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THE STAMPS OF NOVA SCOTIA NEW BRUNSWICK, AND P. E. ISLAND.

BY C. F.

The Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island now known as the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, had previous to their confederation with the other provinces forming the Dominion in 1867, each a separate issue of stamps.

The earlier issues of the stamps of these countries have now become very rare, some of them almost unattainable, and are only known to a great many collectors by what they see of them in Albums or Catalogues, therefore for the benifit of those Collectors we will try to give a description of them.

We will first consider the stamps of Nova Scotia; The first stamps used in this province were issued in 1857 and were of four values. viz.

1 Penny	Red-Brown.
3 Pence	Blue.
6 Pence	Green.
1 Shilling	Violet.

The design of the 3d, 6d and 1sh, are the same. Large square stamps, unperforated printed in colour on coloured paper, having a crown enclosed in a small octangular frame, the top of which points towards the angles of the stamp are around the crown and octagon, eight pointed stars forming a circle. The outside points of four of the stars are cut off by the marginal frame containing the name. these four stars have coloured lines running through them flower viz. The one at the top of the crown a rose at the botton a mayflower (the emblem of Nova Scotia), at the right hand side a thistle, at the left a clover: plain disks containing the numerals of value at the angles, from each of which too curved lines extend, one each side of the stars containing the flowers and meeting a little above the centre of the other stars; on the four sides is the inscription *Nova Scotia (value in letters) Postage.*

The one penny is of much the same design the main difference being that instead of a crown in the centre as in the case of the others it has a portrait of Queen Victoria crowned with necklace and earrings, enclosed in a square with engine-turned ground set diagonally with the sides of the stamp the square being larger than the octagon it cuts into the circle of stars. The marginal frame containing the name is also smaller. This stamp was used mostly for local postage in the City of Halifax N.S .

Of the 3d there are two varieties, one dark blue on blue paper, the other light blue on light blue paper with dark blue border.

Of the 6d we have as many as three distinct shades (1) yellow-green on ligh green paper. (2) Dark green on light green paper. (3) Dark green on blue tinted paper.

There are also two varieties of the one shilling mauve, and tiolet, while of the 1d. we do not know of any but the one.

A slight difference from the 3d, shilling occurs in the 6d, each of the letters in the words *Six pence Postage* have a fine line in color running through them.

The shilling as I have before mentioned has become almost unatainable on account of the comparatively few that passed through the post, two 6d or four 3d beidg generally used when the postage was of that amount.

In 1860 the currency of the country was changed from the old £. s. d. to dollars cents, a new issue of stamps being the result, at the time of the change a large quanity of the old stamps were lying in the post office at Halifax several offices for which were made to the Government by dealers, but they foolishly thinking that the dealers would put them to some illigitimate use, gave orders for them all to be burnt.

(To be Continued)

SOMETHING IN IT.

By Climax.

A good many persons think stamp collecting a very foolish thing because they can see nothing to be gained from it: This results from the fact that they know nothing about it. Stamp collecting is one of the most profitable and instructive pursuits in which one can engage.

1st It is profitable because as there are now such a number of collectors all of which are continually acquiring more stamps, the older and obsolete ones are ever getting rarer and demand a higher price each year.

Thus the dealers who buy in quantities from parties in all parts of the world and sell singly to collectors make a profit, and the collector need never lose as he can always dispose of a stamp for what it cost him.

When we remind those who are not acquainted with the value of stamps that the 1 shilling of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are worth from $8 to $12, and others such as "The Connell" "Battleboro" etc. are worth from $100.00 upwards, they will readily see the [illegible] in [illegible]

2nd. It is instructive apart from being considered as a science, in a geographical point of view as every country that issues stamps, has some particular characteristic belonging to the country on them. Take for instance our own Canadian stamps, the moment one looks at one of them, he sees that it belongs to a colony of Great Britain, and knows its government. Take the Egyptian stamps, we see upon them a representation of the Pyramids, and one's imagination is carried back to the time of the Pharaohs, and the bondage of the Israelites, and we know that they must represent that country. Again if we take the stamps of the United States one will be able to trace its history, its form of Government and coinage, for on them we see the poitraits of its Presidents, and many historic events.

Now parents assist your boys if they show an inclination to collect these little pieces of paper, and you boys endeavonr to obtain all the instruction and good out of your stamp collecting that yon can, and when your Pater or Mater are doubtful as to the existance or location of any place, bring into use your knowledge and show that the time spent in collecting these stamps, has not only been pleasantly but profitably spent.

THE INVENTION OF THE POSTAGE STAMPS.

A great amount has of late been said and written in all Philatelic circles and and Publications in regard as to whom the right of invention of the postage stamp belongs, and still no definite conclusion has been arrived at. One writer advocates Sir Rowland Hill, another James Chalmers, another Dr. Gray and so on, until we have at least a half a dozen for whom the honour is claimed, now, they cannot all have invented it at once, some one of them must have been first, and from what we can gather of the

A lengthly article lately appeared in *The Leader* of New York entitled "Monumental Fraud," in which it was stated that Sir. Rowland Hill who for the last 50 years has been credited with inventing the adhesive penny postage stamp, and to whose memory a monument has been erected in London, had stolen the idea from James Chalmers of Dundee, giving the circumstances of the discovery as follows:—

"Mr. Patrick Chalmers, a wealthy Scotchman who for many years had been living abroad, read in a Dundee paper which had been sent to him by some relative that at the occasion of Sir Rowland Hill's death the local papers of Dundee had recalled the fact that on January 1, 1846, a public testimonial had been presented to Mr. James Chalmers, Mr. Patrick Chalmers' father, at the Dundee Town Hall, in recognition for his services as a postal reformer, the testimonial consisting of a silver jug and salver and a purse of fifty sovereigns. Mr. Chalmers, not knowing that his father had had anything to do with postal reforms, inquired into the subject. He returned to his birth place, the city of Dundee; and, looking over his dead father's long forgotten correspondence, he found ample proof that his father had printed experimental stamps from ordinary type in August, 1834.

A sheet of these stamps, was sent to the commission then taking evidence in different parts of London with a view to reforming the postal system.

Rowland Hill was at that time in London. He had been recalled from Australia, and was waiting for some other political job to turn up. Accidentally making the acquaintance of one of the postal commissioners, he came into the possession of the material gathered by them, and, sharp, shrewd politician as he was, he conceived the plan of pushing himself to the front, and into office again by carrying out the recommendations of the commission. He wrote a phamphlet on uniform postage rates, using the facts aud figures elicited by the commission,

Mr. Chalmers proving to the satisfaction of the Town Council of Dundee the truth of the forgoing, they passed the following resolution :

Considering the proof laid before us by Mr. P. Chalmers, regarding the origin of the adhesive postage stamp, "this Council are of opinion that it has been conclusively shown that the late James Chalmers, bookseller, Dundee was the originator of this indispensible feature in the success of the reformed Penny Postage Scheme, and that such be entered upon the minutes."

The proof of Hill's fraudulent claim has been conclusively established. In August, 1834, James Chalmers had made in his printing office at Dundee, experimental adhesive stamps, printed in sheets, gummed and ready to be cut off and used separately as occasion required; he had communicated his plan pretty generally, at the time and subsequently, to the many parties with whom he was associated in advancing postal reforms, and seems to have promulgated his views in a printed circular fully explaining the plan, which is identical witht hat adopted and now in use. This was accompanied by samples of the proposed stamps.

The plan was then sent to Mr. Hill, in London, and adopted in December, 1839. Mr. James Chalmers, on again writing to Mr. Hill about his invention, is coolly informed (January, 1840) that he (Hill) had himself proposed the adhesive stamp in 1837 before Mr. Chalmers. Mr. Chalmers in reply expressed his surprise, enclosed Mr. Hills, letter of 1838, and contenting himself with the only satisfaction he had had in this, as well as former suggestions, all original with him, was, that these have been adopted, and hav proved beneficial to the public. Awaited that tardy justice which atfer nearly half a century now begins to acknowledge his claim to the world.

The intended inscription upon Hill's monument was left out by the Mayor of London upon the proof being furnished

to him by Patrick Chalmers that Hill was not being what he had for forty years represented himself to be. But the general public do not, as yet, know that Sir Rowland Hill was a fraud, because the capitalistic press of England refuses to make these facts known. THE LEADER is the first daily paper which has fully set forth the truth in this matter. Let the workingmen's papers in England follow suit, and copy this atricle for their readers, that they may agitate for the removal of the fraudulent monument.

From the above article we should say that Sir Rowland Hill will have to take a back seat, but as this is only one side of the story, and as Sir Rowland's character may perhaps be painted in colors a little too dark, we will not be too harsh upon him, if the above statemente are true, a great part of the fault lies with Mr. Chalmers in not asserting his right at a time when he could have easily done so, and thus saving the world from all this trouble now of finding out the right one, which however should be done as. All Honour to whom Honour is due.

We are deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mr. L. M. Hanlin the well known editor and pubiisher of *The Capital City Philatelist*: His loss cannot help but be greatly felt in all circles of Philalely. He was a very able writer and Editor, as shown by the success to which his paper attained, in all business matters he was thoroughly honest, and in private life a perfect gentleman.

The Postmaster General of Canada in his report of 1885. Showed that there were 7.084 Post offices throughout the Dominion with 50.461 miles of post route an incrase over 1884 of 247 new post offices established with 3.330 miles of new post offices routes. The entire postal revenue was $2.400.062.08 and the expenditure $3.097.882.49. were 3,930,000 register letters post- of these 229 miscarried from various causes. The Revenue of the Halifax offices was $46.232 89 expenditure 54.753. 68.

Mr. L. W. Durbin, has kindly consented to take charge ot our New Issue column, and we are very glad that it is in such good hands, Mr. Durbin is as we all know a standard in regard to all philatelic points as well as one of the largest dealers in America, he has built his business up during the last seventeen years. from a small capital of $25 until now it has reached immense proportions, one motto he has always kept in mind "Never put offtill to-morrow what can be done to-day.' We tender him our best wishes on this the first of another year, and hope that his present success may long continue.

GRAND DRAWING.

In order to give this paper *The Halifax Philatelict* a wide circulation. we have decided to hold a Grand Drawing on the 20th of February 1887. When the following splended prizes will be drawn for.

1st. prize One 6d. Nova Scotia stamp [1857]
2nd. prize One 1d Nova Scotia " " [1857]
3rd. prize One set Nova Scotia stamps [1860]
4th. prize One 3d Nova Scotia " " [1857]
5th. prize One set of 10 Newfoundland stamps.

A chance to obtain anyone of these prizes will be given to every one who subscribes to our paper before the 20th of February next.

The price of our paper is only 25 cents per year, the same as most all the Philatelic publications; we do not charge any thing extra for the chance for a prize, all you will have to do is to enclose us 25 cents in U S. unused postage stamps and

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pointed for the drawing the numbers will be written on small pieces of paper, which when folded will be placed in a small box. A committee of gentlemen who will be chosen to superintend the drawing will hire a boy, who having been blindfolded will put his hand into the box containing the numbers from which he will draw one; and the person whose name corresponds on the list with the number drawn will obtain the first prize, the next prize will then be drawn, and so on until all are disposed of.

An account of the Drawing with the names of the winners and the names of the gentlemen forming the committee will be published in the March number of this paper.

Send at once 25 cents and have your name put on the list, and you will get the *Halifax Philatelist* for one year and a try for one of the above splended prizes together with a Newfoundland stamp to *every* subscriber, all for 25 cents. This is an offer no one can afford to miss, and will only remain open until the 20th of February next.

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Box 219 Halifax, Nova Scotia.

We are deeply grieved to see the vast amount of enmity which exists between some of our best papers; In a science like Philately such should not be, instead of everlastingly going for one another and calling each other hard names, they should strive to pull in unison, it does neither any good to Philately or to the papers at variance and only helps t degenerate both. If we were in the political arena where there are two sides to the question then it would be excusable for to be anything we would either have to take one side or the other, but in Philately there is only one end aimed at to make Philately an elevating science, and as the Phelatelic press ought to be the chief instrument used in doing this

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WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

It is with feelings of pleasure that we make our appearance before the Philatelic Public, especially the collectors of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, whose interests we sincerely hope to benefit; before undertaking the publication of *The Halifax Philatelic*, we gave the matter great consideration, and we came to the conclusion that to forward the interests of the collectors of the Provinces a good Stamp Journal was the main thing needed.

In the United States and in most all other countries, nearly every city and town containing a dozen or more collectors is represented by its Stamp Paper and here in the Dominion where there are a great nunber of most ardent collectors, there are only one or two such Journals.

We intended to have made our appearance about the first of last September and indeed advertised to that effect, but owing to unavoidable circumstances, we were unable to appear so we delayed it until the first of the present year

We are glad to be able to say that so far we cannot complain, a large number of the important dealers seeing that THE HALIFAX PHILATELIST would to a great extent cover a new field, have favored us with their advertisements, and we intend if possible to repay them for their confidence. Thousands of sample copies will be mailed, prizes and premiums will be offered, and everything that can give the paper a wide spread circulation will be done. We alao intend to enlarge it and devote more space to Exchange Notices and Correspondence so that subscribers may also receive the full worth of their money.

Our future therefore looks bright, and if the collectors in whose interests we appear will give us their support, we will promise them a good return for their favors.

We beg leave to call attention to ou Grand Drawing advertised in another column; the prizes offered are well worth the price of a try, which is only 25 cents, apart from a subscription to the paper. But when the two are combined and you obtain in connection with a subscription to THE HALIFAX PHILATELIST for one year, a try for one of the valuable prizes given by us, also a Newfoundland stamp free, we would say that any one not sending us 25 cents as soon as possible would be doing a very foolith thing.

Exchanges will confer a favor on us by sending two copies, which we will be happy to reciprocate.

To any parties forming a club of five and sending us one dollar ($1.00) we will send five copies of our paper for one year, and put the names down for five tries in our Grand Drawing,

As will be seen our rates for advertising are very low. This is done because we want to give advertisers a chance; they will not always continue as low, so now is the time to give us a standing advertisement, as it will pay you in the futnre

The question was asked us the otner day, "Why don't Halifax have a Philatelic Society the same as most other cities? Surely there are enough collectors? And the only answer we could give was, "There are hnndreds of collectors but they want bringing more together, and that we are going to try to do."

Collectors think over the matter and let us know what you think of starting such a society. It cannot help but benifit you.

In answering advertisements collectors will confer a favor by mentioning this paper.

EXCHANGES.

We have received *The Cumberland Collector* *The Stamp World* *The Youths' Ledger* and *The Philatelic Journal* of *America*, for November, *The Philaletic monthly* and *The Empire State Philatelist* for December.

A Holliday number of the *Philatelic Journal* of America will be issued having a circulation of 25,000 copies. Editor Mekeel deserves great praise for the energy he displays in pushing his paper.

The Stamp World for December has just arrived and is as good as ever.

The Young World another paper from New York is to hand it is a fine little phamplet and is worthy of goo patronage.

Another new one comes to us from Chicago *The Western Philalist*, it contains a large amount of good philateic reading, its support comes chiefly from the Chicago Philatctic Society and therefore should do better than other papers which that flourishing city has endeavoured to furnish. We do not know which of the three Messrs Gadsden Bradt or Wolajeffer is the editor, but consider from the spicy way in which his editorials read that he is a man worthy of the position we wish

The Philatelic Herald Nos. 9 and 10 combined has also been received.

We have been informed upon good authority that a new issue of Stamps from 1 to 10 cent will shortly make their appearance in Newfoundland.

Our thanks are due to Mr. S. B. Bradt, Sec'y of the *American Philatelic Association* for a copy of the official circular we think the A. P. A., a grand institution and hope to see it made a success, one thing we especially endorse, the forming of branch Societies. The Sec'y. would further confer a favor on us by sending us a copy of the Bye-laws.

An automatic postal box is being put up on the lamp posts in Brooklyn. By dropping a cent through the proper slit a Postal card and pencil are brought up, so that a note may be at once written. If a postage stamp is wanted the dropping of two pennies will bring that to view. Postal letter envelopes are also supplied in the same manner, These convenient boxes are already in use in London.—*The Stamp World.*

One thing has evidently been left out in the manufacture of these self-running post offices that is a place where you could drop in a nickle and secure a cigar so as to have comfort in writing your note.

ODD NOTES.

Mr. J. A. Craig of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, informed us that not long since he obtained a genuine Connell stamp of New Brunswick on the original envelope.

Canada is at last to have a new series of post cards; we have not as yet heard of the design, but suppose they will have the portrait of the Queen on them.

The late Mr. Geo. R, Anderson, son in law of Mr. Connell of New Brunswick was an ardent Philatelist he had among Scotia and New Brunswick including the Connell, many of the first issues of Newfoundland, Ceylon, British Guiana Victoria and others too numerous to mention. The collection is now in possession of the family, who prize it very highly.

Philadelphia is to have another paper *The Keystone State Philatelist*, it will be edited and published by Messrs. E. R Durborow, A. F. Henkels and H. S. Jeanes. We wish them all success in their undertaking.

The new 1 cent United States post card has been received, it is printed in black on white card, having Franklyns head side face, in centre at top, contained in a circle. It is of much better design than the last. A new 2 cent stamp is chronicled to appear shortly.

We had the pleasure of seeing quite a curiosity the other day in the shape of an original envelope with a one shilling and sixpence and two one penny Nova Scotia Stamps attached, all properly post marked The happy possessor was Mr. C. Wesley Price of Plymouth, Michigan, who secured it while travelling through Nova Scotia.

A parcel post has lately been inaugurated between the Dominion of Canada and Great Britain at rates averaging between 30 to 50 cents per pound, limit of weight 3 pounds. If you want to send a parcel to the United States you have to pay for it as a letter at the rate of 3 cents per half ounce. Rather steep is it not.

We notice in *The Family Herald* of Dec. 1st the following : " A very extraordinary collection is that of M. de Farrari Ee has spent upwards of £60,000 in acquiring old postage stamps of all nations ! and his collection now fills a large room. It requires the continual services of two librarians to arrange and

specimens which M. de Farrari has procured from every part of the world, during the last 25 years." (Guess he must have a few duplicates.)

Mr. E. Smith of Halifax has lately tried the experiment of sending a p.c. around the world, to see in what time it could be done, and we believe he has succeeded in lowering the record. The card was addressed to the British Consul, Madras, India, via San Francisco and Japan and requested him to remail it as soon as received to 57 Spring Garden Road, Halifax via Bombay and England. It was posted at Halifax Sept. 10th arrived at Madras Oct. 14th was remailed Oct. 15th reached Bombay Oct. 18th Sea P. O., Oct. 22nd and was received at Halifax on the morning of the 23rd Nov. having made the circuit in 73 days.

BLACK LIST.

We intend to publish in this space in every succeeding number a list of all Philatetic frauds, such as dealers who sell fraudulent stamps and dishonest collectors who do not make returns for approval sheets they receive. We are grieved to see the amount of fraud that is carried on in this our favorite study, which does more to hinder its progress and discourage young collectors than anything else. If we wish to make Philately an elevating science we must root out all the evil, and the *Philatelic Press* must be the chief instrument used. We are glad to see that some papers and writers are not afraid to denounce individuals whom they know to be frauds, but the great majority are allowed to go free. The case of Horace C. Jones whose trial took place Oct. 23rd ult. at St. Paul Minn., an account of which appears in Mr. C.H. Makeel's ably edited Journal. The P. J. of A. will we hope be a lesson to others of that class, for although Jones was acquitted it was just a mere chance that he escaped a severe punishment. Therefore we want all honest Philatelists to give us their help by handing us the names of parties

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Constantinople	3 "	05
Corea, complete	5 "	70
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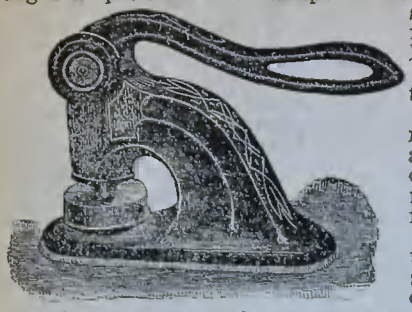

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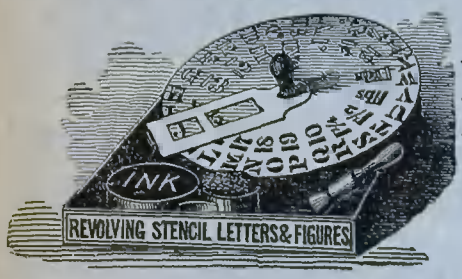

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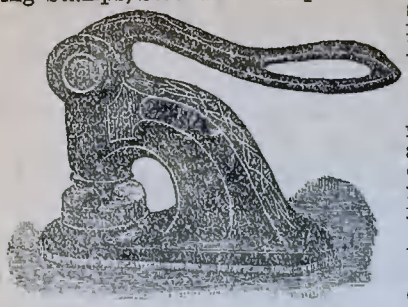

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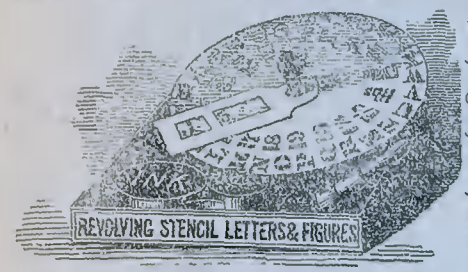

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WATERMARKS.

BY HENRY HECHLER.

The matter of watermarks in stamps is one of the most important features in the science of philately as it is studied at the present day. and forms a branch that no true philatelist can afford to overlook or fail to give attention to.

In fact it is by the watermarks alone that different issues of many stamps can be distinguished and identified.

I purpose to discuss this matter categorically and if my readers will follow me I trust that I may write what will be a benefit to them, and from which they may learn something more of our beautiful science. I intend in the course of my remarks to show by illustrations how watermarks frequently vary, or rather, fix the values of different issues of stamps that are otherwise exactly similar, giving values only where a marked variation exists.

Antigua.—The first issue (1862) of this island bears the watermark of a star. In 1873 the same die was used but the watermark was changed to C C and a crown. Of course in this instance the watermark is an unfailing guide to determine to what issue a given stamp of that colony belongs, as the difference in colors is so slight as to easily lead to doubt. The 1d of the first issue is worth from 6d to 1s' whereas that of the second is valued only at 2d to 3d. In 1880 a new die, similar to those of most of the other West Indian colonies, was introduced The watermark of these is C A and crown.

Argentine Republic.—A peculiarity in the stamps of this country is that the issue of 1864 only had a watermark which consisted of the letters A R as a monogram. The series of this issue consists of three viz;—5c, 10c, and 15c. The first two are worth about 12cts. each and the latter 24cts. A few of this issue also appeared without watermarks and imperferate of which some of the 5c, have been sold as high as $5 each. This shows strongly how important the presence or absence of a watermark sometimes is. It is to be noted that the regular issue of the stamps bearing the monogram A. R as noted above were so printed that the etters appeared in reverse when looked at from the back of the stamp. By some error a small portion of these stamps were printed on the wrong side of the sheet so that, when turned over the monogram read "R A" and was also upside down. These are very rare and, therefore, are naturally much more valuable than the "regulars."

Bahamas – Of the first issue of this group of islands the 1d, was im-

perforate and without watermark. It is extremely rare and is valued at25s. The issue of 1861 was exactly the same except that it was perforate. It also had no watermark. The 1d of this issue is variously valued at from 3 to 4s, each The 4d, and 6d, have a value of 3s. 6d. to 5s. each. The 1862 issue appears to be perforate and has the watermark C C and a crown. The 1d,4d, 6d, and 1s, are valued from 3d to 9d each—showing a marked falling off in the values from the earlier issues. The above quotations are all for used stamps. In 1882 the perforation and type were unchanged, but the watermark became C A and a crown. There are three denominations of this issue —1d, 4 l, and 1s. The first named is worth 2s, and the other two from 2s to 3s each—all unused In 1885 a new die was introduced but the watermark—C A and a crown—was retained.

Barbados.—The first issue was in 1852. It is on blue paper, imperforate and bore no watermark. They are quoted at from 2s 6d to 3s 6d. In the following year the color of the paper was changed to white and quoted values decrease to from 2s 6d to 2s each. From 1856 to 1860 the same type remained in use but the stamps were perforate. In the latter year and till 1864 the stamps bore the watermark of a star. A new type and watermark of C A and a crown were introduced in 1882

Bermuda.—A series of stamps which bore the watermark of C C and a crown was introduced in 1865. In this series we find some instances in which the watermark on the ½d brown is in reverse. Such "errors" are valued at 2s 6d apiece. The colors were changed in 1884 and the watermark became C A and a crown.

British Guiana had its first stamps with watermarks of C C and a crown in 1876. In 1882, owing to the supply of stamps of the smaller denominations running short, a large variety of provisionals was introduced. Among these that are worthy of note were those that were not struck from a cut but that were set up with ordinary type. These were the 1c black on red and 2c black on yellow. Some of them bore the cut of a ship and others of a brig in the centre. To guard against forgery the government had the word "Specimen" perforated diagonally across their centre. These were superseded in the same year by a reissue of the type of 1876 but the new stamps bore the watermark of C A and a crown.

British Honduras.—The first issue consisting of 1d, 6 l and 1s made their appearance in 1865. They are without watermark and are valued, used, at from 6d to 3s 6d. In 1872 a 3d and a 4d were added to the above and the entire set received the watermark of C C and a crown. In 1882 new colors were adopted for the stamps and the watermark was changed to C A and a crown The old color of the 1d was blue and it was changed to rose, but before this change was effected some of the 1d stamps were struck in blue on the paper with the new watermark. These are rare and rank with those of the first issue as to value.

(To be continued.)

S. P. M.

BY THEO. LARSEN.

The question as to whether the French Colonies' stamps surcharged S. P. M. originated through private speculation, or were duly ordered by the postal authorities to be surcharged, seems by this time to be pretty well settled in the philatelic world. Their genuineness being established, which by the way has taken a long time to decide, I thought it would not be amiss to give your readers a little information concerning the subject, having made the different varieties of them a special study.

In the latter part of 1884 we find a scarcity of the smaller denominations of the stamps of the French Colonies, and consequently it was thought expedient to have some of the larger values surcharged in order to tide the panic over, and accordingly we find in January 1885, the first surcharged stamps "poping up serenely." We beho d the regular 2 centimes surcharged with a large 5 in two varities, viz: some with the 5 upside down and others with it in regular position. The numbers surcharged of this variety being according to *Le Timbre Poste* 300. Now, before proceeding further we will just take a few moments for the consideration of these. We will suppose that out of the 300 surcharged 100 being destroyed and lost through the mails, which leaves a balance of 200 for the collectors in the world to grapple for; now out of these 200 to my personal knowledge 50 at least are in possession of parties in Halifax, thus the absurdity is at once apparent when we read in French and German philatelic papers, advertisements offering these varities, not on'y at a sma l price, but (think of the cheek) also by the dozen, and I must say that it serves collectors right to al ow themse ves to be gulled by unprincipled vendors, when a single thought will show that they can be nothing but simple frauds, and should never have a place in any collection kept by gent'emen of principle. As these 300 would not satisfy the cravings of correspondents, we find next a batch of 3600 appearing, this time it being the 1 franc surcharged with 25. Of this lot we a'so find two varieties, the difference being in the surcharge, one with b'ock letters, the other with italics, the variety with the b'ock letters shows the 25 in vertical position with the S P M upside down, This last lot appeared early in March 1885. With regard to this last variety, although quite a number were issued, somehow or other they are hard to obtain genuine, and we wou'd infer that either they have slipped out of existance, or are kept in the shade by some speculator until the "times are better" and then we will hear of them at a fancy figure no doubt.

To be continued.

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Here we are again. Once more to the front with this our second number! We owe an apology to our patrons for not appearing sharp on time on the first of the year, but it was not our fault, as our printer was so over-rushed with work that it was impossible to get our paper out earlier than we did, however we will always be on hand hereafter about the 18th. of each month, when we hope to be able to fully repay all who favor us with their subscriptions. We are glad to be able to disappoint a few "Cranks" who said we would never make a second appearance, which we have done, and will continue to do for some time yet. No one need be afraid to trust us with their subscriptions, for as we have advertised to issue twelve numbers in the year, you may rest assured that you will receive that number; but we cannot go on and make the Halifax Philatelist such a success as we would like to do, if we do not obtain a sufficient amount of patronage in the way of subscriptions. Do not hold off with your subscription for two or three months, because we cannot afford to be forever sending you sample copies; if after this month you do not send in your subscriptions we will conclude that you do not want our paper, and will discontinue sending it.

We can, we think, without bragging, claim a place among the best philatelic papers in America, for although not as large as some our reading matter is as good as any, and a great deal better than a good many of the journals that are received by us. We intend always to give a large space to reading matter, and not crowd it out by advertisements,

To advertisers we would recommend ourselves, both on account of our extremely low rates, and our rapidly increasing circulation. We intend next month if possible to add another four pages especially for advertising matter. Almost all those who advertised in the first number have continued with us. This fact speaks for itself as an advertising medium. We would however be pleased to have a few more good standing ads., and as our prices cannot always remain at the present low figure now is the time to send them along.

Last month our *Exchange Notes* were crowded out on account of an over abundance of other reading matter.

The Philatelists of Halifax are, as

the saying is, *Slow* but *sure*, they are *sure* a Philatelic Society would be a very good thing to have here, but they are pretty *slow* in forming one, they are also rather *slow* in sending along their subscriptions, but we are *sure* they only want reminding of the fact, to *ensure* us quite a number of subscribers.

We have been very fortunate this month in securing an article from Mr. Henry Hechler, of this city. Mr. Hechler is one of the best philatelic writers in America, but he finds but little time in which to write, as his large business engrosses all his time. Mr. Hechler has now been a dealer for twelve years and a collector since 1858; his collection is one of the most perfect in existance, and the varieties which he always has in stock are not to be obtained from many other dealers. In 1885 he captained a company of the Halifax Battalion which went to the North West to help quell the Reil Rebellion; he also served in the Franco-German war, for both of which events he received medals. Latterly he has gone into the coin as well as the stamp business, in which we wish him every success.

We have decided to abandon the idea of having a drawing, because as we have a large number of subscribers and as they all want the prize, we feel that too many of them will be dissapointed at not receiving anything, so in place of it we will offer a splendid premium to every subscriber, including those who have already subscribed. A full list of premiums will appear in next number. In order to give more room to reading matter of more interest the New Issues will be discontinued, as they are the same in almost every philatelic paper.

We would advise all who receive this number to read Mr. Hechler's article on the different watermarks of stamps. It is a first class article and cannot help throwing much light on the subject as Mr. Hechler has made it a special study.

As to the genuineness of the Macao stamps of which doubt has lately existed, we are able to inform our readers that we have received used specimens direct from that country. They were issued in 1884.

We would just mention here for the benefit of advertisers that we do not keep sending copies of our paper to the same parties time after time, in the hope of obtaining their subscriptions, but as we have a large list of addresses, we send very many copies around to new ones each issue, and to collectors and others we would also say that if you want to receive the next and following numbers of the *Halifax Philatelist* you had better subscribe right now. You will obtain as much if not more *original* reading in it as in any other philatelic paper in America.

Exchanges.

We are very much pleased with the appearance of the January number of *The Stamp*, it has improved wonderfully in the last few months, Philately must be rushing in Denver.

The Curiosity World has at last reached us, we must say it is a fine paper, containing lots of very interesting reading matter. Friend Hubbard shows himself to be a very energetic publisher.

Scott & Co's *Coin Collectors' Journal* has just been received and contains a lot of news of interest to coin collectors.

The fourth number of the *Collectors' Review* is a nice little four-page paper. For a small paper it has quite a lot of interesting news.

The *Cumberland Collector* for January comes to us in very good form, and is of a much better appearance than formerly. We hope to see it advance in the same proportion in the future as it has done in the past.

Our thanks are again due to Sec'y Bradt for a copy of the *American Philatelist*, the organ of the A.P.A. it is rather small, but good, and will, we are sure, improve in time—especially as it is in such good hands. we wish it and the Association all the success possible.

The January of *The Stamp World* is a very respectable looking Journal it appears in a new cover and has the name changed to *The Stamp World and Wise and Otherwise.* It is one of the very best of our exchanges, and we are always glad to see it. Come often !

Other papers received, *The Philatelic Tribune*, *The Monthly Advertiser*, *The Philatelic Monthly*, *The Peerless Review*, *The Collectors' Review*, and several others.

