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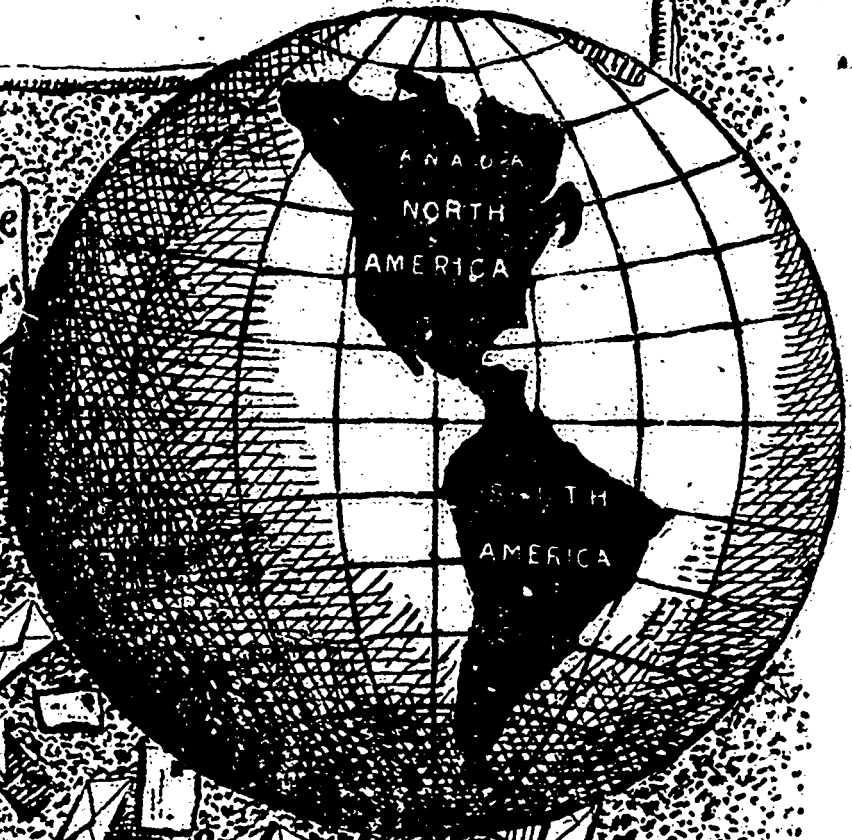
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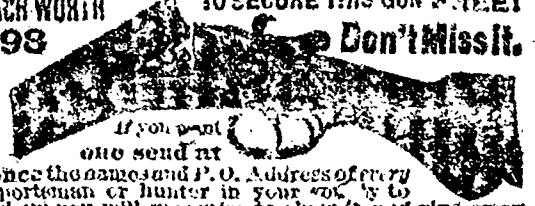
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No. II.

San Salvador, 1879—Variations of Type.

BY HENRY HECHLER.

This issue of San Salvador shows variations in type as follows:—In the 1c. green there are two distinctly different types. They at first glance much resemble each other, but on close examination and comparison the differences are evident. The circles enclosing the figure of value in the upper left and lower right hand corners and the letter "c" in the other two corners, as well as the said figures and letters are larger in one than they are in the other. The lettering of the inscription on the oval band varies in the same way, while the sea in one is troubled by waves while in the other it is calm. There is also a difference in the shades of color, that of one being very light and the other a very dark green. Of the 2c. there are also two varieties with the same general differences as already observed in the 1c. with the addition that one kind has and the other has not a beaded line on either side connecting the ornamental scroll work below the squares in the upper corners with similar scroll work above the circles in the lower corners. There is a difference here in the shades of color, the one being rose and the other carmine. The same differences of type and color

also occur in the 5c. blue, and in the higher values. Our philatelic friends will readily perceive these differences. These should be separately classed in catalogues as it is evident that different dies were used in producing them. The reasons for which is undoubtedly owing the first die being worn out or broken up when the first lot were printed necessitating the production of another when the first stock was used up.

