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We are rather hopeful of our prospects. Our first advertising contract was for one year, and a cash deal at that. Being superstitious we believe that this a good omen. Behind this magazine is a well established business and one of the most up-to-date printing offices in the Canadian west, and we intend to hang on like the proverbial pup, "until the root breaks," and then some.

## WESTERN COLLECTORS

No. 1 - Stephen Golder.

MR. STEPHEN GOLDER, the first of our series of Canadian philatelists, is better known to American stamp collectors by his contributions to the American press, than in person. The subject of our sketch always been an enthusiastic collector, but like many others has from time to time disposed of his collections only to start collecting again.

Mr. Golder has had many opportunities to meet collectors in different parts of the world, having some few years ago travelled extensively in the United States, Mexico, Hawaii. He has twice visited South Africa, making one of a party that crossed the Rhodesian district in a bullock wagon before the railway was constructed to Salisbury. He has been to Mozambique, Nyassa, Madagascar, Zanzibar, and many points in British East, West and Central Africa. In addition, he has visited every capital in Europe twice.

In his early days Mr. Golder was for seven years connected with the large publishing house of Iliffe and Sturney, of Coventry, England., acting as private secretary to the firm, and for two years was editor and manager of *Bicycling News*, resigning his position to act as foreign and colonial representative for a big English Syndicate.

During his residence in Regina, our subject until the last month has occupied the position of night editor of the *Regina Leader*, contributing and editing a philatelic column in that paper, besides contributing to other papers.

Mr. Golder's stamp collection is a general one. He collects stamps of all kinds, and if he has any particular weakness it is for old European issues.

His collection is not large, numbering 10,200 varieties, but contains a complete collection of all the Japanese issues.

A. K.



**MR. STEPHEN GOLDER.**  
Editor of The Canadian Philatelist.

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No. 1

## Colin's Collection

By Bertha C. Foster, Author of "Rose Celeste," etc.

COLIN Paterson laid the baby in his cot, and stood looking down at the sleeping boy with an anxious expression of care on his manly face, not good to see in one so young. Then he crept softly to the door of the inner room and peeped inside.

A fair haired girl, little more than a child, opened her eyes, and smiled wistfully up at him from the bed on which she lay. Quickly he crossed the room and bent and kissed the pale, pretty face.

"The boy's asleep, Mab," he said, stroking her thin hand. "I guess he'll be quiet now till tea time. I am going to chop some kindling; it's too rough to do any work out-doors."

"Yes, dear, it is the worst blizzard we've had this winter, isn't it? Don't hurry about tea, Colin, I can get up and set the table, I feel stronger to-day."

"You will please do nothing of the kind," he said severely, "I've plenty of time. Now go to sleep, like a good little girl, till I come in."

He smiled at her bravely, but as he turned away the anxious look returned, and his grey eyes were full of sadness as he buttoned up his old sheepskin coat, and went out into the blinding snow storm to the stable.

He stopped to pat the bay mare as he passed through to the shed, and looked regretfully at the other vacant stall, where only a few weeks ago his valuable chestnut horse had been, his bride and joy. Luck seemed to have deserted him all the year. In the summer he

had been almost entirely hailed out, and most of his crop had not been insured. Then the little wheat that was left had been spoiled by the early frost, and was no good for market. These things were bad enough, but he had saved a little money and could have tided over the bad season if his pretty young wife had been strong and well. But, alas, ever since the fall, when the baby came she had been ailing, and now, at the beginning of March, the doctor told him if he wanted to save her life he must send her away to the coast for at least three months, where perfect rest and more cheerful surroundings than the lonely little farm life could offer, would set her up again.

Then, three weeks ago, the horse he loved better than anything else except his wife and child, had taken ill, and died.

How the seeding and other work was to be done without the animal he dared not think, for a new horse was quite beyond his means.

As he turned into the wood shed the question of ways and means once more weighed upon his mind.

Go to the west, somehow or other his wife must—but how could he raise the cash to get her there? All his savings were gone now, for they had not been very great—and he possessed nothing of value which he could sell.

"And to think of all the money my father had!" he said, bitterly, as he chopped away at some old boxes. "Just because the sweetest girl in all the world happened to have been on the stage, he cut

me off without even the proverbial shilling. Every actress must be a child of the devil, according to my father. Well—let us hope he'll be judged more mercifully, hereafter. Though I don't care a pin for the money myself, I want it for Mabel now, and the boy."

He struck at a pile of rubbish, with angry blows, and to his surprise the hatchet hit on something hard. It was a small packing case, evidently stowed away and forgotten.

"Why—I must have left this here ever since I built the shack!" he exclaimed. "It hasn't been undone since it left the Old Country. I guess it is the books I thought I had lost."

He lifted it out of the dust and litter, and with the hatchet took out the nails which secured the lid.

As he expected, the box contained books. Eagerly he took them out and looked at the familiar covers. There were his favorite Dickens', his George Eliot's and Scott's novels, two or three volumes of poetry, and then—right at the bottom—a shabby-covered, large book. With a cry of joy he lifted it out.

"My postage stamps!" he exclaimed, "why, I must have packed them away four years ago! Here is the means for Mab's holiday."

Joyfully he carried the volume into the shack. He put it carefully away till tea was over and the baby asleep again. Then, sitting by his wife's bedside, he told of his discovery.

"They are valuable, some of them, Mab. I started the collection when I was a kid, and many of my happiest hours were spent pouring over my stamps. These old English now, must be worth quite a bit, and that set of the old Transvaal are good. Gee! it is good to see them again."

"It seems a pity to sell them," she sighed.

He smiled, a little regretfully.

"Your health is worth any sacrifice, darling, though I own I'd like to have kept them for the boy. But we will start another collection, and by the time he is a man, we'll have a fine lot again."

The next morning the storm abated, and Colin Paterson hitched up his horse and drove to the town about six miles away. He had written to a stamp dealer with whom he used to do business, in the States, for he was determined to lose no time in the matter. Before dropping his letter in the box he went to the office to see if there was any mail. His correspondence was not large, but there was a blue, legal-looking document from the Old Country, for himself, and a letter for his wife. He broke open the seal at once, full of curiosity. Then an exclamation of astonishment broke from his lips. He thrust the blue envelope in his pocket, and hurried back to his rig, without waiting to do the shopping, and drove quickly home.

"Mab," he cried, bursting into her room like a school boy, "the stamps can be saved after all!"

She looked up, her pale face flushed and eager.

"My father's will was found, cutting me off without a penny, but it was unsigned, and to-day his lawyer has written to say the old will is the only legal one and that I come into about twenty thousand pounds."

She drew his head down on the pillow beside her.

"Luck came with your stamps," she said.

"Yes," he laughed, boyishly, "it will be a lesson to me not to put them away again. From henceforth our collection shall occupy a prominent place."

"Yes, indeed it shall," she said.



## From the Editorial Pen.

**I**N these days of centennial and commemorative issues, it is a wonder that the eightieth anniversary of the introduction of the postage stamp was allowed to pass without some sort of postal issue to celebrate the occasion. January 10th last was the eightieth birthday of the adhesive stamp, which Rowland Hill first gave to the world. In 1890, the British postal authorities issued a special jubilee envelope and post card to celebrate the jubilee of the uniform penny postage system, the envelope bearing the portrait of the Queen, inscribed "Postage One Penny," together with a picture of the North mail, 1890, approaching Carlisle at forty eight miles an hour. A figure of the letter carrier of 1840 wearing a high hat, is at one side with the rates 4d., 8d., 1s. 2d., 2s. 6d., faced by an up-to-date letter carrier of 1890, with the rate 1d. The card bears the portrait of Rowland Hill, with the legend "He gave us Penny Postage." "V. R. Penny Postage Jubilee, 1890."

**M**ANY youthful collectors are puzzled over the many varieties of perforations listed by stamp dealers in their catalogues. Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., the old established English dealers do not catalogue minor varieties and perforation measurements. Their latest catalogue without minor varieties gives the total number of stamps issued to date of their list (October 1909) as 22,926, of which 6,835 are apportioned to the British Empire, and 16,091 to the rest of the world. Europe has issued 4,834, Asia 4,423, Africa 5,154, America 5,034, the West Indies 1,856, and Oceania 1,625.

Major Evan's, the eminent British collector, recently expressed

himself as follows on the matter of perforations: "It is generally acknowledged that the study of perforations, and the listing of minor varieties of them have been indulged in to an extent that is by no means justified by their real philatelic interest and importance."

**A**N exchange says that the story broadly circulated that the new issue of stamps for Russia, will bear the effigy of the Czar, is a mistake. Such a use of the Imperial head is utterly inconceivable in Russia. Postage stamps are made to be defaced, and no Russian—not even a revolutionist—would subject the effigy of of the "Little Father," to such usage. Even on coins, hallowed by immemorial usage of the great nations of antiquity, Russia does not use the Imperial head, except on the pure gold and silver coins; the base silver and copper coins bear the Russian eagle only and the Russian word for "head," in "heads and tails" is always "eagle."

Whether the same sentiment would apply to the issue of a series with portraits of the Roman-off dynasty, is a moot question. Any way a large series after the style of the Austrian current issue would be an interesting addition to our collections.

**T**HREE cornered Cape of Good Hope stamps in the early days of stamp collecting, were the pride of every youthful collector; they were plentiful too, and the writer well remembers trading several away at school for a wonderful humming peg top. Times have changed however, and three cornered Capes are scarcely ever seen on dealer's sheets.



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Canada, the largest dominion in the world, has up to the present time been without a purely philatelic journal entirely devoted to the fascinating hobby of stamp collecting. All efforts in the past to establish a large and representative philatelic society in the Dominion has also proved a failure.

Why, it is hard to say. With the enormous quantity of immigrants from all parts of the civilized world pouring into the country, its wealth, its prosperity, its long winter evenings (in thousands of cases spent in solitude by old countrymen, many of them public school boys), stamp collecting ought to be one of the best methods of passing the time.

We feel that the time has arrived when Canada, like nearly all other civilized countries should have a philatelic journal of its own and we intend to do our best to provide a journal that will prove interesting and instructive. We have secured correspondents from

many parts of the world, who will keep us posted up in all matters of philatelic interest, and our readers from the Atlantic to the Pacific may rely upon everything of the latest. The youthful collector will be looked after too, and the would-be collector told how to start collecting.

Unlike the majority of stamp papers published in the Old Country, and over the border, The Canadian Philatelist will be a free lance, its editor and publisher having no connection, or interest, in any firm of stamp dealers. They are both enthusiastic collectors, however, and intend making their venture one that collectors will look forward to month by month, and with this object in view ask collectors and advertisers to join with them in giving Canada a stamp journal that Canada may be proud of.

#### **Regina Precancelleds**

In view of the immense volume of matter mailed at the Regina Post Office by the many large wholesale and other commercial houses doing business in the west, Postmaster Nicoll has received word from the Post Office Department at Ottawa, to the effect that it has decided to place Regina Post Office on the list of offices allowed to use pre-cancelled stamps.

The pre cancelled stamps, which are cancelled by the Department at Ottawa, with the words "Regina, Sask.," printed in distinct lettering across the face of the stamps, will only be sold in quantities of \$10 and upwards, the minimum of mail upon which they may be used being 1,000 pieces of third class mail carrying a one

cent stamp or 500 pieces carrying a two cent stamp.

By the use of pre-cancelled stamps the staff of the Regina office will be saved the labor at present involved in the cancellation of stamps.

## Our Juvenile Column

—BY VETERAN—

Having had the opportunity during the past few years, of starting many youngsters well on the way to collecting, principally through the kind assistance of Mr. H. B. Clark, Exchange Superintendent of the Metropolitan Philatelic Association of America, who donated me a sack full of Missionary Mixtures to give away to all interested in stamp collecting, I have been asked by our editor to conduct this column, and being always willing to do anything in my power to advance our glorious pastime, I sally forth.

For a start off, I quote largely from an interesting little booklet, issued by Messrs. Butler Bros., of Clevedon, England, the information in which is so clearly given that it cannot well be beaten.

In commencing to make a collection of stamps, the youthful philatelist should first of all look up all his relations, particularly those who occupy offices, and beg the privilege of going through the waste paper baskets, or better still make friends with the clerk that opens the mail. Many foreign and high value stamps of one's own country can be picked up in this way—stamps being usually thrown away attached to the covers they arrive on. Then, the innumerable uncles and aunts scattered in different parts of the country should be written to. Almost every boy or girl has some relations or friends living abroad.

Another way of making a good start is to purchase a packet of

several hundred varieties for a quarter or half a dollar, from one of the many stamp firms that advertise largely in the stamp papers.

Having secured a starter, the next thing is to procure some sort of a book or album for their convenient disposition and arrangement. Any blank leaf book will do to start with, although proper stamp albums can be purchased cheaply enough.

In placing the stamps in the collection they should not be gummed or pasted in flat, because by so doing the watermarks would be hidden. Small stamp hinges are sold by all dealers at a few cents per thousand, and when stamps are affixed with these they may be raised for examination. The gum on unused specimens remains uninjured, a matter of considerable importance concerning the value of a stamp, and specimens may be immediately removed from the collection altogether if desired.

The paper from the backs of the stamps should be carefully removed. To do this, float the stamps in water, face upwards. Do not immerse, but float them, using your discretion as to the time necessary; then turn them face down on a clean sheet of paper, blotting paper is the best, and you will be able to slide the paper off the back. Some stamps may be immersed without injury, others would be ruined. Many Russian stamps must never be wetted on the surface, so to remove paper from these put them face down on a sheet of clean dry blotting paper and cover with another, damp sufficiently to moisten the paper on the back until it readily peels off.

(To be Continued)

Two of the largest stamp importing firms have between them over \$1,250,000 invested in stamps.

## Origin of the Stamp

A writer in Chamber's Journal points out that the inventor of the "adhesive postage stamp" was undoubtedly Rowland Hill. In 1837 he proposed the use of "a bit of paper just large enough to bear the stamp, and covered at the back with a glutinous wash, which the bringer might, by the application of a little moisture, attach to the back of the letter."

No evidence that will bear the slightest scrutiny, we are told, has been produced to support the various prior claims to the invention of the adhesive postage stamp; and even should such a claim ever be established, it could not in the slightest degree lessen Rowland Hill's reputation.

It was in January, 1840, that uniform penny postage came into being; but it was not until May of that year that the postage stamps themselves were ready. There were four varieties in all; adhesive stamps to the value of one penny black, and two-pence blue, and envelopes of same values. The stamps showed a profile of the youthful queen, after a medal by Wyon, and in their severe elegance of design and superb engraver's work form miniature works of art that in their kind have never since been surpassed or even equalled. The envelopes bore an elaborate allegorical design by William Mulready, R.A., in which Britannia was seen dispatching winged messengers to all quarters of the globe.

At the end of ten years after the introduction of Rowland Hill's stamp only thirteen foreign countries had adopted the invention, and it is curious to think that the example of Great Britain should first have been followed, in 1843, not by other great European powers, but by Brazil and two Swiss

cantons. But during the fifties the accessions came thick and fast, till by January, 1860, there were eighty-five countries that had issued postage stamps. These colored labels soon began to attract the notice of the curious, and early in the fifties a few individuals here and there were forming stamp collections. But it was not until 1861 that the hobby attracted public attention, developing the following year into a veritable craze.

## Stamp Education

THE Educational Committee of the American Philatelic Society, are to be congratulated on the opening of their campaign to interest young people and to open the eyes of parents to the educational scope of stamp collecting.

Some little time ago the educational side of stamp collecting received a striking endorsement in the action of the Victoria University at Manchester.

In the Zoological Museum attached to the University, various animal stamps, from Newfoundland, Canada, Borneo, Nyassa, Tasmania, Australia, etc., are being used as a means of illustrating in an informative and attractive manner, the various animals, birds, and fishes, many of them being rare species quite unknown outside the countries on whose stamps they appear. The curators of the museum have attached a map to each stamp in their exhibit showing the country represented, and thus the specimens are made to teach a double lesson.

In Canada, the school boys in a western city were made the participants in a free stamp distribution a generous and enthusiastic collector in the States, donating the writer of a philatelic column in the local paper, with a sack

full of his mixed duplicates to distribute gratis to all school boys or others that cared to fetch the same. By this means many collectors were started, and have since developed into ardent and enthusiastic philatelists.

The publicity department of the A.P.S., in addition to using the columns of the press by a series of illustrated articles on popular phases of stamp collecting and syndicating these articles to a large list of newspapers, is now inaugurating a distribution of stamps on a new plan.

The scheme originated by the committee is to distribute in large quantities, folders bearing sets of stamps, together with such information regarding their designs, circumstances of issue, country of origin, and any other particulars of general interest.

The first of these folders now being distributed bears five Philippine stamps, and are admirably calculated to interest scholars not previously acquainted with the joys of stamp collecting. An interesting little story of the characteristic points of interest of each of the stamps is also printed the balance of the folder being given over to a short history of the Philippine Islands from a geographical, historical and ethnological point of view.

In Germany, a good deal of discussion has been going on in the philatelic press as to whether it is wise to encourage stamp collecting among school children, and expert opinion is a good deal divided.

A valuable discovery has been made, says The Hobbyist, of three distinct varieties of paper in the present issue Canada, i.e. King's Head. Unused specimens on thin, medium and thick paper were recently shown in Winnipeg. The thin paper was slightly ribbed, and the thick paper quite hard.

## Notes of Interest

The American philatelic press are just now sorely troubled over the recent ruling of the Post Office Department, requiring the discontinuance of the practice of the receipt of society subscriptions in a lump form, or at any discount from the full subscription price.

That popular journal Redfield's Stamp Weekly, takes the bull by the horns, and says: "It is our intention to conform in every point to the ruling of the Department. As fast as our contracts with societies which we are serving as official journal shall expire, we shall discontinue all subscriptions involved in these contracts. But after the expiration of these contracts, we will continue to publish the official matter of these societies, if such be the societies' wishes, free of cost. We will grant to each society an amount of space commensurate with its importance and standing.

"We will trust to the loyalty of the members, that, when remitting to the society secretary for dues, they will add 50c in payment for their subscription to Redfield's Stamp Weekly.

"We hope and believe that the liberal treatment that we have uniformly employed in respect to societies that we have served as official journal, will now be reciprocated by equally cordial and hearty support from the members of these societies. We solicit the renewal of each and every expiring society subscription, as fast as they may expire through the termination of the aforesaid contract. We shall continue to do our best to promote the interests of organized philately."

This is just what one would expect from Redfield's, and we sincerely trust that that interesting

stamp weekly will receive the loyal treatment from society members that it deserves.

The Canadian Philatelist will welcome reports from Philatelic Societies from all over the world, and will be pleased to give space to their doings. Subscriptions, too, from members of societies will also be appreciated.

With the introduction of bi-colored stamps in 1889 the frames were printed in fugitive colors, such a lilac and green, as a protection against the cleaning of stamps, as such colors would be destroyed upon being wet. In order to clean the backs of the stamps from adhering paper it is impossible to retain the original color if the stamp is soaked in water. To make sure of preserving bi-colored stamps, they can be put in salt water without doing any perceptible harm to the stamp. In no case should more than one color of stamps be soaked at one time. The pale green used in recent issues, such as Lagos, is the most fugitive of all colors.

Which of the southern, or central American states will be the first to commemorate the advent of Halley's comet on a speculative issue?

King Edward, it is said, is anxious for a new issue of postage stamps to commemorate the tenth anniversary of his accession to the throne when this takes place in 1911. His Majesty is anxious to be depicted wearing his crown, and with an up to-date portrait. The recent issue of Australian stamps is said to have impressed the King, who has expressed a wish that something equally free and dignified might shortly be adopted for the stamps of Great

Britain. Under these circumstances the suggestion has been made that competitive designs should be invited for a new issue, and it is highly probable that this will be done at an early date.

An entirely new issue of stamps for the Island of Mauritius will appear during the next few months. The stamps will bear King Edward's portrait.

For the first time on record a stamp collection has figured in a Divorce Court, Alfred Pearson, a former mayor of Winnipeg, and his wife, Marie Louis Bryan Pearson, have gone to the Divorce Court in Chicago, for the second time. Each is suing for a divorce from the other, and Mrs. Pearson, amongst other things wants comfort in the half share of her husband's collection of postage stamps valued at \$40,000.

The oldest post-mistress in the world has just passed away at Minishant, a village near Ayr, Scotland. Mrs. Margaret Limond was in her ninety-fifth year, and was able to perform her postal duties almost to the last. Mrs. Limond was born in the year of the battle of Waterloo, and entered the postal service in 1852, at a salary of \$25 per annum, and was initiated into the duties by the late Sir Rowland Hill, who was at the time on a fishing expedition on the Doon.

An idea of the enormous growth and popularity of stamp collecting may be gathered from the fact that a well known philatelist possesses a library of 2,500 books, each one about some phase of the hobby, and yet his library is far from complete.



## Stamp Collecting

From An Educational Point of View

By J. B. PARKER

I think there are many details—some may regard them as minor—in connection with this hobby that appeal to all, especially the rising generation. From a broad stand-point we cannot but be impressed with these facts as they arise, and I submit a few:

First.—System and order. There is only one right place for a certain stamp to be placed. This will assist the juvenile mind by this pleasant pastime the necessity of system and perfect arrangement.

Second.—Geographical hints. When you come across a stamp bearing the name of a place you never heard of, your curiosity is naturally aroused and you look the place up—get its location—and some prominent features, etc., thus adding to your fund of general knowledge.

How many people could tell off hand where the following places are? I only mention a few—there are others: Antioqua, Boyaca, Chamba, Cucuta, Horta, Nyassa, Santander, Togo Tolima, etc.—all stamp issuing countries of the present day.

Third.—Historical associations, as produced by the changes of these stamps caused by deaths of sovereigns or rulers, or the changes in the systems of governments; but in our day more particularly by the beautiful issues of commemorative stamps such as our own "Jubilees" and "Quebecs" or the United States, or by many exhibition issues in the South American republics, the designer's art has been tested to the fullest extent, and historical facts and faces have been faithfully reproduced in artistic miniature form for commercial purposes, thence

for our particular edification and pleasure.

Fourth.—The sense of calm and quite frame of mind that steals over one is very soothing and gratifying when one indulges an hour's relaxation from business or excessive sport and gets out the album and a bunch of new stuff, and contentedly going over them, often finding one you have not got, and placing it in the correct place in the album.

Fifth.—The financial aspect is merely a matter of individual gratification and means, but I claim a boy spending a small amount weekly, and by judicious trading can get as much pleasure and education out of this marvelous pastime as the prince or millionaire chasing "a thousand dollar specimen" merely to own it as being worth that sum.

Finally: Our hobby, the hobby of intelligence, tends to draw minds together, and a quiet hour exchanging and comparing specimens, looking up facts, reading stamp items, adds new interest to life, and drives away the routine business fog or tends to eliminate the ever present tendency for sport, sport, sport, and cheap moving picture shows.

### German Domestic Stamps.

Each week there is passed in the little black book that every servant girl in Germany must possess, a postage stamp to the value of about five cents. This stamp is a donation, compulsory under the German law, which the mistress must afford the servant. Should the girl fall ill, the stamps are redeemed by the government, or the servant may retain the stamps indefinitely, until when she has retained a ripe old age, the government pays her a premium for them.

Eye glasses on a postage stamp figure for the first time in history. The royal effigy of the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, wearing eye glasses appears on the latest issue of stamps from the Grand Duchy. The Duke, it is said, is so short sighted, that he never goes without his glasses.

It is said that the philatelist, under the educational influence of stamp study, becomes a geographer, a politician, a linguist, a botanist, a zoologist, an engraver, a chemist, a paper maker, a printer, an artist, and many other things.

The Lodge Record states that 150,000,000 copies of the Seattle commemorative stamp were printed.

The first impressions of the early issues of many countries present a much better appearance than later printings from the same plates. The reason is that the delicate lines of printing plates easily become worn. Collectors of old issues often pay high prices for "early" or "first" printings. Mr. W. S. Lincoln, the oldest stamp dealer in the world, advises collectors to secure an unused copy of the new issue British fourpence, orange. It is a stamp that he thinks will not last long in use, as the color is so much objected to.

The United States Government will, it is said, extend the experiments with colored paper to the high value stamps.

Judging from the reports of philatelic societies published in their different organs, the season of 1910 will be one of the greatest activity. Recent auction sales show that the prices of good specimens of rare stamps are in

many cases far above the catalogue value.

Many new hand-books are listed for the current year. The publishers of the Collector's Journal, of Chicago, intend publishing several series of eight books each, the first to treat of the stamps of the United States. Other publishers and authors have books in preparation, so by the end of the year we may find quite a little library of philatelic literature. Who will be the first to give to the stamp world a hand-book of Canada?

Postal arrangements are somewhat primitive in Iceland, the island has fifteen places where despatchers of posts are established, and fifty-four places where there are collectors of letters. If one hundred stamps are purchased at one time a discount of four per cent. is allowed.

There may be fortunes in stamps occasionally. The collector who stumbles across a rare stamp or makes an investment that brings a forty fold return may be forgiven if he talks about his good fortune, but ninety-nine others who fail in a similar venture are usually silent about it. A collection of stamps is seldom worth more than it originally cost till some few years have elapsed. The few stamps that fly straight to high figures are scarce, and none but a diligent student of philately can foresee their rise. The moral of which is let the stamps be collected for the love of the pastime and let the matter of profit be shelved as a remote possibility.

In 1649 the Corporation of London started an Inland Post in opposition to that of Parliament, but it was suppressed by the Council of State.



Burglars recently blew open the safe of the Richmond, Virginia, post office and made away with between \$25,000 and \$50,000 worth of stamps. A swarm of detectives have have been kept busy trying to locate the robbers.

It is not generally known that known that the Pope has authority to use a frank on all correspondence throughout Italy. He does not avail himself of the privilege, but uses current Italian stamps.

In 1850 the first unpaid letter stamps issued by any country were issued in France. They bore the denomination in centimes and were first lithographed and then typographed in black on white to yellowish paper.

Germany is following the lead of the United States and is supplying stamps in rolls for automatic vending machines. Orders have recently been given that the current low value German stamps be printed in long rolls of 50,000 stamps and placed on sale at all the larger post offices. The rolls are, of course, intended for use in the many automatic machines that are at present in operation in the principal German cities. Up to the present the vending companies have been forced to use rolls made by piecing stamps together in strips of ten—a laborious task.

Critical stamp collectors from many parts of Great Britain, assembled recently to examine an unusually fine collection of Transvaal stamps, exhibited by Mr. Harvey R. G. Clarke, a member of the Royal Philatelic Society. The stamps dating from the first Republic follow the history of South Africa, and were explained by President F. J. Melville, of the Junior Philatelic Society. Al-

though only of one country, the collection is valued at many thousand dollars.

It is estimated that there are 500,000 stamp collectors in Great Britain, and more than seventy per cent. of the school boys of England are collectors, too. Every year the hobby seems to grow in popularity, and every year the value of rare stamps increases. Not many years ago a Post Office Mauritius stamp, either of the penny or the twopence value, realized \$100. To day, one unstamped specimen of the penny value is worth \$10,000. A little while ago the Prince of Wales, who is the owner of one of the finest stamp collections in the world, paid \$7,250 for one of the twopenny stamps, which are slightly less rare than the old blue ones.

The day may not be far distant which will see the introduction of an international postage stamp. Postal service will then, perhaps, be carried on throughout the world with as few stamps as are at present current in this country. Should this ever come to pass, the endless varieties of the present day may become priceless treasures, may even in time, hundreds of years to come, be looked upon as curiosities of the world, and of the 20th century.

Nothing definite has been learned re the new issue of stamps for the South African Union, although a suggestion has been made that the issue should be ready for the visit of the Prince of Wales, then, doubtless His Highness would receive a set of first impressions. The Prince was always a student of early African issues, and is credited with discovering a Transvaal surcharged variety, which had been overlooked by the catalogue compilers.

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The subject of this sketch, the second of our series of Western Collectors, is strictly a westerner, having been born in Winnipeg, Man., when it was a small city in the '80s. He is now the owner of a thriving printing and publishing business at Rouleau, Sask. He collects British Colonial postage stamps only and has a nice little collection.

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## Paraguay Fakes

WRITING from Villa Rica, in the South American Republic, a correspondent says:

There has been a good deal of underhand work in the stamp world in that part. In a lengthy letter he says that during the term of office of the late President Ferreira (who was flung out at the last revolution) he had a stamp collecting friend whom he favored by allowing him to get a lot of stamps which were never put on sale to the public although it is believed they were printed for the government. These stamps are quite unknown in any Paraguay post office. Although Ferreira is no longer in office, his friend relying on his past prestige and his connection with stamp dealers, has now taken to issuing on his own account, stamps which have surcharges quite unknown in the post offices. Some of these stamps have been chronicled in philatelic journals, and have even appeared in the catalogues of well known dealers. The following stamps belong to this order:

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## Postmark Collecting

The collecting of postmarks is an interesting side-issue of philately which might receive more attention than it does; although the study of postmarks is gradually gaining ground in the United States and English stamps. In the United States postal department, the postmarking of letters has been brought to a high state of perfection. The New York postmark reveals to the official eye, not only whether the letter was mailed at an office or pillar box, but also at what particular office or box; and it also tells at what time it was posted, for the hour of the stamps used for marking is changed every thirty minutes. Moreover, every foreign letter, etc., arriving by ship shows by the post mark the vessel by which it came.

James Cavers, for 28 years postmaster at Deloraine, Manitoba, and the only postmaster the town has ever had, is dead of typhoid fever. During all his years of service he had never taken a holiday, or been away from the office through illness.

## AFTER MANY YEARS

By Bertha C. Foster, Author of *Rose Celeste*, etc.

IT was Saturday afternoon. Street cars and side-walks were crowded with busy shoppers. The stores decked with attractive goods to allure the most callous, were thronged with people, and altogether Winnipeg presented a bustling, busy appearance.

In his office on Main Street, Benjamin Reed was putting away documents in the large iron safe, preparatory for going east. It was many years since Benjamin had taken a holiday, and his hair had grown grey, and his face lined, since he last visited the little sea-side town in Nova Scotia, where his home used to be. As he ran his eye over the neat pile of papers his clerk handed him, he wondered idly why he was going back there now? All the old ties were gone—only the little town was still left. But real estate had been good that fall, and somehow Benjamin felt that for once, he needed a change.

"That is all?" he enquired, as the last packet was put away.

"O. K.," replied the clerk with characteristic brevity.

Benjamin glanced at the clock.

"All right! You can go, Mr. Smith. Remember to be here sharp at nine on Monday morning."

Left alone he turned to a private drawer in his desk.

"I must lock up my stamps," he said.

He took out his album, and looked at it fondly. It was his most cherished possession. If Benjamin Reed loved anything, it was his collection of stamps. It was his one interest, outside his office, his one hobby. His collection was a valuable one, and was the result of many year's study. He turned over a few of the leaves, touching a stamp here and there with the pride of a connoisseur, then he placed it carefully at the back of the fire proof safe. There were a few loose papers at the bottom of the drawer, which had been lying there ever since he took the office. Once again he looked at the time. There was still an hour before his train started. He could get supper in the dining car. He took them out, and glanced through their contents. They proved of no value, and he tossed them into the waste paper basket, and turned to fetch his coat. As he did so his eye caught a small envelope which had fallen to the ground. He stooped and picked it up. Then, with a little exclamation he held it close to the electric light.

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**Our Juvenile Column**

BY VETERAN

(Continued from April issue)

UNFORTUNATELY, there are frequently forged stamps offered for sale, sometimes by unscrupulous dealers, often quite innocently by amateur dealers who have not sufficient experience or knowledge to know the wares they have for sale. It is impossible to give any general method by which forgeries may be detected, experience only can be the instructor, but the young collector may be sure the stamps he purchases will be genuine if he confines his business to the old established firms. Some collectors think if they avoid unused stamps and collect used ones only, the post mark will guarantee the genuineness, but probably there are far more forged stamps used than unused, for if the forger can imitate the stamp the post mark presents no great difficulty.

Reprints are re-impressions from original dies or plates, printed by order of the postal authorities after the stamps have become obsolete, and so they must not in any way be confounded with forgeries—a mistake often made. Of course, only reprints are collected of stamps difficult to get in the original; a reprint may cost only a few cents where the original would cost many hundreds of dollars. Whether reprints shall

be included in the collection or not is for the collector to decide—but at first start off I should say save and collect all, and every kind of stamp you can get hold of. Many rare varieties are often picked up in this way, and found in the albums of very young collectors.

Remainders are simply the surplus stock left on the hands of the postal authorities after an issue has become obsolete. These stocks are generally sold in bulk to the highest bidder. It is in this way that some stamps are obtainable below their face value.

(To be continued)

Our European philatelic friends have many things to look forward to this year, chief among them being the International Philatelic Exhibition at Berne, the capital of Switzerland, and the scene of the first Universal Postal Convention. The date of the exhibition has been fixed at a time of the year when the Swiss tourist season is in full swing, viz.: Sept. 3rd to 12th. The committee have secured as patrons many high dignitaries of the little republic. Preparations for Great Britain's second Philatelic Congress also goes on merrily, many societies having already selected their delegates and a large and representative attendance is already assured. We learn with satisfaction that Canada is likely to be represented.

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### Le Roi est Mort; Vive le Roi.

THE sudden death of King Edward has been received with heartfelt sorrow the wide world over. What its effect will have on our pastime, it is hard to say. The new King is well known to be an ardent and enthusiastic philatelist and is President of the Royal Philatelic Society. His collection is worth probably \$10,000 and contains the rare Post Office Mauritius, a stamp which was sold by auction some short time ago and purchased for \$7,250. This was considered a high price for a single stamp, but in 1898 a pair sold for \$9,000, and in 1903 a pair brought the owner \$12,000. Recently, Mr. Henry J. Dureen, of New York, one of the two brothers composing the world-famed firm of art dealers, and said to be the owner of one of the most colos-

sal and costly stamp collections in the world, purchased two unused copies of the same stamp from the Avery collection for a sum said to approximate \$15,000. Yet, just over 30 years ago, one could have been purchased for \$25, and sufficient change be forthcoming to buy a very handsome album to place it in.

The new King's portrait, together with the present Queen appeared on the half cent Quebec Tercentenary issue, and adorns the present issue Newfoundland 4 and 5 cent stamps. In our last issue it was announced that King Edward was anxious for a new series of stamps to commemorate the tenth anniversary of his accession to the throne in 1911. The recent issues of New Zealand stamps bears the latest portrait of the late King Edward and will be treasured by collectors.