ODD NOTES.

A number of Ferry Tokens have lately come to light, but are still as great a rarity as ever.

The new Gibralter stamps are out, and are of the same type as the other British Colonies. The used surcharges will soon become pretty rare.

A rather ancient epistle was the other day resurrected from an old trunk, by Mr. A. Dickson, of Antigonishe, N. S., it was dated December 9th, 1795, and was written by the Rev. D. Cock, of Truro, and addressed to his son Capt. W. Cock, of the ship "Katharine," of Pictou, about to sail to London.

The new English stamps in honor of the Jubilee of Queen Victoria are to hand. They are rather handsome and are all of different types. The general feature seems to be, the head of Queen in small circle at top, with wreath on arms, and number below.

Mr. Geo. H. Richmond, will issue this month, a work on which he has been some time engaged *The American Press Directory.* It will be the most complete of its kind ever issued, and will be mailed free to every dealer in America.

We have in our possession an oddity, a very few of which are known to be in existance, it being a three cent of the present issue of Canada, bnt instead of being red, it is of a very dark brown shade, almost black, it is genuine, and unused, as it was purchased among others at the Post Office. A brown 2 ct. and a blue five cent registration are also known to be held by parties here.

A gentleman handed us a number of stamps the other day, which had come off of letters that had been in the mail of the *S. S. Oregon*, and had been in the salt water several months The color of the English stamps remained intact, but the French were all more or less changed.

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Dear Sir,

I have in my possession some old letters, a description of which may interest the readers of your paper. I wish also to get more information about them. One was sent from Prince Edward Island to Guysborough, on which are two post marks, Post Office, P. E. Island in large capital letters, in a circle with an outer and inner circular frame, leaving a blank centre, in which was placed the date, (26 Feb. 34) in ink with a pen. The other post mark is Halifax, N. S. (Mar 10 1834). At the right side the postage is marked thus :

4
11
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8
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WATERMARKS.

BY HENRY HECHLER.

Canada.—In 1860 envelopes had a watermark P. O. D. C. A. and water lines running diagonally from the left upper to the right lower edges. The envelopes of 1877 have waterlines running semi-diagonally from the right upper to the left lower edges. In some these lines run from the left upper to the right lower edges. These latter are very rare.

Cape of Good Hope.—The first issue (triangular) had a watermark of an anchor. When the new type (rect) was introduced in 1864—which is the same now used—the stamps bore the watermark C C and a crown which was changed in 1882 to C A and a crown.

Cashmere.—A marked divergence in the stamps of this country is that the first issue (circular) of 1866 are printed on paper of native and those of 1877 on that of European manufacture, but the same dies were used with both.

Ceylon.—Of the first issue (1857) the ½d only has no watermark. All the others of the series have a star and are imperforate. They are valued at from 1s. 6d. to 20s. In 1861 the stamps were perforate but the same watermark was retained. Quotations for these are the same as for those of the preceding issue. The 1863 issue was also perforated but had no watermark. These are very rare some being hardly procurable. In 1862 the watermark of C C and a crown was adopted. In 1882 a new type was introduced, but the watermark was continued the same till 1883 when it was changed to C A and a crown, and the colors of the stamps were then also changed.

China.—The first issue (1878) had no watermark and it was not till 1886 that a watermark, which was in the likeness of a conch shell, was adopted at the same time that a new type was introduced.

Cuba.—A peculiarity of the three first issues of Cuban stamps is that they are only distinguishable from each other by their different watermarks. The first (1855) has a sort of fringe of loops or lacing from each the upper and the lower edges; the second (1856) had a watermark of lozenges; and the third (1857) has no watermark.

Cyprus.—The first issue for this island made their appearance in 1880. They were merely the ordinary British stamps surcharged with the name of the island. The watermarks will be described when I reach Great Britain in this narration. In 1881 a regular issue was made for Cyprus which had the watermark C C and a crown, and was succeeded in 1883 by that of C A and a crown.

Dominico.—The first issue (1874) had the watermark of C C and a crown,

which was retained till 1883, when, as in other British Colonies, it became C A and a crown.

Falkland Islands.—When the first regular issue of stamps for this group appeared in 1878 they had no watermark, and they continued so till 1884 when they received that of C A and a crown. The first mentioned are rare. Some of the 1d. of the current issue by an "error" have the watermark sideways, these are valued at from 1s. 6d. to 2s.

Gambia.—In 1869 the first issue appeared. They were of the values of 4d. and 6d. and were imperforate and without watermark. These are very rare and difficult to procure. This type was retained until 1880, when the watermark of C C and a crown was adopted, five new values ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d. and 1s. were added to the set and all were perforated.

Gold Coast.—Stamps were introduced in 1875, which bore the watermark of C C and a crown, which was changed in 1884 to C A and a crown, and new colors were adopted.

Great Britain.—The first issue of stamps was made in 1840, and was imperforate and without watermarks. Perforation was adopted there in 1854, and still obtains a watermark,—a small crown—was also then introduced, in 1855-6 for the crown were substituted on some stamps a middle-sized garter and on others a smaller one. Between 1854 and 1864 a larger crown than that mentioned above sometimes appears as a watermark. From 1862 to 1865 the watermark was four heraldic flowers for all the stamps except the 4d. which bore a large garter. In 1867 the watermark for all stamps from the 3d. to the 2s. was changed to a spray of roses. The 5s. had a large Maltese cross as had also 10s. and £1 of 1878. The small ½d. of 1870 has for a watermark its value in words. The ½d. of 1873 has a watermark of a large crown, and the 6d. of the same year of a spray. In 1874-5 the 2½d. had a anchor and the 3d., 6d., and 1s. a spray. The 2½d. in 1876-8 had an orb and the 4d. and 8d. a garter. In 1881 the watermarks of all values was changed to a large crown. In 1883 the 2s 6d., 5s., 10s., £1 and £5 had an anchor. In 1884 a new type, values running from ½d. to £1, received a large crown as a watermark.

Grenada.—The first issue (1d. and 6d) had no water marks and are extremely rare. In 1864 the same stamps had a star as a watermark, as had also the provisional issue of 1881, with the addition of cross-lines. In 1882 the regular issue was adopted. It was a series of seven running from ½d. to 1s., and had a water mark of C A and a crown. One peculiarity of this series is that instead of all the heads on a sheet being turned the same way, each alternate line is reversed in relation to the others and to the water marks, making two varieties of each value, which is very interesting to philatelists.

Hong-Kong.—The first issue appeared in 1862 and had no water mark. In the next year the C C and a crown was adopted, and was succeeded in 1882 by C A and a crown. The 2c. rose, 5c. blue and 10c. mauve were added to the former series in 1877, and successively bore both of the watermarks mentioned above.

India—From 1854 to 1864 the stamps had no watermarks, but in 1865 an elephant's head was adopted and retained till 1882, when a star was substituted for it on the new series, comprising nine values from 9 pies to 1 rupee—was introduced.

Jamaica.—The first issue was in 1860 and had a watermark of a pineapple. In 1870 this was changed to C C and a crown, and in 1885 to C A and a crown, and at the latter period the colors were altered.

Labuan.—The first series (1879) had C A and a crown running sideways.—These are extremely rare. In 1880-81 C C and a crown appeared, but was followed in 1885 by the C A and a crown upright.

Lagos got her first stamps in 1874, watermarked C C and a crown. In 1882 this was changed to C A and a crown. In 1885 new colors were adopted and a ½d. stamp added to the set having the then current watermark.

Malta.—The first issue (1860) of this island consisted of but one value, ½d. buff—it had no watermark. It is rare. Later on it was issued with the C C and a crown watermark, and in 1884, following the other British colonies, this became C A and a crown, and at the same time a new series ranging from ½d. to 5s. was introduced. The type of the ½d. was not changed but after a time the color was made green. Therefore the stamp with the latest watermark has appeared in both colors.

Mauritius issued its first stamps in 1847. Although there were several issues between that date and 1863 none had watermarks till those of the last-named year when C C and a crown appeared. In 1868 a decimal system of currency was adopted which necessitated an entire change of stamps, but the watermark remained the same. This was a provisional series, and was succeeded in 1879 by a new and regular series with the old watermark. In 1882 the supply of the 2c. brown, 4c. orange, 8c. blue and 25c. drab ran short and they were reprinted with the new watermark C A and a crown, these first coming into use. In 1885 part of the series underwent a change of colors—the 2c. to green and the 4c. to rose. These two stamps in their original colors and with the last watermark are very rare.

Montserrat.—The first issue (1876) bore the watermark C C and a crown. In 1884 the 1d. and 6d. were issued with C A and a crown. These are rare. Later in the same year an entire new series of a different type appeared, and of course, bore the last named watermark.

Nevis stamps first appeared in 1861 without watermarks but received the C C and crown in 1880, when a 1d. and a 2½ stamp were added to the series. These two are extremely rare, as in 1882 the watermark changed to C A and crown, and new colors for the series were substituted.

New South Wales.—The first issue was in 1850, and was without watermark. In 1854 the first watermark appeared, being the numerals of value. Some "errors" occurred in printing this series as some of the 2d. are watermarked with 5, 6d. and 1s. with 8. In the issue of 1860 similar "errors" occur, some of the 3d. being watermarked 6; the 6d. with 5; the same value with 12; and

the 5d. with inverted watermark. All the above "errors" are naturally rare and valuable. In 1864 the 1d. and 2d. had no watermark. In 1865 the 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d. and 10d. had for a watermark a single line numeral of value, and some of the 2d. had a double line numeral of value. "Errors" occur also here as follows:—the 1d. with 2 watermark, and the 2d. bearing 1, 3 and 5 on different stamps. In 1870 a new type was issued bearing the watermark of N S W and a crown.

New Zealand issued her first stamps, but they had no watermarks till 1863, when one of a star was employed. But this only lasted one year, for in 1864 N Z was substituted. In 1873 the 2d. appeared without a watermark. A new type, perforated and bearing a new watermark—N Z and a small star—was introduced in 1874. In 1873 the ½d. appeared in two forms as regards watermarks, one being N Z and the other a star. In 1882 a postal and revenue series was issued bearing the watermark N Z and a small star.

Poouch, (India.)—This native state has never adopted watermarks, and its various issues are distinguishable by the different kinds of paper used in her stamps which are as follows—1st on battonne paper; 2nd on thin wove paper; 3rd on yellow battonne paper; 4th on thin wove yellow paper; and 5th on stout blueish paper.

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They are all rectangular, and printed in colour on white paper. Although a variety of the 5 cent is found on blue tinted paper.

In July 1867 they were withdrawn upon the forming of the provinces into the Dominion of Canada, when stamps for the whole Dominion were issued. The 8½ cent is by far the rarest of the set, a very dangerous counterfeit of which is in circulation, but which upon close examination can be easily detected.

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S. P. M.

BY THEO. LARSEN.

Continued.

Next on the programme we find a batch of 900 surcharged This time the 4 centimes being the victim. This issue occurred in the latter part of March 1885, but as by this time a great many collectors and dealers had got "the wind" of this new industry; it is safe to say that very few of these were used in the regular way of postage, but were immediately secured by parties who, by the way, were connected with dealers and collectors abroad, and thereby made this last mentioned variety extremely scarce in a used condition. By this time, the eyes of the Philatelic world were all directed to catch a glimpse of the next lot if any more were to come. If the time of waiting ever seemed long it was surely this time, and the expectation of seeing any more for the present being nearly given up, we settled our minds pretty nearly to that effect. It was about this time the philatelic paper got impatient, and some of them fairly howled again, condemning the surcharged stamps right and left, and naturely enough, being too late to obtain any of the first issues, and getting disappointed for any later ones, they thought they had a good cause. But lo, after 4 months of long waiting no less than 40,000 new surcharges were thrown on the market. Now was the time to grapple. Just think 40,000, viz., 20,000 of the 10 on 40 centimes, and 20,000 of the 15 on 40 centimes. These last two varieties of course became quite easy to obtain, and as a matter of course range among the commonest varieties issued. We now draw a long breath again of nearly 5 months before we hear of any more surcharges; and consequently in the middle of December there appeared, as we might call it a sister surcharge to the two preceeding ones; viz., a 5 on 40 centimes. Of this variety 6,500 are recorded to be the number, and besides what have passed through the mail in a regular way, a great many specimens of this variety have been secured for speculative purposes.

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In accordance with our promise of last month, we add in this issue of our paper four more pages, making in all sixteen pages of good interesting philatelic reading and advertising. The extra four pages have been added especially to accommodate advertisers, as well as to be able to give more space to the reading matter.

We have every cause to be thankful with the success we have met with since we started, and we attribute this to the well written and interesting articles that we have been fortunate enough to secure from such able writers as Mr. Hechler, Mr. Larsen, C. F., and others.

Collectors will, as a rule, try most to obtain the journals that contain the most information and the best written articles, therefore, it will always be our object to endeavour to please them in this respect.

We might go on and fill a couple of pages in just praises of our paper, and then not descend to bragging, but we do not consider that it would do us any more good than by simply remarking, Read it, it speaks for itself.

The Philatelic Advertising medium *General Auzeiger fur Philatelie* is before us, and whatever its merit may be as a philatelic paper, its editor is most certainly of a not too high principle, when we find in its January number an advertisement from a firm offering obscene pictures for sale.

Had this not been brought to our notice we should hardly have believed that the philatelic press should have been made the medium of such depravity. We ourselves take it for granted that all lovers of philately are gentlemen in every sense of the word, and would scorn the very idea of having such advertisements appearing in the literature of their pet study. Moreover, think of the hundreds, yes, and thousands of young people, school boys and others who receive the paper. Are they to be fed on such immoral matter? No, not if we can prevent it. If anything like this appears again we are determined to endeavour to fight it out of existence, and in the name of all English speaking people, in the name of Philately, in the name of everything that is pure, instructive and elevating to the mind of both young and old, we trust that other philatelic writers will take up the pen and come out boldly with their opinions upon this matter in order to keep our literature as it ought to be, a pure and refreshing pastime.

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All advertisements and other matter must be received by us not later than the 5th of each month, to insure insertion in that month's number.

We have received from a party residing in this city a rather crude imitation of the 1 shilling, Nova Scotia, which he says was lately sent him by a party in the States. We do not know where the article came from, or who is the enterprising artist. Surely it could not have eminated from S. Allan, Taylor's establishment, but if it did we would say to him, Allan, don't lower your reputation by getting others to make them for you. Do it yourself.

There still seems to be quite a number of approval sheet frauds about yet, and we have lately had some very queer experiences. The other day we had a sheet returned to us by a certain party who stated that he had only sold six cents worth, and which hardly paid him for his trouble, on looking to see what was sold we found over $1.00 of the best stamps taken off, and common Mexican put in their places. Another sends back one less 38 cents, with a kind little note stating that they are very nice stamps, but does not think that he wants any at present, his letter, however, contains no sign of the 38 cents.

These are a few of the small mean little tricks which have been played on us by some mean persons, who think that because their dishonest actions are so small they will escape any punishment, if, however, they don't soon show up we will make it rather warm for them, their dirty little mean ways of stealing are worse than wholesale robbery, and anyone guilty of such small actions would as the saying is, "rob a church."

We notice in a late issue of the *New York Graphic* an article on American stamps, in which the writer states that although all the older and rarer issues of stamps are catalogued at high figures, dealers would be very glad to sell them at half the prices quoted.

This may be true in regard to some stamps and some dealers, but not with all. For instance, would anyone go begging for a customer with a one shilling N. S., or N. B, for sale.

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The *Texas Philatelist*, a nice little monthly, is to hand. It contains a fair amount of philatelic news and some good advertisements.

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SOME people are always in a great hurry with every thing that they have got to do, and they even carry this into the study of Philately, for example,— The other day we received a post card addressed to us from Savannah, Ga. It contained nothing at all on the back except the date stamp of the offices it passed through, The young man who sent it was evidently in such a rush to post it that he forgot to let us know what he wanted, or what his name or address was.

WE are just in receipt of Mr. L. W. Durbin's new Catalogue. It is quite an improvement on the old ones, and we notice that a great many stamps are marked cheaper than ever.

IF any of our patrons have any Philatelic news they would confer a favor on us by sending it along.

Exchanges.

THE February number of *The Stamp World, and Wise and Otherwise,* has lately reached us, and contains a lot of news, philatelic and other. It is now one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in America. We are always glad to see it.

THE *Empire State Philatelist* has branched out into a kind of general variety paper, and its February number is quite a book in itself. We trust that it will not neglect its philatelic branch.

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ODD NOTES.

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THERE are several fine collections owned in this city, which contain the full sets of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Canada.

SOME collectors say—study your stamps, and then when the question of watermarks is brought up, say it is all bosh to make any distinction between them.

E. T. PARKER of Bethelehem, Pa., sends us a very pretty little price list of rare stamps. Thanks.

THE new Canada 1 cent post card is out. It is very little changed from the old one, the main difference being that the type around the head are smaller; and scroll work about the numbers at the sides in the new one which does not appear in the other. In every other respect it is the same.

THE first price list of stamps was published by Mount Brown of London, in 1862, the second by Dr. Gray of the British Museum, in the same year.

THERE are several varieties of the 1 cent Canada newspaper wrapper known, some of them are fairly rare.

FORGED specimens of the two pence half pennies of the present issue of some of the West India Island stamps are floating about. They are of a very rough make and are generally printed in a wrong color. Look out for them.

THE surcharged stamps of the French Colonies bid fair to rank among the most valuable in existence. If you have any, hold on to them.

A GREAT many of the Peruvian stamps are found with a girl. Does this make another variety?

THE cancellation mark on all the 1857 issue of Nova Scotia stamps is the same. The obliterators were made of brass, and gave an oval impression, which contained nothing but straight lines, with a small circular blank space left in the centre. They formerly were obliterated simply with a pen and ink, but as some parties used to remove the ink mark by the aid of chemicals, all the offices were supplied with brass obliterators.

BREAKERS AHEAD.—We don't wish to be covetous, but when Mr. Theo. Larsen a few days ago showed us an original envelope with a new surcharged issue of the French Guianas we were inclined to wish we were the happy possessor of said novelty. The stamps in question are of two varieties, viz: the 2 centimes green unperforated. and the 2 centimes brown, perforated. The surcharge being alike on each, thus,—

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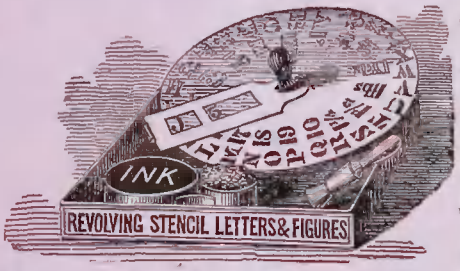

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WATERMARKS.

BY HENRY HECHLER.

Queensland.—Issued its first stamps in 1861. They were imperforate and bore a large star as a watermark. They vary in value from 2s. 6d. to 5s. Those of 1862 were perforate but retained the watermark of their predecessors. Their value decreases as the latter are worth only 9d. to 2s. The issue of 1863 is perforate but has no watermark. Their value is merely nominal. The 1868 issue has a watermark of a small star. That of the following year has as a watermark q and a crown which watermark has ever since been retained.

Russia issued her first postage stamps in 1857. The 10 copies imperforate of this issue without watermark is valued at $1. The same having a large figure 1 as a watermark is valued at $1.50, and if perforate at 60 cents.

St. Christopher.—In 1870 the first issue appeared with a watermark of C C and a crown, which was superceded in 1882 by C A and a crown.

St. Helena.—The first issue was in 1856, and only comprised a 6d. imperforate with watermark of a star. This is valued at 50c. to $1. The same also exists perforate, and is extremely rare. In 1863 two values 1d. and 4d. were added to the imperforate series with C C and a crown for a watermark. These are very rare. Towards the end of the same year an entire new series—from 1d. to 5s.—was introduced. They were perforate and bore the watermark C C and a crown. In 1884 the ½d. was added, and the entire series then appeared with the watermark C A and a crown.

St. Lucia's first stamps appeared in 1859, and were watermarked with a star. These are extremely rare. In 1863 the watermark was changed to C C and a crown. Eleven years later (1884) this was succeeded by C A and a crown.

St. Thomas, (D. W. I.)—In 1856 the stamps of the Danish Kingdom were introduced for use in this Colony, the only difference being that the value was expressed by the word "cents" instead of "skillings," as in the mother country. They appear both perforate and imperforate, and have a large crown as a watermark. In 1874 the Colony followed Denmark in changing her stamps, and the new ones had a smaller crown watermark.

St. Vincent.—The first issue (1871) had no watermark. Ten years after, a watermark of a star was adopted. In 1883 this was changed to C A and a crown. When the ½d. was introduced in 1882 it had a star as a watermark. This stamp is now becoming quite rare.

Sierra Leone.—In 1861 the first issue appeared and consisted of a 6d. only, which was both perforate and imperfor-

ate but had no watermark. The latter is very rare, as is also the 6d. of 1876 which is perforate and has watermark of C C and a crown. In 1872 an entire series bearing the watermark last named was adopted. In 1883 the watermark changed to C A and a crown.

South Australia.—The first series appeared in 1855. It was imperforate and bore a star watermark. Their values range from 36c. to $1. In 1859 the stamps rouletted, but the watermark was unchanged. In 1868 the series was made perforate but the old watermark was still retained. In 1871 the watermark of S A and a crown was adopted. We have seen some of the values with the watermark V and a crown, these are remarkably rare, and command very high prices.

Spain.—Like her colonies, the stamps of this country in 1855 bore loops as a watermark and in 1856 lozenges. In 1857 the stamps were of the same design as their predecessors, but they bore no watermark. The 1876 series bore the watermark of a castle. These three are the only series of that kingdom which have watermarks.

Strait Settlements.—The first issue was a provisional one. It appeared in 1867 and bore no watermark. It commands good prices. In 1868 a regular issue with the watermark C C and a crown came into use. The watermark was changed to C A and a crown in 1882. The 5c., plum, and the 10c., lavender, which were new values appeared, added to the series in 1882 just before the change and with each of the last two watermarks named. Those with C C and a crown are very rare and command good prices.

(To be continued.)

THE STAMPS OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. ISLAND.

BY C. F.

Continued.

Stamps appeared in New Brunswick in the same year (1857) as in Nova Scotia, and were exactly of the same design. They consisted, however, of only three values, viz.:

3d. brick red,
6d. yellow,
1s. violet,

They remained in vogue until 1860, when they were also replaced by a new set having the values in cents. Five at first were issued,

1 cent lilac,
5 cents green,
10 " vermillion,
12½ " blue,
17 " black,

but in 1863 a 2 cent orange was added to the set.

The one and twelve and half cents are mostly the same in design, both being oblong, and are printed in color on white paper. The 1 cent has a locomotive and the 12½ has a steamship in transverse oval band, on which the inscription *New Brunswick Postage* and value in letters appear, small figures in the upper corners and large figures in the lower ones, and at foot a curved label containing the word *cents*. The one cent is sometimes found of a purplish shade.

The 2 cents has a crowned portrait of Queen in oval band with inscribed legend, figure of value in the four corners in small ovals in ornamental frame. The 5 and 10 cents are similar, except that

they have a frame of net work, the figures of value in the upper corners are smaller and in slanting ovals, and the word cents in label at foot. The 10 cent differs slightly in having Roman numerals in the upper corners, and in the lower in both Roman and figures. There are several shades of the 5 cent green.

The 17 cent is adorned with a potrait of the Prince of Wales in Highland costume, value in figures in ovals at the four corners. In other respects it is the same as the 5 cent. The same design was used in Newfoundland for the one cent of the 1866 issue.

In 1861 the Connell stamp was issued, which has now become one of the rarest of North American stamps. Its history is well known and is in substance this. The supply of the 5 cent running short, it was necessary to send to England to obtain a grant for the printing of more, during the delay which followed, the demand for the 5 cent became greater and greater; Mr. Connell, the then postmaster, conceived the idea of having his own likeness put on the 5 cent, and sent to the U. S. and ordered a supply to be printed. The regular issue of the 5 cent however came to hand about the same time as the ones ordered from the States, and the Government disapproving of Mr. Connell's action, the 5c. was cancelled and all the sheets destroyed, a small number, however, did pass through the post, a few of which are in the hands of some of the old collectors in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The design is mostly the same as the regular 5 cent, except that the figure 5 is repeated twice in each corner at the bottom. Its color is chocolate.

This issue continued to be used until the formation of the Dominion of Canada, when they made way for the regular issue of the Dominion.

S. P. M.

BY THEO. LARSEN.

Continued.

One would imagine that the number of stamps surcharged would have satisfied the demands of all concerned, but as will be seen before we have done, quite a surprise was in store for us. If we remember rightly it was about this time that something unusual in the way of provisional or surcharged stamps was resorted to. It appears the supply ran short once more, and for some little time the only mode of prepaying a letter, was, to hand it to the post office official in charge, whereupon he slipped the letter into an envelope which had already been prepaired for that purpose. The preparation of said envelope consisted of a small square piece of white paper with P. D and the value printed upon it, to meet the requirement thus: $^{P}{}_{5}{}^{D}$. We do not know what to call these pieces of paper, postage stamps they were not, neither were they stamped envelopes, but one thing we may say and that is, that they may be recognized as an attempt to encourage home manufacture. There were 100 of each of the three respective values manufactured, viz.; 5, 10, 15 centimes, and as they were not sold out of the post office but were used in the manner above mentioned, it is needless to say that they are valueless in a collection except when secured as an entire envelope, postmarked, thus showing that they have passed through the mail in

proper form, and have served as a legal tender for the prepaying of mail matter. In order to give our friends an idea of the value of such a specimen we may say that they command the price of $20.00 each. We have not been able to find out the exact reason why this mode of tiding over the difficulty was resorted to, unless they had a lot of these small square pieces of paper cut and did not like to see them wasted, but likely they had a better reason for doing so, a deeper reason, in fact too deep a reason for our conception. We will now pass on to the next lot of regular surcharged stamps. In the middle of December in the same year there appeared a new lot. The stamps surcharged being the 1 Franc of the regular issue and the surcharge being 05. This lot consisted of 13,500 according to official figures, and although they are among the commonest of the S. P. M. surcharges, the market is quite firm in this variety and command a ready sale at a high price.

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As each number of our paper has appeared we have endeavoured to improve it, and if we can draw any conclusions from the numerous flattering epistles that we have received within the last month, we must say that our efforts have been appreciated. One thing you may always be sure of receiving at our hands, and that is, plenty of *original* reading matter, for we know that it is that collectors want. No one cares to subscribe to three or four journals and find a great many of the same articles in each. One of the chief reasons why collectors do not give their support to a great many of the philatelic papers published, is because they have to much reprinted matter in them. We always therefore intend to secure able writers, who can and will give us good original articles.

This will be a benefit to advertisers as well as to collectors, for is it not better to have an advertisement in a paper that will be read all through, than in one that is merely opened, and when seen to contain a lot of reprinted news, is lain aside.

"Shall we collect used or unused stamps," is the question asked by a great many collectors of the present day, and it is by no means an easy one to answer. If however we were called upon to give our opinion we would say: Collect both so far as you are able, that is, obtain one of each if possible, then you will be better able to guard against fraud. We know some collectors who collect only unused specimens, and although their collections look very nice and clean, a great many forgeries could be pointed out to them, for as we all know the majority of bogus stamps are unused, and some are so cleverly executed, that if it were not for the watermarks or other fine points about the genuine that cannot be imitated, they would cheat even advanced philatelists. Now the only way to distinguish them is by putting them side by side and comparing them minutely, and if you only collect one kind, either used or unused, you will not likely do this, and numbers of the genuine ones may pass through your hands, while all the time you may have a forgery in your album.

Another thing we would like to impress on young collectors, is, never to discard a used specimen for an unused one, as by so doing, in a great many instances, a good genuine used one will be taken out of an album to make room for a fraud, which only looks the better on account of being unused.

Study your stamps and you will daily

pick up information concerning them, that cannot be gained in any other way, and there is no better way to study them than by taking the used and unused specimens and comparing them together.

We notice in *The New York Sunday World* of March 13th, an article entitled "Postage Stamp Swindle" in which it shows how a dealer in Stettin, Germany, (name not given) got people in all parts of the world to collect stamps for him, and send them to him free. The *modus operandi* as given in the article was this—He sent out circulars all over the world stating that for every 1,000,000 stamps sent him, he would board, clothe and educate an orphan until old enough to support itself; his brother being in league with him would of course supply the orphan, but as *The World* puts it—in his mind.

By this method he would obtain hundreds of thousands of stamps daily, and thus he is able to under sell all other dealers. The article also goes on to state that about 5 years ago he started an imaginary mission in the city of Chang Kiang, China, the Holy Sisters of which agreed, for every million stamps sent to him to save from the jaws of the crocodiles of the Yellow River at least one Chinese baby, and that they would support, educate and christianize it. Finding that to work so well, he has since issued circulars stating that for 1,000,000 stamps a home will be found for an old lady or gentleman for the remainder of their lives, in one of the three homes, either at London, New York or Cincinnati. For half a million a bed will be endowed in an hospital and for 100,000 a home will be found for some orphan for one year.

Now as most of us know this article, which appeared in the World is to some extent overdrawn, but in the main it is only too true. That there is a dealer in Germany who has agents collecting for him all over the world, and that people who are not *philatelist* think that they are doing a good thing by collecting stamps and sending them off to this fraud we also know. We ourselves have had personal experience; for not long since, a couple of young ladies came to us requesting us to give them some stamps as they wanted to obtain 1,000,000 which they were going to send to an agent in New York, who would forward them to Germany, and the dealer who would receive them would pay for an old lady to be admitted into an Old Ladies' Home.

Thus it shows how easily people can be taken in, and if one tries to explain to one of these generous people that the whole thing is a fraud they will scarcely believe you.

Selling stamps from approval sheets appears now to be the general method by which retail dealers supply collectors, for although a good many of them still issue price lists, comparitively few stamps are sold from them in comparison with what are disposed of from approval sheets. Collectors as a rule like to see what condition a stamp is in before making a purchase.

We think this approval business a first class way to buy stamps, but at the same time we are grieved to know that it presents to persons who are not as strictly honest as they should be, a great temptation to appropriate what does not belong to them. In fact there are

very few dealers who have not suffered more or less from having their sheets stolen. Dishonesty is one of the greatest drawbacks to philately, and does more to discourage honest dealers than anything else, and although much has already been done in the rooting out of these frauds, there is plenty more remaining to be done, and we intend if possible to do our share of it. However, the philatelic press cannot do it all; a great deal of it rests with the dealers themselves, who in a great many instances allow the matter to drop, after writing one or two letters to the parties who owe them. Now, if they would continue to press the matter, they would in the end generally get their sheets returned to them or receive the money for them.

We are satisfied that if every one who does not get his stamps returned, would show up the persons who cheat him, there would in a very little while be comparitively few approval sheet frauds.

We have recently seen a copy of Mr. F. J. Stanton's new American Philatelic Directory. It is realy a good one and contains the names and addresses of between 1300 and 1400 collectors and dealers, and is sold at the low figure of 25cts.

We have just refused a large advertisement of one of the big English firms, simply because they wanted us to take payment in unused *genuine* Berge-dorf and some other such stamps. O no, Mr. Big-English Firm we are not so green as all that. Our terms are cash, and what is more, we are not knowingly going to insert any advertisements of dealers selling fraudulent stamps.

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In the first number of *The Stamp Collector's Figaro* we notice the following:—"According to the *Halifax Philatelist* for February, the publisher of the *Buckeye State Philatelist*, is made out as having defrauded Messrs R. S. Harris & Co. as well as the publishers of the H. P. How is this, friend French?"

Refering to the above we would like to correct a slight misstatement, we suppose unknowingly imputed to us by friend Voûte.

In our February number under the heading of our "Black List" in which the name of E. L. French appears, may be read the following. "R. S. Harris & Co. also hand us the following list, *some* of whom have defrauded us as well as R. S. H. & Co." Now, some of the parties whose names are given in that list have defrauded us, as well as numerous other dealers, but as to Mr. E. L. French we have never had any dealings with him. R. S. Harris & Co. handed us his name as having defrauded them, and as R. S. Harris & Co. have always had the name of being straight forward, we do not think that they would publish the name of a person who never was indebted to them. Friend Harris let us hear from you.

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The secretaries of the different philatelic societies would confer a favor on us if they would occasionally send us a report of the proceedings that take place at some of their meetings, also any other late philatelic news.

