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## An Eminent Philatelist.

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Mr. H. L. HART, whose photograph appears on this page began collecting stamps in 1884, and for a year or two was purely an amateur. In 1889-90 he sold his collection of British Colonies and United States, retailing them to collectors. In this collection were some very fine provisionals of both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; some fine shillings of N. S. and N. B.; Canada 6d. perforated; etc. etc. The sum realized was satisfactory, but would bring much more now.

In 1891 Mr. Hart began his present collection of British North American and British West Indies. He not only collects shades, perforations and varieties, but used, unused, pairs, blocks and lately entire sheets of a few countries. Naturally the Maritime Provinces are well represented; Nova Scotia cataloguing over \$800.00, and



New Brunswick nearly as much. In his P. E. Islands he has almost every possible variety including an entire sheet of 4d. His Canadians are complete, including the 12d. Among his Entire sheets are St. Christopher  $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1c, 4d; Antigua  $\frac{1}{2}$ d; Turks Islands 1d, 6d, 1sh; Newfoundland 3d, 4d, 5d two kinds, 6d, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 8d, and 1sh. It would take too long to tell of the many rare Trinidad, Barbadoes, St. Lucia, etc. in Mr. Hart's fine collection.

Mr. Hart does the largest approval sheet business in the Maritime Provinces, and the sales, which are increasing every year would surprise most of our readers.

Mr. Hart is 28 years old, and has been in the Boot and Shoe business in Halifax for six years. He is a descendant of an United Empire Loyalist, and it is needless to state that he is still loyal,

## An American Philatelic Congress.

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It is probably too late in the season to talk of a grand combined gathering of Philatelists on the North American continent for this year. One of the most desirable things to be looked forward to in the annals of philately will be a federation of all the stamp collectors societies at present existing in Canada, the United States and other American countries. That such a scheme is feasible, there is no doubt whatever. By federation, I do not mean amalgamation, but simply a combined union of the present existing societies with the present existing laws, all under one head centre, and all having combined action and influence in matters of paramount importance to stamp collectors.

One of the greatest drawbacks of the present day is the aimless existence of too many societies, some local and some national in their character. With a yearly congress, somewhat similar to that held by the various German societies, we should at once institute a means to check all the present evils. I do not prefer to give a scheme of how this federation should be done. It will receive plenty of criticism when the call is sounded. I think that had some responsible society issued an invitation to all other philatelic bodies to attend a congress of philatelists, at a certain time during the progress of the Worlds Fair, that a hearty response would have been the result. The stamp exhibit at the Worlds Fair will do our cause a great deal of good. The different conventions of philatelists to be held in Chicago will be of great benefit, but, above all, a congress of philatelists would do more to boom philately than anything heretofore attempted.

Here is an opportunity for some American society to show a lasting benefit to collectors, or for some of our philatelic lights to shine forth. Better late than never, and if this year is too far advanced for such a scheme, then by all means let 1894 be the year that will see the greatest combined gathering of philatelists that has ever taken place in the World. We may yet have such a congress, with sections for dealers, collectors, editors and publishers. From chaos we will have order and take for our motto "UNION FAIT LA FORCE".

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## Editorial Notes.

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Next month we shall give our readers an article from the pen of the well known philatelist, Mr. Henry Hechler. We will also, in the near future give a paper from Mr. Hart on the "Stamps of Nova Scotia".

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We are arranging with a number of the best writers of the day, to contribute to this journal during the year. You should subscribe at once.

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The subject of Amalgamation of the C. P. A. and P. S. of C. will be brought up for discussion at the next conventions, to be held in Montreal and Quebec,

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BEWARE of the Toronto Stamp Concern, Box 71, Yorkville, Ont., Can., they are reported as being frauds.

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If you wish us to continue sending you this paper, kindly send us 25 cents, and we will send it for 12 months longer.

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We have received No. 1, of the *The Philatelist*, of Denver, Colo., it presents a very fine appearance, and should meet with the support of the Philatelic Public.

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Mr. Edward W. Varasou, who has been in Boston for some time, has returned to his home in Fredericton.

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Canadian Collectors should order their Albums, Catalogues, or anything they need in the way of philatelic supplies from us, and thus save the duty imposed upon these articles coming from the States. (Adv. on page 16)

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The Philatelic Journal of Canada will be issued every fortnight after May 8th.

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## U. S. Notes.

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Up to the present date, over \$900.00 has been subscribed towards the World's Fair stamp exhibit. \$3000 is required.

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The office of the Chicago Philatelist was burned out some days ago; the presses and type valued at \$1,700 were destroyed.

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Mr. Spooner, of the "Stamp" is now assisted by two associate Editors, Messrs J. H. English and H. G. Strong.

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The Columbians are appearing in many different shades, an interesting collection could be made of this issue alone.

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The official catalogue of the World's Fair Stamp Exhibit will be issued May 10th. Every Collector should secure a copy of this valuable and interesting work.

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Mr. C. E. Severn of Chicago, was awarded the prize of \$50. in gold, offered by the Mekeel Co., for the best review of their Postage Stamp Album of the World,

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The new 8c. stamps have not yet been placed on sale at the Chicago office.