The stock of stamps bearing the portraits of King Edward VII, will no doubt do duty until exhausted, when we may expect a really artistic issue with the portrait of the present King and President of the Royal Philatelic Society.

A dispatch from Ottawa intimates that the head of King George V will not appear on the Canadian postage stamps before the end of the year. The likeness of King Edward, the Peacemaker, will continue on the stamps for another six months at least. In the case of

postage stamps any design may be used, but it is customary to have the monarch's head on the two cent. stamps. The department at Ottawa has a six month's supply on hand and these will be used up while dies are being prepared for a new issue of stamps bearing the likeness of George V.

An interesting addition to my freak collection was received recently, in the shape of a seven cent Canadian bill stamp of the 1869 issue, which by some means or other passed the eyes of the post office officials and prepaid the postage of a parcel from Ottawa to Regina. The stamp was duly postmarked and may be considered as a rarity as well as a curiosity.

The intelligence and enlightenment of a people may fairly be judged by the use it makes of the means of communication and the facilities afforded education. New Zealand, 90 per cent. of the population under the age of 15—that is, those born in the colony—are able to read and write. Taking the other ten, some interesting figures are available as to the use made by the population of the postal service. With a population of one million, 150 million pieces of postal matter went through the post office in a year. The United Kingdom in a year with its forty-five million people handled 1,500 millions of letters

and post cards, while Russia, with a population three times larger, only deals with 200 million pieces or postal matter annually. But, more plainly it may be said that while every man, woman and child in New Zealand post on an average 144 postal packages annually, Great Britain has only 115 per head, and the United States 134 per head. These figures amply illustrate how much the New Zealander appreciates the facilities afforded him.

About 1863 the first journal devoted to the literature of postage stamps appeared in Belgium. It was a monthly publication, "Le Timbre Poste." The first stamp paper published in the United States was "The Philatelic Journal, of America," which was started in March, 1885, and after some time has been recusitated, appearing in a semi-monthly form. No other philatelic magazine ever published has exerted so great and so elevating an influence upon philately.

The Philatelic Society, of London was founded in 1869 for the study of postage stamps. The Society published the "Monthly Journal of Philately."

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## Collect British Colonials

THERE is a story told of a gentleman who wished to insure his life, but his family history not being particularly good, the company wished to charge an extra premium, which he was not inclined to pay. On relating the circumstances to a friend, who by the way was an ardent philatelist, he was advised to invest the yearly premium in stamps, which he did, and the result was to his satisfaction as the purchases increased in value so rapidly that he soon gathered together a collection which realized what he wished, viz.: a nest egg for his wife and family. The historian does not say what stamps were selected for the investment, but if King's Heads had been purchased as they were issued they would not have shown a bad result.

By collecting current issues, which can be obtained at a little over face value, the collector is practically guaranteed against loss, because current unused Colonials are always worth face value at least and the limit of risk is therefore the premium paid the dealer, say a moderate 10 to 20 per cent.

When King's Heads came in they were issued on what is called "single C. A." paper, but in 1904, the "single C. A." issue was gradually superseded by the issue on "multiple C. A."

paper, and in 1906 a further change was made by the issue on "chalky paper." At the present time other changes are taking place, both in color and design, which will have the effect of advancing the price of these later issues. As stamps rise in value when they become obsolete, each change meant a rise in value of the issue superseded, and the shorter the life of the issue, the greater the rise in value because of the scarcity of the stamps rendered obsolete.

Austria is preparing for a big stamp show and philatelic gathering in 1911, and a number of leading Austrian societies have formed a committee to which they hope to add representatives from all other important bodies in the country to promote an International Philatelic Exhibition at Vienna. The twenty-third Deutschen Philatelistenta, will, it is expected, be held in Vienna at the same time. The proposed exhibition derives additional interest from the fact that it will be the thirtieth anniversary exhibition, the first philatelic exhibition having been held in Vienna in 1881.

On her marriage the British Post Office pays every girl in its employ a dowry amounting to one month's salary for every year of service on record. A case recently occurred in which the sum figured no less than \$495.



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"Gee! One of the old Nova Scotia stamps!" he cried. "It must have been pushed away at the back of the drawer, years ago." He noticed the fine, pointed, old-fashioned writing, and a startled look of recognition came into his eyes. The ink was faded, the envelope was spotted and yellow with age—but it seemed to him but yesterday that he had received it! The letter it had contained had brought him a good deal of pain, and had long ago been consigned to the flames—but he remembered saving the envelope, for the sake of the stamp. But it had been thrust out of sight, and forgotten, like the burnt letter, and the writer.

Benjamin put on his coat and went out into the snowy streets, the envelope in his vest pocket. In his thoughts he was a young man, back in the old town, with the sound of the sea in his ears. It was spring, and the flowers were commencing to bloom in Kate Tucker's garden. Kate, in her dainty, grey dress, and roses in her bonnet, looked like a flower herself, as she stood on the path, twirling her parasol.

"So you really go west, tomorrow, Ben," she was saying in that voice of hers which had seemed the sweetest in the world.

"Yes, but I shall come back soon, and fetch you," he had answered.

"When you make your for-

tune, eh! Ben?" she said, trying to laugh.

"Fortunes are soon made out there," he assured her, with boyish credulity.

She smiled, but made no reply. And then they had parted and he had never seen her again. All that was left of her, as far as he was concerned, was the old envelope, and the stamp which had become so valuable. The fortune he had gone to seek had never really been made. After two years he had written to ask her to come out and share his life of toil, offering her his heart, and the home, which, though far from luxurious, was not uncomfortable. Then Kate had written, as only such a sweet, good woman does write, telling him that, though her love was still his, her life must be given up to her widowed mother, left alone in her old age, and that she felt it her duty to stay in the old home. With youthful intolerance he refused to see the unselfishness of her action, and thought only of his own disappointment and loneliness. So the letter was destroyed, and the incident buried away and gradually forgotten, while his work engrossed all his thoughts—with the one exception of his precious stamps. And now—on the eve of returning to the scene of the one romance of his life, a stamp had been the awakener of his memory! Surely it was the irony of fate?

Benjamin Reed rapped at the door of the little cottage where Kate Tucker used to live. A very rosy cheeked maiden opened it, and looked at him with curious eyes. Strangers were evidently seldom seen there. He enquired for Mrs. Tucker, though common-sense told him she must be dead.

"Miss Tucker lives here," the girl replied, "I guess her mother died twelve years ago."

He took a card from his pocket and handed it to her.

"Ask Miss Tucker if she will see me," he said.

So she was Miss Tucker still. A sudden gladness came over him, and the world seemed to have grown young again. Almost immediately the girl returned.

"Please come into the parlour," she said.

She ushered him into the well remembered room. He looked around, and a lump rose in his throat. It looked old and shabby—but so little changed. Even the chrysanthemums in the window seemed the same! And Kate? Ah! would the years have treated her so kindly?

He was not left long in doubt. Almost immediately a faint rustling of skirts told him that she was coming. He looked up—and then middle-aged, prosaic Benjamin Reed forgot everything, except that this was the woman he loved.

"Kate," he said, and he did not know that her hair too was

grey, as he seized both her hands. "Kate, the fortune has still to be made—but I've come back to fetch you!"

And Kate's sweet voice trembled as she answered, "It has been a long time waiting—but oh! Ben, I'm so glad!"

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In the cosy little house in Winnipeg, Mr. and Mrs. Reed have many cherished household goods—but the best beloved of all is among Benjamin's collection—a certain old Nova Scotia stamp.



At a ball in Bermuda a wonderful dress was worn, and in the making of it over 30,000 stamps were used. Years were spent in collecting the stamps and three weeks in the making of the dress, which was of the finest muslin. The wearer called upon her friends to help her, and the dress was covered with the stamps of all nations. They were not put on anyway, but in an elaborate design. On the back of the bodice was a collection of foreign stamps in the form of a shield, in the centre of which was a portrait cut from revenue stamps. A picture hat covered with red and blue stamps was worn with this remarkable dress. What an interesting lot this would be at a stamp auction sale.

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## New Issues

WE are indebted to Mr. John H. C. Fernley, of London, England, for the following list of new issues. We are in treaty with correspondents in different parts of the world to advise us of changes, and hope shortly to make this a feature of our magazine.

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Collectors of proofs and essays are rapidly increasing. This is particularly true of advanced collectors and specialists in any country. The regular postage proof, too, can usually be obtained at a much lower price than the stamps themselves, which leads many collectors to

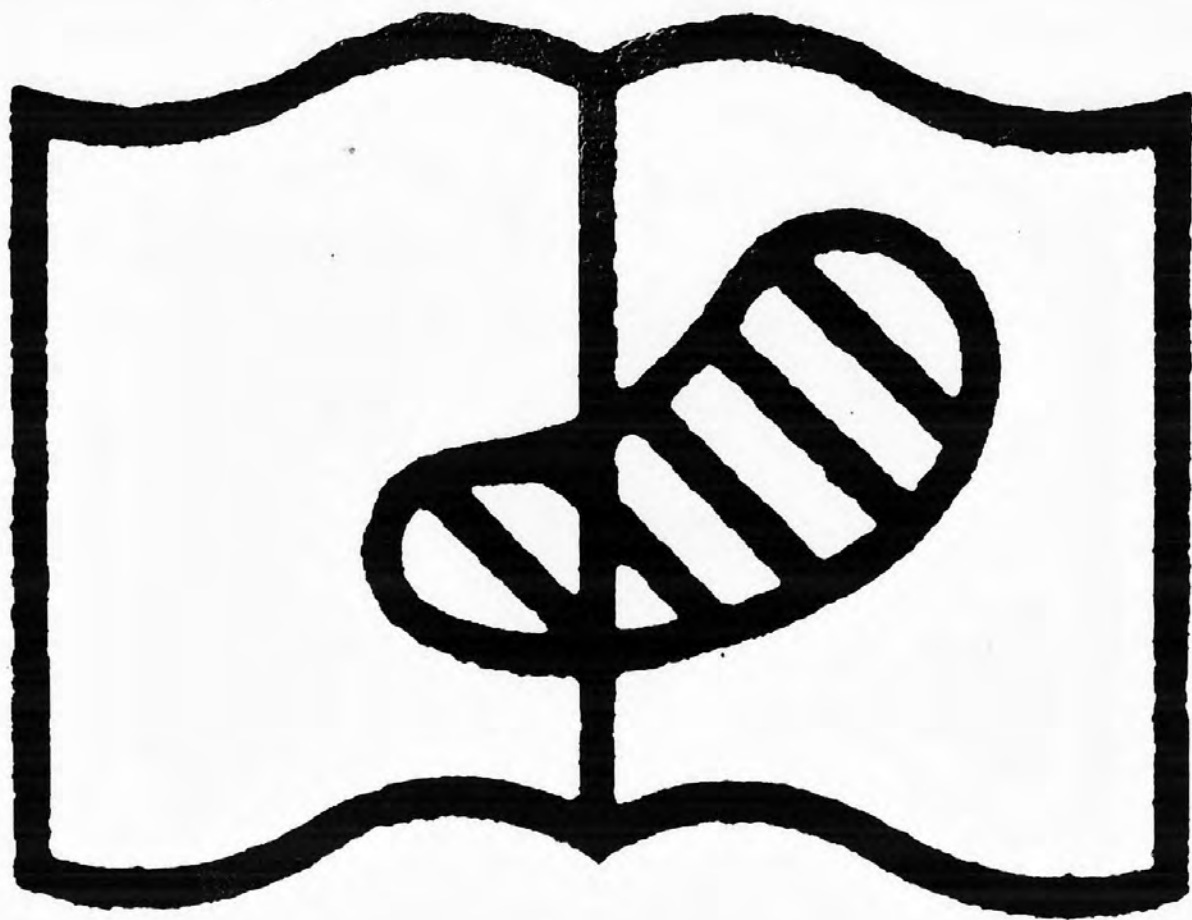
buy them for space fillers. The dies of all United States stamps having been destroyed, both postage and revenue, it will prevent more being printed. Some day all will be rare.

## Sydney Views

THE only authentic view of the city of Sydney, New South Wales, in its earlier days exists upon an old postage stamp, crudely engraved, yet wonderfully accurate. These rare stamps have long been a favorite study of advanced collectors, and a recent meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society of England, was devoted to the study of these interesting stamps. No less than 2,363 stamps were owned by fourteen members, the present King of England, at the time Prince of Wales, exhibiting 180 specimens—Mr. L. L. Hansburg heading the list with 600. Mr. C. I. Pack, of Cleveland, was to the front with 254.

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**M**EEKEL'S News and Trade Circular recently asked the question, "What becomes of all the rare stamps?" How is it that American collectors are credited with holding \$20,000,000 worth while the combined holdings of the dealers are less than half a million dollars. Replying, the paper says that an American collector, William Moser by name, recently died in Europe. The stamps of Buenos Ayres was one of his specialties. Thirteen stamps are catalogued, and the prices are by no means insignificant. Yet Mr. Moser's collection contained 532 stamps of this country, A value of \$6,459.50 in thirteen catalogue numbers in the collection of one collector. This is what some call "bloating" and it is not as uncommon as one might suspect. This is one of many illustrations that might be given of the wealth in money value

represented by the holdings of the collectors of the world. The figures are simply beyond the comprehension of the average person.

"Is buying stamps, collecting?" To be sure it is, because you can only buy the really rare and desirable stamps when they are on the market, and that is not always, as the figures above mentioned make it quite plain where the dealers' stocks stand. It is usually when a good collection is broken up or a "find" made that choice things can be obtained and there are usually several collectors ready for each desirable thing that is placed. It is no trouble to sell really high-class stamps, and the well posted dealer knows where to sell a rarity as soon as he gets it is his possession.

Apropos of the above one is reminded of a certain wealthy man who became interested in stamps and started in suddenly to make a collection. To begin with he ordered all the United States Postmasters' provisionals then listed, at one clip; the Baltimore, Brattleboro, Millbury, New Haven, St. Louis set, etc. and was astonished to find that no dealer's stocks could honor

is carte blanche demand. He got them all finally, but had to use telegraph and cable and deal with a score of dealers, and before he got through, he thoroughly understood that stamp collecting is in fact a collecting process.

Some stamps die in infancy and some pass away just as they reach a healthy maturity, a few live to a ripe old age. The first class are hurried from the post office to business firms, they carry a letter to an office—probably in the same city—and then their passage to a waste paper basket and fire is quick and sure. The stamps that live to maturity are those that bear messages to distant countries, where they are cared for until the succeeding letter arrives, and they are lost or destroyed. Or maybe the maturity stamps will act as passport for a billet doux, and will be cherished by some limpid eyed girl till the lover and his correspondence is forgotten—say a few weeks later. But a stamp that would live to a hoary old age must not trust to fickle lovers. Rather it should await the bulky legal envelope, on which it will travel to some foreign post office. Then years hence, some covetous philatelist will surreptitiously detach it from the musty envelope and carefully transfer it to a glass cased collection. And so it will live on—guarded from mould and vandal touch, gath-

ering value as the years go by—long after it's twin brothers of the stamp press have passed into dust.

The peculiar simplicity of the darkie in the Southern States is illustrated by the following story in the Collector's Weekly: "An old negro had gone to a post office in Mississippi and offered for the mail a letter that was over the specified weight for a single stamp.

"This is too heavy," said the damsel behind the counter, "you will have to put another stamp on it." The old darkie's eyes widened in astonishment. "Will anudder stamp make it any lighter, den missie?" he asked.

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**Western Collectors,  
No. 3.****DR. HARRY MORELL.**

**H**ARRY Morell, M.D., C.M., Trinity Medical College, Toronto; M.D., C.M., University of Victoria, Cobourg, Ont.; Fellow of Trinity Medical College, Toronto; Fellow of Royal Microscopical Society, London; late acting Asst. Surgeon U.S. Army; member American Medical and Minnesota State Medical Associations and S. W. Minnesota and Crow River Valley Medical Societies, is one of the most prominent of western collectors. Although a busy practitioner, he has not altogether forgotten his old hobby. We only need to say that Dr. Morell was a one time Secretary of the Toronto Philatelic Society and counterfeit detector of the old Canadian Philatelic Society, to impress on our readers the enthusiasm he once had. He was also publisher, way back in the eighties of the first stamp collectors' directory in the Dominion. He now resides in Regina.



DR. HARRY MORELL

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## New British Colonial Issues

BY JOHN. H. C. FERNLEY.

**NORTHERN Nigeria**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp of this colony has now been issued in green on multiple C. A. paper.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. Green.

**Gibraltar**—The 2s. value has appeared in the colors to conform to the Colonial color scheme on multiple C. A. paper.

2s., purple on blue.

**Cape Colony**—A new shade of the current 4d. stamp in bright olive green has just been received. This stamp is not likely to have a very long life as the 4d. on chalky paper has been seen.

4d., bright olive green.

**Straits Settlements**—A further addition to the stamps of this colony, the 50c. having been received in the postal union colors of black on green, multiple C. A. paper.

50c., black on green.

**Queensland**—The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 5d. values have both appeared on Crown A paper, the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value in a new shade of green.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. green. 5d. brown.

**South Australia**—New shades of the four lower values perf.  $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$  on the 4d. stamp in orange instead of orange-red have appeared. In the latter stamp the value is  $17\frac{1}{2}$  mm. long.

Perf.  $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ , Crown A.:  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green, 1d. carmine, 2d. violet, 5d. purple.

Perf. 12, Crown A, value  $17\frac{1}{2}$  mm.: 4d. orange.

**Trinidad**—Official stamps have been received—printed on the last issue (without numerals of value).

Issue of 1904-07, overprinted "Official":  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green, 1d. carmine.

**Solomon Islands**—The 5s. stamp has appeared in the new postal union color.

**British East Africa**—50 rupees, M. C. A.

**Jamaica**—3c brown on yellow.

**Gibraltar**—2c. green and red new shade.

**Gwailior**—3 pies, grey, "Service."

**Australia**— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Unpaid.

**South Australia**—1s. brown, perf.  $12\frac{1}{2}$ .

**New Zealand**—King's head,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green, 2d. mauve, 3d. brown, 4d. orange, 5d. chocolate, 6d. carmine, 8d. blue, 1s. vermilion, 1d. red new type.

**Papua**—Perf. 11, white paper, wmk. sideways:  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green and black, 2d. purple and black,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue and black, 4d. brown and

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## THE VANISHING HEADS

By Bertha C. Foster, Author of "Rose Celeste," etc.

THE new seven penny stamp was out. It lay on the counter, among all the later issues of English stamps,—a dull, slate coloured portrait of the man for whom the whole Empire was mourning. Three days ago muffled bells had tolled the news, flags, half mast high had waved it,—that Edward, the Peacemaker's short reign was over. In his London home he lay in state, while crowds—such as had never before assembled in such dense masses—flocked to pay their last homage to the King they honored and loved. Surely no monarch was so beloved, no man so popular, as the one who lay sleeping his last long sleep in Buckingham Palace?

The old stamp dealer took up the new portrait of the King, which had appeared on the stamp just three days after that same King was dead.

"It seems sort of appropriate that it should be grey," he said, musingly, "almost looks like mourning. Well, it will be called in soon, like the original, it's reign will be short."

He shook his head and took out his spectacles and wiped them slowly with his spotted red handkerchief. "I've seen a-many heads go and come on stamps," he muttered, "but never one that I've been so loth

to lose. Forty years I've dealt in stamps, and many's the kings and queens that have come and gone, but King Edward's death has seemed like a personal loss to us all. I'm an old man, and I remember seeing him married in St. George's Chapel, Winsor, to his beautiful bride 'the sea king's daughter from over the sea.' I remember the time when he was so ill, and the nation thought their Prince was going to be taken from them. Then I saw him at his mother's funeral, a brave man, bowed with grief—and later I watched the bulletins when daily we expected to lose our uncrowned king. Then, when once again he was strong and well, I went to Westminster Abbey, and saw the crown placed on his head.

Eleven months after his accession the proclamation concerning the issue of new stamps with his head upon them, was made. I have still the penny and half-penny ones I bought that day. Little did I think that I should live to go to his funeral—that a new stamp would be issued with his head upon it after his death."

He placed the spectacles again on his nose, and almost reverently laid the new stamp down. He was old, and his mind was not so clear as it used to be, but his love for the late sovereign

## Our Juvenile Column

BY VETERAN

SOME explanation of philatelic terms may be useful to my young readers:

**Perforation**—The small holes punched around stamps to separate them from each other. There are different sizes of perforation, which is measured by means of a perforation gauge, many distinct issues being only distinguished by the size of the perforation. Stanley Gibbons and Co., in their first editions of the famous Imperial Album, I believe were the first firm to make a feature of perforations, space being provided for the 1863 issue of Austria, the perforations on these stamps being very distinct.

**Imperforate**—Having no perforations.

**Rouletted**—An early method of perforation by means of small slits instead of punched holes.

**Watermark**—A design worked into the paper, and which can generally be seen by holding the stamp up to the light. It is a mistaken idea to suppose that stamps without a watermark are necessarily forgeries; only some have watermarks.

**Surcharge**—Something overprinted on a stamp, generally a new value.

**Obsolete**—Out of issue, no longer used.

**Fiscal**—Used for revenue, not postage, purposes.

**Plate numbers**—Small numbers appearing on some of the earlier issues of Great Britain, and denoting the plate from which the stamp was printed.

**Cancellation**—Post-mark.

**Face value**—The value printed on the face of a stamp; its value for postage use.

**Bi-colored**—Printed in two colors.

**Provisional**—A stamp temporarily surcharged with a fresh value.

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On account of so many imitators, the Red Cross stamps issued in the United States at Christmas, will in future be known as Christmas Red Cross "seals." The post office department will in future prohibit the use of non-postage stamps on the face of mail matter, but the stamps may be affixed on the back of mail matter as seals. A competition for a new design is now in progress, and any one wishing to send in designs should communicate with Chas. L. Magee, Secretary American Red Cross Society, care of War Department, Washington, D. C.

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Arrangements have been made between the British Post Office and the Canadian Northern Railway Co., by which letters for Canada will be carried by the express steamers of the Royal line. The first steamer, the Royal Edward, has made a fast trip from Bristol.

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MR. Fred J. Melville, ever to the fore in any scheme to benefit the study of philately bids fair to make a success of a new organization he has just started on the way, called The Postage stamp league. The society is to be international, accepting members from all parts of Great Britain and Ireland, and will not interfere in any way with existing societies. Its main objects, as set forth in the prospectus, are to extend the popularity of the stamp collecting hobby with the great general public, by instituting and encouraging lantern lectures, assisting the formation of philatelic societies in districts where none already exist, helping societies by loaning lantern slides

and lectures, and by scattering broadcast bright and informative pamphlets for distribution in schools, literary societies, etc.

One of the great points the new society will pay particular attention to is the especial value of stamp collecting as a pastime for invalids. This should be a great boon to those who are shut out from the ordinary occupations and pleasures of life. The hopeless invalid, confined to his or her room year in and year out, or at most, able to be wheeled on the verandah on sunny days, is of all persons the one who will derive most enjoyment and comfort from stamp collecting.

We wish Mr. Melville all the success he deserves and if we can do anything in Canada to help along the good cause, shall be pleased.

MR. G. Shaw Scott, writing to the London Times says: "Is not the moment an appropriate one to consider whether it is possible to obtain a design more worthy of this nation than is that to be found on the present postage stamps? The latter are generally admitted to be seriously lacking in artistic merit. On several the value is not indicated in numerals as it should be. Finally, the new design should indicate clearly the country of origin of the stamps."

The new King—George V. —being himself a stamp collector, immediately becomes an

important figure in the philatelic world. His philatelic taste is expected to manifest itself in the early designs which will be prepared and the new productions will be eagerly looked forward to by all lovers of our pastime. "King George" issues are not likely to appear until the end of the year.

The new issue craze will receive a new impetus, as numerous countries beside Great Britain are contemplating fresh varieties.

THE knowledge that philately gives of the state of the fine arts in various stamp producing countries proves that it is a science. It shows clearly by demonstration and by comparison the history, language, geography, chronology, politics and the fine arts of the many countries that issue stamps.

The revenue or bill stamps of Canada present upon their face the most truthful likeness of Queen Victoria known to exist. The collector can trace the change of governments, regencies, insurrections, rebellions and confederacies. Upon the simple postage stamp can be studied the rise, decline and fall of empires, monarchies and republics. The displacement of the stamps of the Roman States of the Church and the Kingdom of Naples, tells of the establishment of the Kingdom of Italy. The disappearance of the Confederate stamps from circulation

told of the close of the Civil War in America. The absence from circulation of the beautiful stamps of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia heralded the fact of the Confederation of these provinces under the Dominion of Canada. The rise of the German Empire made obsolete various continental stamps as well as those of Alsace and Lorraine.

PRIMARILY, philately is an intellectual pursuit. It teaches geography and history. It develops a taste for art and science and stimulates research in nearly every branch of learning. Postage stamp collecting is subject to more or less ridicule simply because the idea of gathering parcels of torn and seeming useless stamps is absurd. A collection of paintings, prints or engravings is never subjected to ridicule, yet postage stamps have in their designing and execution the same care bestowed upon them as the finest engraving. By its relation to the fine arts, philately brings to notice the art of the many countries issuing stamps. It likewise shows the progress made in these countries in designing, engraving, lithography and printing. Philately, too has produced the development of a unique class of designers, among whom are found the portrait, figure, heraldic and arabesque artist.

PHILATELY in Chili is coming to the front, the latest

stamp paper in that interesting country, "Tarapaca Filatelico" has just been issued at Iquique.

THE imperforate 2c Lincoln and 2c Hudson-Fulton commemorative stamps issued last year have been completely exhausted. The 2c Alaska-Yukon issue is said to be available at some of the larger post offices. The quantity issued of each of these stamps imperforate is given as follows:

Lincoln, 1,273,900.

Alaska-Yukon, 422,600.

Hudson-Fulton, 216,480.

NEW stamps for Azores were placed on sale at Ponta Delgada, April 1st. There will be no new issue for Funchal, Madeira, as the new Portuguese stamps were issued in the Island of Maderia on the same date.

THE United States post office requires 40,000,000 sheets of paper annually, and the stamps are printed at the rate of 1,000,000 a day. One machine will turn out 1,600 stamps per minute, and six presses are kept running simultaneously. Rigid account is demanded of every sheet of paper and every ounce of ink and gum. After printing a sheet of 300 stamps it is quartered, and if a single stamp is torn or mutilated the whole 100 stamps of the quarter sheet are burned. So careful has the count been that not a single

stamp has been lost in over thirty-seven years.

KING George V has approved the design of the first postage stamps of his reign. These include a half cent and a five cent stamp for Newfoundland.

THE new sevenpenny stamp in grey bearing the head of King Edward, was on sale in Great Britain for the first time on Monday, May 9th, three days after the monarch's death. The stamp is watermarked Crown, perforated 14. On account of its unusual value, being the first stamp of its denomination issued, it is likely to become rare.

"The Winnipeg Hobbyist, a stamp collector's magazine of wide fame, has published an article in its last issue, entitled 'An Old Time Collector.' The subject treated is William Trant, the city police magistrate, who is a loyal follower of this interesting hobby. Stephen Golder, of this city, and editor of THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST, has portrayed in an interesting manner the life and works of the local man, dealing particularly with this phase of his career." — Regina Standard, May 16th.

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was as strong as ever, and his passion for stamps. Though he was a dealer; he had a wonderful collection of his own, which he gloated over, as a miser his gold. A childish, half doting, lonely old man to the outside world, but in reality happy and contented enough. But the death of his beloved sovereign seemed to have quite unhinged his remaining senses. He would settle to nothing. He closed his shop, and sat indoors all day, pouring over his collection of English stamps. "The vanishing heads" he called them, and to each one some incident was connected in his memory.

The night before the King's funeral he wrote a letter—a strange epistle which was found a few days later. It was addressed to "His Majesty, King George V," and read as follows:

"Your Majesty.—I take the liberty of writing to you because I understand you are a collector of stamps, and being a collector myself I thought, seeing how as I have no kith or kin of my own, maybe you would not be offended if I left you my stamps in my will. They are a tidy little lot and worth quite a bit of money, and I've spent considerable time over them; "my vanishing heads" (I mean my British collection) are my favorites, each one is like a story book to me. Now, with the new seven-penny one, which bears the picture of your beloved father, our gra-

acious King, I am closing my collection. To-morrow I go to see his funeral, and somehow, I don't think I shall live to see you crowned, or see your head upon our stamps. I hope your Majesty will pardon the presumption of this letter. I am an old man, but I want to see that my stamps are appreciated, so I send them, with respectful homage to you."

The letter was signed by the old stamp dealer, and stamped ready for posting—but it was never posted. In the casualty ward of St. George's Hospital he died, the evening of the King's funeral. He had been knocked down, and run over during the procession, but it was after the cortege had passed. Poor, lonely old "crank," he would not have chosen a more fitting ending than to die as the body of the only man, he loved passed by.

The Philatelic Journal of America in its issue of May 15 publishes a beautifully illustrated supplement of Walter Clarke Bellow's history of the stamps of Campeche, the most remarkable postage stamp ever issued.

From Whitfield, King & Co. we learn that the 70 kopees brown and orange, of the old Russian type is now issued with the chemical crossed lines on the face, and has been surcharged for use in Russian post offices in China. Low values of the new type have been received.



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black, 6d green and black; perf. 12½, 1d red and black, 1s. orange and black.

Borneo—18c, unsurcharged.

## King George Stamps

**I**N due course the head of King George will replace that of King Edward upon the postage stamps and coinage of the British Empire. Upon the coins King George will look to the left like Queen Victoria, instead of to the right, like King Edward, as the position alternates in succeeding reigns.

The designs will be submitted to the King—who is an authority on stamps—and will be afterwards set out in a Royal Proclamation. It was eleven months after the accession of King Edward before the proclamation concerning the new issues was made.

## How Stamps are Made

**T**HE following article by Frank H. Sweet, in the New York Tribune Magazine, tells how the United States stamps are manufactured:

Of late years, the United States has dropped into the fashion of changing the designs of its mailing franks more frequently than almost any other nation, and gradually the first Republic of the New World has come to the proud position of possessing

postage stamps that are more artistic than those sent out from any other country.

It is not easy to understand what an immense amount of work is required by the advent of new styles in this postal currency. What, with the men who manufacture the paper, the two or three thousand men and women who assist in printing, and gumming the stamps, the toilers who help in transporting the new products to the printing presses, and the eighty thousand postmasters and clerks who sell the stamps to the public, it is estimated that fully one hundred thousand persons have a hand in preparing for a postage stamp opening.

For upwards of a decade the national government has been printing its own postage stamps; that is, the work has been done at the big institution at Washington, known as the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, which is a branch of the Treasury Department, and designed primarily for the printing of national currency; but the gigantic task may at any time revert to private individuals or a corporation, if a disposition is shown to do the work cheaper than the government can do it.

Every year, the Post Office Department advertises for bids for furnishing the postage stamps and the Treasury Department submits a proposition in exactly the same manner as the other bidders; but the plant of the big

money factory at the national capital is so perfectly equipped that the manufacture of stamps can be carried on at a cost of less than five cents a thousand, and apparently the bank note companies which formerly supplied stamps have concluded that there would be no profit in the the transaction at such a price.

Engraving the plates, which are used in the production of postage stamps is a delicate operation. Perhaps a dozen different engravers each an expert in his particular line, contributes to a design for a stamp that is not an inch square. One supplies the vignette, a second cuts the delicate scroll work, a third furnishes the artistic lettering, and so on.

The original plate bearing a stamp design, although baked until it is almost as hard as a diamond, it is never employed in the actual printing.

It is much to precious for that, since, were it destroyed, it would in all probability, be impossible to engrave a new plate that would be an exact duplicate in every delicate detail. Accordingly, the original plate constitutes a steel die with which impressions are made on soft steel, and these latter, termed replicas, are used, after hardening, for the actual printing.

Postage stamps are printed in sheets of four hundred, and all the printing is done in an im-

mense room known as the beehive, containing over three hundred hand presses, each requiring for its manipulation the services of two operators, one an expert plate printer, and the other his woman assistant, whose duty it is to feed the press the blank sheets of paper and remove them after they receive the impression. The ink is applied by means of a hand roller and inasmuch as the varied hues inevitably tinge the hands and faces and clothing of the workers, the immense press room presents a picturesque spectacle of kaleidoscopic color.

Gumming the stamps is an important process and those persons who never moisten a stamp without momentary uneasiness regarding the possible presence of germs or other evils will doubtless be reassured could they realize the many precautions surrounding the preparation and application of the sticky stuff most familiar to the American tongue. The gumming is done by an electrical machine, and each sheet of stamps, after receiving the baptism of mucilage, is carried by an endless chain, operating like a miniature sidewalk, through a wooden tunnel where the temperature is one hundred and thirty degrees Fahrenheit, and from which the sheets emerge with the mucilage perfectly dry.

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the Bureau one hundred million one-cent stamps and twice as many of the two-cent denomination, and some care is required to see to it that this measure is not depleted.

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When an old issue of postage stamps is retired and a new series comes to take its place there is a great conflagration in a specially prepared furnace in the basement of the general post office at Washington; for here all the left over stamps are cremated.

Uncle Sam maintains a book-keeping account with every postmaster in his service, and when an issue of stamps is called in for retirement, every bit of paper received at the postal headquarters must be counted and credited to the postmaster, who returned it. Occasionally, the government finds itself with a heavy stock of superannuated stamps on hand. Thus after the Pan-American exposition a million dollars worth of stamps were fed to the flames.

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## Western Collectors.

No. 4.—MRS. LILY McILLREE.

Mrs. McIllree is without doubt Regina's premier collector, having one of the best collections in the west. Her Canadian collection is complete, with the exception of the 12 pence. She has all the V. R. I. Boer war stamps, including the rare 6d. carmine, O. F. S. and 5 shillings Transvaal; all the Leeward Isle, 1897 Jubilee; all the Seychelles up to the King's Head mult. W. M. Among other interesting things in her collection is a "King Edward VII Land" stamp, surcharged by the New Zealand Government for Sir E. Shackleton, and stamped by him on board the "Nimrod" in the area of "King Edward VII Land," and cancelled "British Antarctic X P D" and date and hour, on one of their special envelopes, which was given to Mrs. McIllree by Lady Shackleton herself. Those who have seen the collection, claim it to be the best collection between Winnipeg and the coast.

