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No. 1.

TO OUR READERS.

There being few stamp papers of any importance published in Canada, we have started this paper, THE TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL, as a means of advancing our science in this country. There are numerous stamp publications in the United States, but none that have ever started in Canada seem to have survived the first year, whether we shall do so or not, remains to be seen. In this paper which we now publish we shall keep a **BLACK LIST**, under which heading we shall give the names and addresses of stamp frauds. In general we shall make it as interesting as possible for collectors, regardless of expense.

We beg to express our thanks to those gentlemen who have favored us with their advertisements, and hope they will help us in future as they have done.

NEW ISSUES

That have appeared, or are about to appear:

Argentine Republic.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo of the 1884 issue is nearly the same as that of 1882, but lighter, while the 1 centavo is brighter than that of the former issue; the 5 centavo is surcharged "4c."

Bermuda.—This colony has issued a $2\frac{1}{2}$ penny stamp, the color is blue.

British Honduras.—The 1 penny stamp has been changed from blue to rose.

Cundinamarca.—A new type, 5 centavo is said to have been issued.

Dutch Indies.—A $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. stamp has been issued, same design as 2c., the color is grey.

Egypt.—The colors have been changed in these stamps, 10 pa. green; 20 pa. red; 1 pi. blue, and 5 pi. grey.

Gold Coast.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ penny bistro has been changed to green.

Levant.—The color of the 7 kopec is now dark blue.

Nevis.—This colony has issued a 6 penny stamp, the color is green.

Paraguay.—The 1 centavo, green, will shortly appear.

Russia.—A 1 kopec stamp has been issued, the color is orange.

St. Vincent.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ penny stamp has been changed from orange to green.

St. Christopher.—The 4 penny stamp has been changed from blue to slate.

St. Helena.—A $\frac{1}{2}$ penny stamp has been issued, surcharged on the 6 penny, the color is green.

St. Domingo.—Will issue a new set of stamps shortly, they are being prepared in New York.

Uruguay.—All the new sets have been surcharged for official use.

Virgin Islands.—The $2\frac{1}{2}$ penny stamp is changed from claret to blue.

PRIZES.

We offer the following prizes for philatelic articles:

For the best article of 200 words or more, we will give 50 cents worth of stamps, the winner's selection from our approval sheets.

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All articles must be sent in before 1st May, so that we can publish the winning articles in our May number.

UNUSED STAMPS.

Some collectors imagine that because a stamp is unused it must be bogus, they never think that it is as easy to counterfeit used as it is unused stamps; for this reason many collectors do not collect the latter, but collectors, with common sense, collect both. It can easily be seen by the engraving, whether a stamp is genuine or not. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it will be found that it is used stamps which are counterfeited. If a collector is determined to have nothing but used stamp in his collection, of course, it will not be a very large one, as there are many stamps which can be obtained unused, where they cannot be had, used. In some instances, to suit their customers, dealers will deface unused stamps, so as to appear that they have been used on postal service, the collector is the wiser, it is a used stamp and must be genuine.

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TORONTO, MARCH, 1885.

NOTES.

We hear that Sweden has issued new postage stamps, we have not seen them as yet.

We have received specimens of the 2 penny (stamp duty) Victoria used as postage.

There is said to be a factory in Switzerland where they manufacture old stamps.

We want agents in every city and town in the world to get subscribers for this paper.

Nunismatics will find Mr. Lyman H. Low, of New York, a reliable man to deal with.

We send you a copy of this paper as an inducement to subscribe if you have not already done so.

We are unavoidably late in presenting this number to the public, but shall endeavour to be on time in future.

Can any of our readers inform us who are the proprietors of the Excelsior Stamp Co. of Middlebury, Vermont?

Why is a postage stamp like a school-master? Because one sticks with a lick, and the other licks with a stick.

If the philatelic public will help us in the way of subscription, we shall then be in a position to enlarge our paper.

During the past month we have purchased the entire stock of Mr. F. F. Peard, and a large portion of Mr. Henry Morell's.

Mr. A. N. Ridgely is about to retire from the stamp business.

The stamp business has been very dull this season, but it has picked up considerably during the last few weeks.

Last week the number of letters delivered by the city carriers were 157,543, out of these 4,803 were registered and 44,924 newspapers.

The following are the officers of the Fitchburg Philatelic Society: W. L. Emory, President; W. K. Jewett, Secretary; W. A. Browne, Treasurer; L. H. Sherwin, Librarian.

We learn from the *Hermes* that Dr. Stephen is going to issue new stamps for the African Colonies after the Congo Congress is over. These will be the first colonial stamps of Germany.

We have received a catalogue of Botanical specimens from Mr. James Galen, of Rawlinsville. All those interested in the above will find it to their interest to correspond with him.

The Treasury Department at Washington have received specimens of counterfeit one cent pieces, believed to be extensively in circulation in New York and vicinity. The counterfeit is made entirely of copper.

We have received the following papers during the past month: *The Hermes*, *Canadian Philatelist*, *Foreign Stamp Collectors' News*, *Collectors' Companion*, *Empire State Philatelist*, *Philatelic Advertiser*, *General-Anzeiger für Philatelie*, *New England Philatelist*, *The Gem*, *Pine and Palmetto*, *The Collector*, *Erdball and Mercur*, *Philatelic Herald*.

A PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

The following advertisement appeared in a London paper a few months ago:

"All those sending us seventeen penny stamps will receive, by return mail, a finely engraved picture of Queen Victoria, securely packed.

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Many of our friends answered the above advertisement, and received in reply, an engraved picture of the Queen, but not so large as they had expected, being only a half penny stamp, bearing the profile of the Queen. The above firm must have made its fortune and retired, as we have not seen the advertisement since.

OUR RAREST STAMP.

New Brunswick has the honor of having produced the rarest stamp in the world, viz: The "Connell," as it is universally called. Now, this stamp is not an essay in any sense of that much-abused word; the circumstances are as follows: In the year 1861, the Hon. Charles Connell, a gentleman renowned alike for his integrity, genius and benevolence, was the Postmaster-General of the province of New Brunswick. Soon after entering on his official duties, Mr. Connell discovered that the postage stamps of the province were susceptible of improvement, and to that end, employed the famous American Bank Note Company to execute a set of stamps in lieu of the labels hitherto used. Mr. Connell furnished the designs, the idea of which was certainly original, and which speaks for the excellent taste of that gentleman to the present day; for the stamps of New Brunswick are unsurpassed in point of elegance and neatness by any stamp in Christendom. Mr. Connell's idea was the sensible one of putting a different design on each stamp, and to that end, a steam-engine on the 1c., a head of Her Majesty of England on the 10c., a steamboat (indicating European postage) on the 12½c., a portrait of the possible future monarch of England on the 17c., and his own portrait on the 5c.

The stamps arrived, and were issued to the public; but, alas! unfortunate Mr. Connell had, in the eyes of Her Majesty's lieges of New Brunswick, committed a frightful crime. That he, a mortal created man, a descendant of Adam and Eve, should dare to engrave his honest countenance on a similar piece of paper to that on which the majesty of that broad domain, on which the sun never sets, was depicted! A mass-meeting presided over by a political opponent of Connell was instantly called, and it was resolved to request Mr. Connell to resign, but Mr. Connell dashed the reins of the post-office department back in the face of the governor, and retired at once and forever, from the political arena.

The stamp was only used one day and a number having passed through the post-office, it therefore could not be an essay.

RESULTS OF LYMAN H. LOW'S
AUCTION SALE.

The collection of Canadian coins, medals and tokens, catalogued by Mr. Lyman H. Low, 838 Broadway, New York, and sold at auction by Messrs. Bangs & Co., February 3rd and 4th, is by far the most extensive in the series that has ever been brought under the hammer in America. The catalogue, which was very generally distributed a month before the sale, embodied a good arrangement, and the fullest description of the pieces, both as to type and preservation. The leading and well-known rarities were nearly all represented. We quote as follows: Indian Peace Medal, Geo. II., 1757, \$11.25, and four of Geo. III. brought respectively \$14.50, \$13.25, \$9.00 and \$12.60, all in silver; Fort Erie Medal, given to members of Welland Battery for assisting in repelling Fenian invasion, June 2nd, 1866, \$5.25; the large Confederation Medal, \$12.00; Glorium Regni, 5 Sou piece of Louis XIV., 1670, \$9.25; Dextaton Canadensis, \$2.00; Montreal side view, half-penny, 1839, \$6.00; Montreal Sou (McLachlan 65, Le Roux 154) in German silver, \$4.50, and a set of 42 Sous brought 25c. each; six Montreal Bridge tokens sold from \$3 to \$5.80 each; Devins & Bolton's card of 1867, \$1.55; R. Sharpley's token, \$1.80; Half-ponny Copper Company, Upper Canada, \$22.50; Colonial quarter dollar of the year 1820, \$4.00; Leslie & Son's two-penny, \$15.75; New Brunswick half-cent, 1861, \$1.50; Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Success, \$8.10; three varieties of Barry's Halifax tokens, 42c. each; White's farthing, \$4.50. I shall also sell at auction during the last week in March an extensive collection of confederate paper money, together with a few coins. Catalogues are now ready and will be furnished to collectors on application.

PHILATELY AS A SCIENCE.

BY T. COKE.

Postage stamp collecting is a pursuit that has exercised its charm over persons of both sexes and in every class of life, ever since the mania—as it was then called—commenced about 1863. No doubt, stamp collecting, as a mania has to a great extent died out, but the collecting of stamps as a science has probably taken a firmer hold than ever among that class of persons most suited for its propagation. Now that the time has come when gentlemen are willing to travel miles to attend an auction sale or to inspect a choice assortment of stamps and who are eager to give from fifty to a hundred dollars or more for some great rarity, one has no

right to complain of the decline of Philately, at least considered as a science and not as merely the frivolous pastime of schoolboys.

Philately, as I understand it, does not mean merely the accumulation of a number of pieces of paper of different colors and designs, and issued by various countries and towns, sticking them into an album and then boasting over the large number you possess, but it implies a careful and accurate study of the postage stamps of all nations, in all their phases and varieties.—*Granite State Philatelist*.

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