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Dealers are offering \$2.75 for used \$5 Columbian stamps

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## Canadian Notes.

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The membership of the P. S. of C. is now considerably over 400, and new members are being continually added to it. It is likely that there will be some important changes made in the by-laws at the next annual convention,

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R. W. Hannington in a letter to the Eastern Philatelist warns collectors to be on the look-out for bogus "split" stamps of N. B. on "original envelopes". An irresponsible

young fellow of St John, N. B., is putting these things on the market, for sale or exchange.

Last week the barrel cover which is making a tour of the world, passed through Halifax on its way to Europe. It is literally covered with postage stamps of all kinds, and makes a very unique curiosity. It is to be returned to Chicago, where it will be on exhibition during the Worlds Fair.

The following Canadian Philatelists will make a fine showing at the World's Fair: Mr. J. R. Hooper will exhibit three frames of stamps, No. 1 will contain Canadian adhesives in pairs, blocks, strips, etc.; also letter cards, post cards, wrappers, envelopes and the last issue of bill stamps. No. 2 a collection of British West Indian stamps in pairs, all unused. No. 3 contains an unused stamp from every country in the world.

Mr. W. J. Beaty will show a fine collection of Canada revenue and law, valued at \$1,000.

Mr Campeau will show the rarest collection known of tobacco, license, excise and other fiscal stamps.

The International Philatelist has changed hands. Mr. Geo. A. Lowe, an experienced philatelist is now at the helm

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## PICK-UPS.

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The new Columbian stamps, are, on account of the extensive area which they cover, causing a great deal of amusement. The following are specimens of the jokes indulged in at their expense:

Now bring me a ladder and a chair my lad,  
And a whitewash brush that's damp;  
Give me plenty of room, for I'm going to use  
The new Columbian Stamp.

A citizen of Jackson, Mich., the other day, wrote a message on the back of the new Columbian stamp and mailed it. But the Postmaster considered that it was not lawful for



a letter to be sent through the mails written on the back of a stamp, and would not forward it.

Three billions of the Columbus stamps have been ordered to be printed. They are being made by the American Bank Note Company, of New York city. The stamps are printed from engraved steel plates big enough to strike off 400 of them on a sheet with a single stroke of the press

Uncle Sam pays the Bank Note Company 17 cents for every 1000 Columbus stamps.

## Auction Sales.

The prices brought by some stamps at recent sales were as follows:—U. S. 1861 3c. scarlet, new, \$16; 1868 90c., used \$8; Brazil 1845 300r., used, \$10.50; France 1849 1fr., vermilion, used, \$12.50; New York 5c., black, pair on cover, \$13.55; U. S. 1851 5c., fine, \$7.10; Justice 9c. \$14; Hawaii 1859 2c., black on blue, \$6.25.

At R. F. Albrecht & Co's recent sale the stamps sold well, some of which sold as follows:—British Guiana 1862 1c., pink paper, used, \$25.25; Saxony 3p., red, used, \$24.50; U. S. 1860 90c., new, \$4.60.

The highest price ever paid for a stamp at an Auction Sale, was obtained at the De Coppet sale, when a British Guiana 1850 2c., on rose, circular, cut round, used, \$1,010.

At the sale of the Hooper collection, Part II, held in New York, April 13th, a Nova Scotia shilling sold for \$41.90; P. E. Island provisional, on entire, \$40.; Canada 6d., unperforated, wove, all sold over catalogue prices.

The fifteenth Auction Sale of the S. of P. Will be held May 15th.

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## Stamps of Montenegro.

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Montenegro is one of the least known of the stamp-issuing countries. Its domain is not very extensive, comprising but two thousand square miles, its inhabitants numbering about two millions. The proper name Czernogora, (Black Mountain), Montenegro, being an Italian translation.

Up to the year 1878 there were no towns in Montenegro, the capital, Cettengi, consisting of a collection of about one hundred houses of a poor sort. After the Russo-Turkish war, the independance of Montenegro was recognized, and a slice of territory bordering on the Adriatic was added giving them a solitary seaport.

In this newly acquired territoty there are several towns, the largest containing 7,500 people. The people are very ignorant, hold education in contempt, and very few of them can read or write. There are but three or four schools in the whole country, and up to 1871 there was not a single newspaper published within its borders. There is very little commerce, and people the are poor. They are a brave and hardy race, however, and have many times waged war with their most powerful neighbors and not always to their disadvantage.

Montenegro is very mountainous, in fact it is nearly all monntains, so that the land is, to a great extent, unfit for agriculture.

Postage stamps were introduced in 1874, consisting of seven values, viz: 2 söldi (or novtch), yellow; 3, green; 5, red; 10, blue; 15, brown; 25, lilac. They bear the bust of Hosfodar, Nicholas 1st, within a wreath. The value is at the bottom, and an inscription in the native language at top and on each side. Used specimens are rarely met with, but when it is considered how poor and ignorant the people are, and that few, even among their priests, can write, it is not to be wondered at; probably a vast number of these never saw or heard of a postage stanap.

“Where ignorance is bliss, ’tis folly to be wise,” is no doubt a popular saying with the Montenegrins.

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