Mrs. McIllree was born in Cavan Co., Ireland, coming to Canada in 1884, when she married J. H. McIllree, who had been in the R. N. W. M. Police since that force was formed in 1873, and who has now been Assistant Commissioner for nearly 18 years, being stationed at Regina, Sask.

MRS. LILY McILREE.



## EARLY CANADIAN STAMPS

THE exhaustive work by Mr. Donald King in Gibbon's Monthly Journal in 1896, says Mr. F. F. Lamb, in the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, has left little new to be said upon the subject.

"So little has been written about the stamps of Canada during the last few years, that perhaps my notes, on that account alone, may be welcomed by many of my readers who are interested in these stamps."

Remarking that Mr. King, "has left collectors and specialists in Canadian stamps no undiscovered data to work upon, Mr. King's article not only contained extracts from many official documents, but included a most elaborate and carefully worked out check list of the different varieties, so that, as I have already stated, it is practically an impossibility for any present day writer to give his readers any fresh information. In the hope, however, that my article may prove of interest to some of my readers—many of whom are unable to refer easily to back numbers of the Monthly Journal, I will give a brief resume of the postal history of Canada before the Dominion was formed in 1868. I have collected these stamps for a good

many years and find them an exceptionally interesting study.

"The first official notice which I can find referring to the actual issuing of the first Canadian stamps is reproduced in Mr. King's article in the Monthly Journal. It reads as follows:

### POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Toronto, 1st April, 1851  
Stamps for the prepayment of postage on letters.

Postage stamps are about to be issued, one representing the beaver, of the denomination of 3 pence; the second representing the head of Prince Albert, of the denomination of 6 pence; and the third representing the head of Her Majesty, of the denomination of 1 shilling, which will shortly be transmitted to the postmasters at important points.

"The stamps mentioned in the above official notice were necessary to prepay the then existing rates of postage, as we find on reference to the following extract from the Postmaster General's report for 1851, reads as follows:

On letters not exceeding half an ounce in weight, to any part of British North America, three-pence; more than half an ounce and not exceeding one ounce, sixpence, (and so on). On letters between Canada and the United Kingdom not exceeding half an ounce one shilling stea-

ling (equal to 1s. 1½d. currency). On letters to Newfoundland, Bermuda, and the West Indies, the rate is one shilling per half ounce.

"The printers of the first Canadian stamps were the firm of Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson, of New York, who were already well known as the engravers of the handsome 1847 issue of the United States. The stamps were engraved in *taille douce* in sheets of 100, tens rows of ten, while the maker's name appeared twice on each margin.

"The paper on which these stamps were printed varies little in texture; it is of a thin nature, showing traces of laid lines. Later supplies of these stamps, together with the new values, were printed on many kinds of paper and it is owing to this fact, that, modest as is the catalogue list there are already no fewer than seventeen varieties listed of the imperf. stamps. Mr. Donald King in his monumental article lists many more varieties of paper than does Gibbon's catalogue, but I think that the latter publication contains enough to satisfy the average collector.

"The first instalment of stamps from Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, Hatch & Edson, consisted of

250,000 of the 3d. value.

100,000 of the 6d. value.

51,400 of the 1s. value.

and were printed on thin laid

paper. This consignment contained all the 1s. stamps that were ever printed for postal use as this value was found to have but a limited sale, so much so that no more were printed, and by far the greatest number of those sent to Canada were destroyed with the remainders.

"Copies of the 1s. value are known on wove paper, but they are specimen stamps; they were usually overprinted with the word "Specimen" in red, but occasionally some enterprising faker has worked hard and almost obliterated this overprint.

"There is little to be said about these three values, the 12d. black is an exceptionally scarce stamp, and fine copies are always in demand, their value naturally resting on their condition. I see that at the recently held sale of the late Mr. Seybold's collection of stamps on original covers, a copy of this stamp, with blue cancellation, "Hamilton, Nov. 23rd, 1853," realized £105 15s., while a second copy, also with a blue cancellation, "Dec. 8th, 1853," realized £73 18s. 6d. (vide *London Philatelist*, April 1910). Evidently the second copy was very much inferior in condition to the one that fetched catalogue and a half.

"The 3d. and 6d. values are comparatively quite common in a used condition and vary but little in shade. Messrs. Collin and Calman in their catalogue for advanced collectors say that

the 6d. stamp is known divided diagonally and each half used as a 3d. label.

"In Mr. King's article I find that he makes a second extract, relating to postal charges, from the Postmaster-General's report:

In March, 1854, the charge on packet letters between Canada and the United Kingdom and most foreign countries was reduced by the Imperial government, from 1s. 2d. sterling to 8d. sterling the  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. when

sent in the closed mails through the United States and from 1s. sterling to 6d. when sent direct from a provincial port—Quebec and Halifax. Should no further changes be likely soon to take place in the charges on the correspondence with England, it would promote the public convenience to procure postage stamps of the value of 10d. and 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. respectively, to correspond with the present packet charges.'

(To be continued)

## A Used New Brunswick Connell!

"LOOKING over a collection recently of rare old British North American stamps the writer was shown a perfect used specimen of the rare Connell stamp. Pasted under the stamp was an affidavit made before a commissioner by the person that received it through the post, stating it was received by him in the ordinary course through the mail. The owner of this rarity says he has seen a complete sheet of this stamp unused and knows the owner. As Whitfield, King & Co., do not list this stamp in used condition I shall be glad to know if any readers of The Canadian Philatelist have ever seen or heard of a used specimen."

PHILATECUS.

[This particular stamp has a history of its own, and I shall be glad to hear if any of our

readers have a used specimen.

A certain gentleman, the Hon. Charles Connell, was Postmaster-General of the colony, when it was decided to change the currency from pence to cents. The hon. gentleman was requested to see to the supply of the necessary stamps so accordingly he ordered supplies of 1c, 5c, 10c and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Like the hero of Mafeking, Baden-Powell, and being of rather a vain disposition, arranged to have his own features upon the 5c. The necessary arrangements had all been made for the issue of the new stamps and the withdrawal of the pence issue, when the news leaked out that one of the stamps bore the likeness of Postmaster-General. The Cabinet hurriedly met, discussed the matter, and claimed

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## A Valuable Find

**A**N old-time collector, of Regina, has just had a magnificent parcel of old English stamps submitted to him for sale by a lawyer in England. Amongst the gems of this collection are 108 Mulready penny covers, among which may be noted the following dates:

Red Maltese Cross Cancellation—

1840, May 16, 30

June 3, 11

July 4, 11, 25.

Sept. 5.

1841, Jan. 5, 7, 12, 16, 21, 29.

Feb. 1, 8.

Black Maltese Cross Cancellation—

1841, Feb. 11, 21, 24.

Mar. 2, 16, 23, 29.

Apl. 5, 12, 16.

Oct. 27, 30.

Nov. 2, 6, 11, 16, 18, 20.

Dec. 16, 24.

1842, Jan. 5, 17, 19.

Oct. 31.

Nov. 2, 7, 26

Dec. 16.

1843, Mar. 22

Apl. 18.

May 4, 10

June 1.

July 19, 27, 29.

1844, Jan. 22.

Over one thousand "ship letters" bearing the early markings in use before the day of stamps or Mulready's, several thousand black and red penny's, some two penny's and a few of the embossed stamps.

Anyone caring to make an offer for this parcel can address the Editor, who has personally inspected this valuable parcel.

**T**HE Editor craves the indulgence of his many stamp collecting friends for delay in replying and returning exchange stamps. He is at present away on a lengthy motor car tour through the northern parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and finds it impossible to keep in touch with his mail.

**T**HE history of the postage stamp dates back no further than 1840. To England belongs the honor of its invention,

the first postage stamp having been introduced to the British Government. At the present time stamps are issued all the world over, and their variety is practically endless. Stamp collectors are to be numbered by millions, largely circulated journals are conducted in their interests, and occasional articles appear in such recognized leaders of public opinion as the London Times and Daily Telegraph.

The word philately, it may be explained, is derived from the Greek *philos*, "fond of," and *atelia*, "exempt from tax." As stamps denote the prepayment of the tax, they signify exemption from tax, and the word hence comes to bear the meaning "fondness for stamps."

While philately is delightful as an amusement, having a fascination for young and old, it is hardly possible to over estimate the benefit to be derived from its pursuit, always providing that it is taken up in an intelligent spirit, not merely with the object of amassing and possessing so many stamps, but also of studying and understanding them. Rightly undertaken, stamp collecting may be productive of much intelligent pleasure; it is valuable as giving a practical acquaintance with geography, with side lights on the history of states; the minute attention to detail necessary in determining the different varieties brings the critical powers into play. Then, again, if a

collection of stamps is carefully and judiciously formed, its commercial value will increase greatly in the course of a few years, so that stamp collecting has this advantage over most pastimes, that the money laid out on it is not lost in the spending, as the collection may be made a safe investment, and if kept for some time it may be made a source of great profit should the owner be so disposed.

As an instance of what has been done in this. Mr. Hughes-Hughes, who sold his collection in 1890 for \$15,000, said he only spent about \$350 on it, but that it had been laid aside for years, and its value had so grown as to produce this handsome return.

The writer bitterly regrets disposing of his first collection some ten years ago for \$250—the same would now easily have fetched \$5,000. Another friend a well-known police magistrate in Buluwayo, disposed of a valuable and unique collection of African stamps that had taken him many years to get together. I never knew the exact figure realized, but I do know he got married on the proceeds, and took a six month's honeymoon to Europe, and on his return had enough stamp money left to furnish a nice house. I asked him once "if he regretted selling out." "Oh, no," he replied, "I have started again, and shall dispose of my next collection in about 15 years and

use the money for sending my boy to Oxford."

Of course the foundation of a collection likely to become of great value requires somewhat wide experience and foresight, but all things must have a beginning, and the inexperienced collector may be assured that if he starts his collection in a careful manner his money will at any rate not be thrown away.

A WRITER in "The Postage Stamp" says: "As to the catalogue prices of the Canadian pence series, taken as a whole they are much underpriced. This is no rash statement but a solid fact. Taking auction prices as statistics every one of the pence issues in good condition is a safe investment at catalogue rates."

RUMOR says that the four penny orange stamp of Great Britain issued last year will be discontinued and a new shade of color adopted. The orange color is similar to carmine in artificial light, that it is confused with the penny stamp at night, and objected to by post-office clerks.

YOU say that you can tell the history of a nation by its postage stamps. You can in the case of Great Britain. You can see the sordid material spirit of the age exemplifying itself in its stamps, its trampling of artistic and the higher tastes to at-

tain the by-word of our civilization, cheapness, cheapness, cheapness. This is now a moment occasioned by the sad death of our beloved King, for protest against the quality of the stamps we have been using, and a request that the new series bearing the portrait of King George V. may be improved in every respect, and the greatest nation of the world may be able to point with some pride to its series of postage stamps.—The Postage Stamp.

DURING the first fifteen years of their existence over 3,000,000,000 stamps were required to supply the demand in Great Britain. So general are the postal needs of to-day that the annual supply of stamps in Britain amounts to over seven thousand millions.

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### A Used New Brunswick Connell!

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a right of approving the designs, so the Connell stamp was condemned and a new issue prepared, bearing a portrait of the Queen. Connell, unlike Baden-Powell, was easily overcome and after his official condemnation resigned his position and retired disgusted into private life.—Ed.]

## Love versus Stamps.

By BERTHA C. FOSTER.

"I WANT a real holiday, Jack. It is ages since we have been away together. Surely you can get off this summer?"

He raised his head, and looked at her with blinking, near-sighted eyes.

"Not until September, dear. Two of the staff will be away during August, and I could not leave then, but I was thinking we might manage a week or so abroad—in Switzerland, eh?"

She clapped her hands.

"That would be delightful," she cried.

He smiled at her genuine pleasure.

"We could be in Berne for the International Philatelic Exhibition," he added.

Immediately her face fell, and her mouth hardened.

"Is that why you want to go to Switzerland?" she exclaimed. "I might have guessed it was something to do with stamps!"

With a gesture of extreme annoyance she flung herself out of the room.

Jack Meadows sighed, then turned back to his work with a careless shrug of his shoulders.

It was always the way when stamps were mentioned. Mrs. Jack Meadows was jealous—wildly jealous—of her husband's devotion to his collection. During the first few months of

their married life she had attempted to take some interest in her husband's hobby, but when he threw up his Government position in order to edit a philatelic journal, and spent practically all his time pouring over stamp news and stamp collections, she began to grow weary of the task. As the months passed her ennui changed to positive dislike. In her opinion Jack was simply wasting his time, and devoting hours which might have been spent with her, to his senseless collection. She refused to see that the collection represented a very substantial nest egg, which Jack was carefully saving up for her, and did not understand that it was a splendid investment. She was quite unreasonable and foolish, and succeeded in making herself very unhappy over what should have been a source of pleasure. She persuaded herself that she was a much neglected wife, and that her husband was wickedly extravagant and selfish.

It happened that night that Jack was called away hastily, and left a valuable book of exchanges belonging to a friend, open on his table. Mrs. Meadows came into the study, still smarting under the new grievance of the proposed holiday at Berne. She took the book up

and looked at the stamps, carelessly—fancying they belonged to her husband. She knew enough to realize they were worth a considerable sum, but just how much she had no idea. With a sudden wave of unreasoning, childish anger, she tossed the little volume into the fire!

Immediately the deed was done she would have cut off her hand to get it back—but it was too late. Jack was a chilly mortal, and though it was June a bright little fire burned in his grate. With horrible rapidity the flames ate up the thin paper and with fascinated eyes she watched the last charred embers disappear up the chimney. Just at that moment, Jack's footstep sounded in the hall.

"Well," he said cheerfully, forgetting the little unpleasantness of an hour ago, "the fire looks cheerful, and it is good to find you waiting in my den, little woman! It is like old times, eh? You always came to meet me then, didn't you?"

His voice had no sound of reproach, but there was just a tinge of sadness in it. A pang of remorse smote her. She turned turned him, her face raised to his, forgetting everything except that this was her husband—the one man she loved.

At the end of another hour Jack turned back to his writing table. Where were the stamps? Surely he had left them lying

there? His wife saw the anxious look in his eyes—saw—and remembered! With a look of piteous entreaty she laid her hand on his arm.

"Jack,—I—I burned them," she faltered.

"Burned them?" His voice was loud with horror. "Good Heavens! Were you mad?"

"I was angry because you seem to care more for your stamps than you do for me," she stammered, "and even when we go away for a holiday you want to go to a philatelic exhibition."

He laughed bitterly.

"There will be no holiday this year," he said, roughly, "Those exchanges were valued at five hundred dollars, which will take all the cash I could have spent on our trip. You have indeed had your revenge."

Taking up his hat he went out, slamming the door behind him.

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The next evening a crushed and penitent wife met him in the hall, and thrust a cheque for \$500 into his hand.

"How on earth did you get that?" he gasped.

"Never mind," she said, a little breathlessly. "I got it quite honestly, and promise me you will take me to Berne, for the Philatelic Exhibition in September."

"Not unless you tell me where and how you raised this money?"



He looked down, suddenly, at her hand. A valuable diamond ring, which had belonged to her mother had gone.

"Darling — darling," he cried, "do you think I would let you make a sacrifice like that?"

For answer she threw herself into his arms.

"Better to sacrifice anything than to lose your love," she sobbed.

Gently he drew her towards him.

"There was never any danger of that, sweetheart. Now tell me where that ring was sold, and we will go at once and get it back. Then we will start saving up, ever so hard, and perhaps we may get our holiday, after all."

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That was the end of Mrs. Jack Meadow's jealousy of her husband's postage stamps. But whether they got to Switzerland in September or not—time will show.

## Forgeries in Stamps

A BEGINNER in stamp collecting is sometimes distressed as to the likelihood of his acquiring forged specimens, but it should be some comfort to him to reflect that it is not usually worth a forger's time and trouble to make imitations of very common stamps and the probability is great that the first

2,000 stamps a beginner is likely to gather will prove to be genuine specimens. Spurious copies exist chiefly among the rarer kinds of stamps, and by the time the beginner has entered this field he will have probably become sufficiently acquainted with the look of a genuine stamp to be able to detect a forgery at its first appearance. A collector usually studies his stamps with a certain amount of zeal, and this zealous study is certain to be of use to him in time to come. To an eye that has been accustomed for some time to the sight of genuine stamps a forged specimen will at once stand out as being "something different," and since a good percentage of forged stamps are but clumsy imitations, their detection should be swift in the hands of a collector with, say, a couple of years' experience.

Still, it has to be remembered that dangerous forgeries of better-class stamps do exist. Recently the writer has handled two beautiful triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps, a pair of copies possessing every appearance of genuineness, but an expert to whom they were submitted declared them to be "no good." A correspondent also ruefully announces that he has come into possession of a sheet of spurious Japanese. Where a collector is plunging into deep water and adding things of unusual value to his store, he is



wise in buying warily, and where the slightest suspicion exists as to the genuineness of any contemplated purchase, the safest plan is to send the specimen to an expert for examination.—J.W.H.H., in the Bazaar.

Montreal, July 13.—Postage stamps to the face value of \$400,000 were seized this morning by Federal Inspector Giroux. The stamps were of the value of 25c and 50c and \$1.00, and were exhibited for sale at two second hand stores on Craig St. east. According to the dealers the stamps were in a valise which was bought at an auction sale, supposed to contain unclaimed goods, without knowing the contents.

The stamps which bear the words "U.S.A. Post Office, Labrador," do not seem to be genuine, but appear as sample imitations put on the stamp market and bought by young collectors. They show part of the eastern map of Canada violet red, with Labrador Territory light gray. A communication was sent out and the U.S. government will be notified of the seizure.

The Postmaster-General has addressed a warning to a postmaster for refusing to allow employees belonging to the National Guard to attend to the military duties. His attention is called to a resolution that author-

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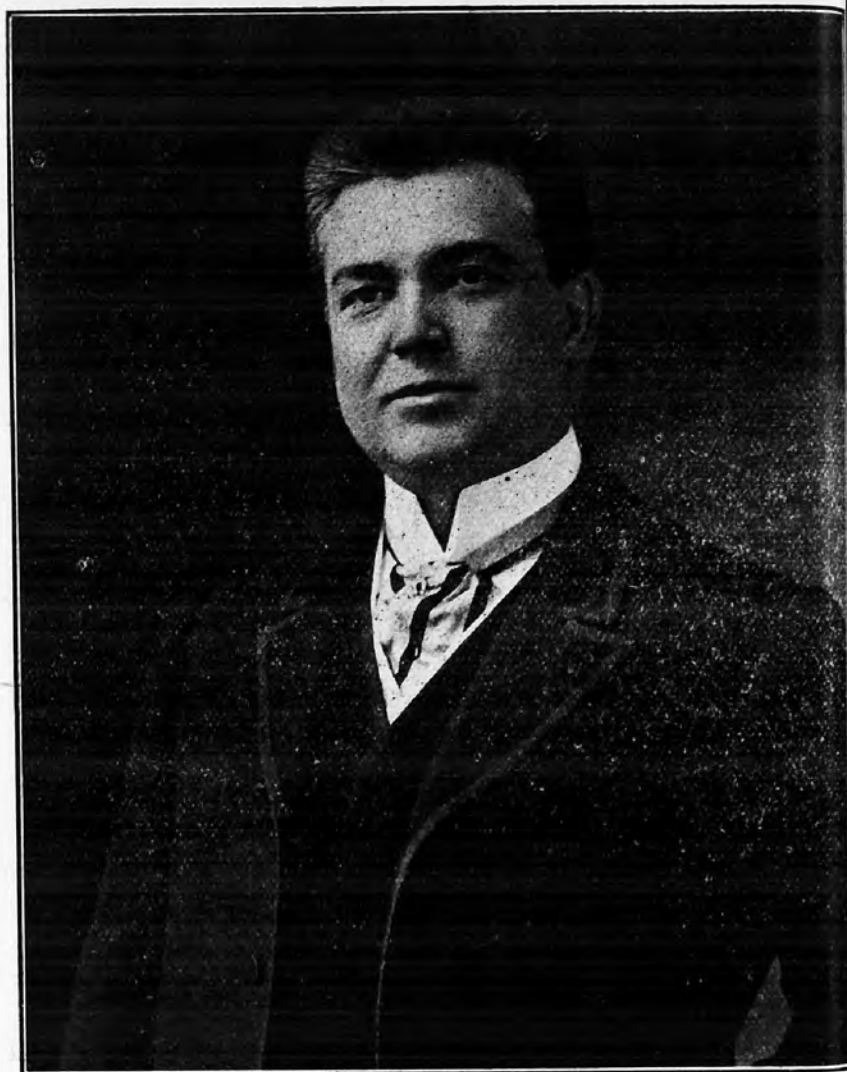
## Rudolph Lemieux.

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Postmaster-General of Canada.

AMONG the members of the bar of the Province of Quebec distinguished in early life, not only in their profession, but in the wider fields of politics and letters is Rudolph Lemieux, member of Parliament for the county of Gaspé, in the Province of Quebec. The son of H. A. Lemieux, Esq., Inspector of Customs in the Province of Quebec, he was born in the City of Montreal on the 1st day of November, 1866. Educated at Nicolet College and at Ottawa University, he first followed the profession of journalism. Resolving to make law his life's profession, he became a student thereof and in 1891 he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law at Laval University and was called to the bar of his native province in the same year. Subsequently, in 1896, he took the degree of L. L. D., from the same University. Not alone to the distinguished association in his profession (he having entered into partnership with the late Hon. Honore Mercier, at one time Premier of Quebec, and with the Hon. L. Gouin, Minister of Public Works for the same province) and in politics with two of the leading men in political life of his province at that time, does Mr. Lemieux owe his success that has come to him at such a comparatively early age, but to the ability displayed by him in the forum of the law, the lecture room of a great university, the political platform and as a political essayist. Actively interested in public and political affairs and an ardent Liberal he was elected at the general elections of 1896 to the House of Commons, for the county of Gaspé.





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## EARLY CANADIAN STAMPS

Continued from July Issue.

OWING to these reductions, and also to the fact that a stamp for prepaying news-papers was needed, we find that the printers in New York were requisitioned for three new values. These stamps were printed, and in the case of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 10d. values, were produced like the denominations already in use—in sheets of 100.

“The  $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. value, however, for some reason or other was printed in sheets of 120, ten rows of twelve. All three values made their appearance on a wove paper, varying very considerably in thickness from a very stout, smooth paper to a very thin pelure, while specimens may also be found on paper that shows a marked ribbing.

“Although I do not wish to elaborate the existing list of catalogue varieties, I think that two varieties of the 6d. on thick paper might be listed instead of one, one on thick, hard paper with a glazed appearance, and the other on an equally thick, but much softer, porous paper. The 3d. value, being used to repay the local letter rate, is a very common stamp in a used condition; blocks however, are very scarce, while pairs and strips are in proportion to single

copies, not so very common. This scarcity of blocks is probably due to postal clerks frequently cutting up the sheets into rows to facilitate their quick delivery during the busy hours of the day.

“Mr. M. H. Horsley, a well known specialist in Canadian stamps, writing in the *London Philatelist* (April 1907) says:

“A minor variety of the 3d. exists in this and the following issue, called by those who seek for it a “double strike,” occurring usually under one or both of the figures of value, caused I presume by some slight movement of paper, or plate during printing, or by uneven pressure during the process of preparation.”

“Mr. Sefi, in the *Philatelic World* (December, 1908) also describes these ‘double strikes’ as follows:

“In the ordinary stamp the design is enclosed in a double-lined rectangle, the space between which is quite clear; but in the double strike we always find that parts of the “3” cuts through the inside line and encroaches on the white space between the lines. Personally I do not attach much importance to these so-called ‘double strikes,’

collectors, however, who are in search of fresh varieties can digest the above extracts and renew their search for fresh conquests, with added zest.

"In fine condition these early Canadian imperforates should prove a good investment, in fact the following extract of prizes realized, taken from the auction catalogue (New York) of the late Mr. Seybold's collection should prove that these stamps are much appreciated by American collectors:

On original covers--

6d. purple-black and 10d. blue, pair of each, \$125.00.

10d. blue, horizontal pair, \$38.00.

7½d. green, vertical pair, one slightly damaged, \$47.00.

6d. violet, on thick, soft paper, horizontal pair, \$50.00.

6d. purple-black, on thick hard paper, three copies, not catalogued, \$40.00.

6d. brown purple, perf. 12, off centre at top and right, \$40.

6d. brown violet, perf. 12, vertical pair, well centred, \$126.25.

Not on entires--

10d. blue, on thick paper, strip of 3, \$80.00.

7½d. green, horizontal pair, slightly discolored \$42.00.

7½d. green, strip of three, \$135.00.

"Late in 1857, or early in 1858, three values most in demand, namely: the ½d., 3d. and 6d., were issued by the postal authorities in a perforated

condition, while doubtless, had the New York printers retained the printing contract, the remaining values would also have been sent out perforated. Although at one time there was considerable doubt as to whether Messrs. Rawdon, Wright & Co., or the Canadian government perforated these stamps, I think it has now been settled that the perforating took place in New York, while it is almost equally certain that the few stamps which are known with freak perforations, namely: those guaging 13 or 14 are either the work of ingenious fakers or else they are in the nature of trial experiments by private firms before the adoption in 1858 of the official perforating machine.

"Referring again to Mr. King's article, I see he says that the total number of each value issued, including the perforated stamps were:

½d., 3,389,960.

3d., 3,528,700.

6d., 402,900,

7½d., 82,110.

10d., 151,500.

12d., 1,510.

"From these figures it would appear that the half-penny value should be almost as common, in a used condition, as the 3d. denomination, but I think it is granted that it is fully ten times as rare, due no doubt to the fact that the half-penny stamps, largely used on newspapers, were not put to one side by the recipients, as was frequently the

case with the higher value which franked a letter.

"The remainder of the "pence" issues which were on the government's hands when the "cents" stamps came into use, were, so we are told, destroyed. Taking the above figures as being correct, it becomes quite unnecessary for me to point out that the 12d. stamp is a very desirable item to possess. Gibbons does not price it unused, but in a table which I have compiled from the current catalogues, it is seen that this discrepancy is amply rectified by other cataloguers. Needless to say it depends upon the condition of any of the stamps in the following list as to whether they are cheap or not—a good copy at \$25 would be infinitely cheaper than a soiled specimen at \$12.50. The prices in Bright's catalogue are in most instances, much under Gibbon and Scott, but the publishers state:

'Prices quoted for the issues of 1851-1857 are for ordinary copies. Specimens with good margins around the print can be supplied at an increased rate.'

"No mere table of prices can convey what any rare stamp in superb condition is likely to be worth. The prices realized at the New York sale are a fair criterion of the present market value of some of these stamps, but even here, not having seen the stamps, or being the supreme umpire on the subject

of condition, it would be impossible to say whether the fine stamps might not have been finer, and realized even higher figures."

## New Issues of British Colonials

BY J. H. C. FERNLEY.

JULY, 1910.

**MAURITIUS.** This celebrated island colony has just issued an entirely new set including amongst the several values, King Edward's portrait. The 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 15c. are of the familiar "Arms" type, but each printed in one single color on white paper, with the exception of the 4 cents which has the value in red; the other values 5, 12, 25 and 50c. are of the ordinary King's head colonial type. All are on M.C.A. paper.

"Arms" type:

1c., black.

2c., brown.

3c., green.

4c., olive and red.

6c., carmine.

8c., orange.

15c., ultramarine.

Head of King Edward VII:

5c., grey and carmine.

12c., grey.

25c., black and red on yellow.

50c., purple and black.

South Australia.—The 3d. and 6d. values of the large  
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SCOTT'S circular says that an enterprising statistician has already figured out that there are in use at present 535 varieties of British and British Colonial stamps, having a face value of £64 3s. 5d., bearing the portrait of King Edward, and which will have to be changed within the next few years.

The first King George stamps bid fair to appear more promptly than was the case after Queen Victoria's death. We are informed that new designs for the Great Britain set have already been submitted for the King's approval.

PRESIDENT Dunning has resigned from the presidency of the Winnipeg Hobby Club and Mr. O. Kendall, director,

will in future manage the details of the club in person.

WE are in receipt of Butler Bros. Exchange Circular. This well known British firm are located at Clevedon, and have for many years been noted for their cheap sets and approval sheets. They offer good stamps in exchange and any of our readers having duplicates in quantity should send for their list, which is sent for four cents post free.

SCOTT'S Standard Catalogue for 1911 is now well under way and will be ready at the usual time of publication in the fall. Any correspondents having notes of errors, suggestions, etc., to offer, are requested to send them in at once. The firm state that every year many of their friends, who do not realize that the preparation of the catalogue requires several months, send suggestions too late to be of use.

WHITFIELD King & Co., Ipswich, England, forward their July and August list of philatelic novelties. Established as far back as 1869 this reliable firm still keep in the front rank. Their list is published about ten times a year (not on fixed dates), and will be sent regularly to any fixed address on receipt of the postage only, 12 cents per 12 numbers. The firm are pioneers of

the new issue trade, which has been their specialty for more than 35 years, and claim that their system is more complete and efficient than any other, while their terms are equally moderate.

AS showing how philately is progressing in South America, the Philatelic Journal of America says that the postal authorities of the Argentine Republic intend to form an official collection of stamps and have reserved in the annual budget several thousand dollars per annum for the purpose. The Argentine Government recently gave 5,000 pesos towards the Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Buenos Aires next month.

THE London Philatelic Co., of Hemel Hempstead, Eng., whose announcements we welcome in our advertising columns as the first firm from "over the seas" to patronize The Canadian Philatelist, started business several years ago in Hatton Garden, London, E. C., and three years ago removed to their present address, where they carry on a large business in different parts of the globe, having customers and agents in nearly every country and state. The firm have always made a specialty of the approval business, their slogan being to "send anything in the stamp line anywhere on the globe." When once they get in touch with a customer their

generous manner of doing business, the variety of stamps submitted from the lowest to the highest values, their reasonable prices quoted, always bring the firm fresh customers.

The company make a specialty of putting up books of any countries desired, to suit each individual collector.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mekeel who celebrated their silver wedding on July 28th.



### New Issues of British Colonials

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stamps have appeared perf. 12.

Perf. 12, wmk. Crown A:

3d., olive.

6d., green.

West Australia.--The 10d. value has been received on Crown A. paper, perf. 12½.

10d., orange.

St. Kitts-Nevis. -- The 6d. value on chalky paper has just come to hand.

Wmk. M.C.A., chalky paper:

6d., purple and grey.

With reference to South Australia in the June number, this should read: "new shades of the four lower values and of the 4d. in orange instead of orange red," instead of as printed, as it looks as if four provisionals have been issued. This is not so.

#### NEW ISSUES RECEIVED, JUNE.

Morocco Agencies (British).

--The new 4d. English stamp (orange) has now appeared surcharged "Morocco Agencies 40 Centimos."

4d., orange.

Federated Malay States.--The colour of the 8 cents has been altered to all blue instead of blue and black and the paper is multiple C.A.

8c., ultramarine.

Transvaal.--Some months ago the 2d. stamp was reported to have been printed in "all lilac" and to have been destroyed. It has however now been issued

on mul. C.A. paper.

2d., lilac.

Gibraltar.--The 2d. stamp has appeared in gray to conform to the colonial colour scheme.

2d., grey.

Bermuda.--A new design is now in issue but only the ½d. value is on sale at present. It represents a ship of the seventeenth century in full sail.

½d., green.

Bahamas.--A new shade of the 4d. stamp is reported.

4d., orange.

Victoria.--The 1d. carmine stamp has been received with the new perforation 11½x12.

1d., carmine.

**S**PEAKING of the forthcoming issues of King George, a writer to a London paper, says, "As a rule it will be found that the elaborateness of a stamp varies inversely with the importance of the state to which it belongs. The most gorgeous stamps belong to obscure American Republics. Our own stamps are poor in design and poorer in colour. The colours must remain as they are, for that is an international agreement, though I would we might return to the delicate lilac or the rich brick-red of Victorian stamps. The design it should be possible to improve."

At a sale of stamps recently by Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, London, a Newfoundland, 1860 1s. orange, realized \$29.20.

## Answers to Correspondents

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## Notes of Interest

HIS Majesty King George V has received in audience Mr. J. A. Tilleard, the Hon. Secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society, who has for many years superintended the care and arrangements of the Royal collections.

Mr. Bertram McRennal, A. R. A., it is said has been instructed to design the new British coins. Mr. McRennal is an Australian artist and will probably design the new stamps.

The Colonial Office Journal says that the Turks and Caicos Islands, have been supplied with a farthing stamp printed from steel plates in crimson lake, the design being a representation of a local tropical plant known as the melocactus communis, or 'Turk's Head.

The cost of the new plates and dies for printing the new New Zealand stamps is stated to be \$3,500.

A correspondent in London says that a new design for the two-penny Great Britain, with King Edward's head printed in bright violet, was printed, but held over on the death of the sovereign. Whether the stamp will be placed in circulation has not yet been decided.

Belgium has produced two charity sets of stamps instead of one, each of the accepted designs has been produced in the entire series. Fortunately, the whole series can be obtained for a few cents.

Messrs. De la Rue & Co., printers of the stamps of Great Britain for many years have lost the contract for the new issue of King George. Messrs. Harrison & Sons, Printers in Ordinary to the King have been successful in securing the award. Their contract starts with the beginning of the New Year, and will start with the eagerly looked for issue of the present king. Great Britain uses about 15,000,000 stamps per day.

The Philatelic Societies of British Guiana propose holding a philatelic exhibition next year.

Vernon P. Pierce & Co. write: "Your paper is certainly worthy of success."

<b>POLAND,</b> HISTORICAL AND PHILATEL'G.
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THE above is the title of a dainty little booklet sent out with the compliments of the Stamp Collector, Columbus, Ohio, and issued as a souvenir by that enterprising journal of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society, Detroit, August 15-20, 1910.

The volume is compiled and arranged by George K. Smith, jr., Henry S. Adair and George W. Linn, and printed by Wm. Linn & Sons Co., Columbus.

The work, devoted as it is to a country whose philatelic history was of the briefest, deals in an entertaining and exhaustive manner with the history of Poland and its few postal issues, which are beautifully illustrated by colored plates.

RECENT changes in Uruguay postal methods will have a marked effect upon the supply of cancelled stamps from that country. In the past, it has been the custom for the postage on newspapers, circulars, price-lists and other printed matter to be paid in bulk, high values being cancelled in the process. By a new law, all printed matter except newspapers must henceforth have the postage paid on each one. This means a great decrease in the use of 1, 2 and 3 peso stamps and a corresponding increase in

the supply of half and one cent values, particularly the former.

