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9—Postal Telegraph, 10, 15, 25, 50c	4	25	60—†Germany, Thurn and Taxis, North and South 1862-66	6	15
10—*Hussey's Locals, (Horseman)	5	15	61—Great Britain, 1880-87	10	10
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16—Austria, 1867-91	13	15	68—*Heligoland, 1867-76	11	25
17—†Barbados, envelopes and wrappers, 1882-93	4	30	69—* " 1878 wrappers	3	8
18—Bavaria, 1849-90	10	10	70—Hungary, 1877-88	9	12
19—Belgium 1861-66	5	8	71—India, adhesive sand env. 1882-83	9	10
20— " 1870-83	10	10	72—† " Faridkot, 1888, unperforated	8	25
21—† " newspaper stamps, 1869-93	6	10	73—†India, Faridkot, 1888, perforated	8	25
22—Bolivia 1887-90	5	15	74—Italy, 1862-90	15	20
23—Bosnia 1879	5	10	75—Japan, 1876-88	9	8
24—Brazil, 1850-91	7	10	76— " 1878	7	15
25—† " wrappers, 1889-93	3	15	77—†Liberia, 1881-92	4	30
26—Br. Guiana, 1882-91	5	12	78—Luxemburg, 1882, including officials	7	10
27—Bulgaria 1881-89	11	20	79—Mauritius 1885-93	5	18
28—Canada, 1859-88	8	12	80—†Mexico, 1863	5	30
29—Chili, 1880-81	7	10	81— " 1868-72	6	50
30—Columbian Republic, 1883-92	10	15	82— " 1874-78	7	35
31—†Costa Rica, 1889	6	15	83— " 1882	5	30
32—† " 1889	7	30	84—† " 1883	5	50
33—† " 1892	4	10	85— " 1884-85	8	20
34—† " officials, 1889	5	25	86— " 1886-87	9	15
35—†Cuba, 1857-66	7	75	87—† " Porte de Mar, 1875-80	5	20
36— " 1867-92	15	25	88— " official stamps	4	12
37— " 1870-74	9	75	89—† " official's scale 1885-93	3	20
38— " 1875-77	7	50	90—†Monaco, 1885-91, adhesives and wrappers	8	15
39— " 1878-79	6	40	91—New South Wales, 1882-92, adhesives and envelope	10	20
40—† " 1880-81	8	50	92—New South Wales, officials, 1889-92 adhesives and env.	6	15
41—† " 1883, 5, 10, 20c, type I.	3	40	93—New Zealand, 1873-82	6	10
42—† " 1883, 5, 10, 20c, type II.	3	40	94—†Nicaragua, 1869-78	4	25
43—† " 1883, 5, 10, 20c type III	3	40	95—† " 1882	6	25
44—† " 1883, 5, 10, 20c, type IV	3	40	96—† " 1882	7	50
45— " 1882-88	10	25	97—† " adhesives, 1890	10	50
46— " 1890-92	11	20	98—† " " 1891	10	50
47—Denmark, 1858-85	13	10	99—† " " 1892	10	50
48—Ecuador, 1865-72	4	20			
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104	† " " 1891	6	25	124	—†Samoa, 1877-82	8	20
105	† " " 1892	5	25	125	—†Saxony, 1863	5	12
106	† " wrappers, 1890	3	10	126	—†Serbia 1869 73	4	10
107	† " " 1891	3	10	127	—South African Republic	4	10
108	† " " 1892	3	10	128	—Spain, 1857-77	10	15
109	—Norway, 1856-89	14	15	129	— " 1874-89	17	15
110	—Paraguay, 1887 92	5	15	130	—Straits Settlements, 1884-92	5	12
111	—Peru, 1881-86	7	20	131	—†Surinam, 1885 93	5	12
112	—Philippine Is., 1882-90	6	15	132	—Sweden, 1838 66	5	12
113	—Porto Rico, 1873 92	19	40	133	— " 1872 85	10	10
114	— " " 1878 90	10	15	134	— " 1886 92	12	15
115	—† " " 1892, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8m	6	10	135	— " officials, 1874-84	9	15
116	†Portugal, 1892 93, provisional.	8	40	136	—†Switzerland, 1862-78	6	8
117	†Portuguese Colonies, 5 reis; Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea, Macao, Mozambique St Thomas and Prince Island, Timor	7	15	137	—† " 1862 78	9	20
118	—† 5, 10r, Angra, Funchal, Horta, Ponta Delgada	8	20	138	— " 1864, unpaid let- ter stamps	6	18
119	—† 2½ r; Angola, Azores, Cape Verde, Guinea, Macao, Mo- zambique, St. Thomas and Prince Island, Timor	8	12	139	—Tasmania, 1864-92	6	20
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A DEFENSE OF SCIENTIFIC PHILATELY BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBUSH.

