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INTERESTING NOTES.

The local printings of the New Zealand are coming out very slowly. They seem to be in no particular hurry to print from the postage series of plates. Report says they are waiting for watermarked paper. If that be so, then the present printings on unwatermarked paper will be worth preserving, especially unused. So far I have seen local printings of the 2½d, 5d, 6d, 8d, 9d, 2s and 5s. They are all perf. 11; that does not exist in the Waterlow printings. Meanwhile, old types, all perf. 11, are being used plentifully, but the shades vary from former printings.

There is to be a new issue of stamps for the French Congo. The work is to be in the finest style, and the set should prove an attractive one. The values from 1 cent to 15 cents will show a design of a panther at bay, watermarked with a whistle; those

from 20 cents to 75 cents will show a female of the tribe of Bakalols, surrounded with a branch of the rose tree; those from 1 fr. to 5 fr. will have as a design an alley of coconut trees in Libreville, and as a watermark a branch of olive.

The Dominican Republic is issuing a commemorative series. The four higher values are the 20 centavos, representing Trocennelli replying to Columbus; 50 centavos, Las Casas defending the Indians; 1 peso, Columbus in the Junta of Salvencia; and 2 pesos, Mausoleum of Columbus in the Cathedral of San Domingo.

All the obsolete stamps of the island of St. Vincent remaining in the hands of the Government with the exception of the 4d. yellow, 6d. lilac, and 5s. lake, have been destroyed. The entire quantity thus disposed of consisted of 809,000 stamps.

A series of Australian stamps surcharged for the Orient has appeared.

OUR REVIEW.

BY GEO. E. MUELLER.

NAME	VOL.	NO.
Allegheny Philatelist	1	1
"	1	2
Adhesive	1	5
Bay State Philatelist	3	5
Collectors' Companion	1	8
Energy	1	3
Juniors' Collector	2	1
Mount Royal Stamp News	1	1
Ohio Philatelist	2	2
Philatelic Inter Ocean	2	4
Philatelic Advocate	3	5
Stamp	1	5
Stamps (England)	4	4
Universal Exchange	2	3
Youth's Realm	6	4

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The Allegheny Philatelist for May contains forty pages but no cover. I think the paper would almost be perfect with a cover.

The Adhesive adorns its cover with a sketch of Mr. Percival Parrish and in the inside Mr. Chapman gives a short biography.

The special May number of the Bay State Philatelist has appeared. It is a very creditable issue and contains three cuts of eminent philatelists.

The April Energy contains a sketch Rev. J. von Pirob, the president of the Twin City Philatelic Association.

The Birthday Number of the Juniors' Collector contains sixteen pages and some good reading.

The Mount Royal Stamp News has

at least appeared. Mr. C. E. Holmes acting as editor but, although the second issue has not yet appeared, it has changed editors and proprietors. Mr. Holmes sold his paper to A. R. Magillard and moved to Smith's Falls to take a hand in the Jubilee Philatelist. The Mount Royal is filled with interesting articles.

Ohio Philatelist looks prosperous and that is the main point.

In the official organ (Phil. Advocate) of the D. P. A., the secretary of that society, gives a list of the nominees for officers in the D. P. A. The convention will be held in St. Catharines on the 2nd and 3rd of July.

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SEND BEFORE JAN. 24th.

PLEASE MENTION THIS PAPER WHEN ANSWERING ADS.

U S NOTES.

BY CHAS. F. ROBINSON.

One hundred and sixty-nine years ago there were but seventy-five post offices in the U. S. while to day they range into the hundreds of thousands.

Between New York and Philadelphia there were five mails a week and it required two days to cover the short distance.

New York and Boston had still fewer mails—three a week in summer and two in winter. In out of the way towns the mail was allowed to accumulate until enough was secured to pay the cost of transmission. The postage from 1783 until 1816 on a letter under forty miles was eight cents; over forty and under ninety miles eighteen cents, over five hundred miles, twenty five cents.

One of the largest philatelic centres in the U. S., San Francisco, may be said to have grown up with philately. In the same year as the first U. S. stamps appeared its name was changed from Yerba Buena to its present one. At that time it contained but 450 inhabitants but it was not until the following year when gold was first discovered that it received its first start.

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NIGER STATES.

There is a good deal of talk about changes in Niger et cetera, but nothing of a very definite character yet. Months ago I heard of preparations of "something new" but that something new has not made its appearance. The latest news is that the current Niger stamps are to be suitably appropriated for use in the new colony or protectorate. This, of course, will only be a provisional at most. Any way, the territory has already been formally taken over by the Government authorities and the formal proceedings of the occasion are reported in the daily papers here this week. So the issue of some sort of stamp for the new regime cannot be long delayed. I suspect that the stock has already been sent out, and that the first we shall hear of the new stamps will be used as *chitons* from the country of issue.

A. J. of P.

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your name and address neatly
printed on.
No. 3. 30 word Bargain ad inserted
10 times.
No. 4. 1 inch ad in this paper.
No. 5. 25 envelopes with your name
and address printed on.
No. 6. Beautiful fac simile of Can-
adian Imperial Map Stamp and
a history of Canadian postage
stamps, size 10 x 15 inches.
No. 7. 25 packet envelopes with your
name and address printed on.