It is astonishing of what a large amount the different governments are cheated out of by unprincipled people using stamps a second time, especially in the United States and Canada.

A great many of the smaller post offices obliterate the stamps very lightly and it then becomes no very difficult matter to clean them.

There has been quite a number of systems proposed for destroying the stamps, but as yet no one has invented a system that can be found to work successfully. Some of the plans suggested are very good, but are not considered by the postal authorities as in any way superior to the one in present use. One of the ways proposed is to have only one half of the stamp gummed and then for the clerks at the post offices to tear off the ungummed portion. This would no doubt effectually destroy the stamp, but would hardly be practicable where there was much posting. Another idea is to have sharp knives protruding minutely from the obliterates, which would cut the stamp in two, but as this would also cut the envelope it would hardly suit. For the same reason an acid to be mixed with the ink is objectionable, but we think this last idea about the best and have no doubt that with a little experimenting upon it could be made perfect.

One thing is plain to be seen and that is that if the powers that be, could get some method whereby they could prevent

stamps from being used a second time, even if they had to pay a pretty large price for it, they would in the long run save themselves a vast amount of money.

A difference of paper may be noticed in the 15 cent Canada of the present issue, from that used in the rest of the set.

We have just received a new price list of Messrs. G. H. Fabian & Co., 106 Eighth St., New York. They have a large assortment and their prices are moderate.

We call the attention of retail dealers to our wholesale bargains which appears on the last page. Our stock is limited, so first come first served.

The Canada 2 cent register, *brown*, has been clearly proved to be an error. About three years ago a limited number of sheets were printed in the brown color by mistake and instead of destroying them they were sent off to outlying post offices in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, where hardly a dozen registered letters would be mailed in the whole three years. We have the letter from the postmaster from which the few we have were obtained, in which he states that the brown stamps were received by him from Ottawa in that condition and he had sold about 20 to parties registering letters.

We have had several letters lately from parties in the U. S. stating that they considered Mr. Hechler's article on watermarks one of the most instructive that has appeared in any philatelic journal for some time.

The A. P. A. seems to be in a flourishing condition and is conferring great benefits on both dealers and collectors in showing up frauds.

Exchanges.

The March number of the *Curiosity World* is at hand. It contains numerous advertisements and a lot of good reading matter. 2800 copies of the April number will be mailed.

Another new paper comes to us from Chicago. The *Stamp Collector's Figaro.* It has 16 pages including cover, and is well gotten up. On the cover is a cut of the 1d. and 1 shilling Nova Scotia stamps. Chicago seems to be going ahead in the matter of philatelic publications lately.

No. 2 of the *International* Philatelic Advertiser is a first class journal. It reflects great credit on Messrs. Kreb's Bros.

The Philatelic Tribune for February is before us. Mr. Stanton is evidently making money out of the publishing business, as next month he enlarges. We greatly admire the pushing style in which friend Stanton runs the *Tribune.*

The first number of Vol. II. of *The Stamp* is if anything better than any of its predecessors. It kind of sits rather heavily on the *Texas Philatelist*, and as we have not yet received a late number of that journal, perhaps it is squashed out of existance. One good feature of *The Stamp* is it is always the first in the field.

The February number of the *Keystone State Philatelist* reached us a little late,

although it is none the worse for that, its style is very good, and its reading matter above the average.

The first number of Mr. Findlay's new paper *The Useful Instructor*, is out. It is a great credit to Mr. F. and to Halifax. 10,000 copies have been printed and will be mailed as soon as his paper is entered at Ottawa.

Other philatelic publications received. *The Philatelic Science*, Vol. I, No. 1. *Old Curiosity Shop*, Vol. I, No. 8. *The Germantown Philatelist*, Vol. I, No. 1. *The Texas Stamp*, Vol. I, No. 3. *The Peerless Review*, Vol. I, No. 1. *The Witch City Collector*, Vol. I, Nos. 1 & 2. *The Review*, Vol. I, No. 1. *The Collector's Review*, Vol. I, Nos. 4 & 5, *The Texas Stamp*, Vol. I, No. 2. *The Western Philatelist*, Vol. I. No. 3. *The Bay State Collector*, Vol. I, No. 1.

ODD NOTES.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick stamps are daily becoming rarer. Secure them while you can.

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An oddity in the shape of a used 3d. unperforate Canada, came into our possession the other day. It is almost black.

The *Stamp World* has ceased to exist. It was a good paper in its day, and had an existance longer than most philatelic journals.

The new set of Newfouudland stamps will make their appearance about June 1st, and will consist of a ½, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 cents.

We notice in a contemporary an account of two auction sales which took place at New York on the 7th and 13th ult. The one on the 7th was the property of Rev. A. Hoenecke, and was catalogued by Scott Stamp and Coin Co. The collection numbered nearly 7500 specimens, including 800 duplicates, and brought $1344. The 1s., 1857, of Newfoundland, sold for $30. New Brunswick 1s., $17.25.

The collection sold on the 13th was a duplicate collection of Mr. J. M Chute and was catalogued by the same firm. It consisted of 6700 adhesives and envelopes, and realized $1060.

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WATERMARKS.

BY HENRY HECHLER.

Switzerland adopted a watermark in 1862, viz.: an oval shield bearing the Geneva Cross.

Tasmania.—The first issue (1852) was imperforate and without watermark. They are so rare as to be hardly procurable. A new type was introduced in 1855. They were also imperforate and have the star watermark. These also appear without watermark and such are quite as rare as those of the first issue. In 1857 the series received additions. The stamps remained imperforate but bore watermarks of the numerals of their respective values. In 1863 the same series was perforate. In 1870 two errors appeared, the 1d. being printed in some cases on the paper bearing the 4d. watermark and in others the 10d. These are very rare and command very high prices. In 1871 the watermark was changed to T A S.

Tobago.—The first issue (1879) bore the waterwark C C and a crown which was changed in 1884 to C A and a crown.

Trinidad got its first stamps in 1851. They were imperforate, without watermark and printed on blue paper. They are very high priced. Later white paper was used. Still later they were perforated. It was not until 1865 that a watermark C C and a crown was adopted. In 1879 a provisional ½d. was introduced with the same watermark which was, in some instances, sideways, in which case the stamps are very valuable. In 1883 a new type bearing the watermark of C A and a crown was issued.

Turk's Island.—It was without watermark that the first issue appeared in 1867. In 1880 the star watermark was adopted which was changed in 1881 to C C and a crown. The latter are extremely rare and their values range from 25c. to $1. In some instances the watermark on the 1d. is sideways. This variety has been sold at 60 cents. In 1882 the watermark became C A and a crown. The 1d. scarlet exists in each of the two watermarks.

Tuscany.—The first stamps of this state were issued in 1850 on blue paper with straight and with waved lines, in some running horizontally and in others perpendicularly. In 1854 the same appeared on white paper. The above were all imperforate. In 1859 a new type was introduced but the watermark remained the same as before. Some of all the three above series are priceless.

Victoria.—The first issue was in 1852. It was imperforate and had no watermark. Some stamps of this issue are perforate and such are extremely rare. In 1858 some of the stamps were rouletted and they are also so rare as to be nearly priceless. Later in that year they were

perforated. In 1859 the star watermark was introduced but the stamps were imperforate. Some of the 1d. and 4d. appeared rouletted. Others as well as some of the 2d. appeared on wove paper and were imperforate. The 4d. was also printed in some instances on laid paper. In 1862 the stamps were perforated and had the watermarks of the respective values, some in plain, others in open numerals, and others again in letters. Numerous "errors" also occurred which we point out in detail as follows :—The 2d., 3d. and 6d. were printed on the paper bearing as watermark the open numeral 1. The 1d., 2d. and 6d. were printed on that bearing an open 4. All these are very rare and are, therefore, eagerly sought for, high prices being asked and paid for them. The 1d. and 2d. also appear on paper having the plain numeral 4, 6 and 8, three varieties each. They range in values from 50c. to $2.50. The six-pence appears with the watermark "three-pence" and again with "four-pence." The 1d. and 2d. appear also with "six-pence." The 3d. was also found with the watermark 8 in some cases and 10 in others. The 8d. and 9d. also are to be found on the watermark 10. In 1874 the regular watermark V and a crown was introduced and has been held to the present time.

Virgin Islands.—The first issue (1866) bore no watermark. In 1879 a new series bearing the watermark C C and a crown was adopted by this as by the majority of British colonies. In 1884 this was changed to C A and a crown. The 1d. had its color changed from green to carmine in the latter year, but the change of the watermark occurring after that of color, that value is to be found with each watermark. Both varieties in green are extremely rare.

Western Australia.—The first issue which was imperforate and had a swan as a watermark, appeared in 1855. They command from $1 to $2. In 1862 they became perforate but otherwise unchanged. They are worth from 35c. to $2. In 1864 the entire set bore no watermark. These are rarely obtainable and command good prices. The watermark C C and a crown came into use in 1867. The value of these is increasing. In 1882 C A and a crown made its advent as a watermark.

Wurtemberg.—The issue of 1861 is imperforate and is remarkable in that a silk thread runs through each stamp. The Bavaria stamps of 1867 have the same peculiarity.

As some of our readers will, doubtless wonder what the letters in the watermarks of most of the British colonies mean. We will explain that "C C" means Crown Colony and "C A" means Crown Agents.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF BUENOS AYRES.

BY S. R. S.

An interesting article on the above stamps appeared in the "Stamp Collector's Magazine" (published in London), January 1, 1865. As these stamps are now obsolete, a reproduction in the "Halifax Philatelist" might be acceptable to the subscribers of this new venture. The article states that it is taken "chiefly from Le Timbre Poste,

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The decree creating the postage stamps of that country is as follows :

BUENOS AYRES,

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Considering the necessity of establishing a system of stamps for postal correspondence, and comformably to the proposition of the postmaster-general, the government grants and decrees :

1. That letters shall be franked by means of postage stamps, and that the post office shall not take charge of letters unprovided with such.

2. Supplementary to the decree* of June 27th, 1857, the value of these stamps shall be 2, 3, 4 and 5 pesos, according to the weight of the letters. A single letter shall bear a 2p. stamp on one of the corners of the envelope, a double shall have a 3p., a triple 4p., and a heavier letter a 5p. stamp.

3. (This article settles the weight of all letters under an ounce.)

4. (Provides for those weighing above one ounce.)

5. The sale of these postage stamps shall take place at the principal post office and in other places appointed for the purpose.

6. Whoever shall employ a stamp that has already been used shall be fined 5 pesos in addition to the postage, the first offence ; and 200 for the second, 300 for the third, and so on in proportion.

7. When the guilty party shall be unable or unwilling to pay the penalty, he shall be transferred to the proper official tribunal, for the infliction of whatever punishment may be judged commensurate with the offence.

8. The stamps shall be fabricated at the Bank or the Mint, in presence of a commission appointed for that end. The manager shall register the number of sheets printed.

9. The forgers of postage stamps and their accomplices shall be liable to all the penalties fixed by the laws.

10. Both stamps and plates shall remain deposited at the Bank under the same restrictions as the plates of bank notes.

11. This decree shall be put in force a week after issue in the city, and a month in the provinces.

12. (Provides for the circulation of the decree.)

" Jose Barros Pazos."

This decree did not provide for the colors of the stamps, but the following were those adopted :

dos	pesos	azul	or 2p. blue.
tres	"	verde	3p. green.
cuatro	"	colorado	4p. vermillion.
cuico	"	amarillo	5p. orange.

They were put in circulation April 29th, 1858.

In consequence of a reduction in the charge, comformably to a decree of October 2nd, 1858, the postal authorities on the 26 day of that month emitted two new values similar to the type in use. These two values were :

: IN PS. coffee colored, or 1 peso dark brown, for letters weighing an ounce.

CUAT° RS. chestnut, or four reales bright yellow-brown, for letters weighing half an ounce.

There are, moreover, the following varieties met with among these stamps.

* " What was the decree? Was it one approving the *Gaucho* series, which the writer seems to ignore ?—Ed. Stamp Collector's Magazine."

: IN PS. bright yellow-brown, same shade as the 4r. above.

CUAT° RS. brown.

CUAT° RS. very dark brown.

On the 1st of January, 1859, the shade of the 1 peso was changed, and in lieu thereof was issued.

: IN PS. azul or 1 peso light blue.

Variety or 1 pesos dark blue.

These are all the different values or shades that have appeared of the first or "ship" type; as for the 4 and 5 pesos blue and the same values brown, they have never existed, but this is what induces the prevalent error respecting them, viz.: the postal authorities emitting two new values, cancelled the preceding ones, but made use of the die of the 4 and 5 pesos for the 1 peso and 4 reales.

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It is now five months since the first number of *The Halifax Philatelist* made its appearance, and we are glad to be able to express ourselves much pleased with the success we have met with during that period, and we trust that we have in some way, be it ever so little, benefited those who have given us their patronage. We intend in the future as we have done in the past, to obtain good articles that will please as well as instruct, and we hope that by so doing to merit a continuance of the favor which we have met with from the philatelic public.

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It is amusing to note some of the different lights in which some of our best philatelic papers regard any new publication. Nothing has brought this out as much as Mr. J. F. Stanton's new *American Philatelic Directory*. Some of the papers say that it is a very good work, in fact as good as any in existence, others that it is very fair, but ought to be better, while others say that it is so bad a production that they could not bother reading through it. Now we greatly wonder why this is, surely there should not be so great a diversity of opinion in regard to it, and we begin to think that a little personal spirit has entered into the criticism of it.

A prominent collector here has lately become possessed of a very fine specimen of the 1 shilling N. S. It is used and on the original envelope and is post marked 1856; this is rather remarkable as we have always thought that these stamps were issued in 1857, and indeed all the catalogues give that date. A gentleman however, has informed us that they were in existence even before 1856.

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THE stamp invention question is likely to again come into the field, as a number of new inventors have been found.

THE color of the 3d., Jamaica, has been changed to a light olive, and is much handsomer than the old shade.

WE are under the impression that the last number of our paper was about as good as any of the numerous publications which appeared in April.

WE have been informed that the head of Andrew Jackson has been chosen for one of the new American stamps, thus retaining the memory of the old standard bearer of the Democratic party in the U. S.

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THE April number of *The Quaker City Philatelist* is the best number of that journal, which we have seen. It contains some good spicy articles and a large number of advertisements. Keep it up friend MacCalla.

No. 4 of *The Western Philatelist* received. We think it about the best that has ever appeared from Chicago, and hope that it will be kept up to its present high standard. It takes the lead in Society notes.

No. 8 of Vol. II of *The Philatelic Magazine* is to hand. It is not so good as some of the back numbers of the same journal. We hope to see an improvement in next number.

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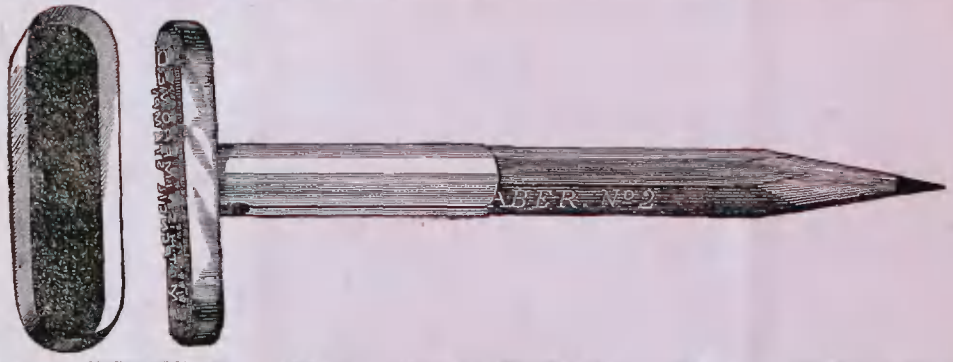

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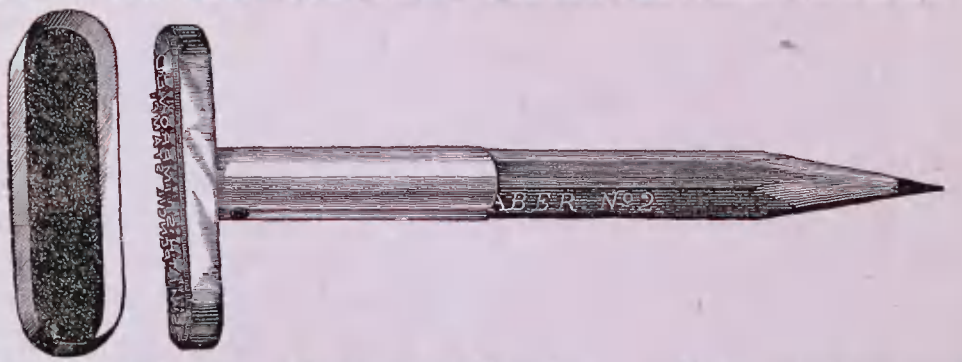

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S. P. M.

BY THEO. LARSEN.

Continued.

"All is well that ends well" and in order to make this old adage prove its consistency with regard to the eventful year of surcharged stamps in the Island of Miquelon, or whether it being a mere coincidence or possibly a forearrangement, we notice the authorities were bound to see the year out in good shape. On the 31st of December, (by the way, they could not surcharge any more that year) the grand finishing touch was put to three varieties of stamps. 1800 of the 75 centimes were surcharged with 05, 1500 of the 35 centimes with 05, and 13,500 of the 20 centimes with 05. The 05 on 75 centimes are already extremely difficult to obtain and command a ready sale at about $2.00 a piece. The 05 on 35 centimes are also quite difficult to obtain, although not so much as the 05 on 75. The 5 on 20, are, in consequence of the large number surcharged, among the commonest varieties. For the information of those who do not understand these stamps we would say that a used specimen of any variety is far more desirable and of much greater value than an unused one, and any collector who can show a complete set of used S. P. M. may be said to possess a gem worth looking at.

As a recapitulation of what has appeared under above heading S. P. M. we may say that the entire set consist of 14 varieties besides errors, and the total number of stamps surcharged being 81,000. The first lot were surcharged Jan. 6th, 1885, and the last lot Dec. 31st same year.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF BUENOS AYRES.

BY S. R. S.

The CUAT° PS. (4 pesos), thus became CUAT° RS (4 reales), by forming an R out of the P of PS. This change having been badly executed, the major part of the stamps bear the form of the letter P.

The CINCO PS. (5 pesos was in like manner transformed into ; IN PS, (1 peso), all the left hand part of the initial letter C of CINCO being scratched out, as also the two last letters of the word. The letter S of pesos, owing to some misadventure, remained ; so that : IN PS. has been erroneously taken by collectors as the CIN PS., the abbreviation of CINCO PS. (5 pesos). The impression of these stamps having been ever ill-executed, especially after the alterations of the plates, it sometimes happened that the 1 peso blue exhibited nothing but the last stroke of the N and a small blot, giving it somewhat the appearance of a T. This anomaly suggested to some individual the idea of filling in the empty space by means of

the lettering CUA, inserted before the suppositious T. Unfortunately, (I am speaking of the type under my inspection), instead of terminating the word with an O, an S was put; a very grave error, making the word a contraction of cuatros, in lieu of cuatro. If any stamps exist orthographically correct, they are in no way more genuine on that account.

In pursuance of a fresh change the postage was fixed henceforward at 1 peso, 2 pesos, and 4 reales.

This opportunity was taken to replace the primitive type for the effigy of Liberty. These stamps were circulated September 3, 1859. They were 4 reales, green, on tinted paper; 1 peso, blue, on white paper; 2 peso, vermillion, on white paper. The green stamp was used in conjuction with the 1 peso, for letters of a certain weight, or singly for local postage.

On September 20th, 1862, the colours of the 1 and 2 pesos were changed, to make them accord with the corresponding values employed in the Argentine Republic; in consequence of which, the blue 1 peso was printed in pink, like the 5 centaros Argentine Republic of equivalent value. The vermillion 2 pesos then became blue, like the 10c. Argentine, and the green 4r. was suppressed. A franc is worth 4 pesos, more or less, and 8 reales makes a peso.

On the 21st of October, 1862, the post office authorities proposed the adoption of a uniform type for all the republic to the minister of the interior, D. Guillermo Rawson. This proposition being agreed to, the type of the effigy of of Liberty was suppressed, and the 5, 10 and 15 centaros stamps used by the Argentine Republic were provisionally employed.

The type that had been proposed in 1862 was put into circulation on the 17th of April, 1864. It bears the representation of Don Bernardino Riradaria, and is of three values, 5c. pink, 10c. green, and 15c. blue. They are now perforated; those first issued to the public had not that improvement.

'G. A.'

The gaucho stamps to which allusion has been made in the preceeding valuable article, and which has caused considerable discussions, many rejecting them altogether, were in circulation some ten or twelve days after the "Ships" issue and previous to the introduction of the "Head of Liberty."

Some writers have positively stated they have seen them postmarked. The value of these stamps were in reales and were adorned with a representation of a cavalier on horseback, they are of necessity remarkably rare, and few collectors are fortunate enough to possess a specimen.

S. R. S.

CANADA'S RAREST.

BY SULLEXAS.

A few years ago while traveling with a philatelic friend from New York to Boston, a most remarkable event took place which brought us in connection with the largest of Canadian Collectors. We were seated in the cabin on the second deck of the steamer *Pilgrim*, discussing philatelic matters in general, when a stranger entered, and, seating himself beside us, became much interested in our conversation. On my claiming

to be one of the two collectors in America who posessed used specimens of the 12 pence Canadian stamp, he became very talkative, and asked permission to see the stamp, which was granted, and placed in the palm of his hand. The stranger was examining the stamp very minutely when a gentleman happened to brush against him, carrying as we thought the stamp with him. This gentleman at once offered himself to be searched, which was done, but no trace of the stamp could be found.

A large number of the passengers, hearing of the affair, gathered around, and the suspicion was at once directed to the stranger. Who rising exclaimed, "Gentlemen, I refuse to be searched, but I give my word of honor that I know nothing whatever of your stamp more than yourselves."

Mourning my loss I retired to my state-room, and paced the floor for nearly an hour, when, suddenly, drawing my hand from my pocket something fluttered to the floor.

Stooping to pick it up, you can imagine my surprise and joy at beholding the gem of my collection again.

The stamp instead of being swept away had fallen in my own pocket. Having placed the stamp in my pocket book I hastened to inform the passengers of my recovery, and also to ask pardon of the gentleman so wrongly accused.

What was my astonishment on entering this gentleman's domains at seeing displayed a 12 penny stamp the image of my own. I knew then that I was in the presence of the famous Canadian collector.

Friend, said the Canadian, you now see the reason why I refused to be searched, had this stamp been found upon my person you would have sworn it to have been yours.

From this time forth we became fast friends and many a pleasant evening have we spent since together, often referring to the days of our Pilgrimage.

THE CHICAGO PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Regular meeting held Thursday evening, June 2nd, at the Tremont House; the President in the chair. The following members were present: Messrs. Bradt, Clark, Drury, Gadsden, Gilbert, Haskell, Holtfodt, Hener, Mitchell, Pierce, Voute, Wilson and Wolsieffer. Various committee reports were received; likewise a number of communications, among the latter being a resolution of the Q. C. P. S. in relation to the invention of the adhesive stamp, which, on motion of Mr. Wolsieffer was laid on the table. The following resolution was read:

Whereas: Certain reports have been circulated concerning the President, Vice-President, and Secretary and also the Official Journal of this, the Chicago Philatelic Society, which reports, if true, tend to shew that said officers and Official Journal, have so far usurped their positions as to attempt to manage the affairs of the Chicago Philatelic Society in such a manner as to promote their individual ends, regardless of the welfare of the Society, or which, if false, would indicate a spirit of malice in the person or persons having caused such reports to be circulated. Therefore be it

Resolved: That it is the sense of the Chicago Philatelic Society in regular session assembled, that the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Official Journal

have in no way conducted themselves contrary to the wishes of the Society; but that in all respects they have fairly represented the same, and are entitled to the thanks of the Society for their untiring efforts in making it the successful organization it has become. But that the spirit which prompted the circulation of the unjust and unfounded reports before aluded to, is much to be regretted, and that their originator, if found to be a member of this Society, shall be called upon to answer charges of malicious and unbecoming conduct, and be it futher *Resolved:* That these resolutions be printed in the Official Journal of the Society, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Philatelic Press and Societies.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Clark, the ayes and nays having been called for, so that the vote of each member should be a matter of record, the resolutions were adopted by the unanimous vote of the Society. After transacting some further business, and holding the auction sale, the meeting adjourned. Next meeting June 16th.

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We are a little late this month, with this number, but not quite as far behind as some of our conterporaries, the May numbers of which we hope to see before the year is out.

Philately always seems to go down or rather to drop off about the middle of May, and remains at a low ebb until about the first of September, when all the various summer amusements are over, which detract so much from the love of our science. We must say that we find it rather irksome ourselves to remain indoors this fine weather, when we could so much better find enjoyment outside, but as we have got the interests of our subscribers to look after, we must content ourselves with our pen, ink and paper. Our subscription list is growing larger every month, but there is still lots of room for more, and in order to get the vacant space filled up, we will give to the party whose subscription reaches us first a 3d. Nova Scotia 1857. To the one reaching us tenth a set of 2, 2½, 5, 8 and 10c. d. p., Philippine Isles, and to the one reaching us twentieth a set of Newfoundland 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 5, 6, 10 cent. So now is your chance if you wish to secure some good stamps cheap.

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We intend shortly to devote a column to new issues. We have made arrangements with a party living in Germany to forward us a list each month, just as soon as they appear in the *Le Timbre Poste*, which will therefore enable us to have them sooner than most other publications.

TO CANADIAN PHILATELISTS.

"The Undersigned Committee of Organization have decided to issue a general invitation to all interested in Philately in Canada, to join with them in forming a Canadian Philatelic Association. Officers will be elected as soon as possible after all details have be arranged. All correspondence of those stamp collectors intending to join should be addressed to the Secy. *pro-tem*, at Ottawa, Can. The officers to be elected are a President, a Vice-President for each Province, a

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Jno. R. HOOPER,
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Sec'y. *pro. tem.*

The above circular has been sent us for publication by Mr. Hooper, and it is with the greatest of pleasure that we insert it in this number of our paper, hoping that if it is decided to start a Canadian Philatelic Association it will be a success, but at the same time we are rather doubtful if it is practicable to successfully run an Association, such as the above circular implies. In the United States the A. P. A. has not proved the success that it was anticipated it would, in fact it is a sort of a white elephant on the hands of the originators. It has now been in existence about 1 year and has only got a membership of about 300. Now as we all know Canada has not one-fiftieth part of the Philatelists that the U. S. has, therefore we hardly think it possible to make a success of such an association. However, as we before stated, if it is decided to start a Canadian Philatelic Association, we hope that it will be a success, and we will do all in our power to help it become so. There are some good men in Canada, such as Mr. Hechler of Halifax, Mr. Morrell of Toronto, and others, who, if they would take hold of it, would undoubtedly make the thing succeed.

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ODD NOTES.

Mr. Henry Hechler, our prominent stamp and coin dealer, has been elected as an Alderman for the City of Halifax in a recent election.

Henry Clotz, of New York, has been appointed Superintendent of the Exchange Department of the A. P. A. We wish him every success in his new position.

Since the philatelists of Halifax will not form a philatelic Society of their own, we trust that if it is decided to start a Canadian Philatelic Society they will give it all the help that they can.

We would like to see some of our contemporaries give a little more space to good philatelic articles, and not devote so much to wrangling about subjects that are not in our line at all.

Cuba has issued a provisional stamp. It consists of one of the regular stamps cut into and used as a half of the original value.

There are quite a number of people who owe us sundry small amounts, who, if they do not show up before next number will be entitled to a prominent position on our Black List.

Messrs Larsen Bros. of this city intend entering upon the wholesale business of stamps, post cards, etc. They are now importing a large stock, and will open business about September next.

The Philatelic Gazette has lit upon another firm dealing in counterfeit stamps. Verily they are becoming a terror to evil doers.

The American Philatelist is no more, that is as the official organ of the A. P. A. The board of management have decided that the *Western Philatelist* be the paper to represent the A. P. A., but the vote of the members gave a preference to the *Philatelic Journal of America.*

In a vote recently taken by *The Western Philatelist*, as to which is the best philatelic paper, it resulted as follows.

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We do not know if all the other philatelic papers named, accept the position designated them by the *subscribers* of the *Western Philatelist*, but we certainly think that if any other of the papers took a vote it would naturally result in placing their own paper at the head of the list. We presume that all the other papers who have got no place, are no good at all, and might as well be dispensed with.

The Quaker City Philatelist Society have got themselves into a pretty tight place, in regard to the stand they have taken concerning the Chalmers' Hill controversy, and we are afraid that they will have to bring forth some stronger arguments than they have done to get out of it.

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(From Bric-a-Brac.)

NOW AND THEN.

"THE PUPPET SHOW AND THE POST-COVERS."

The following amusing skit was published at the time of the issue of the Mulready envelope, which was in those days a subject of satire generally. The moment is appropriate, we think, for the reproduction of the article, which we re-issue from the columns of a contemporary newspaper :—

"Ladies and Gentlemen,—and you, my very pretty little dears,—Here you will see the whole allegorical and pictorial history of her most gracious Majesty's post-covers—and all for the low charge of one penny. For the accommodation of the short-sighted, the figures are magnified beyond the *natral* size, and the history of the same humanly adapted to the very lowest comprehensions. The post-covers, ladies and gentlemen—only one penny, and don't breathe on the glasses !"

"Very faithful, quite extraordinary," mutters an old gentleman in a faded apple-green coat, yellow waistcoat, and drab breeches and gaiters—"a beautiful work," he exclaims, as with eye intent at the lens of the showman's box, and quite unconscious that he is rubbing elbows between a baker and chimney sweep, he gazes on the magnificent Government work of art, and listens, with gaping ears, to the revealings of the master of the show, who, with extraordinary sagacity, thus interprets the hieroglyphics of the Treasury :—

"Look directly to the centre, and you perceive the figure of Brittannia with her shield upon her knee. She has just put up a covey of postmen with the wings of wild geese ; naked in the *pictur*, but here, you will perceive, clothed for families. One of the postmen, you will observe, is making for the ear of a camel on the left, having, doubtless, a letter of importance to deliver to that sagacious animal.

"At the foot of Brittannia is the British lion, looking as mild as if suckled upon asse's milk, and having not so much as a growl in the whole inside of him. His front paws is benevolently put out of sight, and his terrible tail hangs as limp as a thread-paper !

"The group on the immediate right is considered by Mr. Hume to be very beautiful. Observe that gentleman, without buttons to his coat, shaking hands with a wild Indian. That is the portrait of Mr. Pease, the Quaker, as he appeared after his first motion in the House of Commons.

"The Red Indian as holds Mr. Pease is the famous Chief, cut-and-come-again, of the Splitskull tribe. He and the other wild men are making a bargain with the whites for rum and powder, for which the savages are to give only their

skins. Mr. Pease seems to say that all orders must be post-paid.

"You will observe a dog standing very respectful among the legs of the Indians. He was taken when a puppy from the wife of a general officer in the first American battles; was sucaled by a squaw, and is therefore tenderly attached to the Splitskulls. A close observer may perceive that the dog has his own opinions of the Quakers.

"On the extreme right is a majestic man in a broad hat, talking to himself, and as it appears, much delighted with the conversation. Name not known.

"In the centre, a woman with a baby at her breast, supplies a beautiful allegory, which I will not insult your capacities to attempt to describe. Only the back part of the baby is seen, but that is from life.

"A naked Indian that sits, and seemingly says nothing, is a most important figure. You will perceive that his arm affectionately encircles his knee; by which the artist infers that 'all is as right as his leg.'

"A man rolling one cask, and one man hammering at another—making much noise, and doing little work—are portraits from Parliament; to be supplied according to the politics of the beholders.

"A most umbrageous tree—said to be a portrait of the tree of knowledge—springs from the centre of the group, as meaning to shadow forth the blessings of the penny postage.

"Your polite attention is now requested to the group on the left. In the front is a gentleman on his knees writing. Do you see him? That is a fancy portrait of Lord Palmerston, writing a 'communication' to the innocent Hong merchants in the distance—known by their long tails—and at the moment selling a chest of fine Pekoe to an English trader. The men-of-war, still further in the distance, are sailing for Canton.