"When every collector shall have become a specialist, and the powers of his intellect are frittered away upon puerile and infinitesimal varieties, we shall deservedly be dubbed an association of cranks. The advanced philatelist will be the death of Philately, if he cannot be tethered and restrained. The ideal catalogue will discourage the vagaries and puerilities of the advanced philatelist, whose only claim to be described as "advanced" lies in the fact that he has carried his hobby out of the regions of common sense into the cloudy expanses of trivialism and uncertainty, and has degraded a most interesting recreation, into the most laughable business of life."

These stinging words, quoted verbatim from Mr. M. R. Knight's recent article in the *Monthly Journal* of London, England, on the ideal stamp catalogue form the most powerful arraignment of the advanced philatelist and his methods of study, that has ever appeared in the philatelic press. Mr. Knight's earnest protest against the cataloguing and collecting of certain minute differences in postage stamps bears the unmistakable stamp of sincerity; but it is no less unmistakably

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the work of one who is behind the age in which he lives, and who judges Philately by the standards of a decade ago, instead of by the standards of to-day.

Yet it is to be feared that Mr. Knight simply voices the sentiments of many others. In much of the philatelic literature emanating from the pens of those of comparatively superficial knowledge, there is a tendency to belittle the advanced philatelist, and the school of philatelic culture which he represents. The notion that the collection and study of minute varieties is puerile and trivial is no new thing, though seldom or never before expressed in such plain, unvarnished language as that which Mr. Knight chooses to employ. We all know many collectors who decry the inclusion in our catalogues and collections of those minor varieties which they are pleased to term unimportant. Mr. Knight may well be considered the spokesman of this class and it is due the advanced collectors whose erudition he belittles that his caustic condemnation of their method be not passed by unanswered.

Philately occupies to-day a higher place in the respect of its devotees and of the outside world than ever before. Who placed it there? It has been growing and expanding and widening its sphere of influence continually. Which of its followers have chiefly sown the seeds of that growing strength? One answer only can be given to both questions, viz., its deepest students, the advanced collectors. The term advanced collector means a great deal nowadays; and much as Mr. Knight and others of his ilk may scoff at the thorough knowledge of the "little things" of Philately which the term betokens, the brainy men and women who are delving in the field of philatelic research in such numbers will continue to hold it a title of honor and strive to win it for themselves.

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error of the skin deep school of philatelists lies in their mistaken belief that study and recreation are incompatible. The advanced student is the very life of Philately, the mainstay of the entire body philatelic. Every grain of knowledge he masters strengthens at one and the same time his standing as a philatelist and Philately's standing as a science. The day when Philately's right to be dubbed a science was disdainfully questioned has gone by, never to return. We have advanced far beyond that stage: hence, it seems like an echo from the past when the very essence of scientific study is so roundly assailed. In deprecating the collecting of certain classes of varieties which he terms "unimportant," Mr. Knight is venturing on uncertain ground. It is impossible for us to learn too much regarding the specimens which we choose to study. There is no single detail of their manufacture or history that is without its interest, or that can in strict fairness be termed unimportant.

Every single link in the chain of knowledge must be perfect before we can deem that chain complete. Who shall attempt to irrevocably separate the important from the unimportant; and to say, "thus far shalt thou go and no farther." The strongest argument that can possibly be adduced in favor of the scientific study of Philately, lies in the simple statement that thousands and thousands of intelligent and cultured men find great pleasure in collecting and studying those very varieties that their brethren of less studious tastes and inclinations systematically cry down.

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Of course, our tastes are not alike. What pleases one may be very displeasing to another; and it is but natural that many philatelists should prefer a vague, general skirmishing around the borders of the pursuit, to the careful and systematic collecting of the student. But that gives them no warrant that their method is the best; and the fact that they lack the qualities necessary to appreciate other modes of collecting, should not lead them to value too lightly that which others have tested and found in the highest degree satisfactory. It is very easy for us to profess scorn for that which we do not or cannot understand. It is very common for men to sneer at knowledge which is beyond them; and the attitude is seldom a graceful one for those who do the sneering.

