates are very reasonable when it is considered that we circulate only among the best class of buying collectors. To collectors who desire to dispose of their duplicates, and dealers wanting a cheap and paying advertising medium, we would recommend our exchange department; the rates are low, and one ad. therein will pay far better than a displayed advertisement in the average journal. Try it.

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