"Now particularly observe the man with a heavy load upon his shoulder at the back of his lordship. That is a portrait of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, taken at the happy moment when making up his budget. You see that he is about to get the load upon the back of the elephant in front. Now particularly mark the eye of the elephant as it is cast back upon the Chancellor; being as much as to say, 'What the dickens is he going to put upon me now?' The second elephant evidently shares in the curiosity of his companion.

"Observe that gentleman in earnest conversation with another gentleman, between the elephants, and before the camels. They are talking of the war in China, and other subjects of polite society.

"At the extreme back to the right is a Laplander in his sledge, drawn by a stag. He is on his journey to ship a cargo of ice, having received a large order from Messrs. Gunter, by penny post, for that commodity.

"You are now earnestly requested to consider what has been happily called the domestic parts of this wonderful composition. Observe the group at the right-hand lower corner. A wife is reading a letter in confidence to a female friend—a letter from an absent husband, desiring the partner of his bosom to have prepared on his arrival by the late train hot lamb chops and a dish of sparrow-grass. A little girl (their pledge of mutual love) is eagerly struggling for the letter.

"Now look to the opposite corner. There is the portrait of a venerable old lady of the name of Smith. She is bedridden, ladies and gentleman, and is listening to a letter read by her *nevy*. Mark the figure of Mrs. Smith. She is looking all sorts of gratitude, and her two hands is clasped. The letter is from her grandson, John Smith, reported to have been hanged for burglary and murder; whereas that letter, just received by the penny post, assures the delighted parent that her grandchild is transported for life, for robbing on the highway, with the minor offence of slitting an attorney's nose.

"And that, ladies and gentlemen, and my very pretty little dears, concludes all the whole of the hieroglyphical history of the covers of the penny post. *Vivat Regina*, no money returned."

CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

As it is now pretty certain that a philatelic association is about to be started in Canada, we trust that the mistake which occurred in the A. P. A. will be avoided in regard to an official organ.

The A. P. A. found that it was a great mistake in running a paper solely as the organ of the Association, and paying for it out of the funds, and have now rectified their error by choosing one of the regular philatelic journals to represent them, and as every one knows the A. P. A. would not have done this if they had not found that it was too expensive maintaining a paper, therefore we hope that the members of the C. P. A. will consider this and choose one of the papers now in Canada to represent them. We ourselves would like to become the official journal, and if it was decided in our favor we would do all things to promote the society.

We sincerely regret the incorrect statement we made in our June number regarding Messrs. Edwards, Peake & Co. of Chicago, having supplied counterfeit stamps. The report being furnished to us through an unreliable party, and we admit that our editor should have exercised more judgment, or at least withheld it until it was confirmed. Messrs E. P. & Co. are gentlemen in every sense of the word and we trust that whatever injury our incorrect statement has caused them they will reap the just confidence and benefit in the future which they are worthy of. Messrs E. P. & Co. will please accept this our apology assuring them of our best intentions.

We understand that the "Useful Instructor" will be known hereafter as the "Canada Stamp and Coin Journal." Good, brother Finlay, rather an improvement, we wish you good speed.

The new Provisional Danish West India stamps are not likely to become a drug on the market, as the postmaster will not sell them to all comers except in small lots. Hang on to what you have of them.

Bric-A-Brac for June says:

The very latest thing in forgeries.

Germany maintains its unenviable reputation as the Fatherland of Forgery. The latest reproduction is a facsimile of the new English stamp. I have lately

seen some artistic imitations of the 5d. and 9d. stamps, the colour as well as the dies being reproduced with remarkable fidelity. The colour of the specimens I have seen are a tone lighter than those of the Post Office issue, (as opposed to the irregular issue in question), but there would be no difficulty in deepening the colours of the forgeries, or by steeping the English stamp in water they can be reduced to the exact complexion of the counterfeits. While these dies are allowed to be used, it is possible, even probable, that large supplies should find their way into this country, there to be disposed of as genuine stamps. Until this block business is stopped, the Post Office is in danger of losing large sums of money. Some of the imitations simply defy detection by any but an expert.

Mr. Theo Larsen informed us a few days ago that he intended to take a trip to New Brunswick this summer.

Good enough, and we hope that apart from applying all his time to recreation that he will have an eye to philatelic interests, and not forgetting that there are still a great many old trunks in existence in which may be found both "Connell Heads" and 1 shilling stamps. If friend Larsen comes across such, we will ask to be allowed to "Sit-on-the-fence-love-to-see-you-pass-by.

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EVERY man in this world has some particular aim (providing he has any ambition at all) both as to business and also with regard to recreation, and consequently we find in every day life one trying to outdo the other. This great competition for fame is not only attained through practice, but also through the different channels of literature. In order to reach nearest to perfection it necessarily follows that one must strive to get the best literature bearing upon ones special study. This theory holds good with regard to postage stamps collecting as well as to any other persuasion, and as we are engaged in the entertainment of our stamp collecting friends, it is with this regard we principally propose to deal. Six months ago we caused the first number of the Halifax Philatelist to appear, and in making our *debut* we promised our friends good value for the return of their support which promise we have tried to redeem to the best of our ability. We have managed to treat our patrons with fresh and spicy news at each issue, and as we have on hand several congratulatory letters from gentlemen of "Stamp Standing" we really feel as though we have performed our duty very satisfactory. Now for the future we intend to make our paper more attractive than heretofore as we have secured the services of several able writers who are well up in philatelic matters, This being the case we ask for the continued support of our old friends and as we are aware that several hundreds both collectors and dealers are to be found alone in the lower provinces of Canada, we shall take it as a favor if they would avail themselves of our columns. A year's subscription from one and an inch advertisement from another will greatly add to our comfort. We have made no money out of the publication but we are not dissapointed, as we did not expect to do so but merely intended to help the stamp collectors of Canada, who, if they will in return give us their support, will have in time one of the first philatelic papers in America.

As usual this time of the year when we have such magnificent weather, with not too great heat in the day and the loveliest evenings imaginable, it is quite natural that the majority of collectors lay aside their "hobby" and seek some diversity out doors where noble nature extends her friendly hand and bids one a fair welcome. We ourselves feel it rather a hardship to spend our spare time in the house wasting ink and paper,

and many a time we are inclined to give our work a hoist for a few days, but then all at once it dawns on our minds that we have an obligation to fulfil and a polite request is handed us from our printer for our MSS. Oh! horror, yes, come to collect ourselves we really find that the time has stolen a march on us and that we must knuckle right down to work. With an automatic movement we reach for our scissors, but only to find that in our absence some one has either taken the lend of them, or what is worse, probably intended to play a joke on us. Baffled in this instance we have no other choice left us but to write up some original matter, whereas, if we only had our scissors back, oh how we would feel like using them. Now if we only had something sensational to relate, but of course we are not in that line of business, but stick to our subject, it is all about stamps, yes stamps, stamps, collectors away from home, no letters arriving, sultry evening; ice all melted in our pitcher, oil low in our lamp, getting fidgetty, restless, in fact all up in a heap, so we will just carry out our first intention that of giving it a hoist.

A CONTEMPORARY says:

A horse pulled the plug out of a bung-hole and slaked his thirst. As the horse could not have slaked his thirst without pulling the plug out of the bung-hole of the barrel, there is nothing extraordinary in the occurrence, Now, if the horse had pulled the barrel out of the bung-hole and slacked his thirst with the plug, or if the barrel had pulled the bung-hole out of the plug and slaked his thirst with the horse, or if the bung-hole had pulled the thirst out of the horse, and slaked the plug with the barrel, or if the barrel had pulled the horse out of the bung-hole and plugged his thirst with the slake there might have been cause for an argument about it. But none of these things seems to have occurred.

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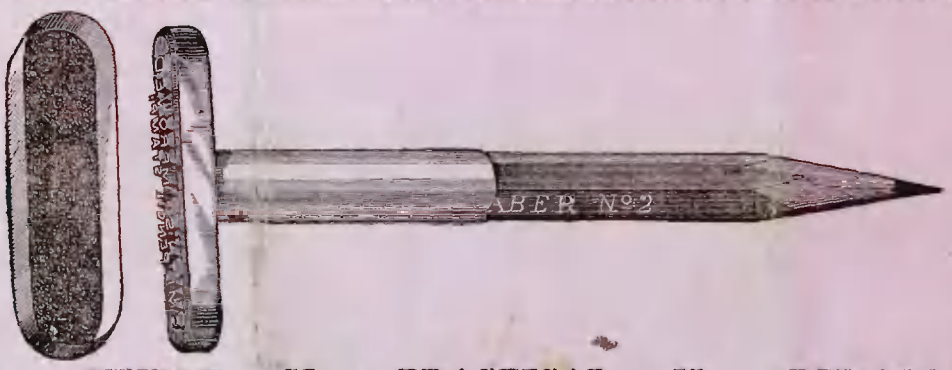

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BLACK MOUNTAIN.

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

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

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

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

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

ABOUT STAMP COLLECTING.

Judging from the numerous articles which have been written concerning the advantages to be gained from stamp collecting, the subject would seem to be exhausted and that nothing remains to be said. If such were the case, there are good reasons for keeping the arguments, so often advanced, before the philatelic fraternity, to encourage the older members and enlighten the latest accession to our ranks. The votaries of philately are almost universally intelligent, well bred boys, for no others could have inclination for such a pursuit or diversion. They have, too, those qualities so necessary for success in any enterprise—energy and persistence.

Given collectors of these qualifica-

tions, it is easy to see to what extent the pursuit of their hobby will increase their knowledge of the location, extent, kind of government, history and general characteristics of the countries of the world, information which will be of the greatest value to them in after life. There is no risk in saying that collectors of the kind referred to far excel in accurate knowledge of the world, all boys who have had only the advantages of even the best schools. The latter have as a rule only vague notions of the existence of many of the most remote and least known parts of the globe and of their form of government, political relations, etc., while the former must from the very nature of their favorite amusement, become familiar with all these things.

Is there no reason for inferring that the boys now engaged in collecting stamps, will in a few years, be amongst our most energetic, intelligent and consequently most successful business men?

[*From Collector's Aid.*]

THE MORESNET JOKE.

No doubt most of our readers would like to hear about this celebrated Philatelic joke so we publish it below,

Mon. Moons had noticed that a certain Philatelic journal, published in Paris, habitually cribbed from the Timbre-Post without the slightest acknowledgement. He determined to set a trap. In the Timbre-Post published on the 1st of April 1867, appeared a letter signed by J. E. Neom (which is of course, the name of M. Meon reversed) wherein the writer describes and illustrates a series of four postage stamps, supposed to be issued by the Commune of Moresnet. After dwelling in a serio-comic strain upon the history and resources of Moresnet he gives the names of the printers of the stamps as Messrs De Visch and Livra. The unfortunate journalist for whom the trap was laid did not see that De Visch is the Flemish for Poisson, that Liva is simply Avil spelled backwards, while Passon d, Avil is, as most people are aware, the French equivalent for April Fool! In the next number of his paper, he not only swallowed the Moresnet stamps, but priced them for the benefit of his customers. in the Timbre Post for May, 1867. M. Moerns, after indulging in a hearty chuckle at the expense of his victim, explained the joke for the benefit of those whose dullness had prevented them seeing it.—*E. S. Tero.*

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TWO SISTER SOCIETIES.

One year ago the great American Philatelic Association first came into prominence, created by several energetic gentlemen, and on the 2nd Monday in August the 1st year's convention will be held in Chicago.

We do not wish to be hostile to the interest of our American friends but we can't help thinking that a great deal more prudence and careful legislation might have been exercised. We are aware that it is well enough to detect a fault when after it is committed, and acting in accordance, we wish to be charitable in our article. So much has been written regarding the doings of the A. P. A. that any intelligent reader by this time has formed his private opinion as to what is wrong and right, but suffice to say that we should like to see this convention inspired by the purest intentions, and the solid business conducted in a gentlemanly manner, so as to leave no room for any future controversy. In this same month a sister to the A. P. A. was born, and is to be christened the C. P. A. Now, this event we consider to Canadian philatelists only second to that of the Queen's Jubilee. Both American and Canadian philatelists will naturally watch these two societies wish great interest, and we are pleased that the Canadian Association are in excellent hands for a start. Much good will be the outcome of each, more so as it always makes two or more to effect competition. Being Canadians we of course lean in favor of our side, and all collectors should not tarry a moment in sending along their names and subscription to the Secretary. In conclusion we will say to the gentlemen of the C. P. A., act prudent and wise, don't let anything but the success of the Association move you to decision.

You have already before you a fair idea of how it should be conducted, and by an active effort of the collectors of Canada on the behalf of new Association, we predict before long a Philatelic Association in Canada founded on a model scale.

THE Collector's Figaro for July is before us and we admire the manly and independent stand it takes regarding fair play. Every one must admit the Figaro is well gotten up and supplies its readers with fresh and readable items, in fact it is well managed in spite of its youthful editor.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

The following is a complete list of members of the C. P. A. received by Secretary, Mr. John R. Hooper, Ottawa, with the numbers given to each, according to date of receipt of the 25c. initiation fee :—

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25.—H. Mathers, Box 573, Halifax, N.S.
26.—Chas. G. Woodworth, Box 2003, Denver, Col.
27.—Williston Brown, P. O. Departm't, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Besides the above members the Secretary has received between twenty and thirty applications unaccompanied by the entrance fee of 25 cents. The annual dues will be decided by vote when the election of officers takes place. Foreign members who wish to become attached pay a fee of 50 cents, and a low special annual due will be paid by them in consideration of their acting as correspondents for the Society. It is to be hoped that every philatelist in Canada will join, and there is nothing to prevent us having a membership of one hundred. The Secretary has written 352 letters on the subject to collectors and answered 192 communications, besides publishing notices in twelve philatelic journals.

The following suggestions have been received by the Society *pro tem*, and will be looked into by the Executive Committee when elected :—

A parchment roll of their original or charter-members or founders of the Association should be among the properties of the Association.

Each member should be required on receiving notification of his admission to the Association, to furnish the Librarian

with his photograph and address card, and an album should be among the properties of the Association in charge of the Librarian, in which these photos and cards are to be kept.

Each member should have an official number on the entry books, and also on his card of membership, so that if at any time it should be required to communicate anything concerning him, his number can be referred to very simply.

I think it should be distinctly set forth that ladies may become members of the Association. This is the case with a number of these societies that I know, and ladies make very useful members.

The cards of membership should be specially engraved and carefully designed for the purpose. If thought best a small fee may be charged each member for his card to defray the cost thereof. Having once procured the plate it will be easy at any time to print off as many as are required.

There should be provision for honorary members as is the case in Austria, Germany, and other foreign countries having live societies. Among such honorary members might properly be the Governor-General, the Post-Master General and for the time being Presidents of affiliated foreign societies, etc.

Provision ought also to be made for corresponding members in different foreign countries who would keep the Society posted as to all changes that occur abroad. I have myself had the honor to be elected a corresponding member of a number of Philatelic Societies in other countries.

Membership in the Association should define the age of members joining—say not less than 18—so as to bar boys who are likely to tire of it.

Branch Societies should submit the regulations that they wish to adopt, or any changes therein that they may propose from time to time to the Executive Committee for approval, to see that they do not conflict with this constitution, and the respective Provincial Vice-Presidents should be charged with a general supervision of these branches, receiving a report of names, ages, character, etc., of proposed members thereof.

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IT has been decided to start the C. P. A. Count us in.

ODD NOTES.

Stamp collecting is unlike that of money collecting, the more you get collected of the former the harder it is to advance, whereas, regarding the latter the more you acquire the quicker it accumulates.

The new issue of Siam is to hand and we consider them very pretty. The values are respectively 2, 3, 4, 8, 12 and 24 atts. In the centre a front view of the king in oval frame is represented, with two octagon spaces below. The space to the right gives the value in English, whereas the one to the left that in Siamese. They are all printed in two different colours, the varieties being as follows: rose and green, blue and green, light brown and green, yellow and green, rose and violet, and blue and violet.

We received some time ago a letter prepaid with French Guiana surcharged stamps, but up to the time of going to press we have no information regarding same. Who can tell us all about it?

We have quite a curiosity on hand in the shape of an envelope, which we mailed some time ago to a party in Samarang, Java. The party not being found, the letter was returned and it is amusing to see all the different postmarks. Both the face and back of envelope is literally covered, and the original address is hardly perceptible.

In July issue we omitted to thank Mr. J. Hassell for his kind consideration in sending us a specimen of the new Danish West Indies surcharge.

Mr. J. Hassell has kindly sent us a specimen of the new Danish West Indies surcharge. It is stated that the regular 1c. has run out and the 7c. has been surcharged in black **1 CENT** with rough type.

A well known stamp dealer in this city thought he had a big haul, a short time ago, when a correspondent stated that he had a lot of Nova Scotia stamps and American stamped envelopes entire. As the price was suitable the package duly arrived, but imagine the look of the dealer when he found the N. S. stamps to be the common 3c. Canada, which were used in Nova Scotia, and the American envelopes were "*stamped*" with the 2c. adhesive.

It is stated that dust rose from the "*stamps*" of the dealer, while his tongue was not idle.

Mr. Hart has a novel way of attracting attention to his shoe store. We noticed in the south window about 100 varieties of post cards. Part of his collection, among which are Siam, Japan, Iceland, Mauritius, Gold Coast, Tasmania, Gibraltar, Guatemala, Sandwich Islands reply, &c., we also noticed a Canada reply card with the head in the left corner. This error is not seen very often. Mr. H. states that he will exhibit a collection of coins on the 22nd and 23rd of Aug. He also showed us an envelope he received from Belleville, Ont. about the 1st of May. The letter was registered and the fee prepaid by two 1c. stamps. That office appears to have run short of the 2c. Reg. about that time.

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Most of the American papers are late this month.

The king of Roumania is an active colleetor.

The Collectors Review is in our humble opinion a good one and is destined to be a first class journal.

We have received the new ½d. Gibralter, surcharged specimen in black, also the 10 & 16c. Labuan, all of them have the gum on the back.

We are in receipt of a letter posted in Constantinople, and prepaid by a regular French stamp without surcharge. Is this in order, or has it slipped through the mail by a fluke.

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A clerk at the Columbia Post Office the other day was saluted by an old fellow outside who said he wanted to send off a letter. "All right," said the genial purveyor of stamps, two cents, please." "I've only got one cent," said the old man, "just put that on and let the letter go slow."—*Columbia (S. C.) Register.*

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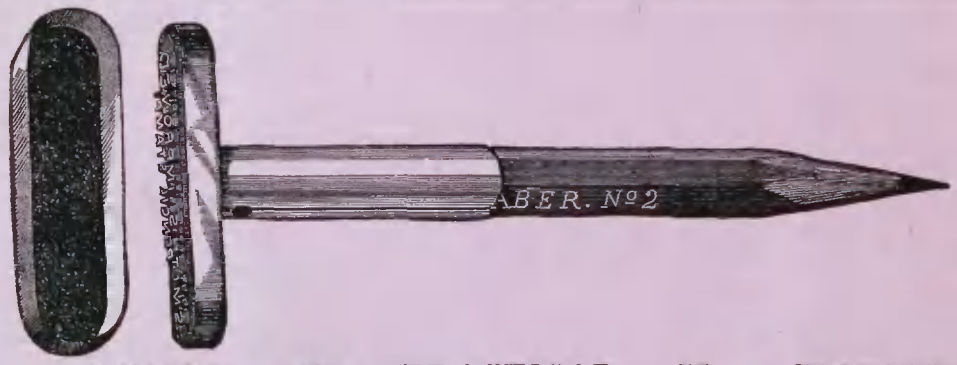

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LARGEST ISLAND IN THE WORLD.

NEW GUINEA, THE LATEST ACQUISITION TO THE COLONIAL EMPIRE.—A TALK WITH MR. MUSGRAVE.

Anthony Musgrave, deputy commissioner of New Guinea, a son of Rev. B. Musgrave, of Aylesford, Kings, is on a visit to Nova Scotia, enroute for England, and is registered at the Halifax. Mr. Musgrave was for some years private secretary to his uncle, Sir Anthony Musgrave, governor of New Zealand, and was appointed deputy commissioner three years ago, six months after the declaration of the British protectorate, "New Guinea,' said Mr. Musgrave to a HERALD reporter, "is the latest acquisition to the colonial empire. It is the largest island in the world, its area being over 300,000 square miles, and is situated north of Australia and divided from that continent by the Torres strait, the well known pearl fishery ground. The chief characteristics of New Guinea are its natural resources. It lies within the tropics and abounds in most of the tropical products. Only a small portion of it is known. It is the great terra incognita of the world. The Australians are showing great enterprise in encouraging exploration parties. The natives are pure Papuans in the interior and on parts of the coast. On other sections they show a mixture of Malay blood. The population is estimated at 2,000,000. They are excellent fishermen—mullet, sea perch, bream, turtle and dugong. The Australians were afraid that this island would be absorbed by foreign powers and converted into convict stations, or used as a base for hostile forces. Queensland, which is the nearest to the island,

was so apprehensive on this point that it took the bold step in 1883 of annexing the eastern half of the island. This action was disallowed by the Imperial government, much to the disgust of the Australians, but in consequence of the unanimity of public opinion and the contribution of £15,000 to the expenses of the local administration, the imperial government despatched the commodore on the Australian station, to proclaim a protectorate over the south eastern quarter of the island, and the large and important groups of islands lying to the southeastward. This was in 1884, and in the same month the first special commissioner was appointed. The natives have accepted the situation, in so far as they understand it, with tolerable equanimity. It is expected that New Guinea will soon be created a crown colony. The Queensland premier, having, it is understood, negotiated arrangements to that effect, during the recent colonial conference in London. The probable policy will be to develop the resources of the island with Australian capital and encourage the civilization and Christianization of the natives —many of whom are cannibals, and are a ferocious, piratical and bloodthirsty crowd. A local police force will be required to maintain order. The present commissioner, Hon. John Douglass, C. M. G, was formerly premier of Queensland and is a well-known and popular resident of Australia.—*Halifax Herald*

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London, 8, 14 No., 84 D.
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Toronto, Ont., July–7, 84 ;
London, July — 87 ;
London, E.C., July 10, 87 ; and
Hastings Station office, E., Ju. 10, 87.

This letter, if it could speak, could tell of much swearing by post office clerks during its travel from Halifax to Toronto, thence to London, where the clerks sent it on the rounds of the great city. Then

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THE stamp trade, although carried on as extensively as any other business, in fact some very large houses are to be found both in this country and away from home, is to a certain extent a trade peculiar to itself. Any other trade outside that of the stamp is more or less protected against loss by either commercial references through whichever channel they wish to enquire, or by recorded standing in mercantile agencies. In saying this we mean the majority of stamp dealers who have not a place of business in shape of a shop with counters and plate glass fronts. As of course in nearly every case the business is done through the mail, and therefor require at the most a spacious office, or what we often or perhaps most frequently see, a corner of the bedroom fitted with a fixture for the stock in trade. The dealer, as a rule, does not enjoy the confidence which in many cases he is entitled to. This state of things we can hardly see any remedy for as it happens too frequently that both dealer and buyer has misplaced their confidence. Taking up for instance Philatelic papers and looking over the advertisements, and especially European and Continental, we find the same stamps offered by different dealers at not anything like a uniform price. Unexperienced buyers will of course rush to his writing pad and dash off an order as large as his dollars will allow him without waiting for a moment to consider whether he is ever going to see any returns for his outlay. On the other hand again, some dealers, especially those young in business, are over anxious to extract from his "book of stamp collectors" names all around the world and ship off either a packet or approval sheet and thereby thinking he is forcing trade; the result of same is too often found to the dealer's disadvantage.

In speaking of this matter we do not for a moment contend that we are an exception, but in ventilating this question we would suggest to the trade in general to use a little more precaution as it is quite as impossible to procure at fair trade a pound of sugar for the price of a pound of sand, so is it equally impossible to procure a one shilling Nova Scotia stamp for the price of a Denmark 20 ore. The American continent is large and stamp dealers are plentiful, and, as a rule, honest and shrewd business men whose aim is to please all concerned, and

speaking from experience we consider it both convenient and profitable, moreover, just and right to patronize our home market, especially when the chances for fair treatment are in its favour. It is not in the spirit of contempt for European stamp dealers that we are writing as there are certainly a great many honorable dealers who are only too willing and ready to please their customers, nevertheless, the European continent from north to south abounds in unprincipled vendors whose study of the day and dreams of the night are how much they can "scoop" in. Philatelic papers ought to be well informed as to the standing of stamp dealers around their respective locality, and if any one should feel like taking advantage of advertisements, either to buy or sell, we think that if such party would apply to the organ of such place asking for any information relating to same, that it would be the duty of such organ to cheerfully furnish all particulars. This we think would at least be one way to bring about a more healthy atmosphere in the stamp trade. The stamp journals, on the other hand, should also exercise more care in their choice of advertisers, and not allowing a clean inch of space in exchange for a filthy amount of money.

Since the recent change of the Post Master General in the sale of postage stamps to the public, we learn that Mr. G. E. Morton, who has the sale of the same in the Post Office building in Halifax, is no more working on a commission but is getting a salary of $750 a year, so the *Recorder* says.

First issue of Young Canada to hand. Success to you.

It appears that the Gibraltar stamp is used in Algiers, as we wrote to a friend in Gibraltar some time ago to purchase at the post office some ½d. stamps, but not being able to procure any went across to Algiers and there secured the desired amount.

We have it from pretty good authority that Newfoundland is not going to have any new issue as was intended at least for some time to come. The new colours were ordered but by some mistake they were struck off in the old colours, and we are told enough of them are on hand to last at least one year.

Still another 2c. Canada registered, brown was received on a letter a few days ago by a party here in Halifax. The same party has written to the issueing post office for particulars and also with a view of procuring the remaining stock.

Mr. A. B. S. DeWolfe whose advertisement appears elsewhere has a few back numbers of the Halifax Philatelist on hand. We would advise our friends to procure the complete file of the first half year's issue, as they contain some excellent information from the pens of Messrs. H. Hechler and Theo. Larsen.

Write to Mr. DeWolfe for the first six numbers of the Halifax Philatelist containing a full history of watermarks and the best treatise on S. P. M. surcharges. Both invaluable to collectors.

Western Phil. P. Co. has our best thanks for a copy of the Chicago Tribune, containing matters relating to the A. P. A.

GIBRALTAR has only the 4d., 6d. and post cards left of the surcharged issue. All other values are of the new issue.

THE Hill-Chalmer's controversy is getting monotonous, but there is capital "filling" for some journals. That and minutes from Philatelic Societies seems to be nearly all we get in some of the should be A. 1. Journals.

MR. H. B. MASON, formerly of Washington, D. C., informs us that he has removed to Boston, Mass. His address is now Room 7, No. 403 Washington St., where he will be pleased to receive orders.

THE Philatelic *Journal* of America notices in its August number, 3 new surcharges from French Guiana—0.05 on 2c. green, 0.20 on 35c black and yellow, and 0.25 on 30c. brown.

WE were in hopes to be able to publish a chronicle of new issues of stamps, but not having completed arrangements for the same, we ask our readers indulgence for not having fulfilled our promise this month.

THE *Collectors' Review* for August is to hand, and in answer to the enquiry about our health, we are happy to state that we have never felt better than we do at this present moment. We not only live, but intend to live for a long time to come. We are sorry that our copies have not reached the *Collectors' Review*, but it is no wonder, as we find that the address in our mailing book appears Ohio, instead of Colo, which has since been corrected. The *C. R.* will kindly excuse the error.

MR. H. F. KETCHESON has favoured us with his catalogue of Canadian and Provincial stamps. It is very complete. Mr. Ketcheson's advertisement appears elsewhere.

QUITE frequently we have been asked to supply 1 penny P. E. Island in an unperforated condition. No doubt this enquiry comes from the fact that some catalogues represents such to have been issued. For the information of our friends we may say that none of the P. E. Island stamps were ever ordered to be put into circulation as unperforated.

MR. S. DEWOLFE is at present sojourning in the United States. He carried away with him a trunk full of good wishes which he is going to exchange for—well, say rare stamps. Mr. DeWolfe intends calling upon as many Philatelic friends as his time will permit.

AS we have received a great many new advertisements for this issue, we look upon it as a sign that our friends are beginning to look upon the HALIFAX PHILATELIST as a fixture in the Philatelic fraternity. In thanking our friends for their support, we will assure them that we have come to stay, and also that we will make our appearance regularly every month. Any journal which combines two or more issues into one, we are inclined to regard as—well, say a little weak in the knees.

WITH the month of September the business revives, so don't forget that if you neglect to advertise in the HALIFAX PHILATELIST you may lose a great deal.

Correspondence.

THE C. P. A.

Now that the Canadian Philatelic Association seems to be an assured thing, let us hope that its organizers may guard against some of the errors that have grown up with our American sister, the A. P. A. The trouble the American Philatelic Association had over its official journal is yet fresh in our minds. We cannot forget the strife that was stirred up by the rival competitors for the position of official organ, and while we are thankful that it has been amicably quenched at the general Convention, let it be our endeavor to avoid a repetition of such a strife in our choice of the official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Association. There are at present, four Philatelic publications in existence in Canada, and a fifth will likely appear about the beginning of October. There is no doubt but that each one of these papers hopes that it may be the favored one. As far as I can find out, the terms offered by each publication are about alike, and as far as the contents of each paper is concerned, there is not a very great difference. The question these forms will be, Which of the five shall we vote for? A question, if answered from an unprejudiced point of view, of a difficult nature. It will be well for us to consider the financial strength of each paper, whether it is likely to live to a ripe age or destined to be as long mourned over as a missing friend, who was too weak to brave the storms of this cold world. We do not want to have to change our official organ two or three or more times in the year, but we want a paper for our official organ that will be able to brave the storms of many years, and one to which we will be enabled to look back to as a monument of Canadian Philatelic enterprise. We, Canadians, dearly love the fair land of our birth and we are anxious that any scheme upon which we enter should be a success, and marked with feelings of brotherly love and peace, not of discord and strife. Such then being our feelings, let us who are charter members of the C. P. A., when we are called upon to cast in our vote for the official organ of our Association, act deliberately and with caution, free from all prejudiced notions that this or that paper should be the official organ and feeling that upon our vote in this case, depends in a great degree, the harmony and well being of our Association.

YELOS (C. P. A. 10.)

A VERY interesting meeting took place on the 9th of Sept in Toronto, at the residence of Ed. Y. Parker, Esq., 47 Huron St.

The following collectors were present: Fred. J. Grenny, Brantford; H. Morell, Toronto; H. F. Ketcheson, Belleville, and Ed. Y. Parker, Toronto.

Mr. Grenny exhibited some rare Canadian and U. S. coins, and also some fine proofs of old Canada stamps. Mr. Parker exhibited his collection, which contained many fine stamps. The greater part of the evening was, however, taken up with relating interesting anecdotes and events that had befallen the various collectors present, during the time they had been collecting. The evening passed quickly away and it was midnight when the party broke up, and

each one remarked that "It was one of the most enjoyable evenings they had ever spent."

THE 1 and 2 cent (Canada) weights and measures stamps have been changed from blue to black, making the whole set of the same color.

THE (Canada) Gas Inspection stamps have been changed from light to dark blue.

L. W. DURBIN, DEAD.

IT is with deep sorrow we read of the death of Mr. L. W. Durbin, which took place at his residence at Burlington, N. J., on August 13th. There are very few stamp collectors who do not know the name of Durbin, as being connected with Philately for a number of years. As we were not personally acquainted with Mr. Durbin, we are not in a position to give him the just tribute to his memory which he is worthy of, but this much we can say, that with the death of Mr. Durbin, the Philatelic fraternity at large loses one of their most prominent members as well as a thoroughly reliable author, who was always willing to give a helping hand to Philatelic matters. We tender our sincere condolence to his family in this, their trying moment.

AFTER all that has been written regarding the Samoa stamps, we are still in doubt as to their being of any real postal value. We have recently received from a Hawaiian correspondent, specimens of the 2d, 4d, 1sh. and 2/6 stamps of the present issue, bearing the Apia postmark. The stamps were procured from the Samoan Consul at Honolulu.

ODD NOTES.

WE have seen the jubilee stamps used in the Levant.

MAMA! can I stick the stamp on your letter? Well, yes, I suppose you can as you have such a sweet tooth, but I can tell you if you don't leave off this hankering after sweeties, you will soon not have a tooth left in your head.

