

Technical and Bibliographic Notes / Notes techniques et bibliographiques

The Institute has attempted to obtain the best original copy available for filming. Features of this copy which may be bibliographically unique, which may alter any of the images in the reproduction, or which may significantly change the usual method of filming, are checked below.

L'Institut a microfilmé le meilleur exemplaire qu'il lui a été possible de se procurer. Les détails de cet exemplaire qui sont peut-être uniques du point de vue bibliographique, qui peuvent modifier une image reproduite, ou qui peuvent exiger une modification dans la méthode normale de filmage sont indiqués ci-dessous.

Coloured covers/
Couverture de couleur

Covers damaged/
Couverture endommagée

Covers restored and/or laminated/
Couverture restaurée et/ou pelliculée

Cover title missing/
Le titre de couverture manque

Coloured maps/
Cartes géographiques en couleur

Coloured ink (i.e. other than blue or black)/
Encre de couleur (i.e. autre que bleue ou noire)

Coloured plates and/or illustrations/
Planches et/ou illustrations en couleur

Bound with other material/
Relié avec d'autres documents

Tight binding may cause shadows or distortion along interior margin/
La reliure serrée peut causer de l'ombre ou de la distorsion le long de la marge intérieure

Blank leaves added during restoration may appear within the text. Whenever possible, these have been omitted from filming/
Il se peut que certaines pages blanches ajoutées lors d'une restauration apparaissent dans le texte, mais, lorsque cela était possible, ces pages n'ont pas été filmées.

Additional comments:/
Commentaires supplémentaires:

Coloured pages/
Pages de couleur

Pages damaged/
Pages endommagées

Pages restored and/or laminated/
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées

Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées

Pages detached/
Pages détachées

Showthrough/
Transparence

Quality of print varies/
Qualité inégale de l'impression

Continuous pagination/
Pagination continue

Includes index(es)/
Comprend un (des) index

Title on header taken from:/
Le titre de l'en-tête provient:

Title page of issue/
Page de titre de la livraison

Caption of issue/
Titre de départ de la livraison

Masthead/
Générique (périodiques) de la livraison

This item is filmed at the reduction ratio checked below/
Ce document est filmé au taux de réduction indiqué ci-dessous.

10X	12X	14X	16X	18X	20X	22X	24X	26X	28X	30X	32X
									✓		

TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL



DEVOTED TO THE INTEREST OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

VOL. I.

TORONTO, CANADA, MAY, 1885.

No. 3.

Written for the Toronto Philatelic Journal.

THE ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE POSTAL SERVICE.

BY C. E. SWOPE.

According to the most authentic information obtainable by the most careful and accurate research in history, the first postal service was invented by Cyrus, King of Persia, on his Scythian expedition; he establishing one hundred and eleven posts from the shore of the Ægean Sea to Susa, the capital; each a day's journey from the preceding. Though, generally conceded by historians that posts were well-known among the Romans, it has been too difficult to trace with any degree of certainty, the exact period of their introduction. It is a well-known fact, however, that Augustus instituted them along all the large roads of the empire, and hired young men to deliver his dispatches from post to post until the place of destination was reached. Shortly afterward, the same Emperor changed this method of delivery to that of sending all his messages and dispatches by means of charioteers, in regular chariots, with relays of horses at each post. This was kept up by his successors for a number of years, although slight information can be obtained concerning them up to about the year 807 A.D., when the Emperor Charlemagne established three public posts—one each in Italy, Germany and Spain—in order to facilitate his communication with those three countries, which he had placed in a state of subjection to his dominion. With his death, however, these were soon dropped, and no further traces of them can be discovered up to about 1470, when Louis XI., King of France, owing to his suspicious and restless nature, and also to his eagerness for a quick and certain knowledge of what was transpiring within his kingdom, established them throughout the whole civilized portion of France.

From France, his method gradually spread to other portions of Europe;

Count Taxis settling them at his own expense in Germany, for which the Emperor Matthias, in 1616, gave the position of postmaster to him and his descendants. In England, the earliest accounts indicate that Edward III. set up some species of posts, but nothing definite has ever been ascertained concerning them. In 1548, during the reign of Edward VI., an Act of Parliament was passed, making the rate of post-horses at one penny per mile.