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I will send 100 well mixed stamps.

CHAS. BACHMAN,

BERLIN, ONT.

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Ads may be inserted in this column
for 10c per insertion of thirty words,
3 insertions for 25c.

SET Mexico 1890, 1 to 25c unused
cost \$1.38. Price 25c. Packet 100
var. 6c. 25 var. unused stamps cat.
over \$1.20 all postpaid. J.B. Walters,
Box 144, Springfield, Mo. 0

U.S. Proprietary 1893. Block of 8
1c, 2 blocks of each 4 1/2c, 1 block
of 4 3/4c, 1 block of 4 1/2c, a strip of 2-1c,
a block of 4-1 1/2c, a strip of 2-2 1/2c, and
1 1/2c. All unused. Also documentary
1893—a strip of 2 1/2c and a strip of 2
10c. All unused. Will sell all the above
for 55c cash or unused 1 or 2c stamps.
Chas Bachman, Berlin, Ont. Can. np

STAMPS on approval, reliable ag'ts.
Sought in every locality. Hinges 8c
per 1000. 2c per 3000. 160 Foreign
stamps 5c. Royal Stamp Co., Brook-
lyn, Md. 0

PRINTING PRESS for sale. Have
an "Excelsior" self-inking 2 1/2 x 3 1/2
inch printing press with foot-power
attachment. I will sell it alone for
\$3.00 cash or with one font of card
type for \$3.50 cash. Geo. E. Mueller,
Berlin, Ont. np

BARGAINS in stamps—Packets—100
mixed 5c, 50 mixed 10c, 20 var. 15c, 10
var. 5c, 50 var. 25c, 25 var. 10, 200
mixed 15c, 1,000 mixed only 25c. Fred
Shinn, Waterloo, Ont. 0.

PRINTING.

100 envelopes 20c | 100 note heads 30c
250 envelopes 40c | 250 note heads 60c
Geo. E. Mueller, — Berlin, Ont.

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1 in.	1	.35
1 in.	3	.90
2 in.	1	.50
2 in.	3	1.25
3 in.	1	.75
3 in.	3	2.00
½ page	1	1.25
½ page	3	3.00
1 page	1	1.50
1 page	3	4.00

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FORMS CLOSE ON 20th

An X opposite this signifies that your ad reached us too late for insertion this month but will appear in next issue.

An X opposite this signifies that your subscription expires and that an immediate renewal is solicited.



We wish to exchange one or two copies with every stamp paper

Send MSS and receive terms.

Entered at the post office, Berlin as second class mail matter Jan. 1, 1906.

The Philatelic Post although announced as a weekly in one place and as a sixty page monthly in another has since announced that the changes will not be made. The publishers print it themselves and some improvements have been made.

Mr. C. E. A. Holmes has moved to Smith's Falls, Ont. to take part in the Jubilee Philatelist.

The Pan American Exposition stamp has appeared being printed in colors. At a glance it look something like the Canadian Xmas stamp of 1898. It is very attractive and probably a good advertiser. It is not a postage stamp and therefore is not required to complete a collection, as some thought.

Philatelists send 40c and your ad, which we will insert in an inch space.

Look over the following and subscribe.

For 10c we offer this paper one year, a 30 word ad in Bargain Column and any one of the following:—

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- No. 3. 30 word Bargain ad inserted 10 times.
- No. 4. 1 inch ad in this paper.
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BENEFITS OF STAMP COLLECTING.

BY P. T. C.

There is possibly no subject which absorbs the attention of the intelligent public, more to day and no subject which has involved itself and forced its consideration upon thinking minds to a greater extent— than philately. Worcester, a few years ago, defined it as the man's for collecting stamps. To-day it is classified as a science, and occupies a column in some of the leading newspapers of Canada, it also has been admitted into the Brooklyn Institution of Arts and Sciences as a science.

A person once said to me that the government would soon be inflicting a tax on collectors, but I referred him to the derivation of the word philatelist (from Gr. philos, a friend and atelie exemption from taxation). Putting a tax on collectors would be like taxing education, as a collection of stamps is equal to a book on geography and history. For instance a person starting to collect stamps gets one he has never seen before, he looks it up in his catalogue, finds the price and sees the coin table of that country, then he takes his geography and finds the location of it, and lastly he puts the stamp in his album, looks at the top of the page and sees whether the country is a kingdom, an empire or a republic; he also finds there the area, the number of inhabitants, the capital, the number of inhabitants of capital and the coat of arms of that country. What more would you want? On some stamps there is pictured to you

the industries of the people, as in the Newfoundland Jubilee and on others you can obtain a knowledge of the history of a country, as on the United States Columbian.

As another instance of the educating influence of philately, in a certain school lately when a question was asked the class in Latin what part of Europe was now occupied by the Helvetians, it seemed to stagger almost all the class when one of the students who had taken considerable interest in things philatelic, promptly answered "In Switzerland" and then told them that he saw Helvetia on the stamps of Switzerland.

It would astonish many of those who look upon a collection of stamps or the desire to get a collection as a foolish fad or mania but if you will show me a young man or woman who has got even a reasonable fair collection I will show you a bright well informed person especially in the geographical and political standing of the whole civilized world.

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