"DID you deliver the letter to Mr. Smith?" asked a gentleman of his servant. "Yes," said he, "but the man did not live in Water Street but across the common, not number 10 but number 115, not in the front but in the rear, he wasn't a mason but a minister, and his name wasn't Smith but O'Flaherty.

FILL up the ranks of the C. P. A. by sending your initiation fee of 25c. to Mr. J. R. Hooper, Sec. pro tem, 124 Slater St., Ottawa, Ont.

Join at once so as to have a vote at the coming election.

MR. F. J. GRENNY of Brantford, has a genuine used O'Connell stamp in his collection.

A GENTLEMAN told his servant to burn a handful of letters which were lying on the table. The servant asked to be allowed to retain a few of them for his own use. Surprised at this request, the gentleman asked him what he intended to do with them. Said he: "Oh, yes, when I left home my sweetheart asked me to send her a letter now and again, and as they are of no use to you, sir, and new and clean at that, I would thereby fulfil my promise to send her a letter now and again.

"BLACK LIST."

We have received a letter from Mr. J. A. Caron, St Luce Sta, Rimouski, in which he states that on February 11th, 1887: "I have forwarded a money order to the value of $7, to L. D. and J. K. Ferguson & Co., London, England. Also, on May 9th, 1887, I sent 50c. to Sayles A. Riptan of Marlboro', Mass. The two above amounts were to pay for stamps, and although I have written to them several times, I could get no answer."

We should advise all collectors to be very careful in dealing with the above two named firms.

From an article in a recent American paper we glean the following, regarding the stamps attributed to Corea, which may be of interest to our readers. The Progressionists had inaugurated a Postal system; and the necessary stamps and arrangements were made so as to conduct it according to foreign methods. The opening of the Post Office at Seoul, and the inauguration of the scheme was the event which precepted the *emeute* and ended in the overthrow of the Liberal party. The Post Office was burned, the postmaster beheaded, and the large and excellent assortment of stamps that had been printed in Japan at a great cost, have since been sold as curiosities.

It is calculated that during the last 12 months, the people of this country have individually and severally put their tongues out 1,968,341,000 times to moisten the postage stamps for the billions of letters and millions of newspapers, periodicals and parcels that are carried and delivered by the government. And yet 45 years ago there wasn't a postage stamp in the United States.—*Buffulo Courier.*

The following increase in the number of Post Offices in the Dominion of Canada from 1867 to 1887, will, no doubt, be of interest to our readers to know.

1st July,	1867	2333
"	1868	3638
1st Jan.,	1870	3756
"	1871	3820
"	1872	3943
"	1873	4135
"	1874	4518
"	1875	4706
"	1876	4892
"	1877	5015
"	1878	5161
"	1879	5378
"	1880	5606
"	1881	5935
"	1882	6171
"	1883	6395
"	1884	6475
"	1885	6851
"	1886	7114
"	1887	7322

The stamps that we pay two cents a piece for cost the Government but seven cents a thousand. The Government evidently wants the earth.—*Puck.*

Occasional gatherings of Halifax Philatelists are being held. As soon as the C. P. A. has its Constitution formed, Halifax will at once form a branch society adopting the regulations of the C. P. A. That is the way Halifax feels at present.

We are anxiously looking for our Toronto Brother.

We are also looking for the second issue of *Young Canada.*

Exchange Notes.

Under this heading we will insert notices of Exchange from subscribers only. All notices must be in by 5th of any month to insure insertion in that month's issue. The right to reject all exchanges reserved.

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H. E. FRENCH,
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Chicago, Ill.

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FRANK C. KAYE,
Halifax, N. S.

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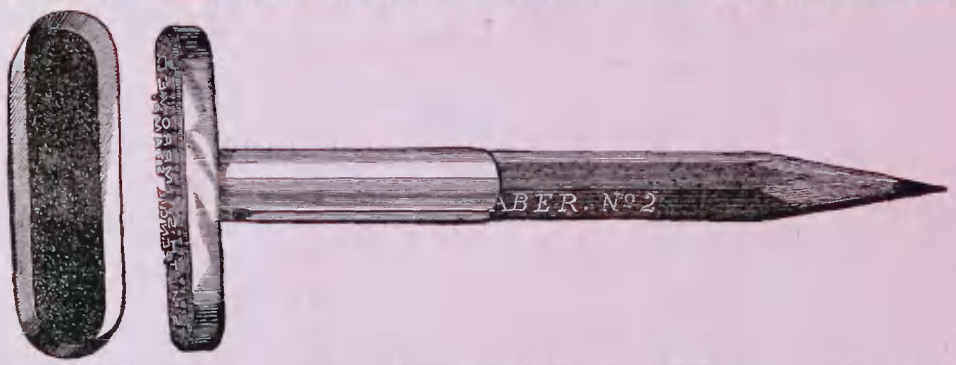

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CONSTITUTION C. P. A.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1.—*The Name.*—The name of this organization shall be "THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION."

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1.—*The Officers.*—The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice-President for each Province of the Dominion of Canada, a Secretary, a Librarian, an Exchange Superintendent, a Purchasing Agent, and an Executive Committee.

SEC. 2.—*Officers to be elected by the Association.*—The following officers shall be elected by the Association :—President, Provincial Vice-President, Secretary, Librarian and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute a Board, with power to appoint all other officers prescribed by the Constitution.

SEC. 3.—*Term of office : the vote.*—The officers of this Association who are elected by a general vote of the Association, shall be elected for 1887 and 1888, and thereafter every two years, and shall continue to serve until their successors are qualified. The election of officers shall be by ballot under the direction of the Executive Committee. Two-thirds of all the members must vote at general elections, otherwise the election will not be valid. A plurality of votes shall be necessary to elect, provided that it be not less than one-third of the total number of votes cast. The vote may be taken in the same way on all other questions which require the vote of the Association.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1.—*Convention of Board.*—A Convention of the Board of Officers may be held at any time, and for the transaction of any business connected with the Association, should the said Board deem it meet to hold such Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1.—*The President.*—The President shall preside at any meeting of the Association that may be elected. He shall sign all warrants on the Treasurer for moneys required by the Association. He shall have the power of calling for a general vote in order to suspend any officer for violation of the Constitution. He shall submit an annual report to be published in the official organ.

SEC. 2.—*The Vice-Presidents.*—The Provincial Vice-Presidents of this Association shall look into the character of and report upon applicants for membership living in their respective Provinces, when advised by the Secretary. Should the President not be present at any meeting of this Association, the officers present shall appoint one of the Vice-Presidents to act in his (the President's) place.

SEC. 3.—*The Secretary.*—The Secretary shall keep a true record of all proceedings of the Association, and preserve all documents. He shall receive all membership fees and give a receipt therefor. He shall keep a correct financial account and pay over to the Treasurer all money in his hands, over and above the sum of five dollars, taking receipts therefor. He shall receive all applications for membership and grant the same, when authorized by the President. He shall publish each month, in the official organ, all names of new members and applicants for membership, and also all

other news he may have gathered in his official capacity, and which may be of interest to members. He shall issue cards of membership and furnish a copy of this Constitution and all publications of the Association to all members in good standing. He shall submit all names of applicants to the Provincial Vice-Presidents for their report. The Secretary shall receive ten dollars per year and all legitimate expenses, and shall answer all letters sent him by members.

SEC. 4.—*The Treasurer.*—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys, property and security handed over to him by the Secretary, and will be required to give ample security. He shall pay, through the Secretary, all warrants regularly drawn on him, signed by the President and Secretary. He shall submit a complete financial statement to the Board of Officers each year. He shall deposit all moneys, over and above the sum of fifteen dollars, in some bank, as named by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 5.—*The Librarian.*—The Librarian shall keep in trust for the Association all philatelic literature, albums, collections, etc., which may be purchased by, or presented to the Association. He shall keep a correct list of all works, etc, in his possession, and shall publish a list of all books, papers, etc., received in the official organ. He shall collect in advance, the necessary postage and a fee of three cents from any member desiring to take any work from the library. All books, etc., must be returned in ten days after receipt. Members keeping any book or publication longer than the time designated, will not be allowed to take from the library any other book or publication until an explanation, satisfactory to the Librarian, is given. The Librarian shall pay over to the Treasurer any money in his hands, over expenses, at the close of each year. Members residing at a distance will be allowed to keep books, etc., the full ten days, and the postmark of mailing will be taken as the date of return.

SEC. 6.—*Superintendent of Exchange,*—This officer shall conduct the exchange business of the Association, in accordance with the provisions made therefor in the By-Laws.

SEC. 7.—*Purchasing Agent.*—This officer shall conduct the purchasing business of the Association in accordance with the provisions made therefore in the By-Laws.

SEC. 8.—*Counterfeit Detecter.*—This officer shall pass upon the genuineness of stamps, subject to the provisions laid down therefor in the By-Laws.

SEC. 9.—*Official Editor*—This officer shall edit all literary productions and publications of the Association, in accordance with the provisions laid down therefor in the By-Laws.

SEC. 10.—*Executive Committee.*—The Executive Committee shall perform such duties as are required of them in the By-Laws of the Association, and shall be composed of all elected officers, and five others. The Committee, in event of death or retirement of an officer of the Association, can appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE V.

SEC 1.—*Who can be Members.*—Any stamp collector can become a member of this Association by applying to the Secretary, who shall thereupon publish his name in the official organ, and if no objection shall be received by the Secretary within one month, the candidate shall be considered elected, and entitled to receive the membership card of the Association, upon payment of the annual dues. Should any member object to the applicant, the application shall be submitted to the vote of the Association. No member will be admitted under sixteen years of age for the present, until the subject is gone over by the Executive. Dues may be paid either quarterly, half-yearly, or yearly, in advance.

SEC. 2.—*Foreign Members.*—A member who does not reside in Canada, cannot

hold any office in this Association, or be entitled to vote at elections of the same. The fee for foreign members shall be 50 cents. All members shall receive an official number.

SEC. 3. — *Expelling Members.* — A member may be expelled or suspended on charges having been preferred and proven against him, before a conrt composed of members of the Association. The Executive Committee to have the matter in charge.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1.—*Revenues.*—The Revenues of the Association shall be derived as follows :—For Membership Card, $1.50 (or $1.00 to be put to the vote), an admission fee of 25 cents, and Revenues from the different departments, as provided in the By-Laws. The Revenues shall be used to defray the expenses of the Association.

ARTICLE VII.

SEC. 1.—*Property.*—All officers, shall at the expiration of their terms of office, deliver to their successors all books, papers, moneys, and other property in their possession, belonging to the Association ; and they shall not be relieved from their obligations, until this requirement be complied with.

ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. — *Branch Societies.*—The establishment of Branch Societies in every town, containing five or more members of this Association shall be encouraged ; such Branch Societies to be governed by such regulations as they may make themselves, except on such points as may conflict with the Constitution. Branch Societies may contain persons who are not members of this Association. The Provincial Vice-President to control Branches in their Provinces, and submit their by-laws and reports to the President of C. P. A. for approval.

ARTICLE IX.

SEC. 1.—*By-Laws.*—Any By-Laws of this Association, not conflicting with this Constitution, may be made by the Board of Officers ; but should twenty-five members object thereto, they must be submitted to general vote.

SEC. 2.—*Amendments.*—This Constitution can only be amended or altered by a two-thirds vote of all the members of this Association.

BY-LAWS CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

No. 1.—*Superintendent of Exchanges.* —The Superintendent will draft this By-Law, regulating the method of carrying on the business, as he judges most convenient and labor-saving for himself, subject to the vote of the Board of Officers.

No. 2.—*Purchasing Agent.*—This department will be arranged later on by the President and the officer elected to this office.

No. 3.—*Counterfeit Detecter.*—The Counterfeit Detecter shall examine all stamps sent him by members, and give his opinion as to their genuineness. He shall collect a fee of 5 cents for the first stamp examined for any member, and 2 cents for every other stamp examined for such member. He shall hand all moneys in his hands at the end of each year, over expenses, to the Treasurer.

No. 4.—*Official Editor.*—The Official Editor shall receive and prepare for publication, all reports of officers, etc., sent him, and cause the same to be published in the official organ. The Secretary will assist him in preparing and writing all official reports, etc.

No. 5.—*Executive Committee.*—The Executive Committee shall examine into and report upon all cases of fraud, which shall be laid before them by members of this Association.

Recommended for adoption by Committee of Organization.

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CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

All members of the C. P. A. will receive a copy of this journal and should carefully look over the roll of membership published by us.

As it is impossible that a Convention should be called this year, the election will be by mail. The rules, regulations, and by-laws have been all drawn up and will be submitted to the Board for approval. It is to be hoped that great care will be taken in those nominating officers, that only those who are capable and have the interests of the Association at heart will be nominated; the Secretary, *pro tem*, suggests that the permission of members be obtained before nominating them, and this rule should be strictly adhered to, to save future trouble by those declining to accept office. All nominations must be sent in to the Secretary *pro tem*, before Nov. 10, and will be published shortly after, when announcement of date of election will be given. Blanks and forms will be printed by the Secretary and sent to all members with full instructions for voting, which will be filled in by members and returned according to directions given. The basis of the by-laws of the C. P. A. are modelled considerably after the A. P. A. The amount to be paid for annual dues will be decided by a vote of the members at the same time as the election; the initiation fee remaining at 25c. The Secretary *pro tem*, states that the members are pretty equally divided on $1.50 and $2 as the annual dues, and this amount could be paid quarterly, semi-annually, or annually in advance. He also states that printed blank forms will be sent to each member, in which they are to insert their age, address, occupation, etc. All charges against collectors or dealers for dishonesty will be sent to the Secretary who will investigate, and if necessary have the same sent to the Executive to have them published. It is to be hoped that all those nominated for offices or intending to stand for election will *at least* send in a fee for one new member, to show they are doing something to make the C. P. A. a lasting benefit to the philatelists of the Dominion. The number of U. S. collectors and the encouragement they have given Mr. Hooper by their kind actions will be remembered by him as he now, we hope, will shortly see the crowning success to

the movement started by him. Send in your nominations (and be careful that you have the permission of those you nominate, before you do so,) to John R. Hooper, 144 Slayter Street, Ottawa, Canada.

The blank voting forms will be all numbered, and there will be no ballot-box stuffing, the secretary sending the documents under seal to the Board before official count is known.

The following is a complete and revised list of members of the C. P. A. received by Secretary, Mr. John R. Hooper, Ottawa, with the numbers given to each, according to date of receipt of the 25c. initiation fee :—

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(*Written expressly for the Halifax Philatelist.*)

THOSE SAMOA STAMPS.

BY JOHN R. HOOPER.

Much has been said and written of the new issue of stamps of Samoa, and wide and laughingly diverse are the opinions bestowed on the last emission of this country, called the "palm-tree series." The *Philatelic Fortnightly* advises its readers to leave the issue severely alone. The *Western Philatelist* claims the issue has been received on letters through the post office. The *Philatelic Gazette* says that the counterfeiting of Samoan stamps is carried on in Paris extensively, and that, as regards their use for postal purposes, they are as valuable as the originals. The HALIFAX PHILATELIST, being still in doubt as regarding the real postal value of these stamps, I hasten to give what I consider the only correct version of the Samoan stamp issues that I have obtained through long correspondence, extending back over a year. In the first place, there are genuine Samoan stamps of the first "express series" which are extensively counterfeited. These stamps were used locally, I have on the authority of a Samoan official, but very few put in circulation. I have, however, reason to believe that a large number of sheets were struck off from the original plates, for the sole benefit of some enterprising stamp dealer, so there is no likelihood of their being any great rarities. On account of the peculiar surroundings of the first issue, the second issue, or "palm-tree series," was accepted quite dubiously by the philatelic world, but this new series is really a government issue, it is not a a local express; it is used for stamp duty and *will* carry letters to foreign countries. This I have proven to my evident satisfaction. The central post office in Samoa is at Apia, and all foreign letters come through that office, hence nearly all of the latter issue are post marked at Apia. Before these stamps were chronicled in any philatelic paper, I received a letter from an old schoolmate of mine, who is now Attorney-General of Hawaii, and in it he encloses an envelope received by

him from Samoa. The envelope is stamped by a 2 pence, orange, and a 4 pence, blue, Samoan stamp, and bears the postmark "Apia—Jan. 5—Samoa." It took just six weeks to send that letter from Samoa to Honolulu, and it is evident that there is a system of postage in the former country. That the stamp on the envelope in my possession paid postage between those two points, is sufficient for me to place them in my collection as a genuine postage stamp. I have not as yet seen any counterfeits of the second issue, so cannot describe any differences. Very few collectors have a genuine first issue complete, yet complete sets are advertised wholesale, about 5 cents a set. Let our youthful collectors beware of Samoan stamps, particularly tho first "express" issue, but at the same time know that the second issue were authorized by the Samoan government for postal revenue purposes.

We quote from the Halifax *Herald* the following, which, no doubt, will be of interest to our readers :

THAT SAMOAN IMBROGLIO.

The latest advices from Apia, the chief city of the Samoan Islands, state that Germany has virtually taken possession. As long ago as 1877 the Samoan chiefs petitioned Great Britain to establish a protectorate over the islands but this was refused. Two years later Germany effected a treaty with Samoa obtaining certain commercial concessions, but subsequently both Great Britain and the United States negotiated similar treaties. In 1881, the German reichstag, anxious to secure a larger foothold in the Pacific, discussed the question of annexing these islands, but upon mature consideration declined to take the step. The Germans continued to push their colonization schemes in the Pacific, and Great Britain in 1884, in order to prevent Germany gaining an undue ascendancy in this quarter, entered into an agreement with that country, binding both parties to respect the independence of these islands. Despite this agreement, the German consul-general at Apia concluded a treaty with King Malietoa, by which Germany virtually assumed supreme control of the Samoan group.

In November, 1884, the king addressed a letter to the British government, asking that a protectorate be established over the islands, and alleging that he had been coerced against his will into signing this agreement with the German consul-general. In January, 1885, the New Zealand government, anxious to prevent German encroachments, made an effort to annex these islands, and in March the Samoans passed an act establishing annexation with New Zealand, but the British government were not anxious to break the agreement made with Germany respecting the independence of the islands, and this annexation scheme was not concluded.

In the meantime the German consul-general not only attempted to prevent the Samoans from declaring in favor of annexation with New Zealand ; but failing in this, he intrigued to set up a rival claimant to the throne at Fasetoolai, a town about twenty-five miles distant from Apia, the capital city. Such was the condition of affairs in May, 1886, when three German men-of-war arrived at Apia, and having declined to recognize King Malietoa, whose title is said to have come down through an unbroken line of kings for five hundred years, the German fleet proceeded to the port of Fasetoolai and presented an address to Tamesese recognizing him as king of Samoa. The rival forces were soon in the field ; but the German consul eventually gave way and united with the British and American consuls in recognizing Malietoa as king. This was done on June 2nd, 1886.

Tamesese, finding that he was no longer supported by Germany, surrendered his fort and disbanded his army. There is no doubt but that at this time the German consul would have actually assisted the pretender Tamesese, had it not been for the strenuous protest made by the British and American consuls and the captains of the British Corvette Diamond and the American steamer Mohican which were then in port at Apia.

From late advices, it would appear that, although the German consul was prevented from carrying his designs in June, 1886, he has seized the first favourable opportunity afforded him to do so. The time was ripe for action on March 22nd, 1887. The hostility between the loyal natives and the Germans had constantly increased since the rebellion broke out in favour of Tamesese in the previous year. The Germans had complained of thefts committed by the natives and the natives complained of the injustice of the Germans in land transactions. On March 22nd, the German sailors came ashore at Apia to celebrate the Emperor William's birthday. Some of them becoming intoxicated raised a quarrel with the natives. A free fight ensued in which the sailors came off second best. The German commodore sent to King Malietoa demanding $13,000 as damages for the injury done to the Germans, $1000 being included as a personal fine upon the King.

King Malietoa protested against the payment of these damages and asked time to consider, but on the following day Germans from the fleet landed and posted the following proclamation :

Citizens of Apia : By order of his Majesty the Emperor of Germany war has been declared against Chief Malietoa The neutrality of the municipal district will be respected so long as the security of the German troops is not endangered by any agitation within the municipal district. I call upon the inhabitants to assist me in the maintenance of peace and good order in Apia. HENSULT,

Commodore and commander of the German Squadron.

On August 25th the four German men-of-war lying at Apia landed 1,500 troops and marines, and proclaimed that King Malietoa had been deposed, and that Tamesese was king in his stead.

The British and American consuls immediately issued the following proclamation :—

"Whereas, the government of Germany has this day proclaimed Tamesese king of Samoa ; now, therefore, we, the undersigned representatives of the United States of America and of Great Britain, hereby give notice that we and our governments do not and never have recognized Tamesese as King of Samoa, but continue as heretofore to recognize Malietoa. We advise all Samoans to submit quietly, not to fight, whatever their provocation, but to await peaceably the result of deliberations now in progress, which alone can determine the future of Samoa."

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Apia, Aug 25th, 1887.

Early in September two more German men-of-war arrived, and in all 3,100 soldiers and marines were landed. The Germans now have control of the islands thus breaking the agreement of 1884 that the independence of Samoa would be preserved.

These islands have recently become more important from the fact that they lie in the proposed Pacific route between Victoria, B. C., and New Zealand and Australia. If they are to remain independent and neutral, well and good, but if not Great Britain will doubtless see that it is not in her interests that they should pass into the hands of a foreign power. The Feejee Islands were annexed by Great Britain in 1874 ; but the Samoan group would offer a more easily accessible port of call. Hawaii also lies in the new Pacific steamship route and it goes without saying that this position will not be allowed to pass into the hands of any foreign country The outcome of the present difficulty will evince whether Great Britain thinks as highly as she ought to think of the new Pacific steamship route which Canada has opened up to the Australian possessions of the empire.

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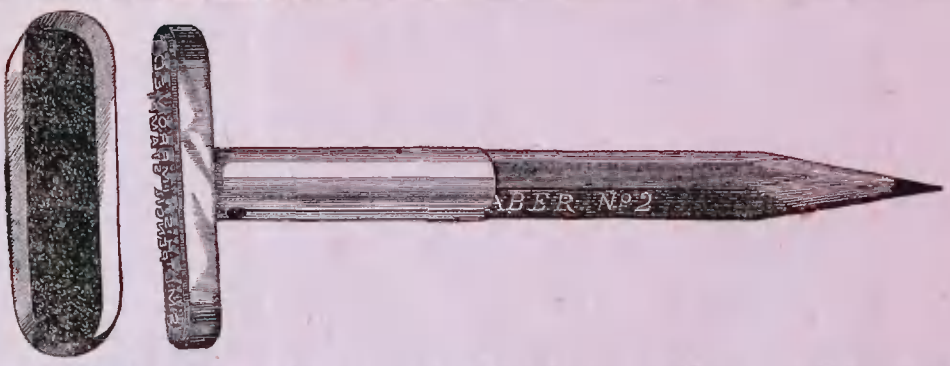

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THE following additions, omissions and alterations were adopted as an amendment to the Constitution of the C. P. A. at the recent meeting :

Article 2, section 1.—Add "Treasurer."

Article 2, section 2.—To read "All officers to be elected by the Association."

Article 2, section 3.—To read as follows: The officers of the Association shall be elected for 1887 and 1888, and thereafter each year, and shall continue to serve until their successors shall be qualified. The election of officers shall be by ballot under the direction of the Executive Committee, such election to commence three months before the yearly term expires. Two-thirds of all the members must vote at general elections, otherwise the elections will not be valid. A plurality of votes shall be necessary to elect, provided that it be not less than one-third the total number of votes cast. In case the first ballot for the election of any officer of the Association should result in no candidate receiving the required plurality of votes necessary for eleccions, the ballot shall be taken again on the same names, but in case there has been more than three names in the first ballot, the names

having the least number of votes shall be dropped, and in like manner the ballot shall continue to be taken until some name receive the required plurality of votes. The result of each ballot shall be published in the first issue thereafter of the official organ of the Association.

Article 4, section 1.—Read "called" instead of elected.

Article 5, section 1.—Leave the 16 year clause out.

Article 8, section 2.—"Read "majority" instead of "two-thirds."

The Secretary of meeting was instructed to send a copy of the above to the C. P. A., and he has received the following reply:

"The Organizing Board accept the change as made at your meeting."

CHRONICLE.

Azores—New stamps, 25 reis and 500 reis both lilac, with small surcharge.

Bulgaria.—The 20 and 50 st. stamps noted last month are fiscals.

Canada.—The 2 cent is now issued very dark green instead of the light shade as before. The die also appears to have been re-engraved as the impression is very sharp and distinct. The paper also is of a different shade, being a dead white

Canada.—It is reported that the stamp on the Post Card is now inscribed "Post-Card" instead of "Postage."

Ceylon.—The 6c. card is surcharged "2½ cents" and the inscription "the price is Three Cents, including the Card."

Congo Free State.—Some of the new stamps have been issued, 50c. chocolate and 5 franc, lilac.

Costa Rica.—The new 10c. is surcharged "oficial."

German Empire.—The 5x5 pf. card, now has "Die Angebogene Karte etc." in four lines.

India.—The 1 rupee is surcharged "On H M S."

Mexico.—Mr. Bishop has shown us the 10c. envelope (W. F. & Co.) with stamp in carmine instead of lilac, and Mr. Corwin informs us that some of the current adhesives are printed on common writing paper with blue lines and very badly perforated.

Natal.—There is a new 2d. gray green.

Newfoundland.—A new stamp value ½ cent, colour red brown, has made its appearance. In the centre is a dog's head. The 1 cent brown has been changed to green.—See cut page 14.

Peru.—The *I. B. J.* notes, the 5x5c. card with lilac sun and large figure "5." Mr. Corwin has the 50c. of 1874, with red surcharge "Arequipa" in double line circle.

Portugal.—The 25 reis is now lilac.

Portuguese India.—The 1 tanga post card of 1885 comes surcharged in red "3 Reis."

Santander.—The new stamp inscribed "Republica de Columbia" is of the first issue and has also "Departmento de Santander."

St. Vincent.—The 2½*d.* which has been surcharged on the 1*d.* and then surcharged back again to its original value, is once more in use on that Island, as we have received them from Kingstown P. O. there with postmark of Sept. 4, 1887.

Sweden.—*Le Timbre Poste* illustrates an official card, blue on white, having circular stamp in upper right corner in-

scribed, "Sveriges Statsbanor" and three crowns in the center.

Switzerland.—Both the 5x5c. and 10 x 10c. cards are of form 2.

Talilawar.—1 Anna, green.—A small Raypoot State in northern India.

United States.—Of the October 1886 envelopes, we hear of the following; 5c. buff and blue No. 5, 10c. white No. 2, 3, 11 amber 2, 3. buff 3, 4½, 5, 7, 9, blue 3, 4½, 5, 7, 9, manila 3, 4½, 5, 7, amber manila 3, 4½, 5, 7, 30c. white No. 7 amber 7, buff 3, 7, blue 3, 7, manila 4½, 7, amber manila 4½, 7, 8, 90c. buff and blue No. 9, manila 7, amber manila 7, 8. We have seen also of the September 1887 issue, 30 cents No. 9, on buff and blue. The color of the stamp is dark brown.

Victoria.—It seems that they are not done using revenues postally in this colony yet, as we have received the 4 shilling stamp duty postmarked Sept. 18, 1887.

Correspondence.

Editor of Halifax Philatelist.

DEAR SIRS,—I note in your September number a paragraph to the effect that Mr. Fred Grenny is the possessor of a genuine cancelled Connell stamp. While the stamp may be genuine the cancellation cannot possibly be. That is, the stamp cannot have been postally cancelled, as none of the Connell stamps ever franked a letter, or were ever used in any manner except perhaps as fuel. The stamp was simply a proof (local, not government), and nothing more. Our friend Grenny cannot certainly be acquainted with the history of the stamp, or he would not make the claim that he does. In *The Stamp Collectors Monthly Gazette*, published at St. John, N. B,—in the June, 1869, number, I think,—will be found the full record, including all the correspondence between post master Connell and Mr Geo. Stewart, the editor. Mr. Connell states in as many words that *none of the stamps were ever authorized* (by the government), *issued, or used.* While they were in course of preparation the government forbade their use, and most of those already struck off were destroyed. Of these that escaped all that could be found were subsequently bought by a club, composed of Durbin, Craig, Stewart and myself. They are now quite scarce here but good specimens can still be had of European dealers at a fair price.

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WITH due respect to our esteemed contemporaries the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* and the *Niagara Falls Philatelist*, we think they are rather previous in calling for nomination of the C. P. A. A thing worth doing at all is worth doing well and we fail to consider the time ripe for such a step yet. The organization of the C. P. A. has been progressing very satisfactorily in our opinion and the promoters deserve great credit for their labours, nevertheless when we published the constitution in our last issue it was hardly to be expected that it would please all and every one concerned. The fraternity in Halifax desired on a meeting to discuss the constitution at which special meeting Mr. Caldwell was appointed Secretary for the occasion with power to forward such changes and amendments as would be deemed necessary. Accordingly matters were put in shape and forwarded to the Secretary *pro tem* asking him to consider our petition, and upon which in due course received an answer stating that the Halifax amendments were in order. There may of course be divided opinions as to the course to pursue, but in our opinion we should like to see things go along in proper order. To elect a man for office without a constitution for a guide seems to us as preposterous as to blindfold a man and make him swear to what he can't see. We cannot for the life of us understand why any one should be anxious to accept office before he knows what he is elected for.

The proposed amendment will be found in the proper place of this issue and we would respectfully direct the attention of all qualified voters, to pursue the best and safest course and not rush matters through at a break-neck speed. If the managing committee favour our opinion in this matter we would suggest that a vote be taken on the Constitution first, either as originally presented or with the amendments. When this is settled then we shall be most happy to favour a speedy election of officers &c.

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NUMBER 3 of the *Niagara Falls Philatelist* has reached us and as the Editor tells its readers that the "Funny man" has been bundled off, a train of serious thoughts must have come over the editorial staff The offer the *N F. Ph.* makes in lieu of becoming the official organ of the C. P. A. is more than we can stand, and if confirmed in next issue we beg to withdraw from the contest and at once throw up the sponge. The *N. F. Ph.* will please reserve all the advertising space for us and on receipt of marked copy will—well expect to receive the premium.

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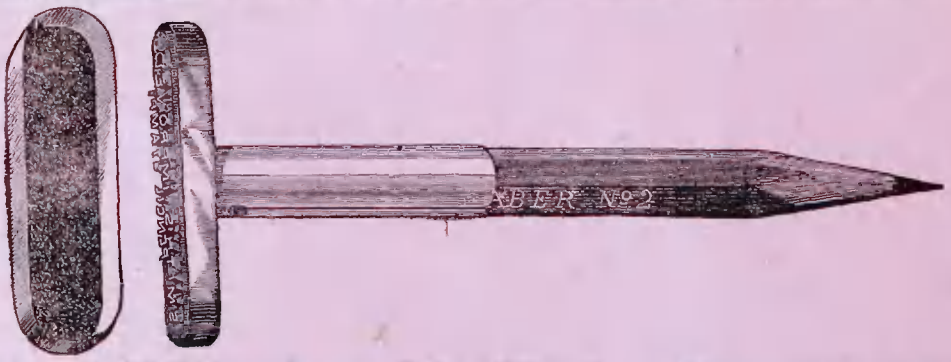

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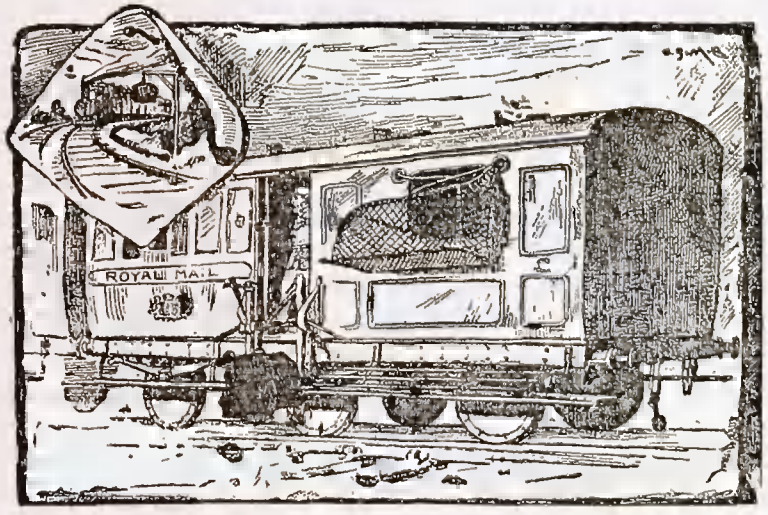

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The most graphic pen, or brilliant imagination, must fail in attempting any adequate picture of the condition of society without the modern post-office. The growth of this institution from the unpretending beginnings of other days to the great and ubiquitous organization which is now the indispensable medium of communication with every portion of the world, is the result of never-ending improvement, during a long series of years.