The Philatelic Society of Sweden, has issued a warning against current imperforate 5 o. and 20 o. stamps of that country which are now being offered. The statement is made that they are printer's waste and that the post-office officials will not accept them for postage.

Scott's Circular says that English collectors are laughing at their government, recent discoveries by philatelists having revealed the fact that the forgeries of the Great Britain, one shilling, made in 1871 to defraud the Crown, were in use undetected for over a year. It is hard to imagine anything of the sort occurring in any leading nation to-day, with thousands of collectors watching current stamps for the slightest variation. The last serious attempt to defraud Uncle Sam a few years ago, by floating counterfeit 2c. stamps, was promptly nipped through their discovery by stamp enthusiasts. [The 2c. carmine 1894 U.S. was discovered counterfeited in April 1895. There were 1,271,048,700 of the genuine stamp issued up to May 2, when the paper was watermarked. Counterfeits sell at \$3.80.]

Vera S. Page, Moosomin, Sask., writes: "The Canadian Philatelist is splendid and just the thing to help on collectors. I like it very much."

## Venezuela Commemorative Issue

MEKEEL'S Weekly chronicles the new commemorative stamp for this country. The stamp is horizontal oblong, nearly square, and is printed in a single color. In the center is a standing figure of Liberty, with hands outstretched, and sitting figures of Peace and Labour at her feet. In the foreground are branches of corn and oak, and the background shows a view of Caracas. In the upper corners are similar medallions with portraits of Simon Bolivar, Libertado and Francisca de Miranda. The figures of value are in small circles with "centimes" above each. Pillars at the sides, that at the right has the dates 1810-1910 and that on the left 1811-1911 on broad ribbons. "Correos de Venezuela" is printed in a curved line above the picture, and the other inscriptions are "Centenario de la Independencia" separated in two parts by the arms of the country at the base of the stamp, and at the top "Union unite, or Anarchy will devour you." The American Bank Note Co., are said to have received an order for one million of these stamps.

Designs for new postage stamps, says the London Times have been under consideration

for some time past, and it is probable that an announcement upon this subject may be made before long. It is considered likely that the first of the new stamps will be issued early next year. Although all the stamps will bear a portrait of King George, different designs may be accepted for stamps of various values. Attention has been drawn repeatedly in recent years to the fact that in some colonies stamps have been circulated which bear other designs than the sovereign's portrait. It is understood that in view of the tendency of stamps of this character to increase, certain remonstrances were conveyed to the governors of colonies and dependencies at the beginning of the last reign, and that in many cases the practice was abandoned. It is probable that the portrait of King George will be generally imprinted upon the postage stamps which will be issued in the course of the next few weeks in all parts of the Empire.

Mr. George Robey, the well known Music Hall artiste, was recently the defendant in an action brought by Mr. G. Ginn, the well known London stamp dealer, to recover between \$1,000 and \$1,500 for stamps supplied.

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3d., Light Brown.

New South Wales—The 6d. value in orange has been received perf. 11x11½. Crown A. Perf. 11x11½.

6d. Orange.

Turks and Caicos Islands—A farthing stamp has just been printed for these islands—The design is a "Melocactus" and the colour is carmine. Wmk. Mul. C. A.

¼d. Carmine.

Great Britain—A new shade of the 2d. value in Dark Green and Rose is now in issue. This is in place of the reported new design, all of which have been destroyed, owing to the Berne Post Convention, which forbids the issue of a new set of stamps bearing the head of a deceased monarch.

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Chinese Expeditionary Force—The 1 anna India Stamp "Postage and Revenue" surcharged C. E. F. has been received. India, 1 anna Carmine, surcharged C. E. F.

Ceylon—A new set in changed colours, but still with

King Edward VII head, is in course of issue. The following values have arrived at present. Mul. C. A. Paper.

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## With the Publisher

THE Canadian Philatelist has now reached the sixth number. We have passed the experimental stage and are now on a firm footing. With the busy winter months of the stamp trade before us, we expect the Canadian Philatelist to forge right ahead. And we have not formed this opinion from what we think, but from what we know and from what others tell us.

Our subscription list has gradually grown and it looks that before long, an increase in advt. rates will be justified. It will pay any dealer to be represented in our columns from now on, provided they can produce the goods.

We are still after subscription, and urge the co-operation of all, especially Canadian collectors. Send for subscription blanks and receive commission on every sub. secured. Sample copies mailed to any address.

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## Western Collectors

No. 5.

### Joseph B. Parker.

The subject of our portrait and sketch this month, Mr. Joseph B. Parker, a frequent contributor to the pages of the Canadian Philatelist, is a Yorkshireman, claiming Huddersfield as his birth-place. At an early age he removed to London, and was educated at Greenwich School. Like most school-boys, young Parker was an enthusiastic stamp collector, and now bitterly regrets trading away his collection made at that time, which was particularly rich in triangular Cape of Good Hope's, old Saxon, etc.

Mr. Parker came direct to Winnipeg in 1880 and had quarters in old Fort Garry until its dismantlement. At various times in his successful business career he has lived at Rat Portage, Prince Albert, Battleford and St. Paul, Minnesota. He is now a trusted and popular official in the Treasury Department of the Saskatchewan Provincial Government at Regina. Incidentally, he was the first volunteer sworn in by the late Lieut. Col. Sproat at Prince Albert, in the 1885 rebellion, and is now an active member of the Imperial Veteran's Association. Mr. Parker started collecting again in 1900, in a purely amateur way, partly to interest his two growing sons, he being a great believer in philately from an educational point of view. He is the proud owner of a fair-sized collection, his specialty being Holland and her colonies.



JOSEPH B. PARKER

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## Newfoundland's New Stamps

WE are indebted to the London Philatelic Co. of Hemel Hempstead, for the following description of the new issue of Great Britain's oldest colony. "Just thirteen years after the issue by Newfoundland of its Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee series of stamps, which served also to commemorate the fourth centenary of the discovery of our oldest colony, a new series has been prepared in connection with the celebration of the Tercentenary of the settlement of the colony.

The new series, comprising eleven denominations printed in *taille-douce*, has been received at the office of the London Daily Mail and it is worthy of note that the colony has not been slow to advertise its newest industry. Philatelists will remember that in 1897 the stamps indicated the chief resources of the colony both from the industrial and the tourist points of view.

The industries and sports then included in the subjects on the picture stamps were.—

"Mining, one of the Colony's resources."

"Logging, one of the Colony's resources."

"Fishing, one of the Colony's resources."

"Seals, one of the Colony's resources."

"Salmon Fishing, Newfoundland's sport."

"Ptarmigan, Newfoundland's sport."

By the enterprise of the Daily Mail and the numerous associated publications, the largest paper mills in the world have been erected within recent years at Grand Falls, Newfoundland, the promoters availing themselves of the extensive spruce forests, the trees of which are eminently suitable for conversion into paper pulp, and of the logging facilities. Within a year of starting operations the paper has proved its superiority in strength of fibre and good colour to other papers of the same class and the output of pulp from the mills at Grand Falls is already enormous. The mills are shown in the view on the 10 cents stamp, and it should be gratifying to the promoters of the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company Limited, to have their efforts to establish a new industry in our oldest colony so speedily recognised, and in a manner which it is believed has

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## An Appreciation of Stamp Collecting as a Hobby

Gathered from Many Sources and Edited by Errington and Martin.

OF all the hobbies within reach of the multitude, stamp collecting is an easy first. It can be taken up by persons of all ages, it is a fascinating teacher of contemporary history and geography, and enables us to follow the current of foreign politics. It creates a bond of friendship amongst its devotees irrespective of nationality, and is one of the very few hobbies which can be followed and studied with interest by all classes of society.

The postage stamp at first sight seems to be perhaps rather an insignificant article; but consider its power! Attached to a letter it engages the energy and service of the most powerful and civilizing influences of an empire. The swiftest steamboats, the fastest trains, and a whole army of officials are requisitioned in order that the contract, of which that small postage stamp is the symbol, may be faithfully carried out. To send a letter, for instance, to the centre of Africa by any other means would probably cost \$500, yet by attaching a small label, the letter is promptly carried many thousand miles under the protection of a powerful government, and all for the small cost of one penny!

Who would not like to travel over the whole world, gathering from each country some distinctive souvenir? Only a few of us can do that, but for a very small sum we can collect the stamps from every civilized country, each bearing its own distinctive picture or inscription, and forming when arranged in a suitable album, an exhibition pleasing to the eye and instructive to the mind.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, now King George V. when President of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, in a letter referring to stamp collecting, wrote: "It is one of the greatest pleasures of my life." The Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford stated at a recent meeting that in 1864, he had the best stamp collection at Eton College, and that stamp collecting was an occupation that afforded him great pleasure still.

NATIONAL COLLECTIONS are to be found in the Museums of London, Dublin, Berlin and other capitals. The ranks of stamp collectors include many leaders of the various learned professions and also many members of reigning royal families, e.g., Prince Edward of York, the Crown Prince of Siam, a son of H. I.

M. the Emperor of Germany, the Crown Prince of Sweden, etc., etc., all are known stamp collectors. On the other hand, only a few weeks ago the Education Committee of the London County Council undertook the distribution of a large package of Japanese stamps which were collected and sent by poor Japanese school children for presentation to their English fellow-scholars who are also stamp collectors.

Every country in Europe has its Philatelic Societies. It is estimated that there are six hundred thousand stamp collectors in America, and the number in Great Britain cannot fall short of this. The advice strongly urged upon readers of this article is: if you have only a dozen stamps get them out, buy a cheap album, and commence at once. The interest of putting in these twelve stamps will fan the flame to burning point. As an educational aid stamps will impart more knowledge to a boy in one week than he will get from his school book in many months. Do you ask why?

Because his collection is his toy, and the knowledge he can gain from it is taken as a pleasure, whereas his books are considered a task. He will learn all he can regarding his stamps because he is interested in them and it is a pleasure to learn, and knowledge obtained in this manner is permanent.

"Children have no natural

taste for geography, and the first thing to do, if it is to be studied, is to awaken that taste. Tolstoy suggests the reading of travels as a means to this end.

We would be tempted to aid, as even a more efficient awakener, the collecting of postage stamps. The ordinary boy learns much more in this way than from the best of teachers." —Ernest Crosby, "Tolstoy as a Schoolmaster."

Do you ask

"WHAT INFORMATION CAN BE GATHERED FROM POSTAGE STAMPS?"

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**S**PEAKING at Folkestone, Kent, in vindication of King George, the Rev. J. C. Carlile, addressing a monthly meeting for men at the Town Hall, said in part.—It was a well known fact that the present King was among the best shots in England. No man who was among the best shots in England could drink very much; he could not simply because nature ordained that if a man drank largely, he could not control his right hand, and it would be worse than foolish to risk his reputation with the rifle. They knew that. They knew some other things concerning His Majesty, for instance, he was wonderfully interested and a great authority on

geography; that he was one of the foremost collectors of stamps. They did not seem to be the occupation of a drunken man.

**E**VER to the fore in all matters of postal reform, the Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, postmaster general of Canada, has made arrangements to instal shortly in Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and later on at other points, stamp vending machines which will deliver stamps automatically when a proper postage is paid. The selling of postage stamps to meet the exacting demands of the public has been for some time a vexing problem, but it is believed that the stamping vending machines will prove to be a satisfactory solution of the problem.

For some time years Mr. Lemieux has been following experiments with these machines, but until recently the results have not been such as would warrant the post office department in buying them. Now, however, a machine has been perfected which has been submitted to exhaustive tests, with results so good that Mr. Lemieux believes it will pay the government and be a convenience to the public to have them installed.

The machine, which is a British invention, has been tried successfully in the British House of Commons, and in Threadneedle St., near the Bank of

England, which is probably the most crowded part in the whole world. Fifty machines have been ordered by the department and will be installed as soon as possible.

It is to be hoped that Canada will not be flooded with the varieties of perforation that have of late deluged our neighbours across the border.

THE native and feudatory states of India occupy more than one third of the country and have a population of over 70,000,000. The British Government has a general control, and maintains a Resident and Commissioner in each State to assist the Native Prince, who, in effect, has the power to manage all internal affairs, but no external power or authority to make war or peace. Since 1891 there has been a general movement to centralize the whole postal system for India under the direct control of the Imperial Indian Post Office.

A DISPATCH from Ottawa says.—It is understood that while in London, en route to South Africa, the Hon Rudolphe Lemieux, postmaster general of Canada, will confer with the British postal authorities in reference to the new issue of postage stamps, necessitated by the accession of King George.

No date has yet been fixed for the new stamps, but it is be-

lieved that an agreement will be arrived at by which the new stamps will be issued simultaneously in the United Kingdom and the Dominions and Dependencies probably in June next, coronation month. Mr. Lemieux, will probably submit designs for the new Canadian stamps to the King in person.

A WELL known Western collector in a letter to the Editor says: "Personally I must say that that I, an ex-philatelist as during the past month my entire collection of about 12,000 varieties was sold by auction in Chicago, by the United States Stamp Co. The stamps as a whole brought very good prices, but I assure you it pulled my heart strings to see the prices that some of my special treasures brought. Still I do trust that in having them distributed broadcast that they will give the purchasers the same amount of real pleasure that they afforded me.

"I have retained my collection of Canadian Revenue stamps only—as I feel that they were too interesting to part with, and I shall at all times welcome additions to this branch of the study."

THE Postal authorities of Bavaria have an ingenious method of printing strips vertically. They are then placed on little rollers after the manner of shaving paper rolls.

The object is to save time, and no doubt in stamping a large number of letters it is a success. The same may be said retailing stamps. The roll is hitched to a nail or hook and the stamps has only to be detached from one side instead of four, as is the case where they are printed in sheets.

A DESIGN for a new penny divisible postage stamp, which can be divided into two half-penny stamps, has been submitted to the British Post Office authorities by a well-known resident of Nottingham.

OF all the States and small kingdoms forming the present German Empire, the Kingdom of Bavaria is the only one retaining an independent postal administration; the rest have been absorbed by the German Imperial Post. The Kingdom of Wurtemberg ceased to have separate stamps for general use in 1902.

THE quaint embossed stamp for "Scinde District Post" was issued in 1852 by Sir Bartle Frere for the old East India Company, and was the first issue in India.

JOHORE is a semi-independent Malay State under the Sultan Ibrahim, but all foreign relations are in the hands of the Governor of the Straits Settlements.

THE Postage Stamp says.— "In the race of the Colonies to produce the first portrait stamps of the Georgian reign it looks pretty certain that the Union of South Africa is going to run Newfoundland close. A new stamp is now ready for issue when H. R. H., The Duke of Connaught opens the new parliament. From the description of the design we may at least expect something vastly more attractive than the last commemorative stamp of the Transvaal issued in 1896, to mark the introduction of penny postage. That was a grotesque production from the artistic and pictorial point of view.

THE Austrian commemorative stamps, issued to celebrate the Emperor's birthday, have been slow in making their appearance. Contrary to the first reports special designs are not used, the Jubilee stamps consisting of the designs of the current issue with the dates 1830-1910 added above and below.

MONTENEGRO is the latest country to announce a new picture set, this to mark the fiftieth year since the accession of Prince Nicholas.

Great Britain originated the use of postage stamps May 6th, 1840.

J. C. Alston, Spokane, Washington, writes: "Very glad to hear the Canadian Philatelist is a success and hope it will be an even increasing one."



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never been accorded to any other British private enterprise before.

The Daily Mail's description of the new stamps is as follows.

One Cent—The portraits of King James I. of England, who granted a charter to one John Guy, an alderman of Bristol city, to found a settlement in Newfoundland.

Two Cents—The arms—two crowned lions rampant and two chained unicorns—of the London and Bristol company, which developed the settlement.

Three Cents—The head of Alderman John Guy, the first to form a permanent settlement in the year 1610.

Four Cents—The good ship Endeavour, upon which Guy sailed to Conception Bay.

Five Cents—The town of Cupids, one of the chief centres of Newfoundland's great fishing industry.

Six Cents—The head of Lord Bacon, the guiding spirit in the first colonization of Newfoundland.

Eight Cents—A view of Mosquito, a Newfoundland township, close to Harbor Grace, the second town in the country.

Nine Cents.—A logging camp upon Red Indian Lake, with the hewn spruce logs used for papermaking lying in the foreground, and at the back the rough shanties of the men.

Ten Cents.—The great pa-

per mills at Grand Falls. An excellent picture of the mills belonging to the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company. This stamp is particularly interesting as commemorating Newfoundland's new industry.

Twelve Cents.—The profile of King Edward VII.

Fifteen Cents.—The portrait of the King, full face. The first stamp issued with King George's features upon it.

## The Postage Stamps of New Brunswick.

MR. J. Clifford Safley, writing in the Anniversary Number of the Southern Philatelist, says.—The province of New Brunswick offers a set of stamps that are perhaps more interesting than those of any other British North America Colony, no longer issuing postage stamps. The first stamps for the colony were issued in 1851. They were of diamond shape, and bore the usual inscription of the name of the country, denomination and the familiar expression, postage. Of this issue there were four stamps of three denominations: three pence, red; six pence, orange yellow; one shilling, bright red violet; and another one shilling of dull violet colour. They portrayed a rose, shamrock, thistle and sunflower.



These being the natural flowers of England, Ireland, Scotland and New Brunswick. In the centre was a crown.

Of all these stamps one half of them have been used for one-half the value the original represented. Also, one fourth of the shilling has been used as 3d. These stamps were imperforate, one bluish paper, and were printed by a London firm.

None of them are at all common, and are not often found in missionary mixtures.

In 1860 another issue was made for New Brunswick to conform with the change in coinage from shillings and pence to dollars and cents. This issue was perforated, and was printed by the American Bank Note Company of New York.

The one cent showed an old model locomotive, which was at that time something new in that section of the north east woods. It existed in both brown violet, and red lilac. It is also known imperforate vertically. The five and ten cent bear a front view of Queen Victoria, wearing the coronation crown which was so popular with a number of colonies at that time. The five cent is yellow green with shades, blue green and olive green. The ten cent has been cut diagonally and one half used as five cent.

The twelve and one half cent blue, shows an ocean steamship of that time.

The seventeen cent black,

bears a youthful likeness of Albert Edward Prince of Wales who was at that time not yet nineteen years of age. He is dressed in Scottish Highland costume and this stamp is thought by many to be the most beautiful ever issued.

In 1861 a two cent stamp was issued of same design as the five cent of 1860. Orange was the colour. A five cent of new type was issued, the colour being brown. About one hundred of these stamps were issued with the postmaster-general's portrait on them. These got into circulation but higher officials learned of this act and attributed it to the postmaster-general himself and stopped the issue. Consequently they are very rare.

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The "Native States" of the Malay Peninsular, Pahang, Perak, Selangor, Sungei-Ujong and Negri-Semblian are subject to the supervision of the Governor of the Straits Settlements, exercised through British Residents, who assist the native rulers. Since 1896 these States have been amalgamated for administrative purposes under a British Resident General; in 1900 all the native postal issues were abolished—and a general

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series of stamps issued for the "Federated Malay States."

On the creation of the Imperial Chinese Post in 1897 all the local posts were absorbed (including the Shanghai Post, which was not strictly a "local post," as these stamps franked letters to all the treaty ports of China and were issued by an International Committee.)

As a result of the disastrous war of 1875-82 when the former great power of Peru was practically shattered by Chili, the country was occupied by the victors from July, 1882, to Oct. 1883, and during that period the stamps of Peru were surcharged with Chilian Arms.

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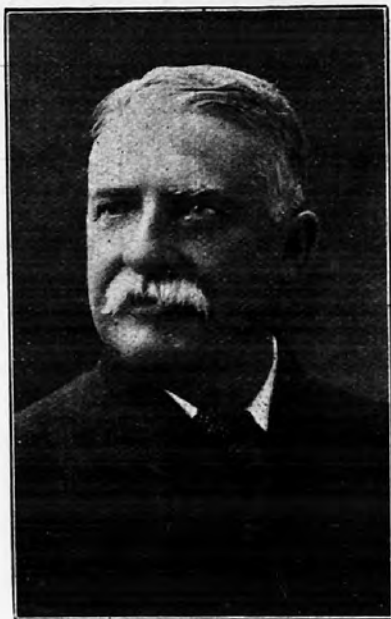
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## EARLY CANADIAN STAMPS.

(Continued from August issue.)

Owing to the change in the currency we find that in 1859 it became necessary to prepare for issue a new set of stamps. The contract was given to the American Bank Note Company and they took over the dies, plates and other paraphernalia from Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson.

On referring to Mr. Donald King's article in the Monthly Journal, I find he quoted the following extract from the Postmaster General's report:

"Decimal stamps of value of 1, 5 and 10 cents for ordinary correspondence, and of 12½ cents for Canadian and 17c. for British Packet Post Rates, were obtained in readiness for the commencement of the Decimal Postage Law in July, 1859, and have from that date been issued in lieu of stamps previously in use."

Like the "pence" issues the "cents" stamps were printed in sheets of one hundred, 10 rows of 10, while according to Mr. King, the 1, 2, 5 and 12½ cents had eight imprints on each sheet, while the 17 cents had no imprint.

On examining the "cents"

stamps closely it is clear that all values (with the exception of the 2c stamp, which was not issued until August, 1864,) are very similar in design to those of the pence issue, and that the original die in each case was taken as a model. In all probability a secondary die was made for each value, the alterations necessitated by the change in the monetary system, being made on these intermediate dies, while the steel remained soft; this accomplished, the die would be hardened and a fresh plate for each value constructed.

In several of the stamps, notably the 17c value, it is clearly evident that the original die was used as a foundation because we find several peculiarities that are common both to the 10d. and the 17c. stamps, notably a small line between the "o" and the "s" of the word Postage.

Some, if not all the other values, show marked differences (besides those necessitated by the alteration in the wording) especially the 1c stamp, which has a heavy band of shading in the lower half of the oval, doubtless added with the idea of accentuating the portrait

The 10c value also differs from the 6d in the background, as we find that in the later stamp there are faint diagonal lines of shading which do not show, even in the earliest impressions of the 6d.

The 5c stamp has the outer frame line at the top of the stamp redrawn; in the 3d. stamp this line nearly always appears very faintly printed, due either to the fact that the die was not properly rolled or that the line itself was not properly cut, whereas in the 5c. label there is no doubt that this line has been strengthened or redrawn.

The "cents" issue is very prolific where "guide lines" or "guide dots" are concerned; especially are they found on the 12½c. stamp where a very marked "guide dot" can be found to the right of the letters "C" and "A" in the word Canada.

In a block of four imperforate stamps loaned by Mr. W. H. Peckitt, these dots can be seen, not only on stamps themselves, but on the margin as well.

As this article is partly composed of extracts from the works of others, and I hope better informed writers than myself, it would not, I think, come amiss were I to quote here what Mr. Dunbar Heath of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., says concerning 'guide dots' in general. He says, (Monthly Report of the Herts Philatelic Society, May, 1910):

"The stamps must for purposes of correct perforation be laid down at equal distances apart, some transferers use faint lines for making the spaces on the blank plates, others dots. Stamp manufacturers sometimes find it advisable to wear large sleeves—they find them useful for laughing into.

"We would not for worlds appear disrespectful to our good friends the philatelists, but when we see serious arguments on the appearance of an unfortunate dot between certain stamps which does not appear between others, and it is sought by the appearance of a dot or a line to tell whether a stamp was engraved by the American Bank Note Company or ourselves—well, we look the other way, and my good friend, Mr. Fisher, looks down and blushes to find his misdeeds famous."

"For in truth, all such birthmarks, as I may call them, are simply evidence of haste, or pressure of work. In every case the rubbing down or cutting away of the displaced metal, and of the space marks, dots, or lines, or whatever they may be, is a more tedious job than the mere rolling in the stamps, and is what may be called 'donkey work,' performed by some junior or mechanic. Theoretically, every mark or trace of a mark between the stamps that might print should be removed before the plate is hardened; but what

wonder is it that in the hurry of business "that'll do" is responsible for many dots or dashes being left in that should be absent, though we pride ourselves on always giving great attention to the clearing of the margins.

"This is the plain explanation of all manner of variations and defects, both with stamps themselves and in the margins, namely, simple press of business and urgency preventing sufficient time being given to a tedious and annoying operation. But I believe philatelists would readily forgive our operators even if they erred on the side of more variations and dots; but this is not the view of the manufacturer, who aims at a plate without blemish, every T crossed in the same way, every I with the same sized dot, and not a mark to be discovered by the most powerful microscope between each stamp."

After this extract it would not do to harp on the importance of these guide lines, they are interesting, but have little philatelic value.

Mr. King tells us that of the cents stamps there were issued to the various postmasters :

- 24,166,550 of the 1 cent.
- 35,139,072 of the 5 cent.
- 4,952,598 of the 10 cent.
- 2,790,882 of the 12½ cent.
- 516,026 of the 17 cent.

As there would be a remainder of each value unsold, when the Dominion of Canada set was placed on sale, it is impos-

sible to give the exact number of each value sold to the public.

In August, 1864, the 2 cent stamps were issued, and it will be seen that the die of the 1c. was used, as were the pence dies for the other cents stamps, as a model for the new denomination.

The paper on which all these six values were printed varies slightly in texture, but the only really distinct variety in that which shows a faint ribbing. I am not a great believer in ribbed paper, so am quite content that Gibbons catalogue should list but two varieties, namely, the 1c. and the 5c. values, although I believe that the other four values also exist in this condition.

All six values (only five are catalogued) exist in an imperforate condition, of these certainly the 1c. and 5c. values are known on original covers. Whether the remaining four ever franked letters through the post I do not know. At any rate there is always the danger that these imperforate stamps may be merely from sheets that left the printer's hands as waste.

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## The Berne Exhibition

THE Philatelic Journal of Great Britain in its editorial points out the lessons to be learned from the recent big exhibition held in the city of the Universal Postal Union. The paper says "From personal experience we have little hesitation in saying that the recently held Berne Exhibition was a thorough success. The attendance was far in advance of that expected by the Committee of organization while the exhibits were the best that nearly a dozen different European countries could produce. The site and the internal arrangements of the exhibition hall were all that could be desired,

while all the exhibitors of highly specialized collections won medals, as did also many of the owners of collections that were of lesser merit, with the result that practically every collector who paid for the privilege of showing his stamps received a quid pro quo.

"The dealers who had stalls, and the more numerous ones who had not, all seemed pleased with the results of their efforts, while last, but not least, even the poor harmless, but sometimes extremely necessary collector who bought from the dealers seemed pleased with his purchases.

"The committee worked hard to secure such a deserved success—none harder, we should say, than Mr. Furi the courteous secretary, who helped to make smooth the paths of the numerous visitors—but it would be unfair to single out any one gentleman for individual praise—they all worked manfully and well, with the result that Berne, we think holds the honour of having held the most successful show of stamps up to the present time.

"The Exhibition will undoubtedly do a great amount of good; it attracted dealers and collectors from nearly every corner of Europe—at least twenty braved the autumn terrors of the English Channels—while France, Italy and Germany were also represented

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## Our Special Xmas. Number

OUR December number will take the form of a special Christmas number, and we will materially enlarge the Canadian Philatelist for that issue.

Special features are being arranged for this number, including a Xmas. story by Miss Bertha C. Foster, whose reputation as a talented authoress extends not only in Canada, but in Great Britain as well. Her writings in past numbers of the Canadian Philatelist have brought

forth many flattering notices.

The typographical appearance of the December number will be up to the usual standard, which we may modestly state is equal to any stamp journal on the continent.

A large number of sample copies will be mailed in addition to the regular list, and it is not too early for stamp dealers to arrange for space.

Our regular rates will prevail.

THE Philatelic Journal of Great Britain says: "We have received the April, June, and July numbers of a new paper, published in Canada, devoted entirely to stamps. It is called The Canadian Philatelist. Each number contains a illustrated interview with a well known Canadian collector, a brightly written philatelic short story, many pages devoted to readable items of stamp news. We welcome our new contemporaries. Its Editor, Mr. S. Golder, of Regina, does not seem imbued with the idea of using the columns of his paper to stir up all the philatelic mud of the North American Continent. He is a keen philatelist and gives his readers the benefit of mature years. May

his paper come to be bound into many thick volumes.

In the July number a correspondent writes as follows.—

'Looking over a collection recently of rare old British North American stamps, the writer was shown a perfect used specimen of the rare Connell stamp. Pasted under the stamp was an affidavit made before a commissioner by the person that received it through the post, stating it was received by him in the ordinary course through the mail. The owner of this rarity says he has seen a complete sheet of this stamp unused and knows the owner.'

If the above news is authentic specialists in Canadian stamps will be on the look out for yet other discoveries."



**BALMORAL CASTLE.**

The Private Secretary is commanded by the King to thank the Editor of the "Canadian Philatelist" for his letter of the 18th August, and for the copy of his Journal which he has been good enough to forward for His Majesty's acceptance.

2nd September, 1910.

**Fac-Simile of Letter received By Mr. Stephen Golder.**

## About Ourselves.

### LETTER FROM KING GEORGE V.

"Stephen Golder, editor of the Canadian Philatelist, Regina, is proud of a letter received by him from His Majesty King George V, thanking him for a copy of his publication. Perhaps it is not generally known that King George is one of the foremost stamp collectors in the world."—Winnipeg Free Press Sept. 21st.

### THE STAMP JOURNAL SAYS :

"The Canadian Philatelist is the best monthly hailing from across the border we have seen since the demise of the Montreal Philatelist. As a frontispiece (September) it presents a full page cut of Rodophe Lemieux, postmaster general of Canada. It is edited by Stephen Golder and published by Andrew King, at Rouleau, Sask. Canada. Both are newspaper men and highly esteemed. By all means subscribe to this, the best monthly in Canada."

### F. PERCY COLLINGWOOD, PUBLISHER OF THE ATTLEBORO PHILATELIST, SAYS :

"Wish to compliment you on the paper you are publishing which should have the support of every philatelist in Canada at least."

### ADVERTISING IN THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST PAYS.

Vernon P. Pierce & Co., of Manchester, Mich., says : "The Canadian Philatelist is paying us well as a medium."

### A FEMININE PHILATELIST.

"Though there are many ladies who collect stamps, they do so, as a rule so unobtrusively that their connection with the hobby is little known. It is a pleasure to note in the most recent number of the Canadian Philatelist (the promising new monthly published at Rouleau, Saskatchewan) the portrait of a lady who is pronounced in the sketch which accompanies it as Regina's premier philatelist. The lady in question, Mrs. Lily McIlfree, is stated to have the best stamp collection between Winnipeg and the coast; and a survey of some of her possessions, as given in our contemporary's "write-up", would seem to show she assuredly has a very fine collection."—Redfield's Stamp Weekly. Sept. 10, 1910.

### TOWN TOPICS, OF REGINA, SASK., SAYS :

"The August number of the Canadian Philatelist, is well up the high standard it has set for itself since its inception."

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**ERRATA—On Page 84 in this issue the article on Stamp Collecting comes to an abrupt ending. It was intended that two pages should be printed but owing to an error in the make-up the second page was omitted. The continuation will appear in the next issue.**

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by double figures.

"The differences between the English and Continental schools of collecting were once more brought into prominence, while a very big percentage of the principal awards came to England. Such highly specialized collections as those shown by several English collectors seem to be unknown on the continent while we again noticed the fondness of foreigners for stamps on entries. Dozens of the important exhibits were attractively embellished with the aid of many of the early stamps on original covers.—especially in the case of Sicily, that most popular country, where the cult of the original cover has taken very deep root. All the collections of these stamps contained pairs and strips of used stamps, many on the originals, a state of things which did not cause us to wonder why these desirable stamps are scarce in England.

"Our impressions of the Berne Exhibitions are too numerous to be placed on record here—probably they would interest but few readers—but we clearly see that England, although far ahead in many respects has many lessons to learn from the Continental collector—not the least of these being correctly to value old European stamps in superb condition."

The Philatelic Journal of

Great Britain in referring to the new issue of Newfoundland says "We have received a set of the new stamps issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the earliest settlement in the British Empire. These stamps, if such a term can be applied to such rubbish, are pitiful productions. The 15c. value is the first stamp to bear a portrait of King George the V."

MESSRS Whitfield King & Co., state that their Vienna correspondent writes that on the 18th, ult., before the head post office was opened, the street was blocked with a crowd of about 10,000 people waiting to buy the stamps. Two hours after the Post Office was opened the entire stock was sold out, and no more can to be issued; on the same day the stamps were selling among dealers in Vienna at 50 per cent. over face value. (Regina seems to have been favored for several copies have received here in the ordinary course through the mail.)

THE Attleboro Philatelist, a bright monthly ably conducted by F. Percy Collingwood, has been sold to the Stamp Journal Publishing Company, and it will be combined with the Stamp Journal in future. This is the third purchase by Mr. DeKay, the sole proprietor of the Stamp Journal Publishing Co.

## An Appreciation of Stamp Collecting as a Hobby

Gathered from Many Sources and Edited by Errington and Martin.

(Continued from September issue)

The course of the Spanish-American war is illustrated by the colonial issues of Spain for her ancient colonies of Cuba, Porto Rico, and Phillipine Island, changing to the provisional stamps of the American armies of occupation, and the current picturesque issue for Cuba under American protection.

In the postage stamps of the late African Republic and Orange Free State, also in those of Rhodesia, Bechuana-land, Zululand, and the famous siege issues of Mafeking, much of our own history may be read.

Stamps exhibit much variation in design and execution, showing in many instances the style of art in the country of issue.

All civilized countries use postage stamps, and the collector becomes familiar with the location of each place, its principal cities, its climate, area, and many other points. On the stamps of Egypt we find the ancient pyramids. The British Protectorate issues for the Soudan shows us an armed postman perched on top of a camel, with the mails for Berber and Khartoum. The Chinese send us fiery dragons and hieroglyphics; Salvador

shows us its smoking volcanoes; dyaks, oil-palms and crocodiles enliven the stamps of British North Borneo; the emu, lyre-bird, and kangaroo appear on those of New South Wales; the cod-fish, seal, and dog on those of Newfoundland, etc., etc.,

The United States issue of 1893 gives us a whole series of historical pictures relating to the life and discoveries of Christopher Columbus. Another very interesting issue is the "Sidney Views" of New South Wales, the design being a copy of the Colonial Seal, and the scene represented is the landing of convicts at Botany Bay, received by industry, who, surrounded by her attributes, a bale of merchandise, a bee-hive, a pick-axe, and a shovel, releases them from their fetters, and points to oxen ploughing and to a town rising on the the summit of a hill.