Mr. Knight says in effect that the mass of advanced collectors are unbridled idiots. According to this new found apostle of philatelic simplicity, the advanced collector is as one bereft of common sense. His "vagaries and puerilities," are alternately disgusting and laughable. Elsewhere in the article, Mr. Knight remarks that he can hardly use the words "advanced philatelist" without laughter. In fact the entire essay displays a mingled pity and contempt for the misguided victims of scientific Philately that can by no possible stretch of courtesy be termed edifying. I would not criticise Mr. Knight for boldly stating his views, radical though they be. He doubtless believes sincerely in the philatelic creed which he outlines. But his condemnation of the advanced philatelist and his work is both injudicious and unjust. It is the invective of intolerance: the plea of a man who can see no virtue in the ways of others when they fail to conform with his own, and I would suggest to Mr. Knight that his article is a speaking injustice to the greatest philatelists of every land. The mode of collecting which he deprecates is that pursued by a vast majority of those men whose names are most familiar and whose philatelic fame is most enviable and enduring. The superficial philatelist seldom or never gains a lasting reputation. Those same advanced philatelists who move Mr. Knight to such abundant mirth, form the strong, powerful and effective force that leads on the van guard of philatelic progress. The advanced collector is the Atlas who sustains the world of Philately; and a million batteries of rhetorical ridicule could not injure him.

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Nevertheless, Philately's brightest promise lies in the growth among collectors of that spirit of conscientious scholarship that has done and is doing so much to elevate the science.

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MEMBERS of the Toronto Philatelic Club will please notice that they will not receive this Journal in future unless they subscribe, our contract with the Club having expired. We would like you all on our list for 1895 and will be pleased to receive your subscriptions. Send them along early so as not to miss a number.

FROM a letter just received from the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., we learn that their 55nd catalogue will not be ready before Jan. 10th, 1895.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Canadian Philatelic Association :

GENTLEMEN.—I have the following report to make.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

O'Grady J. W. de C., Bank of Montreal, Wallaceburg; *References*: T. S. Clark and H. F. Ketcheson.

No new members.

RECEIPTS.

1894.	
Nov. 26 Balance Cash on hand	\$ 1 33
29 Codville, J. J. dues for 1895	1 00
Dec. 13 O'Grady, J. W. de C., with application	1 00
	\$ 3 33

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Allow me to remind you that this is the time for payment of membership fees for 1895 and I hope you will send in your dues without putting me to the neces-

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Allow me to impress on the members that I think there is little use in sending stamps priced under 25 cents and that stamps valued at 1.00 and over will be more likely to be sold than the cheaper varieties. I expect a packet from Birmingham very shortly.

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TONGA furnishes the latest philatelic *cause celebre*. It appears that Mr. A. M. Campbell, Postmaster at Tonga, has been surcharging new issues of Tongan stamps and selling them to stamp collectors and dealers. The official auditor, Mr. Whitcombe, on examining the Postmaster's accounts, found stamps valuing £26,775 3s. 4d. not accounted for. This fact he published in his report, and the Postmaster thereupon brought an action for libel against him, creating great interest throughout the Islands. The trial took place at Nutrualoja, Tonga, in August last, and the court was crowded with natives anxiously waiting for the result. Mr. Whitcombe shows in his report the way the thing was worked. Mr. Campbell, it is alleged, received quantities of stamps, &c., to enter as stock, of which he only entered about half, so as to make the debit and credit sides balance. This was cleverly arranged; but, however, he did not succeed. The question is, where did the other stamps go to? They have been traced indisputably to Mr. Campbell's office, but at that point all record of them is lost. Mr. Campbell admitted selling these stamps to collectors, and on being questioned by Mr. Whitcombe in the trial, he also said the greater portion of the stamps were used to fill orders received from a foreign dealer. It seems that £200 was paid by a German dealer for 105,000 of these stamps to be specially printed for him, and several other transactions were entered into. Mr. Cotter (a New Zealand lawyer) cross-examined plaintiff, who in the end withdrew, the defendant winning the day. Therefore the Tongan Government has been swindled out of £26,775 3s. 4d. worth of stamps by its postmaster. This should be a warning to philatelists, as many a man gets rich by trading upon the too credulous stamp collector. We could not have a better argument in favour of our anti-"gumbug" crusade than this Tongan Stamp Scandal.—*Stamp Collectors Fortnightly*.