The latest addition to the series is a 3c. brown bearing a figure of Liberty, and the 10c. orange, bearing a volcano and sea view, has changed to a new design. They are larger and of a neater design than than the old ones. Before long the new design will be extended to the other values which will then make a very pretty series, and will be welcomed by our philatelic friends.

When They Rush Things.

"Your duties must be somewhat monotonous," said a lady to a mailing clerk.

"They are indeed."

"The same round day after day, and week after week. No excitement."

"No excitement excepting when we have to rush things."

"And what is that!"

"Oh! when we find 'In haste' written on the outside of a letter."

"Oh! yes that creates excitement."

"Tremendous."

THE C.P.A.

ONTARIO VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the members of the C.P.A.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—It is with feelings of pleasure that I look with extreme pride at the substantial growth our society has experienced, and I have still greater hopes that the coming fall will witness the joining of the 200th member. Each and every member can work to increase our membership in many ways. First, all who have correspondents should, when writing to such, add a word of commendation for the C. P. A., tell them of the advantages they will receive on payment of 25c per quarter. The success of our exchange department has been simply wonderful. Through it I have added many fine rare stamps to my collection and at the same time diminished my stock of duplicates without sacrificing them to a dealer.

I would suggest to our executive that they now abolish the 25c initiation fee as the A. P. A. has done, and allow any member to pay quarterly or half-yearly. By so doing I think we will increase our membership, for any one joining will be so impressed with the advantages that for the sum of 25c. for three months they will not be without a C. P. A. membership certificate.

Complaints have come to me from several Ontario members about the following parties, and I would feel greatly obliged if any who know the parties or who can in any way give information to write me, and I will lay the whole matter before the Executive Board of the C.P.A., A. P. A., and one of our large Continental societies:—Max Richter, Chemoritz, Saxony; Jas. Steiner, Honolulu, Hawaii Islands; J. B. Meyer, Constitucion 2, Callao, Peru; Edward Heim, II Kleine Pfarfarse, Vienna, Austria; Benjamin & Bannister, 16 Bell Alley, London, Eng.; Jacques Wortmann, Bucarest, Roumania.

I am glad to see that friend Hechler

has endeavored to black list a number of these gentry, who seem to think that "distance lends enchantment," but having been elected honorary member for two or three foreign societies, I feel perfectly justified in the interest of the C. P. A. in carrying the war into their own country.

My hopes of harmony in the C. P. A. I am glad to say have been realized. While we are comparatively strangers still I hope the bond of fraternal friendship shall never be broken, and with one and all members I wish them "good luck" and happy times while in the ranks of our society. I have had the pleasure of visits from Librarian Walker, President Ketcheson, and others who have visited the capital, and found them gentlemen in the truest sense of the word, and any member visiting the capital will always find a warm friend in

Yours most truly,

JNO R. HOOPER,

Vice President C. P. A. Ont.

Ottawa, May 14th, 1888.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

To the Members of the C.P.A.:

GENTLEMEN,—I am informed that a number of the members have not paid their annual dues yet, and I trust every member will send in his \$1.00 to the Secretary at once. The fee is very small and will scarcely be adequate to meet the expenses of the Association, and so we cannot be expected to carry "dead-head" members, and all who do not pay at once will be suspended, and in one month more expelled.

The Exchange Superintendent informs me that we have been asked to join the International Exchange of the Dresden Society, and as the wider we can extend our exchange the better for our members, I am favorable to the scheme, and would like to have the opinion of the other officers.

We should arrange for time and place of our annual meeting soon, and I would

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like to receive suggestions from officers and members. I am pleased to inform you that our Association is growing steadily, and the future prospects are bright. The officers are all doing their utmost to further its interests, and if the members co-operate success is assured.

Yours truly,
H. F. KETCHESON,
Pres. C.P.A.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Our list of applications for membership this month gives the society good cause for congratulation. We have now 115 members and nine applicants. No's 15, 50, 63 and 64 have resigned. The following have as yet failed to settle their accounts and in accordance with the notice given last month all who fail to pay up previous to June 10th will be suspended.