Of the many "birds with painted plumage gay" pictured on stamps, the Quetzal is among the most interesting. It has a green tufted head, and a tail four or five feet long. It never comes voluntarily to cities but secludes itself in forests, and tradition assets that if caught alive it commits suicide

## BULGARIA

BY SIDNEY M. MULHALL.

IT is interesting to note, that, with all the ups and downs of philatelic interest in the stamps of the countries comprising the Balkan States of Europe, the issues of Bulgaria have received scant attention from all collectors, notably the "Specialists" class.

A specialized collection of any note of this sturdy little country seems to be lacking, or if there is any it has been kept hidden from the knowledge of the philatelic press. Outside of an article here and there in the continental papers, the only reference or hand book on this country seems to be W. H. Poole's "Bulgaria", reprinted from the London West End Philatelist. While Mr. Poole has given a comprehensive survey of the general issues he evidently admits that his information on many points is not what he would like it to be.

Although Bulgaria did not commence issuing stamps until 1879 it is difficult to procure the earlier issues in anything but single copies or pairs, especially unused. All the issues are well printed and evenly colored, perhaps remarkably so considering the fact that they are mostly bi-colored, the background in one color and the inscription and remainder in another. This fondness for

two color printing crops out all through the issues, continuing up to the present Prince Boris set now in use, and it makes a display of the unused stamps a very bright color exhibition.

Although such a large per cent. of the issues were in the double printing and coloring there have been comparatively few errors of note, and these were issued in large enough quantities to allow of a reasonable number being in circulation and the consequence of fairly low prices. With the exception of the 5 stott error of 1882, which is a fairly scarce stamp, the rest of the issues are within reach of all collectors, and it would pay to take up this country in a special line, and it would be without excessive cost.

MEXICO will issue a new set of stamps to commemorate the First Centennial of the Mexican Independence. The stamps will be the same values as the current issues, in the same colours with portraits of the heroes of the Independence and some (the 50c, \$1 and \$5 stamp) with views of battlefields of the independence war.

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## Coins and Stamps

THE change in the coinage and the postage stamps imposed upon monarchical countries by the occasional change in sovereigns, says the Philadelphia Ledger, affords an opportunity for the revision of these important symbols of government activity which ought to be welcomed. Perhaps the revision is not always attended by an advance in artistic design. The criticisms of some features of the alteration is for the worse, but there is this advantage in the frequent change that bad designs have a smaller chance of permanency and there is always the hope of something better the next time. An Australian associate of the Royal Academy, Bertram Mackennal, has been commissioned to design models for the coinage of George V., and the artistic folk of the United Kingdom are looking for new coins that will be worthy of the nation. A few of the new Georgian stamps which have already reached this country are not reassuring, but it would be unfair to judge the new series on so slight a sample. It is understood that the new King is an enthusiastic philatelist, but whether this fact will have any effect upon the artistic qualities of the stamps which are to bear his effigy is by no means assured.

## Postmarked Issues

WE are pleased to note that recently there has been quite a demand for stamps which clearly show a dated postmark says the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain."

Years ago, when the science of Philately was in its infancy, any used stamp, provided that the cancellation did not entirely obliterate the design, was considered good enough to be mounted in a collection; this transitory period was followed by one when more attention was paid to less heavy postmarks, with the result that the general appearance of the collection was greatly improved. Now, we have reached the time when a great number of collectors greatly prefer stamps with dated postmarks, a usually possible achievement as far as recent and current issues are concerned. Many of the old stamps are also procurable, and it is in regard to these old issue that the value of a clearly legible postmark is often of supreme importance. The classification of Colonial stamps, notably Australians, has only been arrived at by the extensive study of stamps on entires—or single dated copies, while in many instances it is by the date alone that the collector is able to distinguish between one or more printings of various issues.

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some two-penny's and a few of the embossed stamps.

About 1860 Mr. Trant showed his affection for stamps in a somewhat fæakish fashion. One of the merchants above mentioned sent him several sackfulls of old envelopes. Young Trant found the stamps of no interest or (then) value, so he utilised them as wall paper of his bed room. Mr. Trant says he always regretted this as when his parents changed their residence he had to leave the stamps behind.

During his brilliant career Mr. Trant has had a wide and interesting experience in the fields of journalism and politics. Born and educated in Leeds, England, he began his journalistic career as a reporter on the Yorkshire Post. In 1869 he went to London and became reporter on the Metropolitan Press. Mr. Trant, now began to take an interest in politics. On the downfall of Napoleon, in 1871, he was a delegate from the British proletariat to the new French republic. He escaped from Paris after it was invested with the German troops, and while bearing the manifesto from the French Government to the people of England, was arrested as a spy, but on discovery of his mission was released, and arrived safely in London. Mr. Trant, however, immediately returned to the seat of war as a special cor-

respondent. In this connection he was once arrested, imprisoned, sentenced to death, and had a narrow escape. In 1874 he refused a seat in the House of Commons, and accepted a position as special correspondent for the Times of India, (Bombay). While in India he accompanied the Prince of Wales on his tour, and was present in Delhi at the proclamation of the Queen as Empress of India. Returning to England in 1879, he became letter and leader writer from the press galleries of the House of Parliament. Shortly afterwards he was sent on press mission to France, Spain, Algeria, Morocco, the United States and Mexico. In 1889, Mr. Trant moved with his family to the Canadian North West, settling in Assiniboia. Since coming to Canada Mr. Trant has refused to stand for election to the Dominion House, but has frequently contributed articles to the press both in Canada and of England.

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## Western Collectors,-No. 7. Wm. C. Laird.

MR. William C. Laird, the subject of our sketch this month, although young in years, has been a stamp collector ever since he can remember. Not only in the philatelic world, but in almost everything he has undertaken young Laird, or as his friends all call him, Billie, has made his mark. Entering the Regina Collegiate Institute in the fall term of 1906, Laird, during the four years of his collegiate career was a brilliant student and a leader in all affairs pertaining to the school.

He obtained a third class teacher's diploma in 1908, a junior matriculation in 1909 and a senior in 1910.

He won the Balfour Oratory Prize in 1909, one of the most coveted prizes in the Regina Collegiate Institute.

He was also a member of the Collegiate Glee Club and rendered valuable services.

Mr. Laird was Captain of the Collegiate Cadet Corps for two years, during the school years of 1908-1909 and 1910, in this position performed splendid work for the school, and was presented by the Lieutenant Governor with a special

prize. At the same time he was highly complimented by Colonel Steele and Capt. H. D. B. Ketchen for the high state of efficiency to which he had brought his company.

The Collegiate Institute recently showed their appreciation of Captain Laird's services by presenting him with a sword suitably engraved.

In athletic circles Laird was one of the most foremost all round athletes the college has ever had. His reputation as a hockey goal keeper is firmly established all over the province. "Billie" could always stop the impossible ones and the boys always had confidence when he was between the posts. In Association football he played full back and had few equals in the Regina City League.

His successes in school life did not turn his head, and Laird was always glad to spend a few hours in the writer's sanctum and discuss stamps. He has a good collection and does not specialise in any particular country. Mr. Laird is at present studying at Queens College, Ontario, and at the same time adding largely to his stamp collection.

## EARLY CANADIAN STAMPS.

(Continued from October issue)

The 5c. stamp catalogued with "extra line in outer oval on left" is an extremely scarce variety for which the catalogue quotation of \$8.75 is absurdity. I have had thousands of 5 cent stamps through my hands, but not once have I been fortunate enough to find the double variety, which by-the-by was caused I think by the die shifting, causing the paper to be touched twice, the second time a good millimetre out of the normal, so that we get a double "Can" line directly to the left in the of word Canada.

Although I have been interested in Canadian stamps for a great many years I have only seen one copy of this variety, namely a torn copy on original cover; the Tapling collection does not contain this variety, nor would I think, a search through London dealers' stock books reveal a specimen. Numerous shades can be found of all values, especially the 10 cent, where it is difficult to find two successive stamps that are a bit alike in shade, it is partly owing to this wealth of shades that these stamps are so very popular, as were there no

rare shades the issued set could very quickly be completed, even by the most "stony broke" amongst collectors.

Owing to the not unusual practice of using split stamps throughout the whole of British North America at this time, it is not to be wondered at that we find a few of the "cents" stamps used as "splits." These provisionals were not actually needed to prepay any existing letter rate (as was the case in November Scotia and New Brunswick), but were used on letters owing, probably, to a lack, on the consigner's part, of the necessary value. I have not seen a list of these "splits" published, if such exists. Messrs. Collin & Colman, in their catalogue for advanced collectors, list the 5c. cut diagonally in two, each half being used as a 2½c. in connection with a 10c. stamp to make up the packet rate of 12½c. In the June 1st auction catalogue of Messrs. Glendinning's, I see that there is listed a diagonal half of a 10c. purple, used as a 5c. on original cover. This cover was dated Nov., 1860. and realized, I believe \$8.00. At the same sale there was sold

a diagonal half of a 6d. perforated 12, used as a 3d. on original envelope (May 1859); it sold for \$12.50, a good price, as it was not a very satisfactory split.

I give, as I did with the pence stamps, a table showing how these stamps are priced in the leading catalogues, taking Gibbons as a guide for the number of varieties.

All six values are, in used blocks and strips, quite rare, while even pairs of the 2c., 10c., 12½c. and 17c. stamps are rarely met with. The biggest block I have seen of these values is a well centred block of four of the 17 cents. but I have recently seen a block of six.

The catalogue quotations for unused stamps in mint condition, that is, well centred, full gum and good color, are rarely met with. Many of the so-called unused stamps that are offered, especially the low values are stamps that have been pen-cancelled, cleaned and gummed, as such, they are in my opinion dear at any price.

Since the publication of the last installment, Mr. B. C. Emerson has very kindly sent me for inspection, a number of the "cents" stamps, together with his notes relating to the various "guide" dots which are to be found on each value. None of the varieties he described were, however, new to me, all of them, if I remember

aright, having been mentioned by Mr. Horsley in his article contributed to the London Philatelist some years ago. The "guide" dots in question consist of a coloured dot at the base of the neck on the 1c., a colored dot in the "C" of "Cents" on the 5c., and a small dot at the top of the lower right hand figure of value on the 10c.

The peculiarities of the 12½c. and the 17c. I have already drawn attention to, Mr. Emerson included however, with the "cents" stamps, a pair of 3d. labels, which show a very marked flaw or scratch on the plate to the right of the letter "T" in "Postage." I had not noticed this peculiarity before, but on referring to my collection found that the flaw seemed to be constant, although not very marked on some specimens. Although I have headed this paper "Notes on the Early Stamps of Canada," it is my intention to write this month about the first of the Dominion issues. I hope my readers will not consider I am making a too elastic use of the word "early".

On the 1st of July, 1867, the then separate Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, were formed into the Dominion of Canada: according to Mr. Donald King, in his monumental article in the Monthly Journal, a new

To be Continued.

THE first official note of the approach of Christmas has been issued from Washington, D.C., the post office department warning all postmasters that Portugal, Guatamala and Uruguay refuse to admit to their mails articles bearing non-postage Christmas stamps or other charity stamps or labels. Portugal's objection, however, is limited to such stamps as resemble postage stamps. Other countries, such as Great Britain, Germany, British East Africa and a host of British Dependencies will admit articles bearing such stamps when the stamps are affixed to the reverse and not to the address side.

THE disposition of Portugal's many colonies is a subject of diplomatic discussion. It has been suggested that they be divided between Great Britain and Germany, but this might lead to international complications. In population the colonies represent double that of Portugal and their area is twenty times greater. Anyway it is good policy to secure all the Portuguese colonial stamps possible—and there are plenty of them to be had at a low price.

THE firm of Vernon P. Pierce & Co., Manchester, Michigan, whose advertisement appears regularly in our columns have been in the stamp business since 1903, and have each year

increased their trade—so much so that at the present time three persons are kept busy attending to their numerous orders. Approval sheets are this firm's specialty, and they express their willingness to compete with any other firm in their special line of United States postage and departmental issues. The firm deals largely too, in packets, their leader being a British Colonial one for beginners. Mr. Edward M. Pierce collected in the early eighties, at the same time dealing in a small way. Mr. Vernon P. Pierce, the head of the firm, started collecting at the early age of eight, and has kept up his interest in the hobby ever since. He is now at the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, his father in the meantime looking after the interests of the firm. Mr. N. F. Pierce also takes a prominent part in the firm's business. The company have a large clientele in Canada and are deserving of the support and patronage of our readers.

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THE Sydney Sun of August 27th says that the Federal Government propose to introduce a uniform system of stamps for postage payments. On January 1st next the present stocks of stamps in hand will be superimposed with the words Commonwealth of Australia. They will then carry a letter throughout any portion of the Commonwealth. As soon as the stocks in hand have been used up, there will be a new issue with Commonwealth design. A penny rate will not necessarily be introduced throughout the Commonwealth, but Mr. Fisher hopes it will not long be delayed. He stated that the introduction of penny

postage within those states which at present charged two-pence for country letters was hardly worth bothering about, and that when action is taken it will be in the direction of introducing a uniform minimum postage of penny throughout the Commonwealth. He hopes this will be preparatory to a uniform charge of one penny throughout the Empire.

THE first catalogue to reach us for review this season is The Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps for 1911, issued by the old established firm of Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, England. The catalogue, the eleventh issue, contains 516 pages, with 3,791 illustrations drawn exactly one-fourth the size of the original stamps. The handy little volume is bound in cloth boards, and as its title implies it is a complete price-list of "standard" varieties only. All minor varieties and perforation measurements which the general collector takes no stock in, are eliminated. The catalogue does not waste space by including the many varieties of United States perforating machine stamps called into being by the use of automatic slot machines.

In their introductory remarks the firm state that the year 1810 has witnessed a great increase in the popularity of stamp collecting, with the inevitable result that increased demand for



scarce stamps (not necessarily high priced) stamps has led to considerable advances in prices.

The most notable advances of prices in the present edition will be found in the lists of French, German and Portuguese Colonies, some of the South American Republics, and old European. In many cases prices have been doubled, and in the cases of Sicily trebled.

In last year's editions the Russian Levant stamps overprinted with the names of different towns were omitted, and to be consistent the Italian stamps with similar overprints for various Turkish towns are this year omitted. The publishers considering such stamps on a par with the old Mexican stamps with names of towns overprinted for control purposes and which are not set out in detail in even the most elaborated catalogues.

The total number of stamps issued to date as included in the catalogue is 23,404, of which 6,984 are apportioned to the British Empire and 16,420 to the rest of the world. Europe has issued 4,905, Asia 4,532, Africa 5,252, America 5,164, the West Indies 891, and Oceania 1,660.

This interesting catalogue should be in the hands of all collectors, and may be obtained for 48 cents post free.

THE British, French, Spanish and Italian Ministers

have called at the Foreign Office, Lisbon, and announced that they were authorized to resume negotiations with the Portuguese Government.

REGINA Women's Hospital Aid Society, have decided to issue Christmas stamps in order to raise money for the carrying on of their work. The stamps will be sold for the purpose of decorating letters and parcels at the holiday season.

THE Philatelic Journal of America, says: "Henry J. Duveen, of the London house of Duveen Brothers, who conducts a branch business in New York, has had an unfortunate experience with the U. S. Custom House authorities, being held for under-valuing importations.

"The stamp world's interests lies in a collection of stamps which is personal hobby. It is estimated to be worth half a million dollars and reposes in London, which is Mr. Duveen's home.

"It will be remembered that Mr. Duveen's Mauritius exhibit at Berne last month secured a gold medal.

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that the confusion has arisen by the authorities learning of their "selling" prices. A mere matter of detail which will possibly explain the difference of "millions" in values.

At a sale of rare stamps recently by Messrs. Glendinning & Co., London, England, a fine copy of the very scarce Canada 1851, 12d. black specimen brought \$275. A B. C. 1865, 5c. rose fetched \$55.

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Malta—The 5d. stamp is in issue in a new colour—viz, olive green. Ship design, Mul. C. A.

5d. Olive Green.

Barbados—A new change of colour and a new value have been added to the current set. The 2d. value has the colour—all grey—instead of grey and orange and a new stamp of the 1s. value in the postal union colours—black on green. Britannia and Sea Horses type. Mul. C. A.

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Gibraltar—The 4s. value has appeared in the new postal union colours. Mul. C. A. paper.

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Trinidad—A new official stamp, viz, the new  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. with numeral, has been received. "Official" New type with numerals.

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ing over his. It seemed hours later when the two men issued out, and the waiting girl scarcely dare look into either face. The big specialist laid his hand on her shoulder. "Cheer up," he said "I have every hope of effecting a cure. It will mean an operation, and of course a long, and tedious recovery, but—by Christmas perhaps, I trust Mr. Edwards will be able to move about. I am arranging with Dr. Green to take him back to Washington with me tomorrow—I want to keep him under my own care—his case is particularly interesting." The girl's thanks trembled on her lips. Then once more the thought of the extra expense confronted her. There was not much left from the sale of her stamp collection. The great man seemed to read her thoughts. "The question of expense need not trouble you," he said, quietly, "In the great cause of science we are glad enough to do a little thing like that, now and then."

It was Christmas morning. In the flat Mabel and Mrs. Hartley were busy opening their mail.

"What a pretty Red Cross seal Ken is using," Mabel exclaimed, as she selected his letter to read first, from among the goodly pile on her table.

"Yes, I notice several letters of mine have it on the envelopes," Mrs. Hartley answered.

"I suppose it is the design which won the prize." Mabel said, "I have been so busy with other things lately, I forgot to watch for the result of that competition."

Then, as she read her letter, the colour deepened in her cheeks and her eyes sparkled.

"Why—It is Ken's stamp!" she cried, "he won the prize,"

From the luxurious nursing home in Washington, Ken Edwards wrote to the girl to whom he was responsible for his rapidly returning health. A small extract is permissible.

"So I won the prize, after all! I got an offer of five hundred dollars for the original picture yesterday, but I shall not sell it, unless the model of my Charity will promise to marry me as soon as I return home. Has she recognised herself yet? My doctor assures me that I shall walk as well as ever soon."

Is it necessary to give Mabel's answer, or to state that her Christmas stamp brought her the happiest Christmas she ever had?

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Heard in Two Cities the clash of the sword;  
You have smiled at poor hopeful Micawber.  
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Walked with Tom Pinch and his dear, gentle sister--  
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Ah! They were his children, born in the brain of  
him,  
Sprung from his heart for our solace and mirth,  
Sprung from a heart that was tender, compassionate,  
For those that suffer o'er all the wide earth.  
And yet HIS OWN CHILDREN, sorrowful, pitiful,  
Prisoners bounden in Poverty's Camp,  
Call to you, plead with you, all their friends plead  
with you,  
Only to purchase a small penny stamp.

Is't not a shame, that these kith and kin of him,  
Kin of a master who eased a world's pain;  
Forgotten, neglected and almost despised of us,  
Battling for bread in despair should remain?  
Yes, but the hearts that he touched and who wor-  
shipped him,  
Knew the bright path that he lit with his lamp;  
These will go cheerfully, happily, eagerly,  
Going to purchase that small Dickens stamp.

—T. P. SPANNER



**Western  
Collectors  
No. 8**

**Albert J.  
Humphries**

The subject of our sketch this month, Mr. Albert J. Humphries, or Bert, as he is better known to his friends, was born in Birmingham, England, some 25 years ago. He was educated at King Edward's Grammar School, and at that seat of learning first started stamp collecting, and has been an enthusiastic collector ever since. For a number of years Mr. Humphries made British Colonials his particular study, which fact accounts for his collection being only about 5,000. He collects postage stamps only, and only perfect specimens find a place in his collection. His particular fancy is for the issues of Australia, his collection of the early issues of South Australia being superb. Triangular Cape of Good Hope dear to the heart of every young philatelist, take precedence over all others with Mr. Humphries.

Our subject has paid but little attention to the recent issues of the numerous South American countries, or places of a like nature, but agrees that a stamp collection should contain specimens of these issues. Mr. Humphries could double his collection for one hundredth part the cost of his first five thousand.

Mr. Humphries has lived in Canada for the last seven years, and is at present located at Raymore, Saskatchewan, in which town he is one of the most prominent citizens.

Mrs. Humphries is also a keen philatelist, taking great interest in her husband's pet hobby.

## EARLY CANADIAN STAMPS.

(Continued from Nov. issue)

Dominion Postal Act was passed on the 21st of December, 1867, which, however, did not take effect until the 1st of April, 1868. Several extracts from this Act are quoted by Mr. King, the following is I think the most interesting.

### RATES OF POSTAGE

19. On all letters transmitted by post for any distance within Canada, except in cases herein otherwise specially provided for, there shall be charged and paid one uniform rate of three cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce in weight, any fraction of an ounce being chargeable as a half ounce, provided that such three cents postage rate be prepaid by postage stamps or in current coin at the time of posting such letters; and when such letters are posted without payment being made thereon, then and in such case it shall be lawful to charge upon letters so posted a rate of five cents per half ounce.

20. On letters not transmitted through the mails, but posted and delivered at the same post office, commonly known as local or drop letters, the postage shall be one cent, to be in

all cases prepaid by postage stamp affixed to such letters.

23. On all newspapers sent by post in Canada, except in the cases herein before expressly provided for, there shall be payable a rate not exceeding two cents each, and when such newspapers are posted in Canada this rate shall in all cases be prepaid by postage stamps affixed to the same.

A new issue of stamps were deemed necessary for such an important event as the founding of the Dominion, consequently we find that the order was given to the British America Bank Note Co., of Montreal and Ottawa, which firm is, according to Gibbon's catalogue, a Canadian branch of the American Bank Note Co., of New York. The reduced postal charges also necessitated several new values, so that the new set consisted of the following denominations, 1c., 2c., 3c., 6., 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and 15c., while a half cent label was added shortly afterwards. All these stamps were printed in Ottawa in sheets of one hundred in ten rows of ten and were first placed on sale on April 1st, 1868.

In Canada and the States I



found that these stamps were generally referred to as "big heads" while they enjoyed a popularity which is, I think quite deserved. In the first place, the set includes two really very desirable stamps, namely the 1c. and 3c. on laid paper, varieties which one is likely to pick up at the price of the common stamp, a possibility dear to the heart of the collector. Secondly, with the exception of the half cent stamp, all the values are to be found on water-marked paper, these varieties being much sought after by the specialist. The two values on laid paper, namely the 1c. brown-red and 3c., red, were both an early printing, the laid lines are horizontal, and are generally very easy to see. Unused, these stamps are rarities, and, as far as I know none of the catalogues quote a price for them in this condition. Unused, they are also decidedly not common, well centred copies always finding ready buyers at more than half catalogue quotations. Although such a marked variety, the laid paper was not noticed by collectors, or at least chronicled, until many years after its use; the first reference I can find in old files of the Philatelic press being in the Philatelic Record for March, 1882, when Mr. Tapling informed that paper that he had the 3c. on laid paper.

In the January, 1883, issue of the same publication the 1c.

orange is chronicled on the authority of M. Moens, as existing on laid paper; this is doubtless an error, the brown-red stamp being intended. In Kohl's catalogue the 15c. stamp is listed, with a note of interrogation, as being on laid paper, this value was evidently included on the authority of the American Journal of Philately, which paper chronicled the stamp in 1892. I do not, however, think that authenticated laid paper 15 cents is known. The 2c. green was also chronicled some years ago, but I believe it turned out to be a fake.

The stamps on watermarked paper are, to my mind, most interesting—far more collectable and far more deserving of catalogue rank than many of the minor varieties of surcharged and overprint of other countries. The history of the water-marked paper was not known until a comparatively recent date. It was Mr. J. N. Luff, the well known New York specialist, who first unravelled the mystery of the various letters that are to be found on some of the stamps. His paper was published in the American Journal of Philately and was reproduced by Mr. King in his article already many times referred to. The following extract illustrates Mr. Luff's methods of discovery.

(To be continued)

C. W. Martin, Picton, Ont., writes: "The results I have obtained from advertising in your paper has been very satisfactory."

**The Prize Stamp**

A CHRISTMAS STORY BY BERTHA C. FOSTER, Author "Rose Celeste," etc.

**K**EN. Edwards put down his copy of the "Canadian Philatelist," with a sigh, and his sad grey eyes looked dreamily out of the window, into the dreary street below. For two years he had laid on his back at that window, while day by day the lines of pain had deepened round his mouth, and the youth had faded from his face. Life had lost all charm for him since the day of that terrible accident, and he had heard his fate from the lips of his medical man.

"Why can't you give me a dose of arsenic?" he cried bitterly, "I don't want to live if I never can walk again." What a long time it seemed, and yet it was only two years. Was it possible that two years ago he had been full of life, and hope, and joy? The greyness before him stretched like a weary cloud, with no sun to shine behind. A little tap at the door roused his dreary musings.

"Come," he said, his eyes lightening eagerly as a girlish figure stepped into the room.

"How are you Ken?" she said brightly, tossing her hat on to a chair, and running her fingers through her pretty brown hair. "I've been so busy the last two days, I could not get in to see you."

"Sit down," he said, and his voice lost something of its habitual discontent as he looked into the pretty face.

"I've typed till my fingers are too stiff to move," settling the cushions at his head, and putting his rugs straight, "We are frightfully busy in the office, and I've been working till all hours, but I think the rush will soon be over now. How have the days passed with you?" Very long eh?"

"Oh, about the same as usual, except, of course I've missed you."

"Have the stamps failed to interest you?" she asked.

"Oh, no! There is always something new to learn about them, but I've had no fresh exchanges the last day or two, and I've been too lazy to get on arranging my duplicate sheets."

"Ken, I have got something I want you to do. Where are the back numbers of the "Canadian Philatelist?" Ah I see them. Here, the June number is the one I want." She turned the leaves quickly till she came to the page she wanted.

"Did you see this competition for a new design for Christmas Hospital Stamps? Why can't you go in for it, Ken?"

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Mich.

You used to paint and draw so beautifully, it is a shame to give it up altogether."

"How can I paint—here?" he said, almost roughly.

She looked down at him, and her sweet brown eyes were misty. With an impetuous gesture she dropped on her knees beside his couch.

"Ken dear, I'm goin to preach to you," she said, with a little tremor in her voice, and laying her soft cheek against his hand.

He laughed unsteadily.

"Preach away, Mab. I know I am a grumbling, selfish brute—but"

"No.—" she interrupted quickly, "Dont" call yourself

hard names—you are wonderful. But Ken.—it might be worse, dear."

"Might it?" he said, doubtfully.

She raised her head, and looked around the room.

"Yes—At least you can live in comparative ease and comfort. You have books and pictures to look at, and—"

"A lovely view," he put in, with a cynical smile, pointing to the street with its rows of ugly, uneven houses, and chains of telephone wires.

"Be a true artist; above your surroundings."

Her brown eyes smiled down at him "Just think of the poor invalids for whom these Red Cross Stamps are sold. Many of them incurable, suffering, terribly poor,—living in squalid, miserable houses, with nothing to cheer or interest them."

He looked up at her with a crooked smile.

"It must be pretty hard without a stamp collection, Mab, and—you."

She jumped to her feet, somewhat hurriedly.

"There—I've done my sermon. But I hope I have interested you in this competition Ken. Do paint a beautiful design something better than a red cross and a wreath of holy. The object is surely worthy of some lovely thing."

He raised his long, thin hand, and patted her enthusiastic face

"I'll try what I can do." he said gently.

Then they fell into a less personal talk, and chatted of their separate stamp collections, and the various little odds and ends of interest which Mabel never failed to have ready for his amusement.

When she left him an hour later the discontent had almost faded from Ken's grey eyes.

On the other side of the invalid's door the smile died out of Mabel Hartley's face, and a look of extreme sadness took its place. Two years ago life for her too had been full of glorious possibilities. She and Ken were not engaged, but each knew the other was beloved, and he had only been waiting till her twentieth birthday to ask her to become his wife. Then just the day before that birthday arrived the accident occurred, which deprived him of all right to speak.

The girl crossed the street and entered the large apartment block where she and her mother dwelt. As she opened the door a glow of cheerful firelight from the open grate, greeted her, and a gentle voice called from the inner room.

"Mab, is that you, dear? Supper is almost ready. You must be tired and hungry."

"I have just been in to see Ken, Mother" she said, sinking down on an easy chair by the fire.

"How is he, poor fellow?"

"About the same, he seemed rather depressed when I went in, but I think I cheered him up a little."

"I was reading of a wonderful new surgeon in the States, today, who has effected most marvellous cures for people with bad spinal complaints. I was wishing we could get him for poor Ken—but I doubt it would cost too much."

The girl sat upright.

"What is his name mother?"

Mrs. Hartley, mentioned a man with whose name, Washington and the whole surgical world, was ringing.

"Oh! If only Ken could see him", she cried.

"I expect most of his money has already gone in doctor's fees," Mrs. Hartley said, regretfully.

"Yes, he has only a very small income" Mabel sighed.

That night the girl tossed wide-awake on her bed, trying to solve the problem of how to get the doctor to see Ken Edwards. If only Regina and Washington were not so far apart, but the long railway journey, together with the great fees, was far, far beyond the poor little savings she possessed. Then, suddenly in the still small hours of the early morning, an idea occurred to her. She would sell her stamps. Her collection was a good one, started by her father, and she had many valuable old specimens of European stamps. It was

not without a pang of regret that she thought of letting it go but any sacrifice was worth while if Ken's health was the goal.

She was an enthusiastic collector, and was in touch with several of the most trust-worthy and best known stamp dealers, and without delay she wrote to them, offering her collection for sale.

In the meantime, the time was almost up for the stamp competition to close. Ken. Edwards, in his lonely room was working away at a design, which in his heart he knew was good. At first it had been hard for him to take up pencil and brushes again:—but once started, the old love of his art came back stronger than ever, and after making one or two rough sketches, he found himself working away at a little picture which he knew was his masterpiece. It represented charity, with hands outstretched towards a crippled figure, whose face was invisible as he bent over her gracious hands. Behind were the figures, eager for help. But the beauty of the work lay in the white clad form of charity. It was a portrait, pure and simple, of Mabel Hartley, Mabel as she knelt beside his sofa that eventful afternoon.

He packed it carefully, and despatched with stamped wrapper and a request that the original might be returned. When it had gone he felt quite dull

without the work to do. Mabel had not been allowed a peep at the picture.

He had been so engrossed in his work that he had not noticed that she seemed pre-occupied, and absent minded of late.

One wild stormy evening, late in October, Mabel Hartkey knocked at his door. She seemed nervous, and excited, and her eyes glittered strangely. She brought a spray of yellow chrysanthemums and placed them on a table beside Ken., and after tidying up his couch, bent over him with a shaky little laugh.

"Ken, dear, I know you hate seeing strangers—but—there is someone, a—a friend—I want you particularly to see. May I bring him in?"

Without waiting for any reply she ushered in the famous spine specialist, who, at her bidding, had travelled all the way from Washington to see Ken. Mabel had met him at the station, and told him of the accident, and introduced him to the doctor who had done his best for the poor, injured back. But as he stepped into the quiet room, and looked at the white face on the couch, and the eager girlish one in the doorway, the great man learnt the rest of the little tragedy without any explanations. The local doctor introduced him, and before Ken had time to demur or question, the clever, kindly face was bend-

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Gathered from Many Sources and Edited by Errington and Martin.

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The stamps were designed and engraved by a watchmaker in Port Louis, 500 specimens of each value were printed before the inscription "Post Office" was altered to "Post Paid"; now, only 26 specimens are known, 14-1d, and 12-2d, (of these, 2-1d and 5-2d, are unused). The following will give an idea of the wonderful rise in the value.

1847. An unused pair, 1d, and 2d, cost 3d in Mauritius.

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1887. £220, pair 1d, and 2d, unused, by M. P. la Renottiers.

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1893. £730, paid 1d and 2d

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1897. £1,920 was paid for pair 1d and 2d, used, by M. Jules Bernichon.

1898. £1,050, the 1d, only, used by Mr. W. H. Peckitt.

1900. £1,100, the 1d, only, used, by M. Th. Lemaire.

1904. £1,450, the 2d, only, unused, by H. R. H. The Prince of Wales.

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## Western Collectors,-No. 9. Miss Bertha Foster

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An ardent collector for years, Miss Foster specialized in Transvaal stamps, and in her school girl days had a collection which contained many of the old and rare varieties.

The charming subject of our sketch is the third daughter of William Foster, of Barham, Kent, and was born at Ripple Vale, near Walmer, (the birth place of General Sir John French,) Ripple Vale, a large country house, charmingly situated in a beautiful garden with trees and meadows surrounding it, largely influenced her early life.

A sensitive, impressionable child, devoted to flowers and full of strange fancies, the country scenes amid which she lived helped greatly to mould her character. She began to write when quite a little girl, and won several prizes in story

competitions conducted by various children's magazines.

In 1902, Miss Foster's first novel "The House on the Mine" was published, favorably reviewed, and criticized by the leading London and provincial papers. The St. James' Gazette, The Guardian and Literary World being among those that wrote specially favorable reviews.

In 1904, her father sold Ripple Vale, and the youthful genius spent considerable part of the following two years in the North of Ireland, along the beautiful shores of Antrim, writing and sketching amid its bosky glens and dells, and learning to know and love the simple Irish peasants in whose lives she was much interested.

"St. Basil," published in 1905, met with great success, was well and favorably reviewed, and a decided advance in point of thought, on the "House on the Mine." In 1907, Miss Foster decided to move to Canada for a year or two, and arrived in the Queen City of the prairies in August of that year. Miss Foster is musical and used to devote a large amount of time to drawing and painting.

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## EARLY CANADIAN STAMPS.

AS the broadest letter measures only 12 m m., and the stamps are about 23 m m., from centre to centre of perforation, there are usually parts of two or three letters on each stamp. I have found a large number of single letters, pairs, portions of three letters and in one instance a pair and parts of two letters. Of many combinations I have found several examples. I have also found quite a number of stamps showing parts above the other. Of the combinations given in the following list, I have not always found the whole of all the letters, but there has been sufficient to preclude any doubt or the specimen was rejected. The reader will please bear in mind that when the stamps were viewed from the back, letters read from right to left (at least when the sheets are placed normally in the press) as is usual with the Crown and C C, CA, and other watermarks.

Continuing his article he says Finally Mr. Luff was able to reconstruct the following.