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ONE of our correspondents, travelling from Ceylon, *via* Samoa, to this country, made a point of calling at Apia. He was there offered by a postal official the reprints of the first Samoan issue, postmarked with genuine postmarks (any date); and the very obliging official further offered to pass any letters which would bear the reprints so treated. Comment is needless. The price asked for the postmarked reprints was only 3s. per set! The same gentleman favoured our correspondent with the secret history of the inverted surcharges of the 2c. Ceylon. As is well known, the surcharging of these stamps was performed by native employees of the Post Office. This was the mode adopted. Whenever a special surcharge was put through the press one or two sheets were purposely placed on the machine inverted. The bundles of sheets were passed on to an inspector, who was supposed to examine every sheet. But in reality this official only counted the sheets and then passed them on to the Treasury Department, from whence they were issued to the public. As soon as the originator of the inverted surcharges found out that the sheets had been passed to the Treasury, he would send in an order for half-a-dozen sheets. This order would come into the hands of a confederate, who then picked out the inverted or otherwise manipulated sheets, which were afterwards sold to European dealers at fancy prices, the two men dividing the spoils. It is a well-known and comforting fact that the old stock of surcharged stamps has been burned, and that the Government put their foot down on the practice on representations being made to them by the local philatelic societies.—*Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*.

EVERYONE will no doubt remember the famous swindle of the Sedang stamps initiated by an ingenious Frenchman who styled himself King Maria I. From "information received" we believe that something similar has happened to Abyssinia. A very high Official of the Italian Government, living at Massana, heard of these so-called Stamps of Menelik, and wished to procure some specimens, but could not *obtain any stamps in Abyssinia, there being no local Post Office as late as 6th October, 1894!* He was informed that the stamps could only be bought at PARIS! If we consider that Menelik and Massana are situated in Abyssinia, and further, that the country is under Italian protection, and finally, that it was a high Italian Official who is our informant, it seems to be reasonably certain that the whole issue is of a very problematic character.—*Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*.

Six years old to-day! and quite proud we are of it. Little did we think when we issued our first number that our efforts would be so much appreciated and that the "Dominion" as we are familiarly called would reach the ripe old age of six years, speaking as Philatelic Journals, many of which live but for a day. We thank very heartily our many patrons for continued support during the past years. We have tried to please you and trust we have succeeded. We make no promises for the future but will do, as we have done in the past, our very best.

THE collection of Mr. Gilbert Harrison who died recently in London, Eng., has been placed in the hands of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., to sell; it is valued at \$80,000.

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Six years ago when Ketcheson issued the first edition of his catalogue of Canada Revenue Stamps. these stamps were almost unknown; to-day they are included in two of the large catalogues of this continent and no doubt very soon a special album will be published for them. This is not to be wondered at as they are pretty and interesting and at present cheap, though we predict rapid rises in price in the near future. We would advise our readers to complete their sets of these stamps while prices are reasonable.

A NEW stamp collectors society has been organized at San Antonio Tex. on Nov. 13, 1894, and will be known as "The Metropolitan Philatelic Club." The following is a list of the officers elected. *Executive Committee* :—EDWARD W. HEUSINGER, President ; ALBERT STEVES, Vice-President ; E. G. CERVANTE, Treasurer ; JOHN G. ROTH, Secretary ; MAX E. JESSE, Assistant Secretary. *Literary Board* :—ALFRED E. HAYDEN, Chairman ; H. C. GLAZE, Secretary ; JULIUS JERMY, Librarian.

THE Philatelic Review of Reviews with Lewis G. Quackenbush as editor, is rapidly carving out for itself an enviable name high up among the Philatelic Journals of the day. We admire the fearless outspoken way in which the editor handles his subjects as well as the high literary merits of its contributors. The P. R. of R. will always be a welcome guest to our sanctum.

MR. WALTER MORLEY of London, England, recently exhibited his magnificent collection of Canadian Revenue stamps at a meeting of the City of London Philatelic Club Mr. Morley has one of the finest collections of these stamps in existence. Canada Revenue stamps are becoming favorites with collectors generally.