DELINQUENTS.

No's 7, 20, 21, 23, 24, 36, 40, 43, 54, 59, 68, 69, 71, 73, 74, 78, 81, 83, 84, 85, 86, 89, 94, 95, 96, 99, 103, 106, 110, 113, 114 and 116.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS, NO. 3.

117—Jno. S. Bixby, 835 West Main St., Decatur, Ill.
118—Maurice E. Finney, Harrisburg, Pa.
119—C. C. Morency, Box 573, Quebec City
120—W. D. Morton, care of Dr. Morton, Barrie, Ont.
121—F. Gottorf, cor. York and Caroline Sts., Hamilton.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS NO. 3.

M. B. Holley, Traverse City, Mich. Reference, A. P. A.
W. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass. Reference, A. P. A.
Fred Harise, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Reference, W. Brown.
W. A. MacCalla, 237 Dock St., Phila., Pa. Reference, A. P. A.
A. A. Bartlett, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Reference W. Brown.
J. A. Shannon, Carbon, Wyo. References, E. W. Voute, T. P. Shannon.
F. N. Massoth, Jr., Hanover Centre, Ind. Reference, A. P. A.

E. J. Rogerson, Box 214, Barrie, Ont. References, G. A. Lowe, E. Y. Parker.
Felix Brande, Milford, Neb. Reference, P. M. Harper.

J. A. LEIGHTON,
Orangeville, May 11th, 1888.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I thought I would have been able to report this month a considerable increase in donations to the library, but the request I made last month was not responded to as liberally as I expected.

Photographs have been received during the month from W. D. B. Spry, N. E. Carter, and H. E. Deats.

Donations as follows: A. G. Nedham, 87 pieces; N. E. Carter, 10; W. D. B. Spry and Henry S. Harte, 2 pieces.

Current Publications received: Toronto Philatelic Journal, The Philatelic World, The Canadian Philatelist, Collectors' Review, National Philatelist, Mohawk Standard, The Western Philatelist and Supplement to Philatelic Courier.

From the Publishers, catalogues of Eldredge & Williams, F. N. Massoth and R. R. Bogert & Co.'s Seventh Auction Sale.

GEORGE WALKER,
Librarian,

May 12th, 1888.

To the EDITOR TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL.

SIR,—I hope all our C.P.A. members send in all their duplicate stamp magazines, catalogues, etc. to Mr. Walker, Peterboro', Ont., our Librarian, and make this branch a success. Mr. Walker, will, I am sure, only be too happy to receive also photos of our members for the Library. The magnificent success of our Exchange Department, under Supt. Grenny, is astonishing, and all those members not participating are indeed missing a rare chance to get varieties for their collection. Yours philatelically,

J. R. HOOPER.

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trade advertise in the TORONTO PHILA-
TELIC JOURNAL.

IT is understood the Postmaster-Gen-
eral is considering the advisability of
making the three cent postal rate cover
letters of an ounce in weight instead of
half an ounce as at present.

LAST week we had the pleasure of meet-
ing Mr. M. D. Batchelder, President of
the Batchelder Stamp Co., of St. Louis ;
Mr. H. F. Ketcheson, of Belleville, Presi-
dent of the C.P.A.; Mr. E. J. Rogerson,
of Barrie, member of C.P.A. All of whom
were visiting this city.

A meeting of the stamp collectors of
this city took place on the 18th inst. at

the residence of Mr. E. Y. Parker. Mr.
Ketcheson, President of the C.P.A., in
the Chair. It was decided that the To-
ronto Philatelic Society should be re-
organized.

COLLECTORS should not be without Town-
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largest and most complete directory ever
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es of every Canadian Stamp Collector.
If you have not already ordered one, send
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CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters of enquiry not accompanied by 3c. for postage will
be inserted under this heading.

WOOSTER, Ohio, May 5th, 1888.