As our morning letters arrive and are handed in at the breakfast table, speculation arises as to their origin; a well known hand is recognized, interest is excited by the contents or the well-springs of emotion are opened—joy is brought by the silvered note, or sorrow with the black insignia of death; and thus absorbed in the matter of the letters themselves, no thought is spared to the past and present labour which has given them wings or directed their flight.

Notwithstanding the fact that the post-office is pre-eminently a people's institution, and that from the universality of its operations it becomes familiar to the rich and poor, the educated and the illiterate, yet its internal management and organization are comparatively unknown.

Though this plain matter-of-fact department is considered too unromantic to afford much of interest, its lighter features will be found to have at least

a curious or amusing side, which will perhaps develop in the reader a new and unexpected interest in "the hundred-handed giant who keeps up the intercourse between the different parts of the country, and wafts a sigh from Indus to the Pole."

How the people managed to get from place to place before the post-office had a history, or indeed for some time after the birth of that institution, is almost inconceivable to the present generation, who, in performing even a short journey, have at their disposal the elegance and convenience of the railway train. It is difficult to realize that throughout the United Kingdom—which to younger countries seems a type of almost immemorial civilization—the public highways were for a long time little more than tracks worn out of the surface of the virgin land, following principally the natural features of the country, and giving evidence that they had never been systematically made, but were the outcome of a mere habit of travel. They would not admit of the use of a stage coach with any degree of comfort or safety. Great men only, who could afford the necessary expense of a footman to run on either side of the coach and support it in rough places, adopted this method of travel.

The necessity for a better class of road cannot but have forced itself upon the Government of the country from time to time, if not for the benefit of travellers and to encourage trade, at least in order to facilitate the movement of troops in time of disturbance. Yet we find the state of the streets in the metropolis, as late as 1750, thus described in Blackie's "Comprehensive History of England": "When the only public approaches to Parliament were King and Union Streets, these were so wretchedly paved that when the King went in state to the House the ruts had to be filled up with bundles of fagots to allow the royal coach a safe transit." The same authority, some twenty years later, reports that notwithstanding numerous Acts of Parliament, of which no less than four hundred and fifty-two were passed between the years 1760 and 1764, for the improvement of the principal highways, little change for the better was perceptable. The roads in Scotland were equally bad, yet the tide of improvement which eventually set in was strongly opposed both in England and Scotland, involving in many places riot and bloodshed.

So strong was the aversion of the country people to the improved roads, that they would not travel over them. This bias may perhaps have partaken largely of that unreasonable conservatism which is always prone to assume that which is best, and opposes change on principle—an example of which is afforded by the conduct of the driver of the Marlborough coach, who, when the new Bath road was opened, obstinately refused to travel by it, and stuck to the old waggon track. "He was an old man," he said; "his grandfather and father had driven the aforesaid way before him, and he would continue in the old track till death." There are Marlborough coachmen yet in existence!

No one felt more keenly the deplorable condition of the roads than the post-boys, who were obliged continually to travel over them, and whose occupation must have been anything but light or agreeable. Cowper brings them vividly before us in the "Task":

"Hark! 'tis the twanging horn! . . . .
He comes, the herald of a noisy world,
With spatter'd boots, strapp'd waist, and frozen locks;
News from all nations lumbering at his back.
True to his charge, the close-pack'd load behind,
Yet careless what he brings, his one concern
Is to conduct it to the destined inn;
And, having dropp'd the expected bag, pass on.
He whistles as he goes, light-hearted wretch,
Cold and yet cheerful: messenger of grief
Perhaps to thousands, and of joy to some;
To him indifferent whether grief or joy."

These post-boys were a source of great trouble and vexation to the authorities of the post-office throughout the whole course of their connection with that department. A surveyor who held office about the commencement of the eighteenth century, complaining bitterly of the tardiness of the post, says, "that the gentry do give much money to the riders, whereby they be very subject to get in liquor, which stops the mails."

Doubtless the temptation of the ale house, the low rate of wages paid by the contractors, combined with the frequent bad roads and bad weather, explain the vexatious delays which induced letter-writers to inscribe on their missives, "Be this letter delivered with great haste—haste—haste! Post haste! Ride, villain, ride—for thy life—for thy life—for thy life!"

Dissatisfaction with the existing arrangements of the post was not, however, wholly due to the untrustworthy character of the post-boys Many irregularities reflect discreditably on the post-office officials. In 1635 a bi-weekly mail between London and Edinburgh was established, the journey being limited to three days. In 1715 six days were required to perform the same journey, which rate of speed continued for forty years. This retrogression indicates a sad lack of vigor in the post-office management. It is worthy of note that Scotland, in the year 1715, could not boast of a single horse post, all the mails being conveyed by foot posts. During the year referred to the first horse post was established between Edinburgh and Stirling.

About the middle of the seventeenth century, stage coaches came into use in England. For some time after their introduction they were monopolized chiefly by people of fashion, but they gradually became the established public conveyance of the country. Prior to this the only vehicle accessible to travellers of ordinary means was the carrier's stage-waggon, which, owing to its lumbering build and the deplorable state of the roads, made only from ten to fifteen miles during a long summer's day. The interior of this waggon exhibited none of the refinements of the modern means of travel, its only furniture being a quantity of straw littered on the floor, on which the passengers could sit or lie during the weary hours of their journey.

Unlike travelling in the present day, when one may go a hundred miles in a railway carriage without speaking to a fellow-passenger, the journey in the old-fashioned waggon brought all the travellers too close and too long together to admit of individual isolation; for they might be associated for days together as companions, had to have their refreshment

together, lived as it were in common, and it was even the custom to elect a chairman at the outset to preside over the company during the journey. In addition to other discomforts, travellers were in constant danger of being attacked by footpads or highwaymen, upset owing to the condition of the roads, or overtaken in storms against which the poorly constructed coach afforded but little protection.

About the latter part of the sixteenth century, packets began to be employed for the conveyance of mails, but communication even between different parts of the United Kingdom was very infrequent, while foreign voyages were more irregular. During the wars with the French in the seventeenth century, they were often captured by privateers, though they occasionally came off victorious after a fierce struggle. During the most favorable voyages the correspondence was invariably wet through, and the "rats" not infrequently appeased their literary appetite by devouring a portion.

Without detailing the various changes by which the post-office reached its present complexity of operation, a superficial glance will reveal the fact that our largest post-offices have developed from very small beginnings.

In 1796 the number of men employed in the London post-office for general post delivery was 126. Many places formerly quite separate from the motropolis have since been incorporated in it, and the agglomeration is now known postally as the metropolitan district. In 1884 the number of men required to discharge the duty of letter delivery in this district was no less than 4,030. The officers at present employed in the metropolitan district exceed 10,000, *i. e.*, exclusive of the postmen above referred to. In 1708 the staff of the Edinburgh post-office was composed of no more than seven persons. In 1884 the total number employed was 939. In 1799 the staff of the Glasgow post-office was composed of only eight persons. At present the staff of the Glasgow post-office numbers 1,267.

One novel department of the postal system in operation on most great post routs is the Travelling Post Office, called when brevity is desirable, as is often the case, the T. P. O. It consists of two or three, sometimes more, railway carriages connected by a hooded gangway or passage. (See initial cut). One side of the carriage is occupied by a series of pigeon-holes divided into groups for convenience of sorting letters. The mail bags are delivered by an apparatus consisting of an arm or arms of stout iron attached to the carriage, which can be extended outward from the side, and to the end of which the mail bag is suspended, and a receiving net also attached to the side of the carriage, which can likewise be extended outward to catch the mails to be taken up—this portion acting the part of an ærial trawl net, to capture the bags suspended from brackets on a roadside.

Though figures are of little service in conveying to our minds a due conception of the amount of work which they represent, yet some idea of the magnitude of the labor performed by the British post-office may be inferred from the fact that in 1883 the letters, post-cards, books, circulars, and newspapers transmitted through the office during that year numbered 1,853,541,400. The total weight, exclusive of the mail bags, would exceed 42,000 tons, which would be sufficient to provide full freight for a fleet of

twenty-one ships carrying two thousand tons of cargo each. What a burden of sorrows, joys, scandals, midnight studies, patient labours, business energy, and everything good or bad which proceeds from the human heart and brain does not this represent.

In view of the great quantity of correspondence conveyed by the post, as well as the hurry and bustle in which letters are often written it is not astonishing that writers should occasionally make mistakes in addressing their letters; but it will perhaps create surprise that one year's letters which could neither be delivered as addressed, nor returned to the senders through the Dead Letter Office, were over half a million in number! Letters posted in covers altogether without address number 28,000 in the year, while loose stamps found in post offices reach the annual total of 68 000. It may be interesting to note just here that for the United Kingdom, one year's issue of those tiny bits of paper known as postage stamps amounts in weight to no less than 114 tons.

In London on valentine's eve, 1874, some 316 extra mail bags were required for the additional work thrown on the post-office. This custom reached its culmination some twelve years ago, since which it has steadily declined. Its decay may be attributed to the progress of the rival custom of sending cards of greeting and good wishes at Christmas time, which, owing to its patronage by all classes. has developed to enormous proportions. In the Christmas week of 1882 the extra correspondence which passed through the London post-office was estimated at fourteen millions, including registered letters (presumedly containing presents of value), of which there was no less than three tons.

The post-office is not only called upon to perform the duty of expeditiously conveying the corresponcence entrusted to it, but is made the vehicle for the carriage of an almost endless variety of small articles. Amongst these are the following—many of them having been alive when posted—viz., beetles, bees, gold-finches, caterpillars, crabs, frogs, leeches, moles, owls, rabbits, rats, squirrels, snails, snakes, worms, toads, etc; also artificial teeth, artificial eyes, cream, eggs, mince pies, musical instruments, ointments, pork pies, revolvers, sausages, tobacco, cigars, etc. Occasionally the sending of live reptiles through the post-office gives rise to a lively scene when the snake's hiss has escaped from the packages in which he had been enclosed.

A large portion, or in fact nearly all the work done by the post-office in the transmission of mails, devolves on sorters, who, unlike men following some other avocations, are a race unsung and a people unknown to fame, possibly because they are a comparatively modern institution, and the work done is carried on practically under seal.

The sorters form a very large body ever engaged in performing an important and by no means simple duty. In many offices they are required to work all night. Most persons have a very hazy idea of what the sorting of letters really is. This is the process in Edinburgh, for example: The letters when posted are found all mixed together and bearing addresses of every kind. They are first arranged with the postage stamp in one direction and are stamped—the labels being defaced in the process—and the letters are then ready to be sorted. They are conveyed to sorting frames,

where a first division is carried out, the letters being divided into about twenty lots, representing roads, or despatching divisions, and a few large towns; then the final sortation takes place. This seems a very simple process. But before a sorter is competent to do his work he must learn 'circulation," which is the technical name for the system under which correspondence flows to its destination. It is almost impossible for some ever to become good sorters. The qualities of self command—necessary when working against time—activity in person in order to meet any sudden strain of work, methodical habit, and a quick, prehensile and retentive memory are particularly essential, and unless they are united in the same man he will never be succesful as a sorter.

The introduction of a new phase of postal communication in the form of the carrier pigeon furnishes us with a remarkable instance of the way in which the intellectual superiority of man has enabled him to appropriate to his purposes the physical powers of the lower animals. During the Franco-German war of 1870-71 great service was rendered by the carrier pigeons in keeping up postal communication with Paris. Letters intended for this novel mode of transition had to be sent to the headquarters of the French post-office at Tours, where, by a process of photography, they were transferred in a wonderfully reduced form to a diminutive piece of very thin paper, such as a pigeon could carry, the photograph process being repeated on their arrival in Paris, for the purpose of obtaining an enlarged copy. The essential conditions of transition were that the letters should be without covers—registered—restricted to twenty words written in French, and relate solely to private affairs. The charge was fixed at five pence for each word, and six pence for registration. During nine months the number of letters conveyed from Londen to Paris by this means was 1,234.

The unblushing way in which the British post-office in its earlier days was called upon not only to convey franked letters, but, under forged franks, articles of a totally different class, will be perceived from the following cases:

"Dr. Creighton, carrying with him a cow and divers other necessaries."

"Fifteen couples of hounds going to the King of the Romans with a free pass."

"Some parcels of cloth for clothing colonels in my Lord North's and my Lord Grey's regiments."

"Two servant-maids going as laundresses to my Lord Ambassador Methuen."

"Three suits of cloaths for some nobleman's lady at the Court of Portugal."

"One little parcel of lace, to be made use of in clothing Duke Schomberg's regiment."

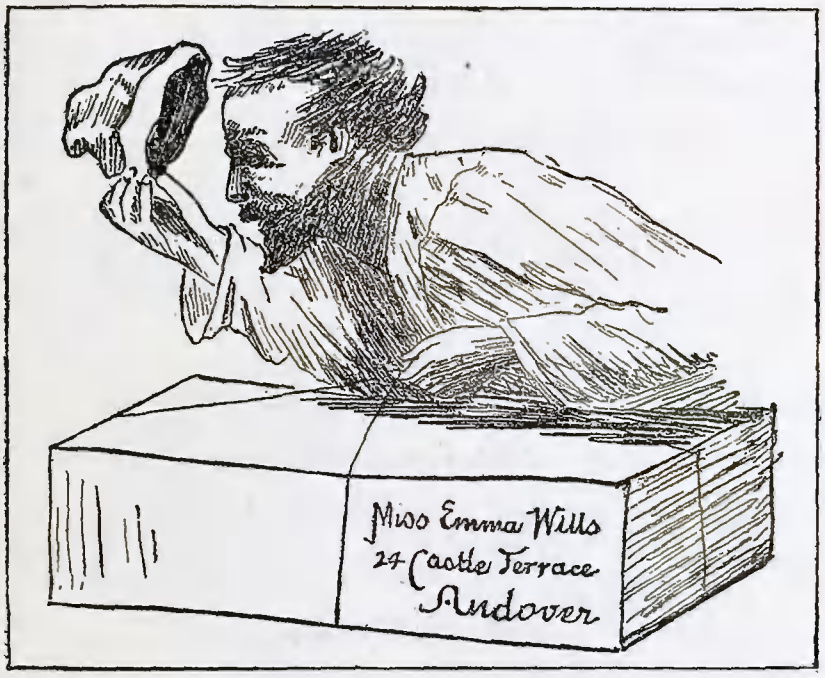
It is not to be understood that the things consigned actually passed through the post-office, but were admitted for transport on board the special packet ships of Government sailing for purposes of the post-office. Petty frauds are committed on the post-office to a large extent at the present day by the senders of newspapers who infringe the rules by enclosing all sorts

of things between the leaves, such as cigars, tobacco, collars, gloves, music, sermons, etc. People in the United States and Canada are much given to these practices, as is shown by the fact that in one half of the year 1874 more than 14,000 newspapers were detected with such articles secreted in them. The Cape Diamond robbery of 1880 may be referred to as an example of the great robberies which have been perpetrated on the post-office. The value of the diamonds stolen at that time was £60,000.

The post-office, while it is the willing handmaid to commerce, the vehicle of social intercourse, and the necessary help in almost every enterprise and occupation, becomes at the same time a ready means for the unscrupulous to perpetrate a wonderful variety of frauds on the public, and enables a whole army of needy and designing persons to live upon the generous impulses of society. We may give one instance coming within the class of the "confidence trick." In several country newspapers the following advertisement made its appearance:

"An elderly bachelor of fortune, wishing to test the credulity of the public, and to benefit and assist others, will send a suitable present of genuine worth according to the circumstance of the applicant, to all who will send him 17 stamps, demanded merely as a token of confidence; stamps will be returned with the present."

The address followed, which was not the same in all the advertisements.



HASTE ! HASTE ! POST HASTE

The advertiser would be able to say how far he profited by this little arrangement, but some idea of the simplicity of mankind may be derived from the fact that between three and four hundred letters for this person, each containing seventeen stamps, reached the Dead Letter Office—owing

doubtless to his having removed from the places where he lived in consequence of their becoming too warm to hold him. The following is a specimen letter from one of the dupes:

"I have enclosed the seventeen stamps and shall be very pleased to receive any present you will send me. As I am not very well off, what I would like very much would be a nice black silk dress, which I would consider a rich reward for my credulity."

The addresses of letters passing through the post have often very curious features arising from various causes. Sometimes the whole writing is so bad as to be all but illegible; sometimes the orthography is extremely at fault; occasionally the writer, having forgotten the precise address, makes use of a paraphrase; sometimes the addresses are insufficient, and sometimes they are conjoined with sketches on the envelopes showing artistic taste and comic spirit. An illustration of this is shown on page 9.

The following addresses are made use of apparently owing to the correct addresses being lost, but the direction given serve their purpose and the letters were duly delivered.

"For a gentleman residing in a street out of the ——— Road, London. He is a shopkeeper, sells newspapers and periodicals to the trade, and supplies hawkers and others with cheap prints, some of which are sold by men in the street. He is well known in the locality, being wholesale. Postman will oblige if he can find him."

"This is for old Mr. Milly, what prints the paper in Lancaster, where the jail is. Just read him as soon as it comes to the post office."

"Mr. ——— Travelling Band, one of four playing in the street
Persha [Pershore]
Please to find him if possible. Worcestershire.

"This is for her that makes dresses for ladies that lives at tother side of the road to James Brocklip.
Edensoever, Chesterfield."

"This is for the young girl that wears spectacles, who minds two babies.
30 Sheriff Street
Off Prince Edwin Street Liverpool."

"To my sister Jean
Up the Canongate
Down a Close
She has a wooden leg. Edinburgh."

"My dear Aunt Sue as lives in the Cottage by the wood near the New Forest."

It occasionally happens that when the eye is unable to make out an address the ear comes to the rescue. In London a letter came directed to

"Mr. Owl O'Neil
General Post Office."

But no one was known there of that name. A clerk looking at the letter commenced to repeat aloud, "Mr. Owl O'Neil, Mr. Owl O'Neil," when another clerk, hearing him, exclaimed, "Why! that must be intended for Mr. Rowland Hill," which indeed proved to be the case. A similiar circumstance happened in Edinburgh with a letter from Australia addressed to

"Mr. ———
Johns 7 Scotland."

It proved to be intended for Johnshaven, a village in the north of Scotland.

In another instance the address—"23 Adne Edle Street, London"—proved to be intended for 2 Threadneedle Street, London. Again—"No. 52 Oldham and Bury, London"—was written for No. 52, Aldermanbury, London.



The letter of which the above represents the address was posted at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and delivered to the editor of the *Courant* in Edinburgh. It represents, it will be observed, a deer "courant." A *Fac-Simile* of a portion of the communication enclosed is presented on the next page, which will give an idea of the interest attaching to editorial work, and afford valuable information to the reader.

In the London post-office indistinctly addressed letters are at once set aside, so as not to delay the work of sortation, and are carried forthwith to a set of special officers who have an aptitude for deciphering indistinct writing. These officers, by a strange contradiction in the sense of things, are called the "blind officers," and here the letters are rapidly disposed of, either by having the addresses read and amended, or marked with the name of a post-town for which they may be supposed to be intended. To facilitate this special work the "blind officers" are furnished with gazetteers, and other works containing the names of gentlemen's estates, farms, etc., and many letters reach the persons addressed by means of these books.

The marvellous extent to which the idea seems to prevail among people generally that they have a claim upon the post-office for assistance and guidance in obtaining what they consider otherwise unavailable, is shown by the curious letters frequently addressed to that institution. In the following the post-office is asked to hunt up missing relatives:

"I write to ask you for some information about persons who are missing. I want to find my mother and sisters who are in Melbourne Australia I believe—if you would find them out for me please let me know by return of post also your charge at the lowest."

"I wright these fue lines to ask you if you would be so kind as to tell me if there is such a person living in England.

She was living at Birmingham last Rtimmas—this his mi sister and brother-in-law—they hant in Birmingham now, let this letter go to every general post-office there is."



Among other letters are some requesting information concerning property:

"United States.

"Will you do me the kind favor as you are the post master and able to know as I judge of. It is this, give me the full name and address of any 'Mac——' that you know of in England, or in Scotland, or Ireland, or Wales, or in India, or at or in any other country that you may know of, with their full names and correct address so that I can write to them myself. If you have any pamphlet with the names of parties who have died and left money send as I want such information."

A farmer in the country wants a postmaster as go-between in a little business matter and pens him a few lines to the following effect:

"John —— acting as a Farmer here would be very much obliged to the Postmaster if he would be so good as to name a suitable party at —— to whom he might sell a 30 stone pig of good quality well—for he understands it is the best place to sell. The pig is now quite ready for killing."

A Frenchman, with hat in hand, and all ready to propose, merely wants to know as a preliminary whether the lady he has in view is still alive:

"A Monsieur le Directeur la Poste de Londres.

"Jai cinquante trois ans. Veuellez etre assez bon de me faire réponse pour me donner des resultats sur l' existence de Madame ——? Si parfois elle était toujours veuve je vondrais lui faire la proposition de lui demander sa main dáprès que jéa aurais des nouvelles. En attendant, Monsieur votre résponse."

The next specimen is from a person out of employment:

"Having lost my parents I am desirous of taking a house-keeper's situation where a domestic is kept. Must be a dissenting family, Baptist preferred. Thinking that such a case might come under your notice I have therefore taken the liberty of sending to you."

The following letter is of another kind, and not a bad effort for a school-boy:

"Not having received the live bullfinch mentioned by you as having arrived at the Returned-letter Office two days ago, having been posted as a letter contrary to the regulations of the postal system, I now write to ask you to have the bird fed and forwarded at once to ——; and to apply for all fines and expenses to ——. If this is not done and I do not receive the bird before the end of the week, I shall write to the Postmaster-general who is a very intimate friend of my father's, and ask him to see that measures are taken against you for neglect This is not an idle threat, so you will oblige by following the above instructions."

The Dead Letter Office must occasionally be supposed to be a repository for the human dead, as inquiries for deceased persons are sometimes addressed to the "Dead Office." Thus:

"We heard in the paper about 12 or 14 months back, Mary Ann—the servant girl at London was dead. Please send it to the Printer's office by return of post whether there was a small fortune left for ——"

"I write a line too see if you hard ennything of my husband—that was left at —— ill. Please will you rite back by return of post as we are in great trouble."

Extraordinary coincidences have been chronicled in connection with almost every situation in life, and the post-office is a fertile field for the observation of such occurrences. The peculiar nature of the coincidences in the following example is worthy of note. A traveller in the North of Europe became sadly puzzled with letters which followed him about, although not intended for him, and the difficulties of his case are described in a letter written by him, of which the following is a transcript:

"There was another Rev. J—— D—— (the same name) travelling in Norway at the same time, whose letters kept crossing my path everywhere, and when I read them I was almost in doubt whether I was myself or he, for his wife had the same name as mine and his baby the same name as mine and just the same age. But who he can be I cannot make out, only he is not I. Perhaps the registered letter which has given you such trouble may have been for him. It may satisfy you however to know that mine was all right."

Identity in names and addresses in all particulars sometimes gives rise to trouble and inconvenience. Through the mis-delivery of a savings-bank acknowledgment, it was brought to light that in a suburban district of London, where there were two terraces bearing exactly the same designation, there were residing at the same number in each two persons having not only the same surname but the same Christian name. In consequence of the misdelivery of a post-packet the following case of almost identical addresses was also brought to light:

"Mr. Andrew Thom
Bootmaker
8 Southbridge Street
Airdrie," and

"Mr. Andrew Thom
Boot-Top Manufacturer
86 Southbridge St.
Edinburgh."

For many years past it has been incumbent upon all candidates seeking employment in the post-office, as in other public departments, to undergo medical examination with the view of securing healthy persons for the service; and in the course of such examinations it is necessary for the medical officer to inquire into the health of the parents, brothers, and sisters of the candidate, etc. The following are examples of answers received:

"Father had sunstroke and I caught it of him."
"My little brother died of some funny name."
"A great white cat drawed my sister's breath and she died of it." A parent died of "Apperplexity," another died of "Parasles." One "caught Tiber rever in the Hackney Road," another had "goarnders," a third, "burralger in the head." Some of the other complaints were described as "rummitanic pains," "carracatic fever," "indigestion of the lungs," "toncertina in the throat," "pistoles on the back." One candidate stated that his "sister was consumpted, now she's quiet well again," while the sister of another was stated to have "died of compulsion."

We cannot better conclude this article then by reproducing the description given by Lewis, in his "History of the Post-office," of the proceedings at the closing of the mail-box at six o'clock in the London Central office:

"The newspaper window, ever yawning for more, is presently surrounded and besieged by an array of boys of all ages and costumes, together with children of a larger growth, who are all alike pushing, heaving, and surging in one great mass. The window with tremendous gape is assulted with showers of papers, which fly thicker and faster than the driven snow. Now it is that small boys of eleven and twelve years of age, panting, Sinbad-like, under the weight of huge bundles of newspapers, manage somehow to dart about and make rapid sorties into other ranks of boys, utterly disregarding the cries of the official policemen, who vainly endeavour to reduce the tumult into something like post-office order. If the lads cannot quietly and easily disembogue they will whizz their missiles of intelligence over other people's heads, now and then sweeping off hats and caps with the force of shot. The gathering every moment increases in numbers and intensifies in purpose; arms, legs, sacks, baskets, heads, and bundles seem to be getting into a state of confusion and disagreeable communism, and yet the cry is "still they come." Heaps of papers are now sent in sackfuls and basketfuls, while over the heads of the surging crowd are flying back the empty sacks, thrown out of the office by the porters inside. Semi-official legends, with a very strong smack of probability about them, tell of sundry boys being thrown in, seized and thrown out again. As six o'clock approaches nearer and nearer the turmoil increases, for the intelligent British public is fully alive to the awful truth that the post-office officials never allow a minute of grace, and that 'Newspaper Fair' must be over when the last stroke of six is heard. ONE—in rush files of laggard boys, who have purposely loitered in the hope of a little excitement; TWO—and grown men hurry in with the last sacks; THREE—the struggle resembles nothing so much as a pantomimic mêlée; FOUR—a babel of tongues vociferating desperately; FIVE—final and furious showers of papers, sacks and bags; and, SIX—when all the windows fall, like so many swords of Damocles, and the slits close with such a sudden and simultaneous snap that we naturally suppose it to be a part of the post-office operations that attempts should be made to guillotine a score of hands; and then all is over, so far as the outsiders are concerned. There may be some lingering regrets that these stirring scenes are among the things of the past. This bustling method of operation has been superseded by a quieter and more efficient system which provides branch offices or pillar-boxes for all large cities, thus altering the excitement which used to prevail at the chief office—the great central point where correspondence had to be deposited for despatch."—*Canadian Methodist Magazine.*

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WITH this issue we complete Vol. I. of the Halifax Philatelist, and it is with a certain amount of pride that we are looking back upon our first year's work. Like any other new undertaking we had many obstacles to contend with, and what we did not know we have always been grateful to learn from whosoever were in position to set us right, and we feel that in entering upon our second Vol. that we have paved the way to a long and pleasant existance. To our supporters both in Canada and in the United States, we hereby extend our grateful thanks, and trust that while having enjoyed their support they have reaped sufficient benefit in lieu of their confidence and kindness towards us.

We began small and have grown large, and beginning with the January issue of 1888 we will guarantee a circulation of 2000 copies per month, which we are safe in saying will be the best paying advertising medium on the American continent. Our friends should bear in mind that we are steadily increasing and that we will not feel contented before we are able to represent our Canadian Philatelist to the same satisfaction as the American Standard publications are pleasing their friends. Now, in order to carry out our most cherished intention we will once more appeal to your generous support, and ask all those who began their subscriptien when we started a year ago, to kindly renew for next year and remit us at earliest convenience.

Trusting the Halifax Philatelist will be a welcome visitor, and that we will be able to entertain you in the future to your entire satisfaction, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and most happy and prosperous New Year.

SOME time ago Larsen Bros. of this city received a consignment of Tolima stamps of the 1884 issue, amounting to something over $75.00. Being suspicious as to their genuiness they had the stamps examined by an expert detector, and they were pronounced dangerous counterfeits. Meanwhile the stamps are resting quietly awaiting the firm in Hamburg who sent them, to make inquiries as to sale remittance, etc.

The Hamburg firm made a mistake

when they thought they could use Larsen Bros. as a target for their counterfeit shooting.

THE November issue of the *Figaro* is to hand and we should say that no Philatelist need look any further for a representative paper, as Bro. Voute is certainly showing a great effort to please his many supporters.

The *Figaro* is simply immense.

WE have always been very particular in mailing our exchanges and in consequence thereof we expect to receive our return exchanges with the same regularity, but we are sorry to say that several of our friends are very negligent in this regard. In the future, one of our staff will superintend the exchanges in particular, and we shall take it as a favor if our contemporaries will inform us of any omission in this department.

WE regret very much being unable this month to furnish our readers with any further news as to how the C. P. A. is progressing. This is caused through the illness of Mr. Hooper, Sec. *pro tem.* We sincerely hope that Mr. Hooper will have a speedy convalesance and once more take his place at the wheel and steer the C. P. A. through the breakers, mooring safe at his desired destiny.

A STOCKHOLM paper by the name of *Tyskitten*, says that so far back as 1823 a Swedish officer, Lieutenant Trekenber, petitioned the chamber of Nobles to propose to the Government to issue stamped papers, especially destined to serve for envelopes for prepaid letters. The fact it adds, is duly recorded in the minutes of chamber under date of the 23rd March, 1823.—R. B. SPINK, in the *Ph. Annual.*

THE *Queen's Head*, a magazine of 116 pages and cover, published by Aird & Coghill, Glasgow, and edited by Glasgow post office officials, has been received with thanks. Coming to hand just as we are going to press, we have had no time to peruse its pages, but a hasty glance through it strikes us as being a very interesting volume, full of mirthful incidents, of which post office officials have more or less their share of.

To those who have not seen it, we would say, by all means secure a copy.

WE clip the following from the "*Queen's Head.*"

A ROMANCE OF A STAMP.

A POSTAGE stamp hung on the tip of her tongue,
A rapturous smile on her face;
While a pink *billet-doux*, held so daintly too,
To a gazer explained the whole case.

For a lover 'twas meant and to him it was sent,
With a stamp stuck so neat *on the back;*
And the fair creature sighed as homewards she hied,
As she thought of her dear lover Jack.

He had long held her heart but had asked her to part
With the hand of his beautiful belle;
And the dainty note said, she would not be afraid
To allow him to ring it as well.

As a stamp did not grace her sweet note on the face
(The sorter looked not on the back),
It was charged as "unpaid," and the thoughtless young maid
Got it back, marked "refused," from dear Jack.

He was downcast and sad,—she was just raging mad,
And all through that dainty pink note,
Till one day the two met, and, though both in a pet,
The affair was explained,—and forgot.

So you see after all what great things may befall
Through trifles that seem like the air!
When you put on a stamp,—neither too dry nor damp,—
On the face, top right hand, stick it there.

THE colours of the 12, 20 and 25 c. of Mexico, 1886, has been changed to lilac.

SEEN AND HEARD.

THAT an error has been discovered in the 3 cent Prince Edward Island stamp. The new discovery has a full stop between Prince and Edward thus: Prince . Edward.

THAT some well executed photos of the V.R. black English have been put about.

THAT Whitfield, King & Co. and Hagenstein, Paris, are calling each other names in the European philatelic press, and all on account of the Samoan labels.

THAT no less than 11 clerks are employed in the different departments of the firm of Stanley, Gibbons & Co.

THAT a batch of "Provisionals" may be looked for since President Mr. Gros has been deposed in the "Republic of Independent Guyana."

THAT some advertisers are growling because their "ads" did not appear in our last isue. To those we may say that we failed to discover the remittance, which in all cases is reqnired with orders.

THAT few people seems to realize the fact that the "space" is the publisher's stock in trade, which can only be procured by paying the equivalent in dollars and cents.