E. & C. BOTHWELL,  
Clutha Mills.

"The letters are plain double capitals, except the third in the first line, "C" which is more fancy, having a decided hook at the lower curve and the upper curve ending in a point, instead of being cut off squarely, as in the case of the other letters. The "E" and "C" are followed by periods  $2\frac{1}{2}$  m m. square. The initial capitals 'E' 'C' and 'B' are 13 m m high, the other letters  $12\frac{1}{2}$  m m. The upper row is about 140 m m long, the lower about 122 m m., and the distance between the rows  $11\frac{1}{2}$  m m. The watermark will thus fall upon twelve stamps in each sheet of one hundred. But it cannot be argued from this that the stamps with watermark are only eight times as rare as those without, as we must take into consideration the proportionately large number of sheets on ordinary unwatermarked paper. The sheets are placed on the press without much care, as the letters are frequently found reversed and inverted. I have



ed vertically, nor have I found any other letters than the above.

These watermarked stamps are not listed in Messrs Stanley Gibbons' catalogue, consequently a number of collectors do not consider them worth collecting. Personally, I consider them distinct varieties, and the argument that the paper is just the same I consider is a sound one if such was the case the multiple CA watermark should not be separately issued because the paper does not differ from the single CA variety. The fact also that it is not official should not bar the watermarked stamps from catalogue rank, if such were the case, what would be the status of the Transvaal 1d stamp on Cape of Good Hope paper?

The only catalogue that lists the watermarked variety is Scott's (U. S. A.) and I append the prices:

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12½c blue, unused \$15.00, used \$3.00.

The half cent is also listed,

but not priced. I am very doubtful whether this value has, however, been seen on watermarked paper. All values of the "Big Heads" are to be found on slightly ribbed paper, but this ribbing, as is the case with the 1850 issue, is very faint and hardly worth separating into a collectable variety. The thickness of the paper used for these stamps also varies slightly, but not to the extent that a perusal of Mr. King's formidable list of varieties would lead one to expect. All these stamps, with the exception of the 15c value, which was current I believe until about 1902, had comparatively short existence, as they were replaced by an issue in a much smaller design. The first of the small stamps to be issued was the 1c in 1870, followed shortly by the 2c and 3c, and a little later by the 6c. The 12½c was in use until 1880, so it is quite common. As the low values had so short a life it is somewhat surprising to find their catalogue value so low; true they have made a great advance during the last few years but even yet they are not sufficiently appreciated in mint condition. The only value of this series that I have seen used as a "split" is the 6c, which halved, did duty as two 3c stamps.

(To be continued.)

## Postage Stamp Colors

Mr. Bert Humphries, of Raymore, Sask., writes:—

"I wonder how many of our readers have any idea of the numerous colours in the worlds postage stamps. I enclose you a list I have made out during a few winter evenings. I may have missed a few, but all are distinct colours and can be verified by any standard catalogue. Other tints are, of course arrived at by different colours on various coloured papers, but I have not dealt with these "mixed ones." If any reader knows of any other colour, I would be glad to hear from him."

**Green.**—sea green, olive green, yellow green, blue green, dark green, grey green, sage green, bronze green, deep green, myrtle green, light green..

**Red.**—Flesh red, brown red, dull red, brick red, Venetian red, light red, orange red, bronze red, deep red, myrtle red,

**Blue.**—Gray blue, steel blue, deep blue, violet blue, dark blue, dull blue, light blue, lilac blue, pale blue, slate blue, greenish blue.

**Brown.**—Red brown, dark brown, violet brown, pale brown, yellow brown, olive brown, bistre brown, chocolate

brown, orange brown, purple brown, lilac brown, black brown, deep brown.

**Black.**—purple black, slate black, gray black, violet black, olive black.

**Purple.**—Rosy purple, dull purple, brown purple.

**Gray.**—Blue gray, pearl gray, greenish gray.

**Violet.**—Dark violet, brown violet.

**Rose.**—Pale rose, lilac roses.

**Bistre.**—Olive bistre, dark bistre.

**Claret.**—Bright claret.

**Vermilion.**—Orange vermilion,

**Violet.**—Brown violet.

**Orange.**—Red orange, pale orange, brown orange, dull orange.

**Lemon.**—Yellow lemon, Olive lemon, orange lemon.

**Ochre.**—Yellow ochre.

**Lake.**—Carmine lake, magenta lake.

**Olive.**—Pale olive, dark olive, Carmine.

**Lilac.**—Dull lilac, bluish lilac.

**Mauve.**—Dull mauve, bright

**Mauve.**—Dull mauve, bright mauve.

**Maroon.**—Bright maroon.

**Buff.**—Yellow buff.

**Pink.**—Rose pink, pale pink, dull pink.

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prepaid a letter from Madison,  
Wis., to Regina, Canada. The  
stamps bear the postmark  
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New U. S. issue.

The Philatelic Gazette for  
November springs a sensation  
on the philatelic world—The

paper announces the appear-  
ance unheralded of a new U. S.  
issue.—It is true that the new  
issue consists only of a new  
watermark letter, but this is  
important to many collectors.  
Every collector is familiar with  
the type of letter employed in  
the "U. S. P. S" watermark.  
This has been replaced in the  
new paper just adopted by the  
government, by a thin single  
lined Gothic letter, so different  
in style from the old lettering  
that the distinction will be ap-  
parent at a glance.

According to the Gazette, all  
stamps printed since the last  
days of October have been on  
the new paper, and some have  
already been sent out to small-  
er offices which have sent re-  
quisitions for only small sup-  
plies. The post office and bur-  
eau officials do not attach to  
watermarks the importance  
which it holds in philatelic  
eyes, and it is understood by  
the Gazette that no record is  
to be kept of the dates when  
the new stamps were first is-  
sued.

Messrs Whitefield King & Co.,  
Ipswich, England, call our at-  
tention to the fact that on the  
first consignment of the 6 cents  
("Lord" Bacon) issue of the  
Newfoundland Guy Tercenten-  
ary stamps there was an error  
in the inscription below the por-  
trait, in which the Z of the  
word Colonization is reversed.

This error was soon discovered and corrected presumably on a new transfer, for the stamps were printed by lithography. The first consignment must have consisted entirely of the errors. How many of the sheets of errors were printed is not yet known.

A well known firm of London auctioneers offered no less than 24,736 lots of stamps for auction last year.

At the sale of the Pomeroy collection in New York recently a Canadian, 1857, 7½ p. green, unused, with large margins (catalogued at \$70.00) sold for \$67.00. A Newfoundland, 1851, 6. p., scarlet vermilion, lightly cancelled, (catalogued at \$75.00)—\$41.00. A one shilling, scarlet vermilion, lightly cancelled, (cat. \$100.00)—\$71.00, and a Nova Scotia, 1851, one shilling, red violet, lightly cancelled, (cat. \$90.00)—\$51.00.

The new British stamps are to be ready in May. The colors are to be practically the same as those during the last reign; but the design will be different. They will of course be submitted to the King for approval before being finally passed for circulation, and as His Majesty is a great authority on philately, he will doubtless take great interest in the matter, and give it very careful consideration.

The 4,000 inhabitants of the island of St. Helena, whose early issues of postage stamps are treasured by all philatelists, will be one of the famous spots of the world as long as there is any history, are complaining of the position in which they have been left by the removal of the British garrison which was maintained there until a few years ago. The trade of the island is greatly diminished. In the days when the Suez Canal was only a dream and England's marine trusted to wind rather than steam, St. Helena was an important port of call on the voyage to the Cape. Now, steamers which go around have no need to call there. The little island appears to be considered of no special importance to the Admiralty. For an ideal residence for anyone with limited means, St. Helena would be hard to beat. Landing on the island for a few hours from a Union steamer the writer well remembers making for a little postoffice to purchase stamps for his collection. Eagerly a current unused set was procured, but all efforts failed to induce the not to be beaten, however, a very obliging postmaster to lightly cancel another set. A second set was purchased and procuring a large envelope all values were stuck on, the let-

ter registered and duly addressed home. Some months later the missive was delivered, but the stamps alas; had been woefully obliterated. The cover still occupies the pride of place in my collection of entries.

fully obliterated. The cover sioner having nothing to do just now, has entered the philatelic arena. *Town Topics*, the capital's go-ahead-paper in an editorial says:—

"The Industrial Commissioner of the Greater Regina Club is at work on a new idea for advertising Greater Saskatchewan. The idea is to have an adhesive stamp illustrating the provincial characteristics of Saskatchewan which would be used by the board of trade public organizations and large shipping wholesale firms in every district in Saskatchewan. It will be designed by Mr. Henderson, staff artist of the *Trail* magazine, and well known through several of his designs which have been accepted and published by the Greater Regina Club, etc.

Each Board of Trade and organization will pay the cost of printing the stamp, of which the design will be an artistic and comprehensive one advertising the province broadly and a portrait in miniature of the main feature of the province. The size of the stamp will be about two inches by three so

as to fit an ordinary envelope. The centre will be filled by an inscription "Saskatchewan, Canada, the grain province of the World."

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ing, but finding it impossible to keep all up, dropped the latter entirely for her literary work. During her sojourn in Canada, Miss Foster has added considerably to her literary fame by the production of "The Rose Celeste," which appeared in the Regina Leader, and recently by her thrilling serial in "Town Topics," (Regina,) "The Fates of Three." Both of these considerably enhanced her reputation, and each issue was eagerly looked for by the readers of these two well known dailies.

Miss Foster has also written a large number of short stories, several of which have been published in the West, notably in "The Western Christmas Tree," "The Trail Magazine," "The Christmas Standard," and "The Christmas Town Topics," all showing a marked ability and a big insight into human nature.

She inherits in many ways her father's love of sport. Mr. Foster being a well known man in East Kent, a thorough sportsman, a great breeder of bloodhounds, and one of the best rifle shots in the sporting county of Kent. In Regina, Miss Foster, with Mrs. Maltby, of Manor, as a partner, won second prize in the open ladies double tennis championship for the province, later on in the

season winning the open ladies singles at the annual Moosomin tournament. The following year Miss Foster, playing with Mr. Blythman, of Maple Creek, won the mixed doubles championship of Saskatchewan.

Miss Foster is a member of the Society of Authors, and if she had remained in England would have joined the Society of Women Journalists.

The subject of this sketch is known in private life as Mrs. Stephen Golder, wife of the editor of this publication whose valuable contributions to our columns are so largely looked for and quoted from in our various philatelic exchanges.

Miss Foster is spending the winter in Europe, preparing a new novel, which will at an early date be published in Canada.

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A dispatch from Ottawa says that nothing as yet has been decided by the post office department as to an issue of new stamps for Canada which will bear the portrait of the present King. A new set will have to be issued, but so far no steps have been taken. The postmaster general has just returned from an absence of six months, and will now, doubtless consider the matter.





## OUR LONDON LETTER



English philatelists have watched with considerable interest and satisfaction the philatelic revival which has been taking place in Canada during the past few years and have watched with pleasure the rapid growth of enthusiasm for our hobby which is tending to make the land of the Maple Leaf once more a stronghold of philately such as it was some fifteen or twenty years ago. This is all as it should be. In a country like Canada with its long winters, scattered townships and homesteads and comparative absence of latter day entertainment distractions, stamp collecting is an ideal pastime for the lonely settler and rancher, who although debarred from attending the meetings of the flourishing philatelic societies which now exist in the principal Canadian cities is enabled to replenish his collection and keep in touch with the chief events of the philatelic world by means of the mails, which bring him consignments of stamps on approval from all parts of the world and also his favorite stamp papers, both of which help to dispel the gloom of the cheerless winter evenings.

To this cause is attributable

the Westward trend of philately in Canada and the fact that such cities as Regina and Winnipeg have become the stamp collecting centres of the Dominion in place of Montreal, Ottawa or Quebec.

It augurs well for Canadian philately that it can support two such solid and prosperous looking stamp magazines as "The Canadian Philatelist" and "The Hobbyist" and the the hobby a further stimulus one thing now lacking to give is a representative exhibition in one of the big cities which will serve to bring stamp collecting more prominently before the general public and thus secure fresh recruits. The World's Philatelic Convention for Winnipeg 1914 as advocated by the "Hobbyist" would be excellent for this purpose and it is to be hoped that the scheme will duly eventuate. If it does it is deserving of the support of all the Canadian stamp collectors and of those in other countries; which it will without doubt receive.

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An important monograph on the "Stamps and Post Office of Canada" is due to make its appearance shortly and will make a valuable contribution

to the literature of our hobby. It has been prepared by the brilliant American philatelic writer, Mr. C. A. Howes, of Boston, which is a sufficient guarantee of its thoroughness. Mr. Howes has had access to many of the official records of the Canadian postoffice department and it is anticipated that his forthcoming work will throw much light on the postal history of the country, which should in itself make highly interesting reading.

Meanwhile it would be interesting to know what is being done to make a History of the Post Office in Canada by the late Mr. J. G. Hendy, Curator of the Record Room of the G. P. O. which was acquired some years ago by the Canadian Post Office authorities. Perhaps this important work is being incorporated in Mr. Howe's monograph. If not it should certainly be rescued from the musty files of the official records and published for the benefit of the postal students the world over.

Canadian stamps continue to enjoy an undiminishing popularity with English collectors, particularly the handsome early issues, and many fine collections of these stamps exist in the old country. Among minor rarities the 12d. Canadian remains a prime favorite

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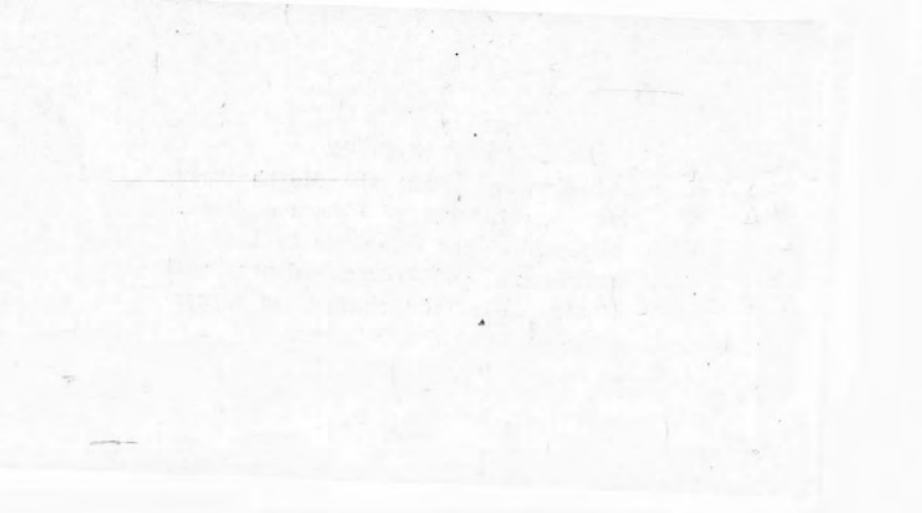
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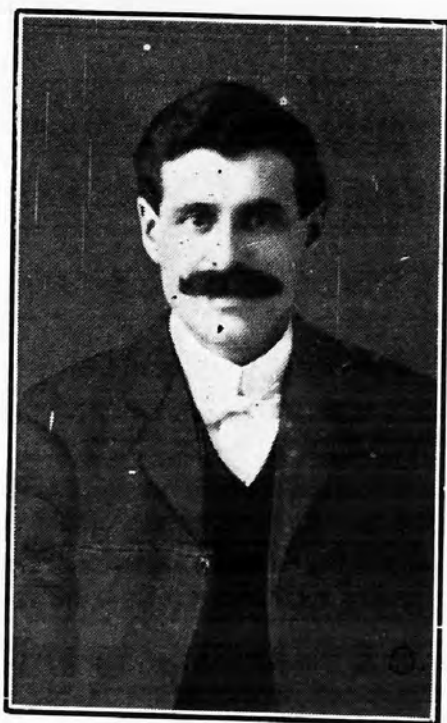
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CHARLES J. MILLIGAN

## Western Collectors.--No. 10.

The subject of our sketch and portrait this month Mr. Charles J. Milligan, was born in St. John, New Brunswick, and started stamp collecting during his school boy days. His father was a well known ship owner, and young Milligan and his youthful companions had many opportunities of gathering of stamps from the shipping offices in the port. Our subject started his present collection in 1896, intending it for a present for his two year old son when he became older and understood the value of stamps. When the youthful Milligan grew up his father discovered that his collection was too valuable for him, and the boy readily agreed. A second collection was started and the son is now trying hard to emulate his father. Mr. Milligan collects in a general way, and specializes only in British North America, his collection being almost perfect in these rare and valuable stamps.

Mr. Milligan left the East some three years ago and now occupies the important position of Inspector of Land Titles Offices in the Province of Saskatchewan, with headquarters in Regina.

Mr. Milligan's collection numbers some 10,000 varieties. The gem of his collection is a used Connell Head of New Brunswick, the authenticity being vouched for by the following affidavit:

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(Sgd.) Jacob V. Troop.

Before me Charles C. Milligan, A Commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the Supreme Court.

## The Correspondence of Oscar Montgomery.

BY

Bertha C. Foster

Author of *Rose Celeste*  
St. Basil, etc.

The cold was bitter,—forty below zero, and a cutting wind which drove the powdery snow in through every crack and crevice of the clumsy log cabin. Oscar Montgomery might have been a student but he certainly was no carpenter. He shivered as he crouched over the stove, tho' the logs crackled and blazed, and the pipes were red hot—in places. "It isn't the cold, it's the loneliness," he said aloud, looking round the dreary shanty. "I will go crazy if I live this kind of a life much longer."

He stood up, and the lamp light fell on his clever, melancholy face.

"Why wasn't I satisfied at home!" he cried. "Dollars there may be scarce but what is the use of dollars here? A farmer's life sounds alright—till you try it—but I guess I was not made to be a sower of wheat."

He walked across to the little bookcase, and took down one of the well thumbed volumes. As he sat down again he heard the sound of sleigh bells outside. Catching up his

cap and sheepskin coat he hurried to the door. As he opened it a cheery voice shouted to him from the rig.

"Hello, Oscar! I've been into town, an' as I was passin' I brought your mail. Not much, only one letter an' a rubbishy paper, whose name I can't pronounce."

Oscar recognized the voice of Fred Nelson, his nearest neighbor, who lived on the next homestead about a mile away.

"Thanks, Ned, can't you come in a bit? I'm longing for someone to talk to."

"Can't tonight old man. I'm late already and the wife will be getting sort of anxious. The trail is bad tonight. S'long!" And waving his whip he drove away.

"Lucky man to have anybody to be anxious about you," Oscar said, as he turned back to his lonely shack. As he opened the door the wind blew out the dirty oil lamp, and it was some minutes before he could relight it, and see to examine his precious mail. He looked first at the letter, and he recognized the handwriting of an old college chum, then



before reading it he examined the cover of the little "rub-bishy" paper, with the unpronounceable name.

"The Canadian Philatelist" he read, and a slow smile stole over his grave young face, "Well, probably that did puzzle poor old Ned! Don't suppose he has any idea what a philatelist is?"

He opened the little magazine eagerly, and was soon deep into its contents. It was some years since he had touched his collection of stamps, but the new paper revived his old interest.

"By Jingo! here is something to pass time these winter evenings," he reflected aloud—a habit he had acquired during his lonely bachelor days "Why didn't I think of the stamps before?"

At last he opened his letter. It was very short, but it brought a sharp exclamation from the young man's lips, and a new expression of pain to his brown eyes.

"Dear Oscar" he read, "I picked up a little stamp journal the other day, which I am sending you, the name is new to me, but it seems good, and remembering that you used to be a "stamp crank" too, I thought that maybe you would like to subscribe to it. What times you and Ethel Chichester and I used to have over our

collections-eh? by the way, did you happen to know that she had gone to New Zealand?"

"Ethel Chichester," he repeated—"Ethel Chichester! as if I could ever forget? But try Jack, and settle down in a why has she gone abroad I thought she was going to marry a vicarage, in England."

He sat long over his fire that night, for the letter had brought back memories of his boyish romance, which he fancied he had almost forgotten. It was all very commonplace, and silly, no doubt—just the old story of two men and one pretty little girl—but it meant so much to one—Oscar knew that the lonely shack would never have been his, if it had not been for Ethel. Yet Ethel had not married Jack, and she was in New Zealand.

The next night he read the Canadian Philatelist through, from cover to cover, and wrote a letter to the publisher, enclosing 25c for his subscription, which he put ready to post whenever he could get into town. Then he hunted up his stamps, and began putting the collection into shape.

"I'll start exchanging again" he reflected, "stamp correspondence will be a fine thing when I feel lonely."

When he had arranged a few sheets of his duplicates he searched the magazine again

for names of correspondents that wanted to exchange. He found two or three Canadians, one Indian, and one New Zealand address. The letter gave no name, only an initial Z.

Oscar wrote to them all, and sent exchange sheets, which a few days later he took into town himself, and posted.

The winter passed far more rapidly than Oscar had dreamed it could. "The Canadian Philatelist" had proved a blessing to the lonely man, and his stamp correspondents kept him in touch with the outside world all through the dreary weather. There were many days—even weeks—when it was impossible to get into town and get his mail, but he had plenty to do to get his collection into proper shape again, and had no time for moping.

When spring came round he had less time to devote to the fascinating hobby, but he worked away at it whenever he had a spare half hour.

One glorious May evening, when Oscar was coming in to supper, once more Ned Mason's dreary voice called to him from his rig and he held out a tempting foreign envelope.

"I guess this is from a sweetheart of yours abroad," Ned said, throwing the letter into Oscar's hand, without stopping to get out, "I won't stay to hinder your reading

it."

Oscar did not answer, for Ned's bantering words had come very near the truth. It was indeed from a sweetheart abroad, for the letter was from New Zealand, and he recognized the handwriting as Ethel Chichester's.

That was almost the end of Oscar's bachelor life. In a surprisingly short time Ethel Chichester left New Zealand, and became Mrs. Oscar Montgomery, for that letter from "Z" not only offered to exchange stamps, but to clear up an old quarrel as well.

The shack is no longer—for a nice log house stands in its stead, and needless to say Oscar is never lonely now. But both Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery keep up their stamp collecting, tho' the collection has amalgamated into one joint affair—and needless to say "The Canadian Philatelist" occupies a prominent place on their book shelves.

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According to the fifty-sixth annual report of the British Postmaster-General for the year ended March 31 last, nearly 3,000,000,000 half-penny packets, 866,000,000 postcards, nearly 2,000,000 newspapers, and 118,000,000 parcels were delivered.

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## King's Stamps

At the exhibition of postage stamps held in the Walthamstow Public Library this month there will be several exhibits lent by the King. They are being shown by His Majesty, in order that the chief display of the exhibition illustrating "The History and Evolution of our Penny Post" may be as complete as possible. The King's exhibit will include Sir Rowland Hill's original water colour sketches for the penny and two penny British stamps of 1840, the original pencil sketch by W. A. Mulready, R. A., of the famous

"Mulready" envelope, the proof of the King Edward penny stamp, signed by King Edward's own hand, and the magenta "King Edward" stamp recently prepared for use but withdrawn.

## Postal Reforms

The General Post Office, London, has satisfied itself by experiment of the practicability of issuing stamps in rolls, and these are to be issued shortly. The Post Office have been notified of the demand by large firms for stamps in strips, instead of sheets, and this is what has led to the new issue. The strips will be supplied by the Post Office ready rolled on a core for convenience in use, and each strip will contain 1000 stamps. These are meant to be placed in a letter-stamping machine which will be instrumental in saving much time in offices where the correspondence is heavy. Another device which may soon be placed in post offices and public places is an automatic stamping machine. For the convenience of small users of stamps the General Post Office authorities are planning to issue books of stamps costing exactly the value of the stamps contained therein. In order to make up the cost of this reform the Post Office now let out the space on the

oiled interleaves between the stamps for advertisements.

### Stamps by the Million

Messrs. Harrison & Son, the British Government printers, who have secured the official contract for printing postage stamps for 1911 and upwards, have given some interesting particulars of the work.

An entirely new factory covering ten acres of ground near London has been built, and equipped with new and intricate machinery costing thousands of pounds. Messrs Harrison are already turning out stamps at the rate of a million an hour, and as they calculate five thousand working hours for the year, the total number of stamps printed per annum will be five thousand millions (5,000,000,000.) The stamps are printed in sheets of 240, which sheets in their plain form are worth 2c, when they leave the factory their value is \$5.00.

At present Messrs Harrison are printing the King Edward stamps. It is understood that the design for the King George stamps has been definitely approved, but the government has not yet authorized the printing of them. They will be out in a few months' time. The colors of the new issues will not differ from the King Edward stamps, except

possibly in those for higher amounts than 2c, and a cent.

In a letter to the London Times, Mr. G. D. Love writes:—"It will be a splendid innovation if the postage stamps of all the British Colonies, Dependencies and Protectorates were to have impressed upon them the words "British Empire Postage." The idea is that all postage stamps of Empire might be of one design, the only difference being the names of the dominions from which they are issued and the amounts. The stamps could be uniform in color throughout the Empire, as the 1d. stamp of New Zealand or the 2c. stamp of Canada, and so on. The United Kingdom stamps should also bear the words 'British Empire Postage' for at present they give no indication of the country of origin. It is understood that Mr. Henniker Heaton intends to bring the matter before the members of the Imperial Conference in May.

The British Post Office authorities have made arrangements with Messrs Elders and Fyffes' steamers for the direct conveyance of mails and parcels to Jamaica. The new arrangement provides for a weekly service by Messrs Elders and Fyffes' steamers. No subsidy will be paid, the mail matter being carried on a poundage basis.

is of payment at the usual tariff rates, nor will there be any conditions or restrictions of contract. The itinerary will be from Bristol direct to Jamaica, returning via Santa Marta in Columbia.

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Thanks, Redfield's Stamp Weekly:—

"The Canadian Philatelist continues to deserve the encomiums we have passed on it from time to time. It is one of the neatest, pleasantest and most promising monthlies that has appeared in Canada for years, and we trust it is meeting with the support it deserves from Canadian collectors. The December issue comes out in a tasteful holly-bedecked cover, and its reading matter though relatively small in quantity, is well chosen and interesting. A pleasant feature of the number is a well written and entertaining short story, suited to the Christmas season, by Bertha C. Foster, entitled "The Prize Stamp."

Roessler's Stamp News quotes the 6c Guy Newfoundland Type 1, (with Z in "colonization reversed) at \$1.20 each.

Is Canada following the example of the United States Post Office? Recent sheets of stamps received at the Regina Post Office have been badly perforated—Is this the case all over the Dominion?

A London Standard cable from Melbourne states that arrangements for the extension of penny postage to all parts of the Empire are being made.

Thirty years ago the Postmaster General's report showed thirty-one bags received daily at the Winnipeg post office, and the aggregate weight was three-quarters of a ton—twenty-five bags are daily despatched from Winnipeg—Nearly one ton of mail matter is sent from Winnipeg every three weeks to Edmonton and intermediate offices. About 1,600 letters are daily posted at Winnipeg, and \$16,000 worth of stamps are sold per annum. The actual time required for a letter to travel between Winnipeg and Toronto is three days.

Every indication points to the Dead Letter Office for Saskatchewan being opened up shortly at Regina.

At the present moment workmen are engaged in putting in fittings in the postoffice buildings which undoubtedly could be utilized for no other purpose than a dead letter office. For some time past it has been known that the Dead Letter Department had in contemplation the establishment of a Dead but no authoritative statement Letter office for Saskatchewan, in the matter could be obtained.

## Regina Philatelic Society.

A small but representative meeting of stamp collectors was held on February 1st in the Woods Block, Regina, to discuss the advisability of forming a local Philatelic Society. Several collectors of note in the district were present along with others who were desirous of being initiated into the mysteries of philately. Mr. J. B. Barker, a frequent contributor to the Canadian Philatelist, and an enthusiastic collector, was elected chairman of the meeting, and in opening the proceedings he stated that in all the hobbies he had taken up in life, none had proved so fascinating and so full of educational merit as the one that was now dearest to his heart—Philately.

The speaker gave a few illustrations from his own stamp collection to illustrate the educational value of philatelic pursuits, and aroused the enthusiasm of his hearers by exhibiting some choice and rare specimens which he had collected from time to time.

Mr. G. E. Symonds, was then called upon, and after a brief address, exhibited his many treasures in the stamp world. The editor of the Canadian Philatelist in a few words paid a glowing tribute to Philately,

which study, he said, was calculated to broaden minds and develop a spirit of persistence and research which few other hobbies could do.

The object of the meeting he said was to form a society for the purpose of popularizing the fascinating study of philately, to meet from time to time for the furtherance of the objects in view, to exchange duplicates and to discuss new issues.

The following officers and members were elected:—

President, Mr. J. B. Barker

Vice-pres., Mr. G. E. Symonds

Hon. members: Mrs. Maltree, Mrs. Currier, Dr. Thomson, Mr. William Trant, Dr. Harry Morell, Messrs J. C. Milligan, Dawson Kerr, Hugh Peat, William Rand, Gerald Bringerica, Bert Humphries. Hon. Sec. Stephen Golder, Box 619, Regina.

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## EARLY CANADIAN STAMPS.

(Continued from Jan. Number)

I have seen several undoubtedly genuine used copies of provisional, one, a very fine example being used, I remember, at Wilmot, February, 1872. I have, I am afraid, been unable to give my readers any new information concerning these early stamps of Canada, at the most I have reminded them of the existence of Mr. King's and other writers' articles; articles which are unfortunately are too frequently overlooked in these days of half-penny philatelic journalism. The "pence" and "early" stamps of Canada are to me most interesting. I therefore much regret my inability to give my readers any

original information. There must be however, some collectors who have made a close study of these stamps and who have found out something new about them, if these gentlemen would only be unselfish enough to publish the results of their investigations, I am quite certain that the columns of this paper would be at their disposal. Even the smallest items of discovery sometimes prove of value, so no real student need feel afraid, as unfortunately some do, that his research would be of no help to others. Every fresh item of information helps to link up the chain of evidence.

The End.

## OUR LONDON LETTER

In a recent number of the "Postage Stamp" some interesting correspondence was published relating to a Canadian stamp bearing the postmarked inscription "WAY LETTER" in a small thick circle. This is said to have been applied to letters which were delivered by mail couriers on their rounds to be mailed at the first post office they reached. Couriers were provided with a locked leathern pouch in which letters

received in this manner were placed and Postmasters were instructed to cancel such letters with the postmark in question. This regulation applied only to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick prior to the federation, but I am of the opinion that a similiar mark was in use in other parts of Canada and was used to cancel letters posted in the roadside collecting boxes in the prairie districts. At any rate this oblit-

eration though by no means a common one is occasionally met with on many early Canadian stamps.

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It is expected that the new British postage stamps bearing the portrait of King George V. will be ready for issue about May 1st, 1911 at earliest and so far as can be ascertained the designs up to the present time have not been selected. The printers are hoping however, to be able to commence the preparation of the necessary plates soon.

The stamps will be printed by Messrs. John Harrison & Son, the printers to the British Government, who have executed special works for postage stamp printing at Hayes, Middlesex.

The special 2½d stamp commemorating the opening of the first parliament of the Union of South Africa was placed on sale simultaneously in London and Pretoria on November 4th. The design which was prepared in South Africa was approved by the King is a very handsome and effective one embodying a full face portrait of King George V. taken from a recent photograph surrounded with the Arms and mottoes of Natal, Cape Colony and the late Transvaal and Orange Free State Republics.

It is printed from plates en-

graved in tailedouce in Messrs De La Rue & Co's best style and reflects great credit upon that firm. The colour is a deep blue and the stamps are printed in sheets of 120; ten rows of 12 upon paper having the multiple Quatrefoile form of watermark used for the current stamps of Zanaibar and the Maldives. They are perforated by a comb machine.

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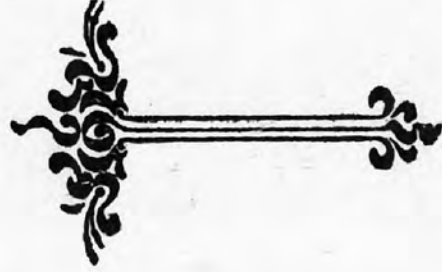
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## Western Collectors—No. 11

To be the proud possessor of a valuable stamp collection handed down from three generations is the lucky fate of the subject of our sketch this month.

Mr. Taylor's collection was started by his grandfather, John Wylde Taylor, in 1865, and was given by him to the late Ernest H. Taylor in the early seventies, who in turn gave it to his son when a boy at school. Mr. R. O. Taylor in turn, hopes in a few years to hand it over to his son, making the fourth generation. What the value of the collection will be then it is hard to say.

The album containing these treasures the writer had the privilege of inspecting some few years ago, was purchased in 1867, and bears that date on the first page, together with the inscription that it is "Revised, corrected and brought up to the present time by Dr. Viner," and published by William Stevens, 421 Strand, London.

In the preface it is interesting to read that "New pages have been added to this edition ("Oppen's Postage Stamp Album, tenth edition"), and are appropriated to several places that have started stamps since former editions as Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the Bermudas, etc.

Another paragraph in the preface reads that "Recent political changes in Germany have annihilated the postal arrangements of Hanover and the office of Thurn and Taxis, whose stamps are superseded by the Prussian. A gen-

eral issue for that portion of Germany under Prussian influence is reported; but we are not in a position to afford reliable information on that subject."

At the head of each page is given the name of the country, area, population, capital, ruler, heir, coinage and arms. On looking over its pages, France is given as an empire, with Napoleon III. as Emperor and Louis Eugent Napoleon. Crown Prince. Holland gives its king as William III. and the Crown Prince "William." Spain indicates the ruler as Queen Marie Isabella II. and the Infanta, Alfonso.

Some of the particulars as to population seem most unreal—for instance, the population of Canada is given as East Canada, 1,100,000; West Canada, 1,303,000; British Columbia and Vancouver Island probably 10,000; New Brunswick, 252,047; Nova Scotia, 330,000; Prince Edward Island, 80,857; Great Britain and Ireland, 29,031,164, and the United States 31,191,876.

When Mr. Taylor's father came out to Canada for the Bank of British North America, he was located in the Maritime Provinces, and was thus enabled to secure good sets of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Upper and Lower Canada and British Columbia and Vancouver Island, through the business carried on by the bank with other banks in these points. Mr. Taylor's collection be-

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# The Canadian Philatelist

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## To Our Subscribers

For the past eleven months the Canadian Philatelist has been published outside the city of Regina. The circulation however has grown to such an extent that it has been found necessary to have it published in the city of Regina; and the Caxton Press, Ltd., one of the best and most up-to-date printing houses, will in the future publish our magazine. The aims of the Philatelist have made it impossible for the present publishers to keep pace with the requirements. Hence our change. We promise our readers that we shall maintain our reputation as the only purely philatelist journal in Canada. We solicit correspondence from any part of the world

and assure such that their favors will be appreciated. We may here remark that the office of the Canadian "Philatelist" is the headquarters of the only Philatelic Society between Winnipeg and the Pacific Ocean. We call attention to the fact that no country possesses a more cosmopolitan population than the Canadian West, and also to the fact that the homesteader is in many instances becoming the most ardent of philatelists.