GENTS,—In TORONTO PHILATELIC JOUR-
NAL you enquire for information about R.
Vansyekel, Bridgetown, N. Y. I was
cheated sometime ago by Vansyekel,
Bridgeton, N.J., Brigen Co., and consider
him a fraud. Hope this information may
be of some use to you.

Respectfully, W. S. KINZER,

HARTFORD, CON.

Replying to "Canadensis," Edward
Heim II. Vienna, Austria, is one of the
largest and oldest stamp dealers in Europe.
I recollect doing business with him fifteen
years ago. He deals in rare stamps,
current issues, *reprints and counterfeits*. He
does an enormous business, and rarely
answers letters inside of six weeks; not
then if a small order or you forget to en-
close a stamp. He is, however, respon-
sible. Young Canadian collectors want
to go show in buying the "embossed"
stamps of the United States. The market
is full of counterfeits, and it is almost im-
possible to tell the difference. The ordi-
nary embossing stamps used in some
banks is identical in the comb impression

with that used on the stamps. I have one on my desk as I write, and I can remove a cancelled stamp from an envelope, emboss it, and gum it on again, and I myself could not pick it out if mixed with half a dozen genuine.

W. H. BRUCE.

Free Newspapers.

POSTMASTER PATTESON EXPRESSES HIMSELF WITH REGARD TO THE RUMOUR THAT A POSTAL RATE IS TO BE UPON ALL PERIODICALS.

Postmaster Patteson was endeavouring to calm the vehemence of a fussy old gentleman who was waging a controversy with him when a *Telegram* reporter entered his office this morning. The fussy old gentleman had a little dispute with the local post-office savings bank, and declared over and over that he would carry the matter before the House of Commons. The reporter looked out into the broad room towards the rear of the buildings, in which the distribution of the mail gathered in the city this morning was going on, and admired the suppleness of wrist and the precision of aim of the large staff of employes, who, stationed at tables in the centre of a wide circle, kept the air thick with letters flying to their proper receptacles. Hermann sends flights of cards all along the galleries of an opera house in showier, but really similar, way.

"Yes," said Mr. Patteson, when he was at leisure, "I have heard the rumour this morning that the Government are about to reduce general postage rates, and reimpose a moderate rate on newspapers sent direct from the office of publication, or in other words, abolish the free carriage of newspapers by the postal system of the country. I can't say what truth there is in the rumour. We haven't heard anything of it here yet. I can tell you the effect of the present law. It has been to inundate this office with tons—literally tons—of

periodical printed matter, which cannot be regarded as newspapers or journals in any fair sense of the word. I may exercise a certain discretion, of course, but it only leads to unpleasantness." The postmaster showed the reporter several pamphlets and printed papers lying in his desk, which were advertisements.

"How is it that country postmasters' salaries depend largely upon the number of stamps they cancel?" he continued, repeating the reporter's question. "Well, the Department gets a return of the number of stamps cancelled in each office during an average month each year. They multiply this by 12, and size up the relative importance of the business throughout the country by the figures thus obtained. Since the coming into force of the law allowing periodicals of all sorts, published at intervals of not less than once a month, to pass through the mails free, an enormous amount of work has been thrown upon country postmasters, for which they receive not a cent remuneration. It is argued not unreasonably that if the revenue is to be increased that they may be paid for the work they do, it should be increased at the expense of those benefitted. The system has been developing into a gigantic abuse, and I can't say myself that I should be sorry to see the old way returned to, although I consider that legitimate newspapers should be exempt."—*Telegram*.

C.P.A. Notes.

1. The 05 on 1 franc S.P.M. seems to be quite plentiful and there is a great discrepancy in price in the exchange sheets on some at \$1 each, and again on others at 40c. and 30c. each. The day has passed for getting \$1 for this stamp.
2. A dearth of Canadian adhesive postage stamps of 1st. 2nd and 3rd issues, and an abundance of Canada Law and Bill Stamps is noticeable on the Exchange Sheets.
3. 1, 2 and 3rd. Musgrove's Business

College. The Badger State member is determined to make these "things" go. They now appear stuck on exchange sheets with perforations trimmed off—price 15c. each. The perf. variety at 10c. each did not appear to particularly strike the fancy of our collectors. How do they rank? Perhaps on a par with those beautiful Hamburg locals 116 for 1s. and 6d.