The first chief postmaster of England was Thomas Randolph, appointed by Queen Elizabeth in 1581. James I. appointed Matthew De L'Equester, postmaster for the control of correspondence to and from foreign parts, about the time of his accession to the throne in 1608. This office was afterward claimed by Lord Stanhope, but Charles I. continued it to William Frizel and Thomas, Witherings in 1692. Witherings, was, in 1640, given control of his office, which, under the supervision of Philip Burlaf of the King for the direct supervision of the office. In 1656, a new and general post office was established by the authority of the Parliament, and very nearly upon the same model as has been since adopted by Ralph Allen, about 1720, instituted a series of cross-posts, which were found to be of great convenience to the public, as also to the government; and in 1782, a plan was suggested by John Palmer, by which the mails were to be carried in stage-coaches under guard. This plan met with a great deal of opposition at the start, but gradually overcame it, until about 1784, when it came into very general use. The penny post was first started in London by Mr. Robert Murray, an upholsterer, about the year 1681, who assigned his interest in it to Mr. Dockwra in 1683.

This causing a confliction with the government, it was, on a trial at the King's Bench Bar, adjudged to belong to the Duke of York as a branch of the general service, and was, therefore, annexed to the Crown in 1690.

This was made a two-penny post in 1794. Mails were first carried on rail-

road trains in 1830 by the overland route to India, which method was found to be a much cheaper way of transporting them.

In 1837, Sir Rowland Hill offered his plan of penny postage, which was adopted in 1839 by the House of Commons after a full thorough investigation.

In December, 1839, the four penny, uniform rate per letter, came into operation as an experiment; and in January, 1840, the uniform rate of one penny per letter of half an ounce weight was adopted; and finally, in May, 1840, the widely celebrated stamped envelopes, designed by Mr. W. Mulready, first came into existence. From this time on the postal service made rapid strides toward perfection. To show with what rapidity it progressed, a few figures will not be amiss.

The number of letters delivered in 1839 was 82,470,596; in 1840, 168,768,944; in 1851, 360,651,187; in 1856, 478,000,000; in 1859, 545,000,000; in 1860, 564,000,000; in 1861, 593,000,000; in 1862, 605,000,000, and in 1864, 679,000,000.

In 1855, the English Treasury issued a warrant, providing for the carriage of books, pamphlets, etc., by post under certain restrictions—four ounces for one penny, eight ounces for two pence, etc.; and in the same year street letter-boxes were instituted, the first one being placed at the corner of Fleet and Farringdon streets, London.

The postal guide first appeared in 1856, and during the same year London and vicinity was divided into districts for the convenience of the postal department, viz.: east, west, etc. The money order service was originally started in 1792, but was comparatively little used until 1839 when 188,291 money orders were issued, amounting to £318,124.

In 1861, this branch of the service alone issued 7,580,455 orders, amounting to £14,616,348.

The above facts show with what great rapidity the postal service has progressed, and it has, at the present time, reached about as high a degree of perfection as can possibly be attained. We

now have simply to stamp our letter, drop it into some street corner letter-box, and after that our great postal system takes control of it, and it is forwarded with the quickest possible dispatch until it is finally delivered either into the hands of or to the house of the party to whom it is directed. It is truly wonderful to note what a great system our postal service is, and how accurately and correctly all letters are delivered. Time certainly works wonders, and we may yet see many more astonishing improvements made in this already great system.

However, let us watch and wait, who knows what the future may bring forth.

Toronto Philatelic Journal

Is published on the 15th of every month by

Toronto Philatelic Co., 18 Urde St., Toronto, Can.

GEORGE A. LOWE - Editor.

Subscription, 25 cents a year; Foreign Countries, 35 cts.

ADVERTISING RATES:

ONE INSERTION.		THREE INSERTIONS.	
1 inch... ..	\$ 50	1 inch... ..	\$1 25
2 " " " " " "	80	2 " " " " " "	2 00
1/2 column... ..	1 50	1/2 column... ..	4 00
1/4 " " " " " "	2 75	1/4 " " " " " "	6 50
1 page... ..	7 00	1 page... ..	18 00

IN ADVANCE.
Remit money by P. O. Order, or small amounts in one or two cent stamps.

TORONTO, MAY, 1885.

NOTES.

Any one sending us four subscriptions will receive this JOURNAL free for one year.

We have received a copy of the Constitution of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society.

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

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

The Spanish stamps, with round holes punched through them, indicate that they have been used on telegraph service.

The next meeting of the Toronto Philatelic Society will be held at 76 Baldwin street on Friday, May 22nd, at 8 p.m.