THAT J. W. Palmer & Co. are the happy possessors of probably the rarest fiscal stamp in the world. This consists of one of the idential stamps by which George III tried to force upon the inhabitants of what was then British America, the obnoxious tax upon imported teas.

Correspondence.

THE OFFICIAL SEALED DEAD LETTER OFFICE STAMP OF CANADA.

While endeavouring to afford some information about those interesting and handsome adhesives emanating only from the Dead Letter Office at Ottawa, I regret being unable to give all of their history or chronology, what is said here, the writer has gained his knowledge by observation and experience, doubtless there are others who can speak of matters connected with these stamps which the writer knows nothing of. In the first place, they are scarce, very, and is to be accounted for when we consider the manner of their use. They are never found on Local Dead letters, registered or unregistered. What have been seen here, have all come from the U. S., and always on returned dead registered letters? I discovered the manner of their use quite accidentaly. A friend who travels in Canada for a U. S. firm, showed me a letter which had been returned to his address in Mich., and which he had posted in Canada for a Canadian address and registered and for some reason, misdirection or what not, the letter was not delivered to party addressed, had been sent to D. L. O., Ottawa, where on being opened to ascertain address of writer, it was resealed and adorned by D. L. O. crown official seal stamp, sent to D. L. O., Washington, U. S., and then sent on registered to the writer address in Mich., where he obtained it, and exhibited it triumphantly to me.

The stamp itself is large, oblong, perf. 17 × 34, printed in brown, on thick white paper. Inscribed in 3 lines : Post Office, Canada, Officially Sealed.

Dead letter office. It would be appropiated to have the color of the stamp *black.* No 2, C. P. A.

ISSUING OF THE FIRST POSTAGE STAMPS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

In looking over any of the Standard Stamp catalogues the reader will see that the date for the issue of postage stamps in Nova Scotia is 1857, and New Brunswick in 1851. It always seemed to me as very peculiar, considering the nearness of the two countries and the resemblance in their Governments that Nova Scotia should be so long behind New Brunswick in issuing stamps.

I determined to turn the matter up on the first possible occasion, and see if the dates were in reality correct.

On enquiring at the Provincial Secretary's office in Halifax, I found that all records of the Nova Scotian P. O. Department, had at the confederation of the British North American provinces been transferred to Ottawa. However, through the kindness of the Hon. W. S. Fielding, the Provincial Secretary, I found in the Legislative Library the yearly reports of the Post Master General of the province for the years previous to confederation. Starting with 1857, the supposed date of issue, I found that postage stamps were regularly mentioned in all parts of the Departmental accounts.

It was the same in 1856, 1855 and 1854. A person would imagine from the way the accounts read that stamps had been used for 20 years previous.

In the reports dated Jan. 7, 1854, (being the work for 1853) I found an item of information which is not given in any catalogue, it is as follows :

"One Penny postage stamps having recently been received from London, and put into circulation are now to be had in nearly every post office in Nova Scotia.

There are at present stamps for 1 shiling, 6 pence, 3 pence, and 1 penny ; and the public have thus every facility afforded them to prepay their letters to any place to which stamps can free them. His Excellency's Government having at considerable outlay introduced into the country the system of prepayment by stamps, it is a subject of gratulation, that the public at large are beginning to feel and appreciate their convenience and advantages, a much larger amount having been issued from my office during the past than the previous year, being an increase of over 25 per cent. as will be seen by reference to report 1."

Thus finding that the one penny had not been issued till some time after the other values were, I then turned to the report dated Jan. 2, 1853, (being the report for the year 1852) in which he says :

"Postage Stamps valued at 1 shilling, 6 pence and 3 pence have been procured from Trelayney Saunders, Esq., stationer, of London, and supplied to stationers, post masters, merchants and others, at a discount of 5 per cent. allowed on sums of £5 and upwards. During the past year there have been issued from my office postage stamps to the value of £355 2s. 6d. This is a much smaller circulation than was anticipated at the time of their introduction into the provinces, the public generally, I apprehend not yet clearly understanding their use, nor appreciating their advantages.

They are deposited with the Receiver General for safe keeping, from whom I procure them when a supply is needed. Application has been made for one penny

stamps, which are expected to arrive shortly."

Then taking the report for Jan. 5, 1852, I find among the accounts of the P. O. Dept. for the quarter ending the 5th Jan, 1852, the following issues;

"By amount of postage stamps on hand £100
By amount due Rec. Genl for postage stamps 100
consisting of 3 penny to value of 52
" 6 " " 24
" 1 shilling " 24

Also in same report accounts for quarter ending 5th Oct., 1851.

By amount of postage stamps....£100
" cash paid to Hon. Jos. Howe, being amount remitted by him to Treylayney Saunders, Esq., for postage stamps for Nova Scotia.....£221 14s. 8d.

These extracts from Post Master General's reports and from Post Office Dept. accounts will positively decide the question as to date of issue.

The three penny, six penny, and one shilling were I should think issued to the public in the second quarter of 1851, and the one penny were probably put out about the last part of 1853.

In the same reports I also found the following:

"To remedy to some extent the serious inconvenience said to be experienced by merchants and others in consequence of there being no seven and one-half penny currency postage stamp, by which, parties who feel desirious could thus prepay their letters to England, and not wishing to put the province to any further expense in having another "*die*" prepared, I considered it expedient to allow *half* stamps to be used with those now in use, to obviate the want of accommodation complained of, and a circular was accordingly forwarded to my deputies, and a notice issued to the public to the effect that letters could be prepaid to England by stamps, by parties using a six pence or two three penny stamps together with *half a three penny stamp*. The three penny stamp to be cut *diagonally*, and the half to be equivalent to 1½d. The three penny stamp alone to be used for that purpose."

The three penny stamp I have never seen cut and used in that manner. This order was issued after the reduction of the packet postage to England, from 1 shilling to 7½ pence.

Major Evans, in his catalogue, mentions the three penny surcharged "Paid 5 cents" and also overprinted 5 cents. This I think can be easily explained as will be seen by the following. About 1854 (I think but am not sure) an agreement was entered into between the Post Masters General of Nova Scotia and the United States for the exchange of correspondence between their respective countries. It was agreed upon that the postage should be 5 cents, the Nova Scotian three penny stamp to be equal to that value.

All letters going to the United States from Nova Scotia, west, to be stamped on the face whether they were paid or not, by the office which despatched the mail to the United States. The stamp which was used for that purpose corresponds in all particulars with the supposed surcharges. This stamping I have no doubt has occasionally been done on the postage stamps, and thus those so called surcharges have become known.

All the efforts that I made to find out who first proposed the introduction of

postage stamps in Nova Scotia were in vain. But I presume judging from the accounts of the P. O. Dept. that the Hon. Joseph Howe was instrumental in doing so. This indeed was an act worthy of the liberal and enlightened mind of one of Nova Scotia's greatest sons.

DONALD A. KING.

THE PHILATELIC JOURNALS OF 1887.

CANADA AND U. S.

BY HENRY S. HARTE.

No. 1. Journals in Existence, Dec., '87.

Philately may well be proud of her Journals or Organs as the year 1887 draws to a close. In the past a few of them have held no mean positions in the literary world. To-day many of them are acknowledged to be first-class literary productions.

A brief sketch of such as are in existence, December '87, cannot fail but to be of interest to Philatelists generally, and will be the theme of the present article.

The Philatelic Monthly.

The first number of this, the oldest Philatelic publication in existence, was issued February 1st, 1875. The first volume consisted of 11 numbers, 4 pages to each issue. With vol. 2 the number of pages were increased to eight, which size it has ever since retained. It has all alone contained a reliable chronicle of new issues, which were illustrated with cuts, until Congress passed the law prohibiting their use. In all its years of publication it never missed an issue until July 1887. This lapse was caused by the severe illness of the publisher, L. W. Durbin, who on the 12th of August passed away from this world to a happier one beyond the grave.

It is probable that the publication of this paper will be continued for some time, as the heirs of the late Mr. Durbin intend carrying on his business at the old stand.

The Philatelic Courier.

The first Canadian Journal published in the interest of our hobby. It is a quarterly journal. The first number appeared in the fall of 1881. Henry Hechler, of Halifax, being its sole editor and proprietor. It was published regularly until the outbreak of the North-West Rebellion in 1885, when Mr. Hechler, who had command of a company of the Halifax Provisional Battalion was ordered out to help crush the rebellion. Its regular publication was consequently suspended, however, supplements to it have been issued from time to time up to the present date. It is the intention of Mr. Hechler shortly to resume its regular publication. Its subscription price is $1 a year, circulation between 2000 and 3000 copies.

The Philatelic World.

Published by R. R. Bogert, *Tribune* Building, New York City. First published January, '83. It always appears promply each month, its main feature being a chronicle of new issues. It is a four page sheet, each page being surrounded with a neat red border, A feature of it at present is a catalogue of post-cards which it publishes monthly. Subscription price 25 cents a year.

The Philatelic Herald.

This journal during the four years of its publication has assumed various shades and sizes; at one time a large four page sheet; at another an eight page and cover form; at present it consists monthly of eight 12 × 9 inch pages. Its publisher is W. W. Jewett, 504 Congress St., Maine. Among its list of contributors are some of the best writers of the day. It has a circulation of about 1000. Subscription price 25 cents. To foreign countries 35 cents.

The Philatelic Gazette.

This neat journal is published and edited by Edwin C. Mann, and Edward E. Kendig, at Altoona, Pa. It was started June, '84, as a stamp journal, then embraced coins, but has returned now to its first love. It was formerly known as "The Stamp and Coin Gazette," its present title it has borne only since January, '87. With Vol. IV. it appeared with its present handsome engraved cover. Its monthly issues consist of twelve pages and cover. Its subscription price is now only 15 cents a year to Canada or the United States; 25 cents to foreign countries. It is contributed to by the best writers of the day.

The Empire State Philatelist.

From a neat little eight page (scarce 6 × 8 inches) journal, published January '85, the "Empire State Philatelist" has grown to the handsome publication that it was *when we last set eyes upon it.* It is published by T. C. Watkins, of New York City, its editor being T. C. Coke. It is the official organ of the National Philatelic Society. It has a yearly circulation of 30,000 copies. It has contained many articles of interest to Philatelists. Subscription price 35 cents; to foreign countries 50 cents.

The Philatelic Journal of America.

The first number was issued March, 1885. Unlike most of the stamp papers that have been published it did not follow the old proverb: "Great oaks out of little acorns grow," but appeared as a good-size magazine, and has developed into one of our leading Philatelic journals. The first twelve numbers were published by Mr. E. M. Hackett, of St. Louis. Mr. C. H. Mekeel acting as editor and business manager. The second volume was published by the Philatelic Publishing Co., of St. Louis. Messrs. Hackett & Mekeel being jointly interested.

The journal is now owned and edited by Mr. Mekeel. It contains on an average over 30 pages monthly, and during the past year has given its readers in monthly parts a valuable catalogue of postage stamps, compiled by Major Evans, R. A. Its monthly circulation is about 5000 copies. Subscription price 50 cents to Canada, U. S. and Mexico, 75 cents to other countries.

The Philatelic Tribune.

This paper was first published September, '85, the initial number consisting of ten, scarce 6 × 9, pages and cover. F. J. Stanton is the sole editor and proprietor; it comes from Smyrna, N. Y. It never has contained much of interest to Pilatelists, and since its enlargement in

March, '87, to a 32 column eight 12×16 page journal, it has lost whatever claim it may have had to be called a Philatelic journal. Subscription price 25 cents, to foreign countries 40 cents.

The Quaker City Philatelist.

Published by the Quaker City Philatelic Publishing Co. It is the official organ of the Quaker City Philatelic Society, and of the Philadelphia section of the Internationaler Philatelisten Verein.

The first year of its publication it was edited conjointly by H. McAllister and E. R. Duborrow. At present by Mr. McAllister and E. P. Lynde.

At the end of its first year of publication a new company was legally formed to carry it on with a paid up capital of $300. This company is authorized for 20 years. It has a monthly circulation of 4000 copies ; subscription price 25 cents a year ; abroad 35 cents.

The Stamp.

The first number of this paper appeared the end of February, 1886, dated, however, March. It hails from Denver, Colorado. The initial No. was originally published by C. D. Smith, at present by Mr. Smith and E. J. Klock, at Delta, N. Y. A page monthly is devoted to a Philatelic directory. It has a circulation of 1000 copies each month. Subscription price to all postal union countries, 25 cents.

The Curiosity World.

A large four-page paper devoted to general collecting, published by John M. Hubbard, Lake Village, N. B. It is the official organ of the New England Philatelic Union. The first number was issued September, '85. It is the publishers intention to issue it now as a fortnightly publication. Subscription price to U. S. and Canada, 25 cents, to foreign countries 37 cents.

The Old Curiosity Shop

is published by Will. M. Clems, late of Jamestown, N. Y., now of San Diego, Cal. It was first issued December, '82. From June '86, to June, '87, it was owned and edited by W. B. Brockway. It was devoted to the interests of collectors of coins, stamps, etc. Each number consists of twelve pages and cover, its circulation is about 2000. Subscription price 25 cts a year.

The Collectors' Review.

The first number appeared October, 1886, a small four page sheet. With No. 6 four additional pages were added; with No. 7 a cover ; with No. 12 its present enlarged cover. It is published and edited by Messrs. Babb & Carstarphen, Denver, Col. During the past few months it has contained an interesting continued article entitled, "A Philatelist's Observations Abroad," by Lieut. J. M. Partello. Subscription price 25 cents a year.

The Youths' Ledger.

A large 11 × 16 inch sheet devoted to general collecting, but a strong friend of Philately. It is published by the Youths' Ledger Co., P. O. Box 3487, New York City. Gustaie Aue, Business Manager, Alvah Davison, Editor. The publishers of this paper generously offered it free to the members of the A. P. A. Subscription price 25 cents, to foreign countries 40 cents.

The Western Philatelist

is published by the Western Philatelic Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill. The initial No., consisting of 12 pages and cover, appeared January 1st, 1887. It is the official organ of the Chicago Philatelic Society. It is now in every sense a first-class Philatelic publication. It gained quite a celebrity during the year by its publication of "A Flatlist Eksperiens," and "The Demon Stamp," also by its fight over the official organ of the A. P. A. The company by whom it is published is composed by Messrs. C. R. Gadsden, S. B. Bradt and P. M. Wolsieffer. Subscription price 50 cents a year, 65 cents to postal union countries.

The Halifax Philatelist.

Which we may style the representative Philatelic journal of Canada, was issued January, '87. From eight pages and cover, with which it started out, it has enlarged to sixteen pages and cover. It has during the year contained interesting articles on the "Stamps of N. S. and N. B," by C. F., "S. P. M.," by Theo. Larsen, and "Watermarks," by Henry Hechler. It is published by the Halifax Philatelic Co., Halifax, N. S. Its editorial chair is now occupied by Theo. Larsen, formerly by F. C. Kaye. Subscription price 25 cents a year.

The International Philatelic Advertiser.

As its name denotes, its columns are devoted principally to advertisements. It is a large twelve 11 × 8 inch sheet, published by Krebs Bros., 81 Nassau St., New York City. The first number appeared January, 1887. It publishes a monthly record of new issues. For typographical appearance it would be hard to beat it.

The American Philatelist.

The initial number of this journal, the official organ of the American Philatelic Association, appeared January 10th, '87. It was ably edited by Mr. W. R. Fraser. After the publication of two or three numbers it suspended owing to the fight among the members of the A. P. A. In October the publication was resumed and it is now a handsome journal in appearance, and bids fair under its present management, and with its able staff of contributors, to become a prominent light in the Philatelic world. It is sent free to members of the A. P. A., to all others 50 a year.

The Keystone State Philatelist.

This paper is another of those that saw the light of day for the first time, Jan., 1887. It appeared with 8 pages and cover, which form it has retained throughout the year. It hails from Philadelphia, and is published by E. R. Durborow, at 203 South 10th St. Subscription price 15 cents a year. During the year it contained a series of interesting articles on U. S. Postage and Revenue Stamps, by A. F. Henkels.

The first three numbers were edited by E. R. Durborow and A. F. Henkels, Nos. 4 and 5, by E. R. Durborow, and and subsequently by Mr. Durborow and Wm. M. Watson, late publisher of the Germantown Philatelist.

The Stamp Collectors' Figaro.

The first number of this enterprising journal appeared March, 1887. It is

published by E. W. Voute, Chicago, Ill. From a twelve page and cover journal at the start it has enlarged to a twenty-four page magazine. Mr. T. J. Mitchell beginning with No. 3, for a few weeks held the position of associate editor. At present Mr. Voute is the sole editor. With No. 7 a column entitled "Canadian Squibs" was inaugurated. Mr. H. S. Harte becoming its Canadian correspondent. It has an able staff of contributors, among whom we may mention W. A. Fraser and S. J. Mitchell. Subscription price 35 cents a year.

The Philatelic Fortnightly.

Coming from Benson, Minn., was the first Philatelist publication which greeted us oftener than once a month. The initial number was dated April 5th, '87, E. R Aldrich being the publisher. It is a little four page sheet, scarce 5 × 7 inches. With No. 5, D. Y. Smith became the proprietor of it, Mr. Aldrich continued, however, to edit it. Among the contributors to its columns we may mention the names of F. J. Cuno, and F. E. P. Lynde. Subscription price 15 cents a quarter.

The Niagara Falls Philatelist.

Published by the Niagara Falls Publishing Co., Niagara Falls, (S.) Ontario, Canada ; circulation 2000 ; subscription price 25 cents a vear, 35 cents to foreign countries. The initial number consisted of twelve pages and cover. Several pages of its first two numbers were devoted to what are known as "Stamp Stories." However, with No. 3 the size of the paper was enlarged to 16 pages, and the "funny man" given his walking ticket. A slight improvement in its appearance would be a few less advertisements, more Philatelic matter, and a better quality of paper.

The Buckeye State Collector

is published by E. J. Smith, Portsmouth, Ohio, it is a neat eight page sheet. Subscription price 25 cents a year. Its initial number appeared August, '87. It is a paper devoted to general collecting, but is quite an interesting one for Philatelists.

The Texas Philatelic Journal.

The modest eight page sheet bearing this high-sounding title is published by Edgar T. Neville, at Paris, Texas. It first appeared August, '87. It has a monthly circulation of 500 copies. It contains a monthly record of new issues and general Philatelic news, also an exchange column. A bright little paper for its size.

The Witch City Philatelist

is published and edited by Fred. C. T. Davis, and P. S. Johnson, at Salem, Mass. The first number appearing July, '87. It is a neat four page paper, the official organ of the Salem Philatelist Society. It has a circulation monthly of from 1000 to 1500 copies. Subscription price 25 cents a year.

The International Collector

whose columns are devoted to general collecting is published at 516 Ellis St., San Francisco, Cal., Ed. Mendelson and Maurice V. Samuels being the publishers and editors. No. 1 appeared June '87, Each number consists of eight pages, the usual size, and a neat cover. Subscription price 25 cents a year.

Common Sense.

Hailing from Mexico, New York, is published and edited by F. A. Thomas, monthly, it consists of eight pages 10 × 6 and a handsome cover. It is devoted to general collecting. Contains many articles of interest to Philatelists. The subscription price is 25 cents a year.

The Charlestown Philatelist

is a small quarterly journal devoted to stamp collecting. Subscription price 10 cents a year. It is published and edited by Gust. J Luhn, Jr., 65 Vanderhont St., Charlestown, S. C. Circulation 1000. This is the first paper ever published in the interest of our hobby on the South Atlantic coast. The initial number contains an account of the doings of the Charlestown Philatelic Society, and an article on "Charlestown Locals."

Toronto Philatelic Journal.

This journal was originally published from March, '85, to June, '85, a four page sheet, and then suspended owing to lack of time on the part of the publisher to devote to it. The first number of the new series appeared October, '87, consisting of eight pages and engraved cover. It is not, strictly speaking, a Philatelic journal. It contains a numismatic department edited by Jos. Hooper. The Philatelic department is edited by Geo. A. Lowe. The publishers are The Toronto Philatelic Co., 106 Huron St., Toronto, Canada. Subscription price 25 cents a year, 35 cents to foreign countries.

The Badger State Philatelist.

A monthly journal in the interests of stamp collectors, appeared for the first time December 10th, '87, it is a large four page sheet. The publishers are Carter & Judson, Delevan, Wis. Subscription 15 a year, foreign countries 25 cents. Circulation 500 copies. From the appearance of No. 1 we think that the prospects for this paper are fairly good.

THE following circular has been sent to the members of the C. P. A., which is self explaining :

CIRCULAR.

To the Members of the C. P. A.

DEAR SIR, I have been instructed to inform you that, through the serious illness of Mr. Hooper, of Ottawa, the Secretary, *pro.tem.*, the election of officers, and in fact all the business of the Association, will be delayed some weeks.

Also, that if there are no objections to the Constitution and Amendments, as published in the HALIFAX PHILATELIST, we declare it carried.

The Association now numbers over eighty members, and more are expected, thus assuring the success of the C. P. A.

Signed on behalf of the organizing Committee.

H. F. KETCHESON.

Bellville, December 2nd, 1887.

WE have seen a new stamp from that prolific country, the U. S. of Columbia. The design is entirely new, being as follows : in the centre a map of the Isthmus of Panama, on the border of the stamp the word "COLUMBIA," above the map "ANTILLAS," beneath it "PACIFICO," value beneath that 10 centavos.

Black on yellow paper, somewhat oblong in shape, perforated 17 × 15.

PLEASE mention this paper when answering advertisements.

STAMP STUDYING.

BY PHIL.

It is surprising to note among the many collectors that are now in every country throughout the world, how few really deserve the name of philatelists.

Philately or stamp collecting as a science, does not consist merely in the accumulating together of a number of stamps that it is possible for them to obtain, no, it signifies something more than that, something elevating, in fact, something to study. But now comes the question, how are we to study our stamps and which is the best way? and the answer is by no means a difficult one, simply *read*, that is, read all that can be obtained from good journals relating to the study, articles written by prominent philatelists, and by this means you will acquire a knowledge in regard to philately, that you can get in no other way.

One of the best articles at present, by which to study your stamps, is the Philatelic Catalogue, which is published each month in Mr. C. H. Mekeel's fine journal, *The Philatelic Journal of America*, as besides giving a very full description, it also gives a very fine cut of each stamp, and we would advise anyone who is not already a subscriber to Mr. Mekeel's paper to lose no time in sending on for it. But then there are a great many who consider that they know just as much about their stamps as any one and therefore never open a philatelic paper more than to see if it contains their last exchange notice or advertisement. Not long since we had the pleasure of looking through a collection of about 3200, and these about 300 were forgeries and reprints and about 500 badly soiled or torn, and nearly all arranged in a careless manner, and it just occurred to us at the time that it was better to have a collection of about 1500 of good genuine varieties about which we know something than this fairly large one of bad stamps.

ON VARIOUS THINGS.

BLUE NOSE.

The early Prince Edward Island stamps were ordered by George Dundas, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor, in 1856, and were engraved by Mr. Chas. Whiting of London, England.

In *Harpers' New Monthly Magazine* for Oct., 1871, Vol. 43, No. 257, will be found an 18 page illustrated article on New York City Post Office, extending over a period of 200 years; also a 10 page article on "Postage Stamps and their Origin," with 100 illustrations; both of these articles are interesting and no collector should be without them.

It is suprising to see what amount of petty spite is indulged in by certain of our American contemporaries; it certainly does not add to the dignity of our "hobby" to have the editors of philatelic papers calling one another rogues, thieves and liars. The sooner this kind of bickering is stopped, the better. If you have just cause of complaint against you brother editor, make such complaint in a gentlemanly manner, and you will find it works better than all the abuse you can print. Moreover, you and your paper will be respected, both by collectors and others.

India has strict rules for enforcing good conduct in the civil service. The postmaster of Cabul defrauded the Government and was sentenced by the Ameer to a flogging, and then had all his hair pulled out. So says a local paper. What a bald-headed lot of politicans we would have if this rule were in vogue here? It would cause a revival of the old *wig* party.—*English Ex.*

POSTAGE STAMPS.

Some things are so common that few apprehend the ingenuity and labour required to make them. Postage stamps, for instance, are in everybody's mouth, except the wise ones, who use a wet sponge, but scarcely any one knows how they are manufactured. In printing them steel plates are used, on which two hundred stamps are engraved. Two men are kept hard at work covering them with the coloured inks and passing them to a man and girl, who are equally busy at printing them with large rolling hand-presses. After the small sheets of paper upon which the two hundred stamps are engraved have dried enough they are sent into another room and gummed. The gum used for the purpose is a peculiar composition, made of the powder of dried vegetables mixed with water, which is better than any other material, for instance gum arabic, which craks the paper badly. The paper is also of a perfect texture, somewhat similiar to that used for bank-notes. After having been again dried this time on little racks, which are fanned by steam power for about an hour, they are put between sheets of pasteboard and pressed by hydraulic presses, capable of applying a weight of two thousand pounds. The next thing is to cut the sheets in half; each sheet of course when cut contains a hundred stamps. This is done by a girl with a large pair of shears, cutting by hand being preferred to that of machinery, which method would destroy too many stamps. They are then passed to other squads, who, in as many operations, perforate the sheets between the stamps. Next they are pressed once more, and then packed and labelled and stowed away in another room, preparatory to being put in mail-bags for dispatching to fill orders. If a single stamp is torn, or mutilated, the whole sheet of one hundred is burned. About five hundred thousand are burned every week from this cause. For the past twenty years not a single sheet has been lost, such care has been taken in counting them. During the progress of manufacture the sheets are counted eleven times.—*Scotsman.*

Belcher's Farmers' Almanack, 1888, is now ready, and for sale by all dealers. It is an old and reliable favourite, thoroughly up to the times in all its facts, figures, and information. It is a Farmer's Almanack, most of all; but it is also stored with the facts which the man of business, the politican, the lawyer, the doctor, and the clergyman must have at hand. Its calendar is full and accurate; its lists of clergy, solicitors, &c., all that can be desired. The light house and signal service, and all the information for "those who go to sea in ships" can be found under appropriate headings. "Belcher's" for next year is worthy of its long and fine record.

MAIL SERVICE IN JAPAN.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* writes from Japan: "The postal service of this country is always pointed at as a model in its way—one of the foremost departments of the Europeanized Government. And, indeed, it must in all fairness be acknowledged that much credit belongs to Japan for swiftness in the despatch of mails, while fettered with a lack of railroads. In the first place, every train carries a mail, and in Japan, be it known the imperial railroads run through passenger trains every two hours, and on the Yokohama Railroad nearly every hour. Thus while in America three mails each way, daily, would be esteemed the climax of facilities, the minimum between the various cities here (in Japan) is about ten each way, daily. This applies merely to the railroads, of course.

The delivery of mails is also very prompt, and takes place a good many times a day. A person may mail a letter in Yokohama for Tokio, one hours ride to the north, as late as dusk. and yet receive an answer the same night, providing his friend is prompt. While in Yokohama I took occasion to mail a letter in a post-box as late as six oclock in the evening, at a point fully a mile from the post office. It was soon collected, delivered to the one to whom it was directed over the bluffs, and the same evening I received a call from the recipient. In the interior the mail is carried from town to town by messengers, who travel at a dog trot in cases where stage lines do not exist.

"Every effort is made in the case of foreigners, to deliver their mail to them promptly. So anxious are the authorities to deliver mail, that one of the missionary ladies in Kobe says, when last summer she went up among the mountains, six miles distant, a special man was sent from the office here, really against her wishes, who came all the way on foot, and was not content till he had hunted her up and delivered her the mail. The carriers go about the city at a dog trot.

JOSEPH J. Casey is exposing the late U. S envelope syndicate in the Figaro for November. He strikes some heavy blows at the clique.

Exchange Notes.

Under this heading we will insert notices of Exchange from subscribers only. All notices must be in by 5th of any month to insure insertion in that month's issue. The right to reject all exchanges reserved.

A $2 50 edition of the International Stamp Album, new. and a 3 penny red stamp of New Brunswick, 1851 issue, used for a 5 cent vermilion, and 10 cent brown envelopes' stamp of Canada, 186 › issue.

FRANK D. CROSBY,
Ohio, Yarmouth, N. S.

To every person sending me a post-card from any foreign country *except* Canada, I will send an unused 3 cent stamp.

E. L. RAISH,
Akron, Iowa, U. S. A.

WANTED.—Publishers to send samples of their papers, and dealers to send their price lists. Papers and Stamps to exchange.

M. A. MACDONALD,
207 W. 5th St.,
A. P. A., No. 138. St. Paul, Minn, U. S. A.

Consignments of Foreign Stamps are desired. For which we will give Canada, United States, and Mexican in exchange.

ONTARIO STAMP CO.,
Port Hope, Ont.,
Canada, America.

WANTED —All 1868 issue, and ½, 10, 15 cents, and 2, 5 cent Reg. of present issue of Canada, also Canada bills, Gas, Weights and Measures, Law, &c., for good Foreign exchange. Newfoundland and American exchange wanted.

W. E. SIMPSON,
C. P. A. 60. Guysboro, Nova Scotia.

I will give the 90 Blue of Arg. Rep., surcharged, official, in black for any of the following 10 P. Blue, 1856, ½ Pink, 1858, or the officially sealed brown of Canada.

M. BRILL,
28 Sutton Place, N. Y. City.

U. S. postage revenue oddities, &c.. to exchange for RARE U. S. and Foreign Postage, with advanced collectors, 1 million 3c. green to exchange.

HUGO KUENSTLER,
296 10th Ave., N. Y.
Member A. P. A.

LARSEN BROTHERS,

40 Lockman Street,

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA.

WE have just received the FIRST and LARGEST consignment of the new issue of NEWFOUNDLAND STAMPS which we offer at the following prices, orders filled by return mail :



New Issue.	Per 10	Per 50	Per 100
½ cent red brown	$0 10	$0 45	$0 80
1 cent green.....	0 20	0 90	1 60

Orders under 50 cents postage extra.

A. M. WRIGHT & CO.,

Dealers in Postage Stamps,

SHEETS ON APPROVAL A SPECIALTY."

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MOST manias, whether chronic or acute, fail to become cosmopolite; they rage within a limited area, beyond which they do not spread; or they are confined to certain classes of society, above or below which they do not rise or sink. Every country has its own special mania; and there are doubtless plenty of little localities, both within the pale of Christendom and without it, each with its own pet mania, which, as far as the rest of the world is concerned, is born to break out unseen, and waste its sweetness on the desert air.

The above cannot be said of philately, as its influence is felt among all classes, from one end of the world to the other. Postage stamps are now issued by almost every country, and it would be hard to visit any place, where one or more interested in their collection could not be found.

I am about to relate a case in point, which occurred twenty-five years ago. My nephew had just arrived home for the holidays (I was his guardian), and he brought with him a large, square, strong-bound manuscript, filled with a series of sums, from simple and compound addition (with the lines ruled with red ink), through cube root extraction, tare and tret, interest for various terms and at various per cent., and a host of such like matter, all transcribed in his own handwriting, with corrections by the head usher. It was (for it is no longer) an autograph volume of which any ciphering-master in the land might boast.

His aunt Emma and myself, after close inspection of the manuscript, were duly edified—so duly, in fact, that I believe we never opened it afterwards until the occasion I am about to relate. But what subsequently excited our approbation was the constant reference which Harry made to his model ciphering-book. He would lay down the *Recorder* to recur to its perusal. If I talked about the leading article, he would take up his book as if to help to a closer comprehension of the topic. If I alluded to the Court of the Vatican and mentioned the intrigues of the ex-King of the Naples, he replied (consulting the book again), "Ah, yes; I have it." If I wondered whether Hesse would make it up with Russia, "Let me see; unluckly, no," was his answer, after a glance at the oracle. He never parted from the book, his *vade mecum*, his manual, his companion by day, and his bedfellow, I believe, by night.

At the same time he seemed strangely inquisitive respecting our own private affairs. Neither Emma nor myself received letters that contained deep secrets,

political or family. Still we like our few letters to be regarded with respectful reverence. But Harry, we felt sure, closely examined the outside of every letter that we received—his reason we could not make out. Newspapers sent by absent friends, received the same inspection. Every cast-off envelope was carefully and silently secured, for the sake, we thought, of studing and comparing the hand-writing. We noticed, also, that, young as he was, more letters arrived for him than for us, the contents of which he never communicated. Strange!