4. Some of the members do not seem to know the value of their stamps, and are fearful lest they should not mark them high enough. Keep the prices down if you wish to dispose of the stamps.

5. One or two more Ex-branches, say in Toronto and Montreal, is what we want, and would be much appreciated by your Ex-Supt.

6. Mr. Clotz, Supt. of Ex. A.P.A., is arranging for exchange with the I.P.V., Dresden, and would like the C.P.A. to become a complex or branch.

VEXATOR.

NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

All matters relating to this department should be addressed to Jos Hooper, Box 145 Port Hope, Ont.

Whilst on a Numismatic tour recently we were very much surprised at the aimless, imperfect and unmethodical state of the large number of collections we reviewed, a lack of intelligent systemization was apparent everywhere. It is the intention of the Editor of this Department to give some helpful hints to collectors who are as yet in an embryo state, to try as far as his ability lies, to give foundation and progressive lessons that are essentially necessary to a true Numismatist. It is astonishing to see the number of small collectors scattered all over the land, a very imperfect idea of the vast extent and silent working of collectors is formed unless we start out "scatchel of duplicates in hand," and burrow from town to town, and house to house, with an energy without which we cannot succeed; very few

houses in our land but has a few old copers or silver pieces laid away as something curious, and very often an extensive notion of their value is estimated, it has been our happy lot to suggest and impart system and enthusiasm to a few inactives of this type who are now anxious and eager collectors, without true enthusiasm we cannot accomplish much, and then it must be of the lasting kind how many, as in religious matters, start fairly, but after the first brush of excitement over, give up or grow careless and indifferent. We are pleased that all are not thus; we have in our land Numismatics of long experience whose names might be mentioned, but will defer until we get permission permanent, lasting, durable. Enthusiasm must be based "Intelligent Knowledge," then "*Sic Valeas*" (Knowledge is Power") and becomes the true useful adjunct necessary to become a Coin Collector. Read up your guides before taking the journey; never take the journey without a knowledge of the road, although we believe the three-fourths of our collectors to-day started the wrong way, and in consequence have been mulcted to a large extent to our mind. Coin Collecting, without its foundation lessons, is like a young man starting to keep books without the thorough knowledge of the principles of book-keeping. With these remarks we enter on our labor of love entitled,

"HINTS TO COLLECTORS."

From Scott's Catalogue.

1. NUMISMATICS.—There are, upon a low estimate, ten thousand active collectors of Coins and Medals in the United States and Canada, whose cabinets represent, in intrinsic value, amounts from a few hundred dollars to many thousands. There are numerous collections which are valued above \$5,000 while some reach as high as \$25,000 and even \$50,000.

Our principal cities have Societies devoted exclusively to the science of numismatics, embracing hundreds of members, while many others upon history, antiquity

and kindred subjects, devote time and space to coins.

• 2. COLLECTING AS AN AMUSEMENT.— In foreign countries the forming of cabinets of coins has been a means of pleasant recreation and study for upwards of four hundred years. This pursuit has not been confined to any class, rank or position. The field for collectors is large and varied, extending from the period when the first metal took the shape and name of a coin seven hundred and fifty years before Christ, in an almost unbroken line, down to the present time. Without the existence of these numismatic treasures, history would have many blank pages to-day. It cannot be said that coins are without interest, or that they possess less fascination, than other objects of curious research whether antique, mediæval or modern. They lead to such a knowledge of history and art, as cannot otherwise be obtained. There is no truer saying than that "we all have our hobbies." Hence we speak a word for Numismatics, commending the same to your careful consideration, asserting that it will be found entertaining and instructive to a degree that challenges all other science or pursuits.

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