The United States superintendent of foreign mails has decided that the department cannot enter into the parcel post arrangement proposed by England and Germany in the absence of legislative authority.

Great Britain buys her postal card supply from Germany, the last order given the successful bidder being 150,000,000 cards.

Mr. Lyman H. Low has sent us a catalogue of the Balmauno Collection. The sale of this collection will take place on 10th and 11th June.

There were only 200 of the 2c. brown Canada bill stamps struck off, and only about three-fourths of this number were used; this accounts for their rarity.

Mr. Henry Hechler, publisher of the *Philatelic Courier*, and Captain of the 63rd Rifles of Halifax, has gone to the Northwest Territory to assist in suppressing the rebellion.

One of the greatest curiosities in Japan is the wonderful and almost indistinguishable variety of coins that are used daily, it requiring in some instances 1,000 pieces to make a dollar.

The new English postmaster-general, having gone down to his office and let himself in with a latchkey, was promptly arrested by a detective and held until identified as a non-dynamiter.

A solid silver balustrade, which has stood in one of the Mexican churches since the time of Cortez, was torn down not long ago and taken to the mint and coined, producing 60,000 silver dollars.

There is great convenience in the 25 cent shinplaster that is used to be in circulation. Though they are still to be "called in," those few that are used are eagerly sought for, and are used in the transmission of small sums, though the post. Besides, the government has need of money; and this form of coin is one that falls very easily on the people. By all means let the shinplasters come out again.

We have received the following stamp papers up to date:—New England Philatelist, El Filotelico (San Domingo), Philateliasta (Brazil), Pine and Palmetto, Philatelic Monthly, Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, Philatelic Herald, Our American Youth, Tidings from Nature, Capital City Philatelist, Collectors' Companion, American Journal of Philately, The Philatelist, The Museum, The Collector, The Exchange, Craughton's Occasional, Philatelic Observer, Philatelic Globe, The Hermes, California Philatelist.

The following are the names of the successful competitors for the prize competition advertised in our March and April numbers:—First prize, Mr. C. E. Swope, Louisville; second prize, H. A. Mallin, Girard; third prize, Mr. F. H. Best, Toronto.

The *World* suggests that soldiers at the front be allowed to send their letters east free of postage provided the envelopes be franked by their commanding officer. This is a small boon, but the convenience in camp will be great, and our volunteers who sacrifice so much for the country deserve every consideration. We are satisfied that Mr. Carling will adopt the idea the moment he reads this paragraph.

The stamp collectors of this city held a meeting at the office of the Toronto Philatelic Co. on the 24th ulto. for the purpose of forming a Philatelic Society. The meeting, after being addressed by Mr. McMinn, Mr. Best, and several other prominent men of this city, adjourned until 8th May, when the following officers were duly elected:—Captain Gamble Geddes, A.D.C., President; Mr. F. H. Best, Vice-President; Mr. H. Morell, Secretary; Mr. T. J. McMinn, Treasurer.

Dealers will find, by giving us a trial, that the TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL is one of the best advertising mediums in America:

We are very well satisfied with your paper, and think it the best in Canada for advertising. Next month we will give you a larger advertisement, and we hope it will succeed.
—Krebs Brothers, Stamp Importers, New York.

We have received many letters like the above, which we would publish had we the space.

NEW ISSUES

That have appeared, or are about to appear:

Brazil.—The color of the 10 reis has been changed from black to orange.

Ceylon.—Has issued a large number of provisionals.

Italy.—Is about to issue four new stamps for parcels post.

Lagos.—The 1 penny is now rose; the 2 penny, grey; the 4 penny, lilac, and the 6 penny, olive.

Montserrat.—The 2½ penny is blue, and the 4 penny, mauve.

Persia.—Is about to issue new stamps.

Portugal.—The 20 reis is now carmine.

Sweden.—The following stamps have appeared: 10 ore, official, red, same type as others; 10 ore envelope, red on white; and two post-cards, green, one for the public, and the other official. Two more are expected: 5 ore, green, and 20 ore, blue.

St. Domingo.—The new stamps are as follows: 1 cent, green; 2 cents, red; 5 cents, blue; 10 cents, orange, and 20 cents, brown.

United States.—A new 10c. stamp is expected; also a 1c. periodical stamp.

A MILLIONAIRE.