In the midst of these propitious circumstances give us your support and your encouragement.

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## The King's Hobby

### Royal Tradition in Stamp Collections.

The King, by the loan of his unique specimens, said Sir John Simon, in opening, at Walthamstow, recently, an exhibition of postage stamps, was following a tradition which was set him by his father and grandmother, that of associating himself actively and sincerely with the amusements and hobbies as well as with the hard daily life of his subjects. The kindness which His Majesty has shown the South Essex Philatelic Society was most warmly appreciated.

The principal attraction in the King's collection is the "2d. magenta" of 1910. This stamp, which belongs to the issue which was prepared early in May, 1910, is believed to be the only one of the series that has passed through the post, the remainder, with the exception of some half a dozen, having been destroyed after the death of King Edward. The Royal exhibits also include the photographic proof, initialled by King Edward, of the 1901 penny stamp now in circulation; the original

sketches for the first 1d. and 2d. stamps of 1839-1840; and a pencil design in outline by Mr. William Mulready, R.A., for the Mulready envelope and cover.

Among the curiosities of the exhibition is a "stamp history" of all the great wars since 1840. It has been compiled by Mr. W. S. Lincoln and includes a stamp bearing a

souvenir of the expedition to Lhasa. This has the Lhasa postmark, the name of the town being spelt "Lahassa." Another valuable specimen is cancelled with the postmark King Edward VII. Land, and was used while Sir Ernest Shackleton was "Chief Postmaster" of the British Antarctic. It bears the explorer's initials.

## Our Stamp Story

# THE LOST STAMP

By  
BERTHA C. FOSTER,  
Author of "Rose Celeste,"  
"St. Basil," etc.

It was very windy. Somehow in that small prairie town the wind always seemed to blow. In winter it blew with an icy breath, which pierced through even the thickest of fur coats, and in the summer, the hot blasts seemed to dry up all one's energy and strength. Certainly it was not a spot to choose to live in, but it happened that the Stamp Collector's business placed him there—and with him, his pretty young wife and baby son.

Perhaps it was harder for her than for him. He had his work—and little else. The baby was the best off of the three. Being only about a year old, he remembered no other home, and as he was the healthiest and happiest of small mortals, the climate did not affect him.

On this particular afternoon the wind was scorching, and the stamp collector sat at the table, busily arranging some duplicate sheets to dispatch abroad, the moisture stood in beads on his forehead. He rose with a muttered exclamation

and took off his coat, and as he did so his wife entered the room, with the son and heir in her arms. A draught of air from the open door scattered some of the stamps on the floor. The stamp collector loved his wife, but he was only human. He muttered more profanity, and went down on his knees to pick them up.

"Sorry, dear," the girl said, seating herself wearily in an armchair. "One cannot get in and out without half the room blowing away! I came to tell you the long distance phone is calling you up."

He hurried out into the hall, and as he opened and shut the door, once again the stamps were strewn on the floor. Sitting the baby beside her on the carpet, down knelt the tired little woman and slowly picked them up again.

The baby gurgled and crowed with delight clutching at his mother's hair and dress, and grabbing at her hands whenever they came within his reach.

"There, that is all," she said,

rising with a little sigh, and putting the precious stamps into a box. "We will not give them a chance of blowing away again, Babsie," and she carefully shut down the lid.

A moment later the Stamp Collector returned.

"Dad, dad, dad," cooed the baby.

He stooped and kissed the rosy face.

"Good news for you, dear," he began, then looking at the table. "Why, where are my stamps?"

"They blew away again, so I put them in this box. What is the news, Harry?"

Her eager face was raised to his, but the Stamp Collector was bending over the box, so did not see it.

"Wait a moment. Let's see if these are all right first," he said.

"They are only duplicates," she pouted.

"Only duplicates!" he echoed. But amongst them is an old Transvaal stamp worth at least \$100. By Jingo! It is not here either."

"I thought I picked them all up," she sighed, once more going down on hands and knees. "Anyhow it must be here."

Together they searched the floor, the tables, the chairs—nowhere could the missing stamp be found. The little room was scantily furnished. There were no corners where it could be hidden.

"Are you sure it was among the rest?" she asked.

"Of course I'm sure! I had it out on the table and was looking at it when you came in," he answered impatiently.

"Where can it be?" she cried. "I never moved from this room."

"Goodness knows! Did the baby get hold of any of them?"

"No, of course not," she replied, an indignant note in her voice.

"He very likely tore it up," the Stamp Collector insisted.

"What became of the pieces?" his wife inquired sarcastically.

"Probably he ate them!"

The baby regarded his father with large, reproachful blue eyes. His mother held him tightly in her arms. The little tragedy of the lost stamp had effaced all recollection of the good news her husband had come to tell her.

"You always lose your things, Harry. I expect it is stowed away in your pocket."

"It is not! I tell you it was on the table."

By this time both were decidedly cross.

"You had better take the cloth off and shake it," she said, with a provoking laugh.

"Perhaps you would like me to take up the carpet," he retorted.

She shrugged her shoulders, and once again put the baby on the floor and began the fruitless search afresh.

She stood up at length, pale and almost in tears. The heat was too much for her overwrought nerves, and her pretty lips trembled. Something in her pathetic little face touched the Stamp Collector's better nature.

"Don't worry, dear," he said gently. "Perhaps it will turn up. Anyway, I guess we'll survive the loss. Sit down and rest, and get cool, while I tell you the news."

At that moment a wail from the baby interrupted further conversation.

"Why he's choking!" she cried, snatching him up in her arms, and vigorously slapping his back. The baby spluttered and coughed.

"I bet you he has swallowed my stamp," his father cried, bending over him in some alarm.

Gently the mother forced open the little mouth. There, stuck to the roof of his mouth, was the precious Transvaal stamp! A moment later she had taken it out, quite uninjured, but very damp!

The baby howled dismally.

"What did I tell you?" the Stamp Collector cried triumphantly.

"Anyhow he did not swallow it," she said, kissing the dimpled face, and coaxing it back to smiles.

"Dad, dad, dad," chuckled the baby.

The Stamp Collector laughed his little son was irresistible, and then peace was restored.

"Now for the news! Guess what it is, girlie."

"A move, I hope! Oh, Harry, are we really going away from this wretched little place?"

He nodded, his arm round mother and son.

"Really and truly! I'm moved to British Columbia, where you and babsie can have a nice little garden, and shady trees to sit under, and all sorts of delightful things. We are to go as soon as possible."

"Will it mean extra work for you?" she asked.

"No, I shall still have plenty of time for—"

"Stamps," she interrupted, roguishly.

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At Glendenning's auction rooms, London, England, \$575 was recently paid for a mint block of four sixpenny, blue on blue, October, 1877, postage stamps of the Transvaal.

## WESTERN COLLECTORS—No. 11

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ing rich in these rare and valuable old stamps, together with early issues of Hanover, Wurtemberg, Hamburg, United States Pony Express, Australia and India.

Press of business has prevented our subject from devoting the necessary time and attention to keeping his collection up to date. He has, however, caught the "fever" and is now hard at work, determined to obtain the later issues and make his collection a valuable heirloom. With such a start he should easily succeed.

Roland O. Taylor (better known to his many friends as Rollie) was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, but the bank transferring his father to Winnipeg in the early eighties, just before the boom, he can rightly claim to be a westerner. He has resided in Winnipeg ever since, and now occupies the high position of western manager for the Northern Assurance Company, Ltd., of England. Mr. Taylor is president of the Winnipeg Canoe Club and is well known and deservedly popular amongst all followers of aquatic sports in the west.

We are indebted to the Winnipeg Free Press for the use of Mr. Taylor's cut.

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English stamps are to be issued in rolls as well as in sheets as at present. Ribbons of postage stamps wound on a reel are expected to save time for business men, and the stamps need be perforated only on two sides.



## NEW BRITISH COLONIAL ISSUES

(By John H. C. Fernley.)

Leeward Islands—The 5c. has appeared in the universal colors of red and green on yellow.

Bahamas—The 1s. Queen's staircase type is now in issue on multiple C. A. paper.

Malta—At last the 5c. King Edward stamp is in use. The colors are green and red on yellow.

Southern Nigeria—The 1d. stamp is in issue in bright rose, the 'One Penny' being smaller than the previous type. Paper mul. C. A.

Gold Coast—The 2s. stamp in the postal union colors is now in use.

Straits Settlements—Another new King Edward stamp from this prolific country. The 1 dollar stamp is now appearing in black and red on blue paper. Watermark mul. C.A.

New South Wales—The current 2s. 6d. stamp is now in issue, perforated 11.

Tasmania—The new perforation (12½ small holes) is responsible for three new stamps to catalogue. The 2d., 5d. and 1s. stamps have all appeared with this perforation.

Victoria—The 6d. green has been received, perforated 11.

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## THE SMALLEST REPUBLIC.

It is generally supposed that the little stamp issuing republic of Monaco is the smallest independent state in Europe, but as a matter of fact there are three states that are still smaller. It is also a matter of common belief that France, Switzerland and Portugal are the only republics in Europe, but there are two others, the re-

publics of Andorra and the small stamp issuing republic of San Marino. These two republics and the principality of Lichenstein are all of them smaller than Monaco, and they all claim to be autonomous and independent.

Lichenstein is crowded away between Austria and Switzerland, and it used to have a tiny army of its own, but this was abolished for fear someone might want to fight with it. Austria keeps a benevolent eye upon Lichenstein, while France performs a similar paternal function toward, Andorra, which is in the eastern Pyrenees; but San Marino looks after her own territory, thirty-three square miles in extent, and issues her own postage stamps. The people of San Marino are as proud of their glorious republic and of its enlightened institutions as republicans anywhere else. San Marino has an army of 1,000 men, and these 1,000 men have been found amply sufficient to keep the predatory military hordes of Europe at bay.

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Representatives of the Postmasters' Association of Canada have been in session at Ottawa, preparing to wait upon the postmaster general with a number of requests for the betterment of the service. One of the things they want is an increase of salary to meet the sharp advance in the cost of living. It is pointed out that the present schedule of salaries provides less remuneration per 1,000 pieces handled than did that of twelve to fifteen years ago, but that the cost of living has gone up very much in the time.



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### LONDON'S NEW POST OFFICE

Sir Henry Tanner, principal architect in His Majesty's office of works, in a recent address before the Royal Institute of British Architects in London described in detail the new general post office to be known as King Edward's Building.

As giving some idea of the magnitude of the work there, he mentioned that the removal of the provincial mails and of the parcels of Mount Pleasant Railroad the main building of 2,850 men, leaving only 2,150 in the old building, but there were at the late removal to King Edward's Building, 3,750 of all ranks, including 1,400 postmen. Meanwhile the force at Mount Pleasant had increased from 2,850 to 4,550. These numbers were exclusive of the temporary force employed at Christmas.

The work dealt with per week was as follows: Five and a half millions of letters, etc., delivered in E. C. District, and 3,500,000 to other districts of London and by certain provincial mails and 3,500,000 despatched to foreign countries

and the colonies; in all, 12,500,000, weighing about 366 tons.

With regard to the cost of the new building he found that if built in the ordinary way with steel construction, the approximate cost, exclusive of fittings, etc., would be £355,000 and if in re-inforced concrete £295,000 would probably suffice. The latter figure had proved to be correct, so that there had been an approximate saving of £60,000, and, apart from this, considerable space had been gained by the great reduction in wall thicknesses.

The general post office has furnished statistics of the Yuletide traffic showing that all records were exceeded in the huge 1910 "post-bag." The great office is equipped with the very latest appliances, and all were working up to their fullest capacity during Christmas week. To suit the great length of the building electric "conveyors" have been installed. A new and ingenious system for sorting newspapers was also successfully tried.

Arrangements have now been completed for the extension of penny postage from Australia to all parts of the Empire.

Liberia has been saved. The financial cloud which recently hung so threateningly over her has been lifted at last and a clear horizon can be viewed. The long protracted delimitation treaty has been signed, and Kanre Lahun has passed under the British flag in consideration of \$20,000 and a strip of territory about as large as Kanre Lahun itself, situated on the south-east of this territory.

## THE NEWFOUNDLAND GUY

Roessler's chatty little Stamp News says: "This Newfoundland stamp is still basking in the full limelight." Last month we said: "To protect both types it will be necessary, of course, to create another. We shall watch with interest to learn how this will be manipulated. A change in perforation? A new shade?"

Our surmise was correct.

On January 31, the St. John' post office placed on sale the third type, thereby protecting the first two varieties, in full accord with our insinuations. The new stamp is perforated 14, instead of 12; it is printed on hard paper, not soft as the preceding types; it is issued in a rich dark shade of brown purple, in place of claret. And though we are not positive at this time of writing, we believe it is engraved. The first stamps were lithographed. The new specimen appears to be the work of Waterloo Bros., if we may venture a guess."

## GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS

The Australian Philatelist says:

"We have been informed that Fijian stamps were being surcharged for use in these islands, and supplies would arrive shortly from England. We now learn from the 'Berliner Briefmarken-Zietung' that the surcharge is in two lines, the color of some of the stamps are different to those now in use in Fiji, being in unison with the other Crown colonies, and in the near future, we presume that the Fijian stamps will be issued in similar colors.

"The Gilbert Group, which has

been under British control and protection since 1892, is cut by the equator and 175th meridian E. considerably to the northward of Fiji, and embraces the islands of Butaritari, Abaian, Tarawa, Marana, Ape-mama, Amunuka, Kurai, Nonuiti, Tabeteuea, Beru, Nukupau, Ouoa-toa, Tamana, and Aroae, and a number of small islets, Ocean Islands, some 200 miles distant, was joined in the group in 1901. The islands are small, their total area being not more than 170 square miles, the native population number over 30,000.

"The Ellice Islands, which are now under the same protectorate, are over 300 miles nearer Fiji and comprise the islands of Nanomea, Nanamago, Nuitao, Nukulellef, Vaitupi, Nui, Nukufetau, Funafuti, and Nulakita, the population of this group does not exceed 4000.

"The post offices will be opened on the 1st of January 1911, and the following values are to be issued:

- 2d. green, surcharged in black.
- 1d. red, surcharged in black.
- 2d. grey, surcharged in black.
- 2½d. blue, surcharged in black.
- 5d. violet and olive, surcharged in black.
- 6d. purple, surcharged in black.
- 1sh. black on green, surcharged in red."

The United States possesses more post offices than any other country in the world—63,663.

Among the nations of Europe the one enjoying the boon of the cheapest postage is Denmark, where an inland letter up to nine ounces in weight may be sent for slightly over one cent.

## Regina Philatelic Society

The first public meeting of the Regina Philatelic Society was held on Feb. 24th. in the sports room of the city hall and was well attended. President J. B. Parker delivered his inaugural address as follows:—

"It is indeed a pleasure to address a number of philatelic friends, who, in the pursuit of this

ing of those in more public ranks of life who have made and are now making philately famous—the present King of England, Tapling, Crocker, Duchess of Bedford, Baron de Worms, our own Kipling, Lord Rothschild and many other celebrities who might be named. The King has written that stamp collecting is one of the greatest pleasures of his life. The Earl of Crawford stated that in 1864 he had the best collection in Eton College, and that stamp collecting was an occupation that afforded him great pleasure still.

"Some one has said: 'Stamp collecting educates the mind and the eye to careful observation and accurate comparisons. The styles of printing, names of rulers and great men, kinds of money used in different countries, etc., all this is general knowledge which the stamp collector will find interesting.

"The London Daily News says: 'Stamps form a royal road to historical and geographical knowledge,' and in this connection I regard our hobby as an excellent study and pastime combined for the rising generation. It is so easy for the youthful mind to learn very much more readily, and acquire considerable knowledge under such surroundings, besides getting well grounded in details of order, arrangement, neatness and color, etc., and a bump developed for a quiet period now and then.

"A physician's opinion. Dr. John M. Holt says: 'As a physician I appreciate the benefit of stamp-collecting as a means of relaxa-



President J. B. Parker

study alone, knows them to be above the average of intelligence, for is not our hobby called 'The Hobby of Intelligence'? Lord Brougham said 'Blessed is the man that hath a hobby.'

"Of course, we are regarded by some as mildly insane, foolish cranks, chumps, but this gathering here now shows that we are in pretty good company, to say noth-

tion from professional cares, and in a similar way it stands unsurpassed as one of the most accessible avenues to absolute recreation and mental rest for both mind worker and hand-worker. If its virtues were known more generally by the alienist and nerve specialist, there would be fewer cases of so-called nervous prostration.'

"As regards the financial side, whilst the vast majority of us have to collect under the disadvantage of limited means, and have to be content with a very slow way of adding to our treasured collection, many large amounts of money are invested in stamps. It is reputed there are seven collections worth one million dollars each. Very few of us we feel assured, can be aware of the great sums of money which are invested in the stamp business. Nor, as we honestly believe does there seem to be any valid reason for supposing that the capital thus sunk is in any danger. The rare stamp is as good currency as the consol.

"I would suggest that as a society we endeavor to have one good meeting a month, where we can have papers and essays read; where we can exchange stamps and stamp literature, and gain much general information by 'rubbing shoulders.' Of course, several will continue to meet occasionally, as we have often done in the past.

"Personally, I would suggest that the collection of stamps issued prior to 1900 be made the first desideratum, they now averaging scarcer than the stamps from 1900 to 1911, for the simple reason that there are now more people saving (even every day issues) than for-

merly, which of course, makes the modern issues more easily obtainable.

"I wish our new society every success, am deeply grateful to you for the honor of electing me the first president, and I can assure you that I will be happy any time to give a helping hand, and am prepared to start out any ambitious youngster with a bunch of stamps, for a real good 'starter,' and to assist in helping ourselves along—and incidentally myself—I would be glad to take charge of the monthly news bureau, gather and prepare items of interest from the papers and magazines, and present it at our monthly meetings, so that we may all be in touch with what the world is doing as regards our 'hobby.'"

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the president for his instructive and interesting address. Stephen Golder, secretary of the society, and editor of the Canadian Philatelist, announced that arrangements were being made to hold regular monthly meetings, and that several well known collectors, amongst whom could be mentioned Magistrate Trant, one of the first collectors to publicly exhibit stamps, had been secured to deliver addresses. A rare specimen of the famous Mulready envelope which had been presented by Magistrate Trant to the secretary, was exhibited along with the latter gentleman's collection. This collection consists of some 16,000 varieties and was generally admired.

The vice-president, G. E. Symonds, stated that he had made arrangements for a "new issue" series which he will exhibit at future meetings.

## Empire Coronation Stamps

It is announced from Ottawa that a new set of postage stamps will be issued about the time of the Coronation, and that the designs have already been forwarded for King George's approval. As a rule, Royal approval means the approval of the Government, but in this case His Majesty's inspection and sanction are not to be taken for granted. The King is one of the greatest stamp collectors in the world, has the best collection now in captivity, and is recognized as a foremost authority on all matters concerning the hobby. It is not likely that any "We Hold a Vaster Empire Than Has Been" monstrosities will receive his approbation.

### Canada's Tasteful Designs.

As a rule, our Canadian stamps have been marked by uniformity and simplicity, but the special issue that commemorated the inauguration of penny postage bore a design more suited for an atlas or a steamship folder than for a stamp. The stamps issued for the Tercentenary of Quebec pictured historic scenes, but few of them got into post bags, philatelists and curio collectors snapping up most of the issue as it appeared.

The half cent stamp of that collection is particularly interesting because it bears the portraits of the Present King and Queen, and is the second stamp ever issued with these portraits, which are soon to appear on nearly all the stamps in the Empire.

### Newfoundland Leads

Last year the Newfoundland government issued a fifteen-cent

stamp, showing King George's head, but as far back as 1899 the Newfoundland five-cent stamp presented George's portrait. In November last the first British stamp issued after the death of King Edward was printed by the Union of South Africa. It was a large stamp, blue-grey in color and two pence halfpenny in value, with the arms of the four constituent colonies in the corners and the King's head in the centre. Some 38,000 of these stamps have been sold to collectors in England, and like the Tercentenary stamps of Canada, most of those printed remain uncanceled in albums in different parts of the world. Before deciding on a regular issue, the South African Government will wait to see the new English designs. In the meantime, the stamps of all the South African colonies have been made interchangeable, and any stamp issued by Cape Colony, Natal, the Transvaal, or the Orange River Colony may be used in any part of the Union.

### A Commonwealth Stamp Issued

Australia, on the other hand, continues to use separate stamps for the separate territories of the Commonwealth, and a stamp that will carry a letter in Melbourne will only take it as far as the Dead Letter Office in Sydney. Last year a Postal Commission recommended that a Commonwealth stamp should be issued, on the ground that the present system was vexatious and unnecessarily expensive. It is expected that in the near future the Commonwealth will offer



a handsome prize for a new set of stamps. New Zealand has already commissioned Mr. Bertram Mackennal to design a new series of stamps, and as Mr. Mackennal is one of the best designers of both coins and stamps in the world, New Zealand is likely to have something unusually handsome. The central figure of the new stamps will, it is announced be King George's head.

#### Australian Issue

In most parts of the Empire new stamps will be issued shortly after the Coronation, although of course there is no law to that effect. Indeed the head of King or Queen is rarely seen on Australian stamps. Only on the \$1 and \$2 stamps is the effigy of King Edward to be found. The other stamps will give no intimation to the future collector that such a sovereign ever reigned. Where the favorite allegorical figures of kangaroos or emus do not appear, the face of Queen Victoria is to be seen. In Rhodesia, a special stamp was recently issued to commemorate the visit of the Duke of Connaught, but for ordinary purposes the stamps show only the company's arms.

#### Uniformity of Stamps

India and most of the Crown colonies scattered over the world will not issue their new stamps until England supplies them with a pattern. Thus they will be saving money, and taking a step towards a more or less uniform system. The last five years of King Edward's reign, only the name of the colony distinguished the issue of one British possession from that of half a dozen others, and there is much to be said in favor of a

single British design for use wherever the flag flies. Here and there, however, a colony is to be found that clings patriotically to its historic first stamp, like the full-rigged ship of British Gujana that has survived every attempt to replace or remodel it.—Mail and Empire.

### Early Postal Treaty Between U. S. and British Columbia

By E. R. Aldrich

The other day on looking over an old governmental publication, I came upon the following postal treaty entered into between Arthur T. Bushby, postmaster general of British Columbia, and John A. J. Creswell of the United States, signed by the former July 25, 1870, and the latter June 9, which is of interest to students of Canadian affairs:

"The undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective governments, have agreed upon the following articles, establishing and regulating the exchange of correspondence between the United States of America and the Provinces of Vancouver Island and British Columbia:

"Article I. There shall be an exchange of mails between the United States and the Provinces of Vancouver Island and British Columbia at the following points, viz: On the side of the United States at Boston, New York, San Francisco, Portland (Oregon), Olympia; on the side of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, Victoria. The two departments may at any time discontinue either of said offices of exchange or se-



establish others, by mutual consent.

"Article II. The mail exchanged between the offices of Boston, New York, San Francisco and Portland on the one side, and Victoria on the other, are to pass each way as through mails, not to be opened at any intermediate office.

"Article III. The authorized weight of a single international letter shall be fifteen grams (by the metrical scale) in the United States, and half an ounce in Vancouver Island and British Columbia. The postage on a single international letter shall be six cents if prepaid at the mailing office in either country, and ten cents if posted unpaid, and for other than single letters the same charge shall be made for each additional fifteen grams (or half ounce), or fraction thereof. Letters insufficiently paid shall be transmitted wholly unpaid. But if one or more full rates shall be prepaid, the number of rates fully prepaid shall be allowed and the deficient postage only rated up for collection on delivery.

"Article VI. No account shall be kept between the postal departments of the United States and of Vancouver Island and British Columbia on the international letters exchanged between them, but each shall retain to its own use the postage which it collects.

"Article V. Newspapers, pamphlets, magazines and all other printed matter printed in the United States and sent to the Provinces of Vancouver Island or British Columbia, or posted in those provinces and sent to the United States, shall be chargeable with the regular domestic rates of postage, both to and from the frontier line

in each country; which postage shall be collected at the office of mailing on matter sent, and at the office of delivery on matter received, and each country shall retain for its own use the postage which it thus collects.

"Article VI. Each mail despatched from one country to the other shall be accompanied by a letter or post bill, showing the number of each of the articles comprising the mail and distinguishing the paid from the unpaid and insufficiently paid letters, with postage in separate columns.

"Article VII. Prepaid letters despatched from one country to the other shall be plainly stamped with the words 'Paid all' in red ink in the right hand upper corner of the address in addition to the date stamp of the office of origin; and in like manner and place the letters insufficiently paid shall be stamped in black ink with the words 'short paid' in addition to the date stamp of the office of origin, and the number of rates unpaid shall also be expressed in black figures on the face of same.

"Article VIII. Dead letters, which cannot be delivered from whatever cause, shall be mutually returned, without charge, monthly or as frequently as the regulations of the respective countries will permit. But newspapers and all other articles of printed matter, which from any cause cannot be delivered, shall be retained at the disposition of the receiving country.

"Article IX. Letters alleged to be valuable, posted at any office in

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(Concluded next month.)

## Monthly Perforations

The many friends of Mr. C. H. McKeel, the editor of the "Philatelic Journal of America," will be pleased to learn that he has recovered from recent illness and that the popular semi-monthly will soon be mailed to subscribers.

Roumania has found cause to issue a new series of picture stamps, ranging in value from one to 60 bani. The new picture stamps will appear in May, the excuse for the issue is the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the University of Jassy.

The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., of New York, have purchased the magnificent Luff collection of British colonial stamps, one of the largest and choicest acquired by any firm in recent years. Mr. Luff has spent over twenty years in gathering this collection, which is arranged in twenty albums and catalogues over \$100,000.00.

The Royal Scottish Museum has had a collection of postage stamps bequeathed to it. It includes 18,000 specimens arranged in six volumes of over 100 pages each.

Four Weeklies, two semi-weeklies, and about sixteen monthly stamp journals are now published in the United States." Canada is ably represented by one purely stamp magazine, "The Canadian Philatelist."

Revolution is in progress in Paraguay. Mr. Gondra, who was forced out of the presidency in January by Colonel Jara, minister of war, is leading the movement against Mr. Ortiz, who was made president by Colonel Jara.

The Canadian Northern Railway Company has contracted with the postmaster general for a fortnightly mail service between Bristol and Canada.

The Collectors Review says: "If you must specialize, save all the one and ten cents of the present issue of the United States. It will surprise you how many shades and perforations you can find."

Mr. Hugh Peat, Regina, one of the latest converts to philately, has purchased the valuable collection of postage stamps owned by Mr. Pootmans of Belgium.

The daily papers report that the followers of the revolutionary leader in the Republic of Haiti are growing in numbers, and a government officer has been murdered at Jacmel. The Government is retaliating with energy, and executions are of daily occurrence." Another issue of stamps will likely follow.

Ten numbers of the Canadian Philatelist have been published. This is another example of the printer's art. The January number contains a continuance of the serial on "Early Canadian Stamps," and another interesting article on "Postage Stamp Colors." The Canadian Philatelist this month presents its readers with a likeness of Miss Bertha Foster, who has been a regular contributor. An interesting biography accompanies the portrait, and in the course of this we find Miss Foster is really Mrs. Stephen Golder, being the wife of the editor. The London letter is also worth reading.—Southern Philatelist, Feb., 1911.

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GEORGE ROSSITER

## Western Collectors—No. 12

Mr. George Rossiter, the subject of our sketch this month is perhaps better known in Western Canada, as an entomologist than a philatelist. Butterfly collecting he says is his professional hobby—if such a pastime can be called by such a term.

During the summer months Mr. Rossiter spends his time wandering about the west catching and adding new specimens to his large

and valuable collection. In the winter, however, stamps are the attraction, our subject having collected ever since he can remember. His collection numbers some eleven thousand varieties being especially rich in early issues of Canada and the United States. Mr. Rossiter's speciality is pairs and blocks of obsolete issues. Calgary claims our dual collector for his home.

**Progressive Regina**—The Winnipeg Telegram in its issue of April 1th, says: "Philatelically as in other respects, Regina is surely forging ahead. Already we have referred to its newly formed Philatelic society, and now we notice that The Canadian Philatelist will in future be published at Regina. The move is a forward one to judge from the first number of volume two; the size of pages has been enlarged, and sixteen pages in the March issue succeed the twelve pages of February, while a marked typographical supremacy is at once apparent.

The editor, Stephen Golder, provides very entertaining matter in this excellent stamp collector's monthly, reprinted articles of timely interest and original contributions of merit. In the March number is a charming little story writing by Bertha C. Foster, a well known western magazine writer; a report of the first public meeting of the R.P.S., with a portrait of

President Parker; the first installment of an article on the "Early Postal Treaty between the United States and British Columbia," and much other matter. One of the surprises of Regina's stamp journal is its low subscription price of 25c. per year.

**A Prominent Canoeist's Hobby**—The Winnipeg Telegram says, "A monthly feature of The Canadian Philatelist is its illustrated "Western Collector's" series. The subject of the sketch in the March number is Roland O. Taylor, of this city, president of the Winnipeg Canoe Club, Western manager of the Northern Assurance Co., well known in sporting and financial centres. His collection, it appears, is largely an inherited one, commenced in 1865 by his grandfather, and is rich in old B.N.A., German States, early Australian, and other desirable rarities.

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The Philadelphia Stamp News of April 1st, gives prominent space to the Regina Philatelic Society.

A. C. Roessler of the Stamp News in enclosing copy for advt. says: "Canadian Philatelist is worthy of support. I enjoy it very much."

Julien Treveijan Baber, Philatelic editor of the C.M.A. Emblem and National Youth, says "I do not believe that I have ever seen such improvement in a stamp journal in so short a period as has been shown by your publication.

"The Canadian Philatelist has a tone of originality throughout which bespeaks a great deal for a magazine as youthful as yours. I wish you much success."

Mr. Alfred Boyle, editor of the Collector's Review writes, "I am in receipt of a copy of The Canadian Philatelist for March. I note with pleasure the fine improvement you have made commencing your second volume.

## NEW ISSUES OF BRITISH COLONIALS

February and March, by John H. C. Fernley

Malta—New colors of the ½d., ¼d. and 2½ stamps are at present in issue on Multiple C.A. paper, ..

¼d. Dark Brown

½d. Dark Green

2½d. Blue

Jamaica—The 4d. stamp has ar-

rived printed in black on yellow paper. The die is the old Queen Victoria one. A new die has however been made for the 2d. stamp and this at the request of the Philatelists in the Colony was issued with King Edward's profile. The color is grey and the paper of both stamps is Multiple Crown C.A.

2d. Grey.

4d. Black on yellow

Papua—This island of everlasting varieties is now issuing the current set perforated 12½ small holes, and the word "Papua" is larger than in the previous types. The paper is Crown A Upright or inverted.

2d. Purple and black.

2½d. Lilac and black.

6d. Green and black.

1s. Orange and black.

2s. 6d. Pale brown.

Trengganu.—The first of the new British States lately ceded to us by Siam has started issuing stamps. They bear the head of the reigning Sultan, and are similar to the Johore type. The paper is Multiple Crown C.A.

1 cent, green—8 cents, ultramarine.

3 cents, carmine—10 cents brown on yellow.

4 cents, orange—20 cents Bt violet and lilac.

5 cents, grey—50 cents black on green.

\$1.00 red and black on blue.

Rhodesia.—A new shade of the

current set in very light blue is in issue.

2½d. light blue.

**Gwalior.**—The two and three rupees Indian stamps overprinted for use in this state are now obtainable.

Overprinted on Indian stamps  
Two Rupees, Three Rupees.

**Fiji.**—New colors of the 6d. and 1s. stamps on Multiple C.A. paper have made their appearance.

6d. purple—1s. black on green

**Tasmania.**—A re-drawn die for the 6d. stamp is now being used and is easily recognisable. The perforation is 11 and the paper Crown A.

6d. carmine.

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### AERIAL POST

#### India Sets New Fashion—A Curio in Post Marks

The mails to England from India recently brought with them a post-mark which should prove of special interest to collectors in years to come, as possessors of this postmark will have an official souvenir of what is claimed to be the first aerial post in the world.

The postmark, which is stamped boldly in red, is encircled by the inscription:

"First Aerial Post, U.P. Exhibition, Allahabad."

There is also a design of an aeroplane crossing the mountains, with the year 1911 denoted.

The history of this new departure is interesting. Captain Windham wanted to demonstrate by means of practical experiments

how the aeroplane could be used by a besieged town, to communicate with the outside world. He accordingly obtained the sanction of the Postmaster-General of the United Provinces and the Director-General of Post Offices in India to inaugurate an aerial post to the United Provinces Exhibition at Allahabad, and a die was specially cut with which each letter sent by the aerial post is marked.

The Post Office, while agreeing to the experiment would sanction no charge above the ordinary rates of postage, but a scheme was devised whereby the occasion was made to benefit the new buildings of the Oxford and Cambridge Hostel, Allahabad. Over the ordinary rate a fee of six annas was charged for each letter or postcard thus delivered. The letters and postcards were forwarded under separate cover to the Chaplain of the Holy Trinity Church, Allahabad, who undertook to deliver them to the postal authorities, and to hand over the extra fee to the hostel fund.

The letters were conveyed by aeroplane from the exhibition to a receiving office in Allahabad, and were distributed in the usual way and it is therefore claimed that the letters are the first in the world to be dispatched by aeroplane from a Government Post Office in the ordinary course of business.

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A Rouleau subscriber writes: "I am enclosing my subscription to The Canadian Philatelist and my best wishes go along with it."

## A ROYAL MAIL POST OFFICE

King George, the Philatelic King, has Office in Palace

The postal department attached to the Royal Household is under the control of Mr. Hiley, who acted for several years as the Court postmaster in the late reign and was reappointed to the position by King George on His Majesty's accession. The headquarters of the Court Post Office are at Buckingham Palace, but a temporary office is established wherever the King may be staying under the direction of Mr. Hiley, who always travels with the Court.

