CANADIAN ITEMS
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An item recently appeared in the Mail and Empire reporting the receipt of a letter from Moscow, sixteen years after date of posting. Distance about one hundred miles.

This reminds me of Old Algate Pump in London, England. The pump a structure about six feet in height, on three stone steps, stood at a point where two streets met in V shape. For years the handle had been removed, and when improvements caused the removal of the pump it was found to have been used as a letter-box.

Lately I posted parcels of stamps to Russia and New Zealand, first making enquiries of the postmaster if same were sufficiently paid and everything all right. To my surprise they were received by dead letter post. Russian marked insufficiently paid by 64c. New Zealand “No declaration.” Fortunately my return card was on them or in due time those parties would have been put down as not over particular in making exchanges.


I have noticed several reports that the P.O. department at Ottawa have a supply of two-cent purple stamped envelopes. This may be the case, but some time ago, $22.50 sent for one thousand was returned with remarks, “issue exhausted.”

We often hear the remark, what foolishness to collect stamps but who are the most foolish, those who do or do not?

Stamp collecting was first introduced by a Belgium school-master in the early ’40’s who saw the benefits his scholars would derive.

Although the number of collectors has increased one thousand fold, there is still money to be made in collecting, at least that has been my experience, since again taking up the hobby.

Those readers of the Philatelic Advocate who noticed an article in a Toronto paper in July, representing the prices that an English firm would pay for certain values of Jubilee and Maple Leaf issues and anticipating sending any away, would do well to write first, or state the lowest cash price they will take. The writer knows of returns made on several varieties considerable less than prices referred to and on these varieties less than same would have brought here. Of course no blame can be attached to the firm, as the Stamp Market fluctuates the same as other articles of commerce, and no doubt the high prices sent considerable numbers of stamps across the waters.