Every stamp collector understands the meaning of "the Millionaire" and the almost ludicrous circumstances connected with the origin of the term. A small and obscure dealer in the West of England gives out that in *one month* he has sold *two million packets of stamps!* Surely this is going a little too far. It required a man of large faith to swallow Mr. Palmer's "million" story, and the only inference that can be drawn from the announcement of this second "millionaire," who, by the bye, seems totally ignorant of the first principle of business that someone is given to parables or untruths, and it furnishes a powerful illustration of that old proverb, "One fool makes sport for many."—*Foreign Stamp Collector's News.*

STAMP COLLECTORS.

The following statement is the number of collectors throughout the world: United States, between 150,000 and 180,000; Canada, 30,000 to 50,000; South America, 4,000 to 5,000; Great Britain, 120,000 to 140,000; France and Belgium, 90,000 to 120,000; Germany, 50,000 to 80,000; Austria, 30,000 to 60,000; Italy, 6,000 to 8,000; Spain and Portugal, 4,000 to 7,000; Switzerland, 6,000 to 8,000; all other European Countries, 30,000 to 55,000; Asia, 1,500 to 3,000; Africa, 600 to 1,500; Australia, 2,000 to 3,000; West Indies, 600 to 4,000; countries and colonies not included in the above list, about 1,000; or a grand total of about 700,000.—*Philatelic Review.*

ANTONIO D. VANNINI,
Konrapun, Picton, New Zealand,
Solicits correspondence in all parts of the world for the exchange of foreign stamps, etc. All letters answered by return mail.

(Stamp papers copy, and send specimen number with account.)

WANTED.

Coins and Indian Relics for cash, or in exchange for books.

Address Ye Olde Booke Shoppe,
353 Yonge st., Toronto.

HENRY COWARD,

Wholesale Stamp Dealer,

3 Bidstone View, Boulton, Birkenhead,
England,

Desires consignments of foreign and colonial stamps and post cards, including common used United States and Canadian. Good prices given and postage allowed for. Wholesale lists free.

Notice—All parcels insufficiently paid will be refused. Philatelic magazines please copy this advertisement and send in their bill.

ATTENTION PHILATELISTS.

The Monster Packet contains the following Brazilian stamps:—1 set 1st issue; 180, 300, 600 rs., 2nd issue; 280, 430 rs., and 10; 30 rs. blue of 3rd issue; post-cards, telegraphs, envelopes, revenues, fiscals, rare provisionals used in the Paraguayan war—in all 1000 stamps, well assorted—a fine packet for dealers. I will send the above in exchange for 1000 sheets of embossed relief scraps (cut out), scrap-books, cancelled fac-similes of rare stamps, pieces of calico, sheets of decalcomania, bevelled gilt-edged cards, chromo cards or gold coins, bank-notes or U. S. or foreign unused current postage stamps.

Cash or goods must be sent in advance. All correspondence must be registered. Best references given.

MIGUEL SALVADOR,
Correa in Penedo,
Alagoas, Brazil.

The Oldest British Stamp Journal is

**THE
STAMP COLLECTOR'S JOURNAL,**
Coin Collector's News and Antiquarian Gazette.

A large monthly, devoted to Philately, Numismatics and Bric-a-brac. Subscription, 36c. per annum, post free. Advertisements, whole column, \$2.00; half column, \$1.36; ¼ column, 72c.; 1 inch, 36c. Specimen copy free.

Address everything to
C. H. NUNN, Publisher,
Bury Saint Edmunds, England.

Sheets of Foreign Stamps at 50 per cent. Discount a specialty by

KREBS BROTHERS

10 VARICK PLACE

NEW YORK, U. S. A.

STAMPS BOUGHT, SOLD AND EXCHANGED

Stamp dealers and agents for the Philatelic Advertising Paper, *Universum*, published by Mr. H. J. Dauth, Frankfort, Germany.

!!! TAKE ADVERTISEMENTS AT ORIGINAL PRICES !!!
The best paper in the world for advertisements.

**AGENTS
WANTED**

In every City, Town, School and College in the World to sell our

§ APPROVAL § SHEETS §

We sell our stamps one-third less than other dealers.

All kinds of stamps bought, sold and exchanged.

Approval sheets sent to responsible parties.

Highest price paid for old Canadian stamps, the pence issue especially.

Give us a trial, and you will never regret it.

GEO. A. LOWE,
18 Orde St.,
Toronto, Canada.

INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS' GUIDE.
25 cents. W. G. WHILDEN, Jr., Publisher,
PELZER, S. C.

THE FOREIGN STAMP COLLECTORS' NEWS,

A first-class Journal, devoted to the interest of stamp collectors; 20 pages, monthly. 36c per annum, post free. Advertising rates, per inch, 36c; ½ column, \$1.20. Specimen copy gratis and post free. Address, EDWIN ENGLAND, Stamp Importer and Philatelic Publisher, Lorne Street, Hull, England.

Publishers insert above, and this, and send equivalent for insertion in F.S.C.N.

Circulation 1,200 Copies Each Month!
THE

CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIST!
A large 8-paged monthly, devoted to stamps, coins and curiosities. Subscription, 25c. per year; with 1,000 mixed foreign stamps, 35c.; advertising rates on application. L. M. HAMLEN, Box 91, Augusta, Maine.

TORONTO PHILATELIC & JOURNAL.

We want all readers of the above paper to send reference and get one of our fine approval sheets on 25% commission. New 1895 list of single stamps, packets sets and albums just issued, and sent free to any address. 1,000 mixed stamps, suitable for trading, 35 cents, 100 varieties, 15 cents, postpaid.

Try us once and you will not regret it. Canadian unused stamps taken for amounts under one dollar, over that amount send by P. O order or registered letter.

Address C. E. SWOPE & CO.,
1013 Sixth St., Louisville, Ky.

Foreign correspondence solicited.

COINS AND MEDALS

Ancient, Byzantine, Mediaeval and Modern.

An authentic attribution and full description accompanies every coin which I offer at and above 10 cents.

Direct importations from the leading coin marts of Europe.

The most complete and best assorted stock in America.

Invoices of Coins submitted on approval to parties furnishing satisfactory references.

Catalogue of Numismatic works on sale, 15 cents postpaid.

Coin price list and circulars upon receipt of postage.

LYMAN H. LOW, Numismatist,
838 Broadway, New York.

ATTENTION :

We have 20,000 Canadian post-cards, both old and present issues, which we desire to exchange for foreign or colonial stamps or post-cards.

TORONTO PHILATELIC CO.,
18 Orde St., Toronto, Canada.

EDWIN HEALEY & CO.,
FOREIGN STAMP IMPORTERS,
10 PORTLAND PLACE,
Clapham, London, S. W., England.

100,000 good Continentals, 25c. 100 Hong Kong, 4s.
100 Azores, 2 1/2 reis, 2/6.
Terms cash, with order, postage extra. All kinds of North American stamps exchanged. Agents wanted in schools at 25% for sheets.

H. G. SPAULDING,
Manchester, Mich., U. S. A.

Approval sheets at 25% commission. Set of Siam, 5 varieties, 77 cents. Exchange relations desired with all foreign dealers. (Notice! Send stamps if you want your sheets immediately.)

J. H. HOUSTON

204 B St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

Rare department stamps of all kinds and envelopes for sale or exchange.
Wanted—South America, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and old Canadian exchange.

100 FOREIGN STAMPS, all different, including Suriname (1885 issue), Cashmere, Malta (green 1d.), Cyprus, Grenada, Trinidad, Brazil, Chili, Newfoundland, etc., price 25 cents. 100 scrap pictures, 15 cts. 10 decalcomanies, 10 cts. All kinds of stamps bought, sold or exchanged with parties in all parts of the world for scrap pictures. Send for wholesale list. We will give 10 cents each for Canada 8-cent registered.

Philatelic Stamp Co., 3025 South Parke Ave.,
CHICAGO, ILLS.

PRICE LIST OF STANLEY, GIBBONS & CO.'S PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS.

Full particulars in detailed Prospectus, sent postpaid on application.

The Price Catalogue and Appendix, 2,100 Illustrations, 1s. 6d.

The Improved Series of Postage Stamp Albums. Seventh edition. Greatly enlarged. Now ready. With space for all the latest issues. No. 1, 1s. 9d.; No. 2, 3s. 7d.; No. 3, 4s. 8d.; No. 4, 6s. 8d., postpaid.

The Imperial Postage Stamp Album. Fourth edition. Greatly enlarged and revised. Including the four Supplements previously published. Two Volumes. No. 5, 14s. 6d.; No. 6, 17s.; No. 7, 19s. 6d.; No. 8, 22s. 6d.; No. 9, 25s. 6d.; No. 10, 52s. 6d., postpaid.