THE present Exchange Supt. of the American Philatelic Ass., Mr. Geo. D. Mekeel has since his term of office began received stamps for his Dept. to the amount of \$30,763. He has now out on circuit stamps to the value of \$15,394. The percentage of sales from last lot of books returned was 38 $\frac{1}{8}$ per cent.

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WE would call the attention of our readers to the Auction List of T. S. Clark, Belleville, Ont., accompanying this issue of our Journal ; many desirable stamps are listed and this is a good opportunity to fill up blank spaces in your album. Send in your bids early.

FROM the report of the Secretary of the American Philatelic Association we learn that on Dec. 1st, 34 members were dropped for non-payment of dues leaving a net membership of 770 with 32 applications for membership in the Secretarys hands.

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CHAS. MATTHEWS was arrested on Dec. 2nd in London, Eng., for obtaining stamps by false pretences. This gentleman is known to have used no less than thirteen different names while carrying out his schemes to defraud.

ISN'T it funny, that breaking banks and financial crashes, while they paralyze ordinary business, do not affect the price of stamps. It's only another proof of the good sense of the man who invests in good stamps.

MR. E. B. JONES of Ruthven, Iowa, intends issuing early next year a check list for collections of Philatelic literature. It will include all Philatelic papers published in Canada and the United States

THE Montreal Stamp Collectors Club have secured fine rooms at 2204 St. Catherine street which are nicely furnished and open every evening. All visiting collectors will be made welcome.

DID any of our readers ever think of the value of a "reis"? Well it takes four and three quarters reis to make one farthing or about nine and one half reis to make one cent of our money.

WE had an opportunity of seeing a fine specimen of the Canada 7½ P. Green, used and on the original cover a few days ago. This stamp is a great rarity on the original cover.

THE "Dominion" is the only Philatelic Journal in Canada to-day that is appearing regularly and on time. We should have the name of every Canadian collector on our list.

OUR Montreal office is open from 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. All visiting collectors to Montreal should give us a call. Remember the address 2431 St. Catherine Street.

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YE editor has been elected a corresponding member of the Metropolitan Philatelic Club, of San Antonio, Tex. Many thanks.

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Exchange Superintendent, MR. C. A. BISHOP.

Librarian,

QUEBEC PHILATELIC CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Quebec Philatelic Club was held on the 5th Dec. at the residence of the President M. Joseph, Esq. The past year has been a very successful one in every way.

The following extract from the Exchange Supt's Report will show that the Exchange Department has made great headway.

In 1893, 107 sheets valued at \$70.40 were received by the Sup't. In 1894, 167 sheets valued at \$136.54 were put on circuit, showing an increase of 60 sheets with a value of \$66.14. The stamps taken from the sheets in 1894 were nearly double the amount taken in 1893. The Sec.-Treas's Report was then read and showed a very satisfactory state of affairs a very fair balance remaining on hand, over and above all expenses.

The above reports were unanimously adopted.

Several other matters having been brought before the meeting and discussed, the election of Officers for the ensuing year took place, and resulted as follows:

President, MR. DAVID MITCHELL; *Vice-President*, MR. GASPARD LE MOINE; *Secretary-Treasurer*, MR. F. O. JUDGE; *Exchange Superintendent*, CYRIL BISHOP. Shortly after this the meeting was adjourned.

F. O. JUDGE, Sec.-Treas.

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SPECIAL PRIVILEGES TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We propose during the coming year to grant special privileges to our subscribers as follows: We will allow subscribers to insert free in the exchange column of this Journal, once, an exchange notice, not to exceed fifty words. We will supply you with whatever of the current Postal issues of Canada unused, such as 8c., 20c. and 50c., stamped envelopes, cards, wrappers and letter cards, &c., at their full value plus the postage.

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To such of our subscribers as desire it, we will use Canada stamped wrappers in mailing this Journal to them each month or ½ cent stamps, just as you like—let us know about it.

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GEORGE J. HINES who has been postmaster-general of Bengal, India for 26 years is on a visit to England.

THE one shilling orange vermilion of Newfoundland recently brought \$100 at auction in London, Eng.

THE issue of Jubilee Stamps of the Argentine republic have been extensively counterfeited.

MR. R. F. ALBRECHT, the well known New York dealer is at present in Europe.

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