The post office of Buckingham Palace consists of three large apartments; one is fitted up as a telegraphic gallery, another as a sorting-room, and a third as a general office. There is also a telephone exchange attached to the post office, where three operators are employed.

The letters for the King and Queen and members of the Household are delivered to Buckingham Palace from the general post office six times a day, the first delivery being made at seven o'clock in the morning. The mail on its arrival at the post office, is at once sorted (there are four sorters on duty throughout the day) and made up into separate packets for the King, Queen, members of the Royal Family, resident officials in the Household, and the servants.

The whole mail is, by the way, carefully counted before it is sorted, and the number of letters re-

ceived is entered in a book labelled "Mails in."

After the packets for delivery throughout the Palace have been made up the number of letters in each packet is counted and entered in a book labelled "Mails Out," and the number in both books, must of course, be the same.

As soon as the mails have been sorted they are given to two of the Palace postmen, who deliver them to their respective departments. The letters for the King and Queen are delivered to the equerries' department and are placed in the secretaries' rooms by an equerry. The letters for members of the Household are delivered to their respective private rooms, and the letters for the male servants are delivered to the Steward's waiting-room, where they are put into a large rack, from which they are taken by servants between 9.30 and 10.30 a.m., and 7.30 and 8.30 p.m. The letters for the female servants are delivered to the head housekeeper's room.

### King's Letters Free

There are six large mahogany pillar-boxes throughout Buckingham Palace, where letters can be posted by members of the Household. These boxes are cleared every two hours and the contents made up into mail-bags at the Palace post office. All the King's letters, whether on State or private business, are marked "Official"



paid," and need not be stamped, neither need any letter on State business written by a member of the Household, but all the private letters of members of the Household must be stamped in the usual manner.

Apart from the ordinary mail business the Court postmaster has a considerable quantity of despatches for special delivery to attend to which are not passed through the hands of the general post office. Numbers of despatches to the chief government offices and to many private individuals are sent out from Buckingham Palace every day when the Court is in residence in London. These are delivered by one of the four special messengers attached to the Court post office.

## Early Postal Treaty Between U.S. and British Columbia

By E. R. Aldrich

(Concluded from last issue)

the United States or their Territories and addressed to Vancouver's Island or British Columbia, or posted in Vancouver's Island or British Columbia and addressed to the United States or their Territories, and delivered at any of the respective offices of exchange, to be thence conveyed to their destination, shall be registered at the office of mailing on the application of the person posting the same; provided that full postage chargeable thereon to destination, together with a registration fee of five cents on each letter, be pre-

paid at such mailing office; and provided also the such registration be not compulsory and shall not render the respective post office departments or their revenues, either jointly or separately, liable for the loss of such letters or packets or the contents thereof.

"Article X. All such letters mailed in the interior of the United States or Vancouver's Island or British Columbia respectively, shall be received, registered and receipted for as directed in the general regulations issued in each country in regard to the registration of valuable letters, and shall be sent to the respective exchange offices for the purpose of being forwarded thence by the first mail.

"Article XI. The respective exchange offices shall make a separate letter bill for each registered letter or parcel of registered letters originally mailed at said exchange offices, or sent to them, to be forwarded, as prescribed by the regulations referred to in the preceding article, and shall enter therein the name of the person addressed and the post office to which it is to be mailed for delivery. The postmaster of said exchange office will then inclose each such letter, or parcel of letters, in a separate package, which shall be conspicuously marked and plainly inscribed with the word 'Registered.' The letter bills of such registered letters shall not be enclosed in the packages containing them, but shall be forwarded in a separate wrapper or envelope sealed and addressed to the postmaster of the office to which such registered letters were sent.

"Article XII. On the receipt of

registered letters for delivery or distribution at either of the respective exchange offices, the postmaster of such receiving office will compare the letters with the bill and endorse it 'Correct' if found so, or will note the error if there be one, in the manner prescribed with regard to registered letters received from an inland office. He will then fill up the corresponding return bill, noting upon it whether correct or otherwise, and will see that it is returned by the first mail thersafter to the exchange office of mailing.

"Article XIII. Registered letters received at either of the exchange offices and destined for an inland post office shall be forwarded in the same manner as other registered letters originally mailed at such office.

"Article XIV. The registration fee of five cents shall accrue to the United States Post Office Department upon all registered letters sent from the United States to Vancouver's Island or British Columbia, and in like manner the registration fee of five cents shall accrue to the Post Office Department of Vancouver's Island and British Columbia upon all registered letters sent from Vancouver's Island and British Columbia to the United States.

"Article XV. The two departments may, by mutual consent, make such detailed regulations as shall be found necessary to carry out the objects of this convention, and may modify the same from time to time on a reasonable notice by either department.

"Article XVI. This convention shall go into operation on July 1,

1870, and it may be annulled at the desire of either department, upon six months' notice."

This treaty was subsequently approved by President Ulysses S. Grant on Oct. 5, 1870, and certified to by Hamilton Fish, the Secretary of State.

### NOVEL DESIGNS SUGGESTED

The master of the British Mint has received the following suggestions from stamp collectors for distinctive designs for the new series of stamps for values from one half penny to one pound:

Portraits of King George and Queen Mary.

A view of Buckingham Palace.

A Dreadnought battleship.

A mail steamer (Mauritania type).

View of St. Martin le Grand G.P.O., London.

View of Houses of Parliament

Map of the British Empire (as Canada's Christmas stamp).

Portrait of Indian subject in native dress.

Design representing the Union of South Africa.

Portraits of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

Royal Standard and Union Jack

View of artillery, gun carriage, etc.

Latest type of mail train engine.

Portrait of Sir Rowland Hill.

St. George and the Dragon.

View of Windsor Castle.

Portrait of Queen Victoria.

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The advent of Number One, Volume Two, of The Canadian Philatelist in its enlarged and typographically improved form, has been favorably received by our many subscribers. Many flattering and congratulatory letters have reached the editor during the last few days, while our contemporaries across the border have been loud in their praises.

With each issue we hope to improve, and with the co-operation of the Caxton Press, Ltd. Regina's artistic printers, we intend producing a Philatelic magazine equal to any.

We would remind our subscribers that have supported us from the commencement that their subscriptions are now due. Only a few copies of the March issue are now left and specimen copies of that number cannot be sent out.

### NOVEL THEFT POSSIBLE BY STAMP COLLECTING.

Steal \$10,000 from the government in such a way that the government does not lose a cent by

the transaction—Can it be done? It can if the charge against Arthur M. Travers, former chief clerk to the third assistant postmaster general at Washington, D.C., holds up. He has been dismissed from the service.

Travers' offence is unique. It was made possible because people "save stamps."

Everybody knows the value of a stamp or coin increases with its rarity. It would pay a man if he could purchase every copy of a certain issue of postage stamps and then destroy all but one of that issue. He could sell that single stamp for many times what the issue cost him.

The postoffice department has in its possession a limited number of all issues of United States stamps. Many of the older issues have become very rare.

Travers who had charge of the selling and issue of stamps, found that he had a regular gold mine in his charge, provided he could sell some of the very rare stamps to the dealers. So he simply certified that a portion of the stamps under his charge—being obsolete issues as far as use by the public was concerned—had been legally destroyed after condemnation. Instead of destroying them, however he withheld them and substituted stamps in current use to an amount equal to those condemned, disposing of the rare issues to dealers at a large profit.

Travers has been indicted by the grand jury. But as a matter of fact, nobody seems very sure that Travers has violated any law, or whether a man can be convicted of stealing when he hasn't stolen anything.

## THE DICKENS CENTENARY

## GET MAIL ONCE A YEAR

Notwithstanding the publicity which the Dickens Centenary Stamp has received, complaints reach the Committee of the difficulty of obtaining it. We are, therefore, asked to state, says the London Times, that the stamp is now on sale at every one of Messrs W. H. Smith & Son's bookstalls and is to be procured from every bookseller and stationer. The Committee would be grateful if anyone experiencing the slightest difficulty in obtaining the stamp would report the fact to the publishers, Messrs. George Newnes (Limited), 8-12, Southampton-street Strand, W.C.

The local secretary of the Dickens Fellowship is the accredited agent for the Dickens stamp in nearly every important town in the kingdom.

The Executive Committee of the Dickens Centenary Fund have issued the following statement—

The sum now being raised by the sale of the Dickens Stamp is to benefit the Dickens family. Should the sale reach 10,000,000 stamps, every penny arising from such sale, less the cost of production and distribution, will go to the descendants of Charles Dickens. There is no doubt on this point. It has been repeatedly stated in the Press, it is stated on every sheet of stamps, and on every covering envelope, that the fund derived from the sale of the Dickens Stamp is "for the benefit of the descendants of Charles Dickens and, should the proceeds permit, of in other ways commemorating his memory."

Mr. J. K. Cornwall M.P.P. for Peace River has announced that while he was east he was assured by the post office department that a weekly mail service would soon be inaugurated to the Peace River and Grand Prairie Districts. The mail is now delivered monthly and only a short time ago residents of Alberta living 400 and 700 miles north of Edmonton got their mail once a year. The weekly service into Grand Prairie will start as soon as the Edson trail northward is completed. The Peace River service will commence as soon as arrangements can be made.

Roy Manly, Birmingham, Ala., writes: "I am told by a friend that you publish the best paper. Send me sample copy please."

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## Stamp Collecting

Sir Charles Lumb in presiding at an interesting lecture recently delivered at Folkestone, Kent, said that stamp collecting was indulged in by all the people of the world, and by all classes of people, from kings down to their humblest subjects. He thought it was a very fine thing for young people to take up stamp collecting as a hobby, as it instilled into their minds a sense of order and neatness, and also, if they cared to apply it in that manner, it taught them history. The history of many countries (France, for instance) was told in their postage stamps. Geography also was certainly taught to those who collected postage stamps. It made the collector familiar with many of the more obscure countries of the world. He also dwelt on the value of stamp collecting as a source of revenue, not only to the collector, but to the countries issuing stamps. In some countries their stamps were a great source of revenue. Sir Charles mentioned one or two which, for several years subsisted on the revenue from their stamps. A very small fraction of this revenue came out of the use of stamps for purposes of postage; most of it came out of the pockets of collectors. With regard to individual collectors, the speaker mentioned several instances of stamps being bought in the first instance for a few shill-

ings, or even a few pence, and selling eventually for several hundreds of pounds.

Mr. Brockman gave a brief history of the introduction of the postage stamp and by means of some very fine lantern slides illustrated his remarks and statements. He dwelt at length on the famous "Mufready" envelope which, he said, was the immediate forerunner of the postage stamp. He also dealt with the first of the English postage stamps and their value to the collector. He endorsed Sir Charles Lumb's statements with regard to the value of stamps as a method of teaching history and geography. The stamps of a country not only often dealt with the broader incidents of history, but were often portrayals of the most obscure incidents in the life of a monarch or government. In the case of Spain the stamps of that country bore portraits of Alfonso XIII at different periods of his life, and in another country the fact of the king growing a beard was noticed on the stamps of that country.

The lecturer went on to give instances of the value of stamps through errors which occurred in the printing, and also for their rarity. Amongst the rarest stamps of the world were two issued by New Guinea.



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Bolivia and Peru—Dr. Gorman Martineze, Minister of foreign affairs and Fernandez Alonzo, Bolivian minister to Peru have signed

a protocol assuring amicable relations between Peru and Bolivia pending the submission to the Hague tribunal of the points at issue over boundary troubles between the two countries.

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The editor of the Canadian Philatelist was one of the winners in the prize contest promoted by the United Stamp Co. of Chicago last month.

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A correspondent writes: 'I have a Orange Free State stamp, 1868 unused. 3d. blue, surcharged with letters B.W. in black. Can you explain this? I understand it is rare

(Can any of our readers explain this surcharge? Ed.)

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The carrying of the first aerial post at Allahabad was a complete success. The mails were conveyed in two Post Office bags, which after being revealed in the aviation shed, were tied on to M. Picquet's biplane, one being put on the passengers' seat and the other on the outside of it. M. Picquet then mounted the biplane, and after circling twice round the grounds, made straight for Naini, where he arrived thirteen minutes later. After depositing the mails, M. Picquet returned to Allahabad—the whole thing taking about half an hour. Over 300 letters have been carried by the aerial post during the last few days.

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## DESIGN FOR NEW STAMP

Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, postmaster general of Canada has received from the Imperial authorities a design suggestive for a new stamp, with the head of King George. It is understood, however, that the design is not one which the Minister considers to be altogether suitable for Canada. Canadian engravers will probably be asked to submit designs to the department.

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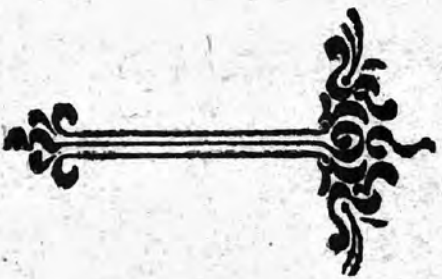
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## Western Collectors—No. 13

Although not a western collector in the strict sense of the world Mr. John H. C. Fernley, of London, deserves a place in our gallery of philatelists. He has a large circle of stamp friends in Canada and since the start of *The Canadian Philatelist* has been a constant contributor to our columns, besides ably conducting our

new issues of British Colonials column. Mr. Fernley has collected stamps since his early school boy days, and owns a large and valuable collection. He is a great specialist, and collects all minor varieties of perforations, shades, watermarks, pairs, strips, and blocks, his particular hobby being the postal issues of the United States and her colonies.

### A WESTERN STAMP PAPER

The *Winnipeg Free Press* says:

Vol. II, No. 1 of the *Canadian Philatelist* was received last week and the publisher must be congratulated on his publication, which is full of items of interest to the collector. Outside of the artistically designed cover there are 16 pages of interesting matter which very favorably compares with any other philatelic publication. It is published by Stephen Golder, Regina, Sask. Readers are advised to ask for a sample copy.

President D. J. Cruickshank, of the Universal Correspondence Club, writes: "I must congratulate you on the *Canadian Philatelist*." Keep up the good work, you can count on all assistance in my power."

A. C. Roessler, the *Stamp News* man writes, "Have noted with pleasure the progress of the Regina Society. Have read with interest the progress you are making. Surely Regina is on the philatelic map."

### REGINA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Regina Philatelic Society held a meeting at the residence of president J. B. Parker on Monday evening, May 8, last, when the President's large and valuable collection of stamps, post cards, and envelopes was examined with great interest by the members present. Mr. Parker is a specialist in stamps of Holland and her colonies and is nearly complete in the interesting issues of these countries. Refreshments were served by the host and a very enjoyable evening spent.

### NEW GEORGE V STAMPS

The Secretary to the Treasury in a printed reply to a question, says that it is proposed to issue the new George V. stamps at the time of the Coronation. It has not been considered necessary to maintain the former large reserve of the existing stamps. A first delivery of sixty-eight teams has been made by the contractors, and the stamps fulfil the conditions of the new contract.

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## NEW GEORGIAN STAMPS.

As an enthusiastic philatelist, King George's interest in the new postage stamps has been more than a mere formality. His Majesty has now approved a design executed under the supervision of the Master of the Mint. A notable feature of it is uniformity when figures are used. In the new three-halfpenny stamp, for instance the figures 1½d. appear in each of the top corners. Another innovation is a dolphin introduced at the bottom at each corner, perhaps intended to suggest King George's association with the navy, or our maritime supremacy, or both.

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Redfield's Weekly says: "That excellent little monthly, The Canadian Philatelist, (now nearly a year old) published hitherto by Andrew King at Rouleau, Saskatchewan, has passed into the possession of Stephen Golder, of Regina, who will publish it from that city beginning with the March issue. Mr. Golder has been editor of the paper since its commencement. We note by the way that a Philatelic Society has been formed in Regina, significant evidence of the Canadian Northwest's increased interest in Philately."

The suggested design for a general Empire stamp for use by the self-governing British Colonies, which was recently rejected by the Canadian postmaster-general has also been offered to Sir Joseph Ward on behalf of the New Zealand Government, but was rejected also by the younger Dominion who is having a special issued designed by Mr. Bertram Mc Kennal, the Australian sculptor who designed the new British coinage, and it is understood that the British postal authorities have in consequence abandoned the Empire stamp scheme.

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A letter from the British Postmaster General states that it is not probable that any issue of any postage stamp bearing the effigy of His Majesty, King George, will take place before June next, and it is not at present possible to say whether or not sets of all postage stamps of the new issue will be available. The issue of the stamps will thus be some months later than the new coinage, of which several denominations are already in circulation.

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A cable despatch from London, says: "In the House of Commons on May 12, Postmaster General Samuels, replying to Sir P. Magnus stated that he regretted that it was not practical to arrange for the exchange at district post offices of British stamps for the postage stamps sent to England from the Dominions in payment of small sums."

## NEW ISSUE OF BRITISH COLONIALS

By John H. C. Fernley

**Malta**—The One Shilling stamp is now in issue printed in black on green paper, watermarked Multiple C.A.

**East Africa and Uganda Protectorate**—A new die of the 6 cents carmine is at present in use. The main differences are—that the "C" of "Cents" is rounder and more evenly shaped, the leaf on the left side does not touch the border of the portrait and the projecting leaf on the right side does not touch the outer border.

**British Guiana**—This country has also a new die in use for the current 2 Cents rose. In the redrawn type there is a flag at the foretop, and the flag at the main-top is close to the mast, whereas in the former type it appears to be flying loose from the halyards and there is no flag on the foremast.

**Borneo**—A new design of the 25 cents—arms on shield—printed in black and green, is now appearing.

**Johore**—The 3 and 4 cents of the current type have arrived on Chalky paper with watermark Multiple Rosettes.

**Kelantan**—The second of the new Malay Peninsula States has presented us with a new set of stamps to add to our Colonial list. The values are 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 30, 50 cents and \$1, \$5, and \$25.

**Papua**—Another stamp to add to the already long list of varieties of this Island's postal emissions.

The 2½d printed in light blue and black of the small "Papua" type is in use perf. 12½. Watermark Crown A sideways.

**Tasmania**—The new perforating machine (12½ small holes) is responsible for 3 more varieties of this Island's set. The 1d. red, 3d. brown, and 4d. buff have just arrived with this perforation. Wmk. Crown A.

**Federated Malay States**—A new high value is chronicled in the 25 dollars printed on Multiple C.A. paper.

By a printer's error the first three items of the March new issue were stated as Leward Islands 5c., Bahamas 1 shilling, Malta 5c. These should read 5 shillings, 1 penny and 5 shillings respectively.

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### OUR STAMP STORIES

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In reply to many subscribers we beg to state that Miss Bertha C. Foster's charming stamp stories, which have helped so much to make The Canadian Philatelist famous, will be continued shortly. The talented authoress is at present on a holiday trip in the Old Country; but we hope to receive some M.S.S. from her shortly.

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## RAMBLING REMARKS

(Thomas W. Thompson, Librarian, Heckmondwike.)

When I first took up the hobby of stamp collecting, which is now a little more than thirty years ago, my friends and acquaintances looked upon me as a crank. I remember very distinctly one person suggesting that I was qualifying for a padded room in the lunatic asylum, and on comparing notes with several old stamp collectors I find that in the early stages they were all subject to the gibes and vulgar jokes of their acquaintances. However, I am very glad to note that such experiences are now a thing of the past, and that philately is beginning to be universally recognized as a fascinating, healthy, lucrative hobby (I was almost saying science).

Disinterested persons or tyros may possibly question the accuracy of the adjectives that I have made use of, therefore I ask your indulgence whilst I briefly endeavor to justify them.

1st. Give an enthusiast a fresh bunch of stamps, or let two genuine philatelists pass an evening together talking about stamps and exchanging duplicates and the hours will fly like minutes, try it yourself and then give your verdict.

2nd. Doctors tell us that we should all have a hobby of some description to take us away from our studies or the worries of business, and assure us by so doing we invigorate our mind. Dr. Saleby, M.D., F.R.S., in his

book, "Worry, The Disease of the Age," says "a man may turn to one or other of a thousand hobbies, and find in them that mental interest which will give him every day a holiday or period of freedom from worry. Let the man beware, then, who too thoughtlessly permits all his intellectual interests to atrophy, save those which are concerned with his work." Therefore I claim that stamp collecting as a hobby must be healthy.

3. I do not know of a single instance where a person has taken up the stamp collecting hobby seriously, and got a respectable collection together who would be prepared to dispose of it for what it has cost, and on the other hand I have known collectors who have started to specialize in certain countries and disposed of the remainder of their collection for more than the whole had cost and in one instance at least made five hundred per cent on his original investment, so that there is no question about it being a paying hobby if the money is judiciously invested.

In order to properly arrange the stamps in their collection I should advise tyros to consult both an atlas and a stamp catalogue, by so doing you learn the geographical position of the places from which the stamps have emanated, also whether it is a monarchy, republic, colony or protectorate. It is also very interesting to note the



face value and estimate the nearest equivalent in the currency of your own country. You will also learn if you are not already aware of the fact, that it is a rule with all the stamp issuing countries which comprise the Universal Postal Union, that stamps having a face value of one half-penny (Great Britain) should be green, one penny, red, and the two pence half-penny ones blue, and that the nearest equivalent to these values should be of a corresponding color throughout every country in the Union.

My advice to beginners would be do not purchase one of the stock printed albums, as they soon get out of date. the best method in my humble opinion is the loose leaf interchangeable system, failing that make use of a blank paged exercise book leaving ample space for expansion in new issues, mount all stamps on the hinge system and use good mounts.

Collect all the different kind of postage stamps you can without purchasing them singly, decide which countries stamps you like best and make a specialty of them, at the same time picking up stamps for the other countries when you can do so by means of exchanging other duplicates for them, or by begging them from friends who are not themselves collectors.

Stamps pay for the keeping. A real live philatelist will hesitate when tempted to part with a single stamp unless he (or she) happens to have a duplicate copy quite as good. If at any time you should feel inclined to clear out, take my advice and just place them on one side for a while and you will take

up the hobby again with renewed enthusiasm.

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### A POSTAL CURIOSITY

Mr. D. J. Cruickshank, Toronto writes: "I have just added a curiosity to my specialized collection of B.N.A. stamps and postal curios. When calling at my local post office recently, the Postmaster had ran short of postage due stamps, and used in its place an ordinary 2c. stamp, duly cancelling same and sticking it on my letter. I would like to hear from readers who may have anything similar. Of course a stamp of this kind would have to be on original cover to prove its authenticity.

Are postmasters allowed to resort to ordinary stamps in lieu of postage dues?

(We are informed by Postmaster Nicoll, Regina, that postmasters are not allowed to resort to ordinary stamps in such cases. They are obliged to keep sufficient stamps of all denominations on hand.—Ed.)

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Clarence P. DeKay, editor and proprietor of The Stamp Journal, Florida, N.Y., writes: "I wish you every success with the Canadian Philatelist and will help you in any way."

C. W. Martin, Picton, Ont., writes "If the results from my next six months advertising is as productive of results as the past six months has been I will be well pleased."

Edwin Fuss, Newark, N.Y., in enclosing advt. says, "Received copy of The Canadian Philatelist and like it very much."

## AN APPRECIATION FROM MINNEAPOLIS.

To the Editor of "Canadian Philatelist."

Having travelled through South America and the States, I have come in constant touch with stamp collectors, being addicted to the hobby myself.

I was very much surprised to find as a stranger to your city, that Regina boasted of a "Philatelic Magazine," as well as a "Philatelic Society."

Mr. Golder made my brief visit most interesting, and needless to say we exchanged duplicates and chatted on Philatelic matters.

If there were a few more stamp papers like the "Canadian Philatelist," the interesting hobby would take on a new aspect.

I hope to attend the "Dominion Exposition," and would like to see Mr. Golder's collection of Japanese stamps put on exhibition. It certainly would stimulate interest as Japanese stamps are a most interesting field to specialize in.

ROY E. SMITH.

## NEW ZEALAND'S NEW STAMPS

Some particulars have just been made public with regard to the new issue of postage stamps, which Mr. Bertram MacKenna, A.R.A., has been commissioned to design for the Dominion. The Hon. James Carroll (Acting Postmaster General) states that all the new stamps will bear the representation of King George, and their denomination in Arabic numbers. They will be of the same colors

as the present issue, namely, green for the halfpenny, red for the penny, and blue for the two-penny-halfpenny, this being in accordance with an arrangement agreed upon by all the countries included in the Postal Union. It has not yet been decided whether any change is to be made in the design of the higher valued stamps. The designs will be approved by Sir Joseph Ward during his visit to London.

## REGISTRATION LABELS

Charles E. Jenney, writing in The Stamp Journal says: "Those seeking information on every phase of postal matters cannot afford to overlook the registered letter labels of the different countries or of their specialized countries. These labels do not express any value, except in the case of the few countries that use the labels with expressed value as a registration stamp. They are usually perforated, bear the name of the issuing city, and the registered serial number besides the large R, which I understand is the sign the Postal union requires to quickly denote registration to the clerk of any nation. In the United States few, if any, cities besides the ports of entry employ these registration labels. In some foreign countries, such for instance as Germany, every large city seems to have one. In England many of the large cities employ them, yet sometimes the simple letter R in magnified size on a perforated and gummed label is used.

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### THE FIRST AEROPLANE POST

If Paris interested the world, during its siege by the Germans, by instituting a balloon (outwards) mail, Allahabad will go down to posterity as the first city to organize an aeroplane post, in order to demonstrate to the folks of the city of Akbar what could be done in the matter of mails by the latest achievement of modern science. Accordingly, the representatives of the Humber Company obtained special permission from the Postmaster-General of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh to inaugurate the first "aerial post" in connection with the Allahabad Exhibition. The letters are carried from the U.P. Exhibition by Humber aeroplane to a distant point and forwarded thence to all parts. The stamps bear the special postmark "First Aerial Post. U.P. Exhibition, Allahabad," and as this is the first of its kind ever used by a Government post office, stamp collectors will be keen on getting examples of it, and in time they will become valuable. An extra six annas

charged over and above the face-value of the stamp, goes to the funds of the Oxford and Cambridge Hostel, Allahabad.

### STAMP DESIGNS WANTED.

Skilled artists are invited to submit competitive designs for a uniform postage stamp for the Australian Commonwealth. The size of the stamp for which designs are invited will be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. by  $\frac{7}{8}$  in. oblong. Designs must not exceed four times the measurements specified for the stamps, and should be accompanied by photographic reductions to the sizes required for the stamps. Two premiums, one of \$500 and one of \$250, will be paid for the designs which are adjudged by a board, to be appointed for the purpose of adjudicating on the designs submitted by competitors, to be first and second respectively in order of merit, provided such designs are deemed worthy of being awarded a premium. The designs must contain features characteristic of Australia, and also the words "Australia" and "Postage," as well as the stamp value in Arabic figures or in both figures and letters.

Mr. F. Percy Collingwood is preparing a list of Canadian precancelled stamps for an early issue of "The Stamp Journal."

A subscriber from Coimbatore, India, writes "My little want advt in The Canadian Philatelist brought me many inquiries from Canada, United States and one from Belgium."

## Monthly Perforations

The Government might well advertise the powers of a ten-cent special delivery stamp as the telegraph companies have advertised their "night telegrams." Why not push this special delivery stamp? asks the Postal World. "Let the public know they may send a letter of 50 words, 500 words, or as many words as they wish, and have the letter delivered in the cities, having free delivery, up till 10 p.m., or if train arrives after 10 p.m. then delivery is made at 7 o'clock the following morning."

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Clarence P. Dekay, proprietor of the Stamp Journal, Florida, New York, writes, "Last issue (March) is a dandy."

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Edwin W. Fuss, the well known dealer of Newark, N.J., writes: "Received copy of the Canadian Philatelist and liked it very much am enclosing advertisement for next issue."

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King Alfonso of Spain is very sick and reports indicate that his country is in like condition.

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John H. C. Fernley, London, England, writes, "I have just received The Canadian Philatelist for March and must say that the appearance of same is very attractive."

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The man who invented perforated sheets of stamps made a big fortune out of the idea. It is said to have first occurred to a

hunting man who wanted to stamp a letter but could not lay his hand on knife or scissors. He suddenly bethought himself of his spur. Running the rowel along, he perforated the edges of the stamp, tore it off and thus started a revolution.

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D. A. Kingsbury, Rouleau, Saskatchewan, one of our first subscribers in renewing his subscription, says: I wish The Canadian Philatelist all success."

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Henry E. Bushey, Kingston, Ont. says: "I wish The Canadian Philatelist you on the April number of The Canadian Philatelist, it is the best I have seen yet. Please send sample copies to each of the following collectors."

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The new King George stamps of Great Britain will not now appear until the end of June at the earliest and will probably be first obtainable in small booklets containing 18 penny and 12 half-penny stamps.

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Twenty-five years ago on April 6th, was enumeration day at the Edmonton, Alberta, post office. The count showed 628 letters, 446 papers, 22 parcels, 15 post-cards, 2 books and 27 free letters going out.

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Japan, says the Stamp Journal, has the credit of possessing the cheapest postage in the world. In the land of the Mikado a letter may be sent throughout the length and breadth of the country for two



sen—equivalent to one-eighth of a cent. Strangely enough, even under these conditions the Japanese post office department is run at a considerable profit to the nation, the revenue for the year 1909 amounting to £2,299,162, which showed a surplus over expenditure of £511,250.

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The general superintendent and part owner of one of the larger groups of paper mills in the world, has risen to his position largely as the result of constant study of the materials and reactions in paper working processes, and through experiments which he based upon the knowledge thus acquired. Wherever the paper of a mill began mysteriously to "go wrong" and defied local remedies, he came to be in demand, and his seemingly miraculous cures, wrought by the slightest remedies or changes at times, and based simply upon his intimate knowledge of what the conditions should be in each detail of the process brought him his reputation and rank.

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Ewen's Weekly Stamp News says that the four high values, Bavaria one mark, red violet; two marks, orange; three marks, brown, and five marks green, have been issued on paper, watermarked with horizontal wavy lines close together.

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Reprints of the old German Thurn and Taxis stamps have now been placed on sale to the public. Only 33 varieties of the complete set have been printed, each stamp has printed on the back the letters "N. D.", viz. "New druck." The face value of the set of reprints is about \$1.00, but they

are offered to the public at 15 marks the set, single sets being supplied only to those who have booked orders in advance. The reprinted stamps are as follows: Northern District; 1852-58; 1-4. 1-3, 1-2, 1 (light and dark blue), 3 sgr. 1859: 1-4, 1-2, 2, 3 sgr. 1862-64: 1-3 1-2, 1 sgr. 1865: 1-4, 1-2, 1, 2, 3 sgr. Southern District: 1852: 1, 3 (blue and dark blue), 6, 9 kr. 1859: 1, 3, 6, 9 kr. 1862: 3, 6, 9 kr. 1865: 1 kr.

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Russia, slow as it may be thought by Canadians, is at last beginning to adopt up-to-date postal methods. The Moscow Post Office has made a contract with an automobile company for carrying all mails between the general and branch offices and the railroad stations. Consul General Snodgrass says: "There are to be 23 motors, carrying capacity 2,160 pounds each, and two platform trucks, each carrying 6,480 lbs. These automobiles are all of 20 horse power and of French origin. The contract, including chauffeurs, is \$3,708 a year for each motor; total \$92,700. Since the introduction of the 25 motors the num-

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ber of horses used in carrying the mails has been reduced from 252 to 148, which will be further reduced this year when 15 more motors are added. It is also intended to install a few cars of 10,800 pounds capacity. The new arrangement was considered the most economical, considering local conditions."

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At a recent sale in Chicago a complete sheet of twenty, one shilling, lake, o.g. perfection Newfoundland stamps realized \$20.35.

The new issue for Portuguese Nyassa have made their appearance ahead of time. The stamps are similar to the last issue, but the portrait of the ex-King Manuel takes the place of that of the late King Carlos, and for this reason the stamps are all overprinted with the word "Republica." The central designs of the 2½, 5 and 10 reis values are of the old "giraffe" type, and the 75, 100 and 200 reis show the well known "dromedaries." The other values are of new designs, the 20, 25 and 50 reis bear a representation of Burchell's zebra, and the three highest values an illustration of the ship the celebrated Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama sailed in.

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A penny postage between Australia and the Overseas dominions of the British Empire is to be established this month. The reform which has long been delayed, is one that is sure to prove to be popular, and to bring a large postal revenue in its train.

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The work of the British colonial postal departments has enormously

increased in recent years. During 1909 the 18,399 post-offices in India dealt with 767,922,728 letters and cards, 101,192,285 newspapers, book packets and circulars, 6,140,819 parcels and 13,244,097 telegrams. The figures for Australia are: Letters 372,501,343, newspapers, etc., 201,839,873, parcels 2,917,464, telegrams 13,890,277; Canada, letters 479,670,000, newspapers 85,940,800. The Canadian figures have been more than doubled in nine years.

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"And now, I suppose I must stick the confounded stamps on myself" said the irate customer in the Post Office, who had been fuming at the delay.

"Perhaps they would be more useful on the parcel," answered the young lady sweetly.

#### COUNTING THE COST

The price of a stamp in a New York hotel.

To the head bellboy for directing you to an under bellboy	\$0.25
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Price of stamp .....	.0
To the girl behind the counter for licking the stamp..	.25
To another bellboy for showing you to the mail box..	.10
To the bellboy for holding up lid of mail box .....	.10
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Estimated Population	Amount Per Capt.
Toronto .. .. .	341,000 \$5.01
Montreal .. . . .	500,000 2.12
Winnipeg .. . . .	160,000 4.34
Vancouver .. . . .	120,000 2.14
Hamilton .. .. .	73,000 2.78
Halifax .. . . .	50,000 2.28
Ottawa .. . . .	90,000 2.33
Quebec .. . . .	75,000 1.95
St. John N..B.	56,000 1.98
Calgary .. . . .	40,000 3.15
London .. . . .	48,000 2.02
Victoria .. . . .	35,000 2.77
Brantford .. . . .	21,000 2.49
Edmonton .. . . .	25,000 3.00
Regina .. . . .	20,000 4.15
Saskatoon .. . . .	16,000 2.31
Lethbridge .. . . .	13,000 2.15
Brandon .. . . .	14,000 3.78
Moose Jaw .. . . .	14,000 2.35
Total } .. . . .	2,161,000 \$2.42

From the above it will be seen that in point of postal revenue per head of population Regina stands third in the Dominion with a per capita revenue of \$4.15 being exceeded only by Montreal and Winnipeg, with \$5.01 and \$4.34 per capita respectively.

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