The Philatelic Hand-book for 1885. Just published. No. 1, 8s.; No. 2, 13s.

Album Weeds; or, How to Detect Forged Stamps, 8s.

The National Album for Arms, Crests, Monograms, etc. Third edition. Enlarged and Improved. No. 1, 1s. 8d.

No. 2, 2s. 11d.; No. 3, 4s.; No. 4, 6s. 6d.; No. 5, 8s.

The Philatelic Album as advertised, No. 13, 43 shillings.

STANLEY, GIBBONS & CO., Stamp Importers,
8 Gower St., London, W. C., England.

WEST INDIES :

We desire to enter into correspondence with collectors in the West Indies with a view to a mutual exchange of postage stamps.

Toronto Philatelic Co., 18 Orde Street,
TORONTO, CANADA.

M. D. BATCHELDY,
(WHOLESALE AND RETAIL),

Stamp Importer and Publisher,
2700 Ninth St., St. Louis, Mo.

Largest stock of genuine stamps in the West. Catalogue free. Our American Youth, large 12-page illustrated monthly stamp, coin and curiosity paper; sample free. Canadian exchange list giving prices. I pay for Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Canada, etc., 2 cents. 16-page list of prices paid for old coins, 10 cents.

JINGO STAMP COMPY,
Manchester, Mich., U. S.

Agents wanted for our approval sheets at 25 per cent. commission. 100 varieties, 10c. 1,000 assorted, 25c. Good exchange or cash for Canadian, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward stamps.

G. B. CALMAN,

WHOLESALE DEALER IN

POSTAGE & STAMPS

299 Pearl St.,

NEW - YORK.

Cheapest price list in the world
sent free to dealers only.

J. H. BRONSDON
NUMISMATIST

The only purely coin business in Canada. Coins bought, sold and exchanged. Agent for LeRoux's Atlas of Canadian coins (Illustrated). Coins sent on approval to responsible parties. Just bought a lot of Canadian coins in New York in fine to uncirc. condition.

Note the address— 92 King street East, Toronto

VENTRILOQUISM easily learned by any boy or man. Large book of instructions and 10 wizard tricks, secret apparatus, etc., 20 cents. W. E. SKINNER & CO., Lynn, Mass.

Established (1869-1885) Sixteen Years

L. W. DURBIN

FIFTH AND LIBRARY STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

FOREIGN STAMP IMPORTER
—AND—
PUBLISHER

The largest assortment of genuine stamps, at the lowest prices, always in stock.
The most extensive stock of foreign postal cards in the market.

Marvellous Packets :

Packets of 10 different stamps for 5c.; 50 different for 25c.; 120 different for 50c.; 250 different for \$2.04; 870 different for \$2.54; 500 different (many rare) for \$1.00; 1,000 different for \$2.25; 125 South American for \$5, and a large number of other Packets at various prices, list of which may be had on application by mail or in person.

THE EXCELSIOR STAMP ALBUM, to contain over 1,700 stamps, bound in imitation morocco, only 25c. Other Albums at 75 cents to \$12.00.

Coats of arms, 50 cents.

Flags of the world, 25 cents.

Photographs of rulers, 50 cents.

Engravings of rulers, 15 cents.

Descriptive catalogue, thirteenth edition, 25 cts.

Catalogue of postal cards, fifth edition, 25 cts.

: Send for Circular giving Full Particulars :

I am the only one in the United States who deals exclusively in postage stamps, and articles connected with that branch of trade, and hence am better able than any one else to fill orders promptly and satisfactorily.

ONE TRIAL SOLICITED

SATISFACTION ALWAYS GUARANTEED

ORDERS FILLED THE DAY OF RECEIPT

GEORGE L. LOWE

GENERAL COLLECTING

Agent and Commission Merchant
18 ORDE ST.
TORONTO, ONT., CANADA

Money collected in all parts of Canada, the United States and Great Britain at a commission of 25%.

DEALERS

Who have been swindled by collectors, who, after having received approval sheets, will not make returns, should send in their claim to us, and we will have it collected.

COLLECTORS

Who have been defrauded by dealers, and cannot get any satisfaction, should send in their claim for collection.

WHILDEN'S ADVERTISING BUREAU, PELZER, S. C., inserts advertisements in stamp and coin papers at less than publishers' rates.

In answering Advertisements you would oblige the publisher by mentioning this paper.