Yesterday Emma's forbearance could hold out no longer. At the postman's rap, Harry jumped up as usual to get first to the door for the mail. This he always attempted to do. He returned with two letters, one half hidden in the cuff of his sleeve, while he devoured the direction of the other with his eyes. Emma could not stand this any longer.

"That is *my* letter, sir," she observed, sternly, "and for the future I wish my letters to be brought me directly, without being quite so closely examined. In my time, young people did not take such liberties."

"Because in your time—" stammered Harry, not daring to finish.

"Because why, sir? I insist on knowing."

"Because in your very, *very* young time, aunt, there were no such things as postage stamps. They are a maguificent invention of modern times. Here is the letter, but pray do give me the envelope."

"For what? What interest or right, sir, can you possibly have to inspect the postmarks of my correspondence. And, now you talk of correspondence, I should like to be informed what is the nature of yours, It may be all right and proper, and I dare say it is, but until you are one-and-twenty, and we are relieved of the responsibility of your guardianship, I may observe that your uncle and myself ought to be made acquainted with its nature, and to have some idea of the persons with whom it takes place."

Emma uttered this little lecture with all the dry decision she could muster, looking at me, at the close of her speech, to second the motion. Then, as she really loved her nephew, and was too kind-hearted to feel easy while administering reproof, she made a retreat and avoided further discussion by breaking the seal of her letter and becoming absorbed in its perusal. I said nothing, Harry blushed, not a guilty blush, but a blush as it were protesting against unjust treatment. He soon left the house—as he afterwards confessed, to make private arrangements with the postman.

During his absence, I went up-stairs to my room, to look out of the window with my hands in my pockets, as is my wont when anything occurs to puzzle me. *His* room door stood ajar, suggesting the possibility of finding a clew to the correspondence of which Emma disapproved. In a snug corner of his book-case was the well-worn ciphering-book, which would not have invited further attention but for its bloated appearance, so to speak. It had grown plethoric and fat. It seemed to have taken in more good things than it could well digest. It was filled to repletion, witness sundry cracks, in spite of the extra binding duly charged in the school bill. I took it down, really hoping to find a further triumph of my nephew's mathematical

abilities, and supposing the additional thickness to arise from logatithmic calculations of excessive profundity. The sums, no doubt, would be overlaid with algebraic corollaries and commentaries. I opened the volume, half-fearing to behold an increase of figures, ascending vertically or descending traversely, and garnished with scales of red ruled lines.

Next the cover were loose letters, evidently not, as Emma dreaded they were, from any young person of the gentler sex. "Your last favour duly received," "On the 30th we had the honour to forward," would hardly be the forms in which a fair one would avow her susceptibilities. There was mention of "France, 1848," "France, republic, presidence," "private offices," "scarce envelopes," and "local correspondence," which could have reference only to business or politics. But on turning over the once arithmetical pages, a wonderful transformation met my eye, explaining the obese condition of the book. Each page was neatly ruled with blue ink into small square divisions, quite irrespective of the sums upon it, and nearly every division was occupied by a postage stamp of some nation, colony or community, whose name was hand-printed on a small label posted at the top of the page. A few old postage envelopes were honored with a broad margined page to themselves.

Besides the volume were three or four pamphlets, in French and in English, of Parisian, Belgian and British publication, the happy authors of which could boast their second editions, revised, corrected and enlarged, with reproduction forbidden and every right reserved. I beheld "Aids to Stamp Collectors," being a list of English and Foreign Postage Stamps in circulation since 1840. I beheld Catalogue des Timbres-Poste créés dans les divers Etats du Globe. Further I saw Manuel du Collectionneur de Timbres—Poste, on Nomenclature générale de tous les timbres adoptés dan les divers pays de l'Univers; as if the author, Monsieur J. B. Moens, were on intimate terms with postmasters residing in the planets of Venus and Jupiter. He assures us that the stamp collector may apply to him in all confidence, for the correspondents which he has with the stranger enables him continually to supply the generality of all the stamps (of the universe)? And then there was a severe libellus, of ninety-seven pages, Timbres-Poste, without preface, commentary, or peroration, but an index only, "on sale Chez Laplante, dealer in postage stamps for collections, 1, Rue Christine, Paris." This last looked about as light reading as a list of fixed stars, or the astronomical portions of Dietrichsen's Almanack. Besides, and on the same shelf, were ranged grammars and dictionaries of foreign tongues, picked up at the book-stores; tables of European coins, weights and measures, and, backing and supporting all, like a substantial buttress, a solid tome, entitled Manuel du Negotiant, Traite, théorigue et partique des Sciences Commerciales. For this learned treatise the name of the author, L. Rothschild, inspired me with a certain awe. I left it untouched, and turned over with bewilderment the pages of the metamorphosed arithmetical record.

While so doing, a light step bounded up-stairs. It was Harry, who thus caught me in his sanctum, rummaging his private shelves, and surrounded by his precious documents tossed about in disorder. The boy looked astonished, but not in the least

abashed or ashamed. He stood his ground like a man. After the first surprise at seeing me there, he seemed flattered rather than otherwise by the curiosity that I was manifesting.

"And how did you come by all this rubbish?" I asked.

"By exchanges with correspondents, uncle," was the reply, in justification, "and also with my pocket money."

"You were at liberty, certainly, to spend it on this, as well as on any other harmless nonsense; still it is a pity to throw money into the street."

"I beg your pardon, uncle; it is not thrown away at all. I have made a good investment. My stamp album is worth twenty pounds, if it is worth a shilling."

"When you prove that it is worth a shilling, I will prove that it will fetch twenty pounds."

(To be continued.)

THE STAMPS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

NEW SOUTH WALES was discovered in 1770 by Captain Cook. It originated in a penal colony, founded by the British Government. Captain Phillips, its first Governor, arrived in Botany Bay in H. M. S. *Sirius*, in January, 1788, with six transports and three store-ships. He remained there a short time and then proceeded to Port Jackson, which was found more suitable to found a Colony. He there landed the 750 persons under his charge, the British ensign was hoisted on the shores of Sydney Cove (the present site of the capital and seat of Government), and thus commenced the history of the second largest of the British Colonies. At that time New South Wales embraced what is now known as Victoria and Queensland.

The country has made great advance since then, and ere long will be, when united under one Government, with the other Colonies of Australia, one of the greatest nations of the earth.

The population is now about 1,000,000. The Colony has enjoyed Responsible Government for a number of years.

This country has produced stamps which have given rise, probably, to more discussion than any others, namely, the celebrated "Sydney Views." These were issued in 1850. The design is as follows: In a circle in the centre is what is supposed to be a family of emigrants just landing from their ship (which is in the background), and being received by what may be called a figure of Commerce; others say that it is the Genius of the land. Beneath the group is the Latin motto: "Sic fortio etruria crevit." To the left of the figure of Commerce is a hill, over the side of which shows a church and buildings. The whole of this is enclosed by a hollow circle, in which is the motto: "Sigillum nov Camb Aust." "Postage" above and value beneath, in two straight lines.

The values of this issue are:

1 penny, lake; 2 pence, blue; 3 pence, green.

The design of all these values is the same, with the exception of a few minor differences. There are numerous little varieties of this design, said to be forty, which is the number of dies on the engraved plate from which they were printed. The following are a few: In the 1 penny, with clouds above and without clouds. In the 2 pence, with the lines in the groundwork in some horizontal and in others perpendicular.

Of these stamps the 3 pence is the only one that can now be procured, except by a large outlay of money. These stamps were in use for about a year.

In 1851 a new series appeared, having for a design the laureated head of the Queen to left. These are on bluish paper, unperforated, and are not water-marked. The values were:

1 penny, red; 2 pence, blue; 6 pence, brown.

Of the 2 pence there were several shades of blue. These stamps are said to contain fifty varieties, which was the number of dies on each engraved plate.

In 1853 were issued:

2 pence, blue on blue paper; 6 pence, brown;
2 pence, blue on white paper; 8 pence, orange.

There are said to be fifty varieties of these also. In 1854 a new issue came out, same design as 1851 and 1853, of which the denominations were as follows:

1 penny, orange; 1 penny, orange red;
2 pence, blue (light and dark); 3 pence, green.

These were imperforated. A new departure was made with them, each stamp being water-marked with the numerals of its value.

It seemed to be a difficult country to suit with stamps, for two new designs and issues came out in the same year. The design for the 1 penny, 2 pence and 3 pence resembled very much the 1850 issue, except that the Queen is crowned instead of laureated. The design for the higher values was a large square stamp; crowned head of the Queen inside of circle; Postage—New South Wales. The values of this issue were:

1 penny, orange,
1 penny, carmine,
2 pence, blue,
3 pence, green,
} Rectangular shape.

5 pence, green,
6 pence, brown,
6 pence, grey green,
8 pence, orange,
1 shilling, red,
1 shilling, brown-red,
} Square shape.

Those were imperforate and same water-mark as preceding issue. In 1860 these stamps were issued perforated, and with same values, except that a 5 shilling, violet, was added. Water-marks the same.

Those handsome stamps were retained for a short time only, as in 1864 we find a new design coming out, and not to be compared in any manner with the old issues. The design consists of the crowned head of the Queen to left in various frames. Water-mark as before.

Two new values were issued in 1867.

4 pence, brown ; 10 pence, lilac.

In 1870 a new issue was announced, values consisting of :—

1 penny, red ; 2 pence, blue ; 3 pence, green ;
4 pence, red brown ; 6 pence, lilac ;
8 pence, yellow (square, same design as 1860) ;
9 pence, surcharged on 10 pence, red brown ;
1 shilling, black.

In 1884 the provisional rage struck this colony, and we were treated to a small selection of fiscal-postals, consisting of three values :

1 penny, orange ; 2 pence, brown ; 1 shilling, black on brown.

In 1885 we had surcharged postage :

5 shilling stamp duty, black on green.

1886 brought out more provisionals, converting revenue stamps into postage. They were all high values, being :

5 shillings, black, green and voilet ;
10 shillings, black, carmine and violet ;
1 pound, black, carmine and violet.

In 1853 registration stamps were issued to the public. They were of one value only, but there are several varieties, viz :

6 pence, orange and blue, imperforate ;
6 pence, red and blue, imperforate ;

1860.

6 pence, orange and blue, perforate ;
6 pence, orange and blue, perforate ;
6 pence, yellow and blue, perforate ;
6 pence, red and blue, perforate.

The last two were watermarked with the figure 6 ; the others were not.

In 1879, the current issue, 2 pence to 1 shilling, were surcharged in red, O. S., for official use.

In 1880 the same stamps, and the 1 penny, were surcharged O. S. in black. Those in red are rare.

This completes the list of adhesives for New South Wales, but as in many other countries, errors crept in of which we have made no mention ; but instead of being in the color, they consist of mistakes in using the watermarked paper. The paper on which each value of stamp was printed was watermarked with same value. We append a partial list of these errors in watermarks, as far as known to the writer.

1856 issue, 2 pence, blue, watermark 5;
1856 issue, 6 pence, grey, " 8;
1856 issue, 1 shilling, red, " 8;
1860 issue, 3 pence, green, " 6;
1860 issue, 6 pence, violet, " 5;
1860 issue, 6 pence, violet, " 12.

WATERMARK REVERSED.

1850 issue, 5 pence, square green;
1860 issue, 2 pence, blue, watermark 1;
1860 issue, 2 pence, blue, " 3;
1860 issue, 2 pence, blue, " 5;
1863 issue, 1 penny, red, " 2.

If these errors occured at the present time, we would hear it said that it was done on purpose; but we fancy that these are genuine errors.

On looking over a late set of the New South Wales stamps it is surprising to an ordinary mind how people in their proper senses could issue to the public such mean looking stamps in place of the old issues. The old ones had artistic work about them, both in designing and engraving, which is something that the present issue lack very much. It is a sorry fact, but one which we cannot help admitting, that the British Colonies have deterioriated more than any other countries in the artistic merits of their postage stamps.

DAVID LANG.

POSTAGE RATES FROM NOVA SCOTIA IN THE YEAR 1854.

LIMIT OF WEIGHT ¼ OUNCE.

To Alexandria, 2/3; Algeria, 1/10; Austria, 2/8; Bavaria, 2/2; Belgium, 2/3; China, 2/10, France, 2/3; Gibraltar, 2/1; Holland, 2/2; Hong Kong, 2/10; India, 2/10; Norway, 2/7; Portugal, 2/1; Prussia, 2/2; Russia, 2/6; Spain, 2/2; Sweden, 2/2; Turkey, 3/–.

LIMIT OF WEIGHT ½ OUNCE.

To Adelaide, 2/–; Antigua, 1/8; Australia, 2/1; Bermuda, –/8; Brazil, 3/9; Cape Verde, 2/10; Cape of Good Hope, 2/–; Chili, 1/7; Cuba, 1/3; Denmark, 1/10.

These figures will give some idea of the postage which our fathers had to pay. It would have been somewhat expensive to have had many foreign correspondents at that time. Now, with very few exceptions we may send a letter to any of these places for five cents.

THE following figures show the increase in the sale of postage stamps in Nova Scotia in the first four years after their introduction, viz.:

1852	amount sold	£ 325	2	6
1853	"	473	4	8
1854	"	898	0	6
1855	"	1656	16	3

An increase of five hundred per cent.

ON this the first anniversary of the publication of our paper, we come before our friends and readers to thank them heartily for the assistance given to us during the year that has just passed, and ask them to continue their efforts on our behalf, and help to make the incoming year even more successful than the last has been.

The hardest part in the history of a paper (namely, its first year) has now been passed, and, we are happy to say, with very fair success. Of course, all has not been smooth sailing (in fact we had a good many rough places to cross), but we are at last safely over and are now looking forward with light hearts to the future.

We trust our friends will do nothing to disappoint our expectations, but all they can to forward them.

Thanking you again for your kindness we wish you one and all most cordially a Happy New Year.

JUST before going to press, we have had the pleasure of receiving from the "Western Philatelic Publishing Co." a copy of "*The Bluffton Stamp Society.*" The contents are interesting, the binding and typographical work excellent, and all together it is a book we may all be proud of having on the philatelic shelves of our library. We most heartily congratulate the company on their success, and can well say, Try it again.

THE CANADIAN ERROR.

THE Canada 2c. brown registration is at this time mentioned frequently in the *Figaro* and several other philatelic publications. As there seems to be considerable doubt as to the origin, and as I was in the main instrumental in ntroducing them to the philatelic public, I have decided to give the information I possess on this subject to them.

About the beginning of January, 1887, I was shown a registered letter received from Miscou Light House Post Office in New Brunswick. It had a BROWN 2c. registration stamp on it—a clear unmistakable dark brown. I immediately wrote the postmaster there for information relative to them. He answered and said that he had 23 on hand. That he had originally received 50 from the P. O. Dept. at Ottawa, and that they were BROWN when he received them. This he stated positively. I n sent to him for them, but before my letter reached him he had used two of them so that I received only 21.

Those stamps I showed to several philatelists and could not get two to agree as to their origin. Some said the change in color was due to the gum, others to chemical changes, others again said it was due to the atmosphere from the salt water. Very few would allow a misprint. In the meantime Mr. F. C. Kaye also came across another registered letter with brown registration stamp. This time it was rom the P. O. of New Ross in Lunenburg Co., N. S. From this office about 50 were obtained. The postmaster at this office was also positive as to having received them from the Dept. at Ottawa in brown. The same objections were raised to those

as the others, as to whether they were a genuine misprint or not. In this case the atmosphere of salt water was not the cause as New Ross is in the interior. If the gum was the cause of their changing color, it is peculiar that we do not get more of them. Changes by chemical means were also tried. The only thing which would turn the red of the genuine color to brown, was sulphuric acid mixed with water, and this did not give a good clear color, having a somewhat greyish shade in it. Those experiments have, in my opinion, confirmed their genuineness. And now as if to make assurance in regard to their genuineness more sure, we find a third post office with them. This was Beauly, in Antigonish Co., N. S. There were, however, only 6 received from there, the postmaster had the same story as the others, he had received them from the Dept. at Ottawa in a brown color.

After reading this I do not think that any reasonable minded person will doubt their genuineness.

The Department at Ottawa was written to in regard to them, but as was to be expected, knew nothing of them whatsoever. No doubt if they had been seen they would not have been allowed to be issued to the public.

We do not deny that time does change the color in stamps, but with those we do not think that it had anything to do. A friend of ours informed us that in looking over a lot of old letters which he had taken out of a trunk and which had not been open for several years, he found among them several registered letters, one with the 2c. registration stamp almost a black, all the others having their normal color. With due consideration and deference to better judges than myself, I have no doubt in saying that it is my firm belief that those Canada 2c. brown registration stamps are a genuine misprint.

DONALD A. KING

NOVA SCOTIA STAMPS.

IN the December No. of this paper I had an article on the proper date of issue of the pence stamps of Nova Scotia. In it I ventured to assert that they were issued in the middle of 1851. Since then on further investigation I have discovered the exact date of issue. The proof is obtained in the following extract from the *Chronicle* of the 30th of August, 1851 :—

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

"Postage stamps having been received from England, notice is hereby given that stamps of 3 pence, 6 pence and 1 shilling can be purchased at this office on and after *Monday, the 1st day of September next.*

☞ NOTE.—Postage stamps before being used should be examined to ascertain that they will firmly adhere (as in the event of their falling off, the letters become charged with postage), they should then be placed on the front of the letter, *and upon the right hand corner of the upper side.* Should this direction not be attended to, from the rapidity with which the duty must be performed, letters which bear stamps will frequently be taxed, while the parties receiving them will be put to much trouble in obtaining a return of the postage improperly charged.

In all cases of complaint whether of any irregularity, the covers of the letters (and contents in all practicable cases) must invariably be kept and sent to the post office as affording the only means of investigating the complaint."

A. WOODGATE, D. P. M. G.

General P. O., Halifax, *August 25th, 1851.*

This will, I think, settle the matter as to the proper date of issue.

While on this subject it would be as well to give the same information in regard to the cent issue of Nova Scotia. Although there is no error in regard to the date of those as there is to the first issue. The extract following is taken from the report of the P. M. G. of Nova Scotia for 1860,—he says :—

"Postage stamps of a new design, and adapted to the decimal system were obtained with the consent of the Governor-in-Council, from the New York American Bank Note Co., and circulated on the 1st of October last (1860). The design, color, and value of the stamps are as follows :—1c. black ; 5c. blue ; 8½c. green ; 10c scarlet, and 12½c. black.

A supply of 19,000 sheets or 1,900,000 stamps, equal in value to $132.000, has been obtained from the above firm costing, for their manufacture and incidentals, $901.50."

It will be seen that there is no mention made of the 2c. cent. This value was not issued till some time after the other stamps had been for the reason that there was no use for it until what was called the "County Postage Act" came into force. The following extract from the P. M. G. is report self-explanatory :—

"To enable me to carry out that part of the Act, passed during the last session, in reference to the post office reducing the postage to two cents on a letter posted in a county for delivery within the said county, it was necessary to procure for the public convenience a stamp for the prepayment of this particular class of letters. Application was accordingly made to the New York American Bank Note Co. for a supply, and 5000 sheets were procured, at a cost to the Department, including die, of $226.

The reduced rate came into operation on the 11th May last, and has yielded for the first five months, ended 30th September last, (as far as I have been enabled to glean from the returns in my possession) a revenue of $450, a less amount in my opinion than would have been realized under the higher rate for the same period"

The following list will give us the precise date of all except the 1 penny. Of it I can do no more than give the year, and about the probable time, judging from the P. M. G. report. The list is as follows :—

3 pence, 6 " 1 shilling,	Issued 1st September, 1851.
1 penny,	" about 3rd quarter, 1853.
1 cent, 5 " 8½ " 10 " 12½ "	" 1st October, 1860.
2 "	" 11th May, 1863.

Those extracts will, I think, finally settle the date of the stamps of Nova Scotia.

Donald A. King.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

British Bechuanaland.—Great Britain stamps, surcharged in black. Adhesive, ½d. vermilion. Post Card, 1d. Wrappers, ½ and 1d. Registration envelopes, 2d, three sizes.

Brazil.—New 50 reis letter card, with head on horizontal lined ground.

Canada.—The plate of the 2c. stamp has been re-engraved. Color is now dark green.

Ceylon.—Bogert chronicles new 15c. stamp, color olive green. Resembles the 25 and 28c.

Dutch Indies.—The numeral in the 1c. stamp is now *italic.*

Faridkot.—The *Ph. R.* reports a new issue of the second type, in black as well as in blue, and the *I. B. J.* has the third type vermilion.

France.—15c. envelopes, blue on white wove paper 122 x 151 mm. Stamp in upper left corner. "Exposition Universal de 1889" at top, and six advertisements on face. Seven on back, all in purple. Space for address 45 x 7 mm., with four dotted lines. There is also a 5c. green on white, same die.

French Colonies.—*Der. Ph.* reports a letter card, 25c., black on rose.

Hayti.—Bogert chronicles a new series, of which he has only seen the 1, 2 and 4c. They bear the portrait of the President in the oval, with "Haiti" above and value below, both in figures and letters. In the two upper corners are also the figues of value, 1c. lake (c. c. 134), 2c. lilac (c. c. 68), 5c. green (c. c. 27). White paper, no watermark, perf. 14.

Holland.—Letter cards are reported.

Honduras.—Mr. Warner informs us that a new set from ½c. to 20 pesos, inscribed "Correos y Telegrafs" had been ordered from the American Bank Note Co., but that it was cancelled, and given to a German firm (dealers) to be lithographed, the firm to have a sufficient quantity to pay them for their work. Also, an error of 1878 on 1 real *green* of 1865, surcharged in black horizontal "Dos Reales" and vertical across it "Un Real" in blue.

Hungary.—The 3 kr. letter card is now green on gray.

Lagos.—The 1½d. card now measures 138 x 88, and there is a 1½ x 1½ card, red-brown on bluff.

Nepaul.—There is a native post-card 3½ pies, black and red on pale brown, thick paper.

Newfoundland.—We have the ½c. red, 1c. green (c. c. 33), 2c. orange (c. c. 5), 3c. brown (c. c. 80), and 10c. black. The 1, 2 and 3c. are the former issue in new color; the ½c. has head of dog, and the 10c. a ship somewhat resembling the 13c.

New Zealand.—There is an official stamp, without value, black on white. A crown and the words "Postage Free" are in a rectangular Greek frame.

Roumania.—The unpaid letter stamps are now green; at least the 10 bani.—*Phil. World.*

St. Lucia.—Two new bands, ½d. dark green and 1d. carmine, both on bluff paper. The stamp has head in circle.

Tolima.—The 5c. comes in 5 or 6 shades, and the 50c. green is in two types, differing in the figures in the angles.

United States.—The *Western Philatelist* says that a reply card and a reply letter sheet are soon to be issued.

Uruguay.—Bogert reports a new 10c. stamp with numeral in the centre in a circle and "Diez" four times repeated; "Republica Oriental" above and "Del Uruguay" below. Violet on white and rouletted.

Venezuela.—The 25c. brown (Correos), and 25c. orange (Escuelas) are now lithographed.

☞ *We wish information in regard to new issues and novelties, and are prepared to pay for same, when necessary.*

NOVA SCOTIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Meeting January 23rd, 1888.

CALLED to order at 8 p. m. President Crane in the chair. Nine members present; Messrs. Crane, Larsen, Hechler, Hart, Mathers Findlay, Gass, Curry and King.

Moved by Mr. Larsen that the dues be reduced from three dollars to one dollar. After much discussion it was agreed to make the dues one dollar, under the conditions that, should it be required, an assessment shall be made on each member, *pro rata*. Seconded by Mr. Hart. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Findlay that the Association receive ten per cent. on all sales of stamps affected in its rooms. Seconded by Mr. Larsen. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Findlay, seconded by Mr. Hechler, that the regular monthly meeting be hereafter held on the second Monday in each month. Carried.

The *Halifax Philatelist* was made official organ, and will receive two dollars per month from the funds of the Association.

Ordered that a list of membership be prepared for publication in the next number of the official paper.

Treasurer Hart collected the dues from all members present; also received dues from Mr. Olof Larsen; Mr. A. J. Craig, Pictou; Mr. H. Andrews, Mr. Louis Arthur Petril, Spring Hill Mines.

Meeting adjourned.

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(The writer of the Ex. Notice forgot to sign his name.)

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ADAPTED FROM AN ARTICLE IN AN OLD MAGAZINE.

(Concluded from last month.)

"THAT is easily done. You know, uncle, there are two sorts of collections of stamps, the maculate and the immaculate. Maculate stamps, or such as have passed through the post, are marked, to prevent their being used again. I do not claim any value for those, because you, perhaps, wil not admit that they have any value.

I nodded my perfect assent to this.

"And yet I have a Neapolitan stamp—here it is—of the late king Bomba, which I would not part with for five shillings. Besides, as each country has different postage stamps, so has each a different mode of defacing them. Just look, uncle. England does it by black bars, Hesse Darmstadt by concentric circles, France by a number of little black spots. Now, as it is possible that the rarity of certain discontinued stamps will tempt forgers to imitate them, if they commit any error in the mode of defacement, they will be caught most assuredly. Therefore, an authentic postmark on a stamp confirms its genuineness and increases its worth."

"Which I ignore."

"I must tell you a true story, which I heard a short time ago. A maid-servant, who made use of a postage stamp for the first time in her life, had noticed that all the letters she took in for her master were dotted with black over the stamp, like this head of the Republic. She supposed it was done to make the stamps stick better, and imitated it as well as she could with a pen. At the post office, it was at first suspected that some one had used an old stamp, to cheat the government. Inquiries were made, and learned experts set to work, who proved the girl's innocence of intentional wrong. She got off with an admonition, lucky enough to escape further trouble."

"Is it possible she could have been so stupid."

"There are more stupid things done than that. Among the curiosities found in letter-boxes are unstamped letters in considerable quantities, and mingled with them, though not exactly in the same proportion, single loose postage stamps. There are people ignorant enough, after they have written and directed their letter, to buy a stamp at the office, and then, instead of sticking it on the letter, to throw it into the box at the same time with the letter, supposing *that* to be the mode of prepayment. The clerks do the best they can to distribute justice in the shape of stamps, amongst the

unprovided letters; but their utmost inpartiality may not prevent some letter-writers from reaping what they have not sown."

"Beautiful simplicity! But you were to prove that your album is worth a shilling."

"Instantly, uncle. My collection is, for the most part, maculate, consisting of old stamps. I am not rich enough to procure unused stamps of all the countries; nevertheless I have a few. Now you must acknowledge, uncle, that unused stamps are worth their cost price. Here is a Wurtemburg stamp for six kreuzers; here, a Swiss one for forty rappen, a Belgian one for forty centimes, a Norwegian one for eight skilling, and a Prussian one for four silber groschen, all unused. Their joint value is more than a shilling English."

"I don't know," I demurred, speaking the truth.

"Again, here are French immaculates for eighty, forty, twenty, ten, five, and one centime respectively; that's more than a shilling. And here are English ones for sixpence, fourpence, threepence, twopence and one penny. Do they make a shilling? Eh uncle?"

"I suppose they do, and that you have the best of the argument."

"Yes. And I am in hopes, uncle, that I shall be able to make you entertain a higher opinion of postage stamps. They are a great discovery: and if so, their history is well worth studying. The man who invented them deserves as much honour as he who invented coin for cash transactions. By sticking a bit of paper, with a government mark, on a letter, you command its delivery, as soon as may be, at any place you choose to name. All the formalties and delays of money payments are avoided, including those connected with the money exchange of the foreign countries which the letter may have to traverse."

"That is, you mean to say that postage-stamps are a simple and convenient form of paper money?"

"I beg your pardon. Postage stamps are not paper money; they are much more than, and superior to, paper money. Paper money supposes moneyed capital of the precious metals, and, to have any worth, must be backed by a bank with bullion in it sufficient to pay them off whenever required. The bullion may run short, be spent, or stolen; the bank may fail, and the paper be good for nothing but to light a cigar with. Postage stamps represent not cash to be paid but a service to be rendered; the only capital they suppose is the existence of human limbs and brains and the continuance of civilized society. So long as nations endure, and people have a mutual interest in knowing what is going on in other places, a postage stamp can never fall to the level of a bank note issued by a broken bank. Perhaps even, one of these days, we shall have stamps to prepay other services besides letter-carrying."

"Your imagination is running along my boy, faster than I can follow it."

"Not at all uncle; for the scheme is already put in action to a certain extent. Did you ever hear of a ticket for soup?"

"I think, Harry, I have. But what has that to do with it?"

"A ticket for soup (about which so many jokes have been made) is a promise, by charitable persons, of a gift to be made. The soup received is the fulfilment of the promise, is it not? Applying the same principle to

business, there are restaurants in Paris who sell you packets of tickets for dinners. Instead of paying for your board for the month (and paying for nothing whenever you are asked out to dinner), you keep the tickets in your pocket book, and, whenever you want to dine, you present one ; exactly as, when you want to send a letter, you stick upon it the proper stamp, and put it into the letter-box. The restaurant's ticket is a dinner stamp ; it prepays the butcher, the cook, the wine-merchant, the rent of the dining room, and the use of the dinner things, all through the agency of the head of the establishment who is always there to supply the meal contracted for whenever called upon to do so. Subscription to the opera is something of the same kind. All I say is, that we may carry the stamp system further, applying it to medical attendance."

"We will ask the Doctor what he has to say to it. Meanwhile, I begin to think that your time and money may not have been spent on mere unmeaning bits of paper. To convince me thoroughly, can you stand an examination in the contents of your own stamp-book ?"

"I believe so, uncle. Please begin wherever you like."

"How does the native Hanoverian spell the name of his country ?"

"With two *n's*; *H*, *a*, double *n*."

"What does S, v, e, r, i, g, e mean ?"

"Sverige is Sweden."

"What is a Freimarke ?"

"A Swedish Freimarke, an Austrian Post-stemple, a Hanoverian Bestell-geld-frei, a Dutch Post-zegel, a French Timbre-post, an Italian Francobollo, a Hamburg or Lubeck Postmarke, are all and equally postage stamps."

"What is the shape of a Cape of Good Hope stamp ?"

"Triangular."

"What are the stamps with a crowned lion holding a shield, marked nine crazie and six crazie ?"

"Ah, those are Tuscan, begining to be rare and valuable. A collector sets a value on a postage stamp in inverse proportion to the stability and prosperity of the state by which it is issued. Those of the overthrown Italian Duchies, Tuscany, Parma, and Modena, never were numerous, are now scarce, and will soon be priceless."

"What are—I can't make them out myself—those very pretty stamps, with oval medallions, green, red and blue, in the midst of drapery of a different color ?"

"Those are Russian, for thirty, twenty and ten copecks each. I cannot read the legend or inscription, because I have not yet been able to set myself up with a Russian alphabet, and a grammar and dictionary to follow."

"Your aunt and myself will manage that between us. Let us now go and see whether she has finished her letter."

"You have been a long while upstairs," observed Emma, as we entered, as she handed me her letter to read.

"Harry has been showing me his correspondence. You may give him the envelope, or he will content himself with the stamp."

I then described to Emma what I had just seen. She was astonished. When I told her of the interesting conversation I had had with Harry, she

agreed with me that the pursuit of stamp collecting is both profitable and instructive. Thereafter we both encouraged Harry, and gave him all the assistance in our power to help make his collection complete as possible.

When I compare stamp collecting of those days, with the "Philately" of the present time; when I look over the well-bound albums now issued expressly for collectors, the many pamphlets on the subject, the large number of papers devoted solely to the cause; when I think of the numerous philatelic societies and the vast number who are now interested in philately; I must admit that I feel ashamed of the way I treated Harry, when he first expressed his views on the value of stamp collecting.

J. R. F.

THE STAMPS OF GREECE.

FROM "LA JUSTICE OU SOCRATE."

THE stamps of this country are of the most perplexing varieties in the way of printing and colors. In order to try and enlighten the young collector, we have made a translation of a Greek list of stamps, from the above named pamphlet. The author of it living in Athens, has had opportunities to get the dates and varieties more correctly than those not living there. While it is only nominally issued as a price list, it is something a great deal better. Without further apologies we will therefore start on the author's list.

24th Aug, 1860, printed at Paris, on tinted paper, very clear impression, without figures on back.

1 Lepton, chesnut brown,
2 Lepta, bistre yellow,
2 " "
5 " green,
10 " orange on blue tinted paper,
20 " blue,
40 " violet on blue tinted paper,
80 " rose.

1862, printed at Athens, very poor impression. Figures on back except 1 and 2 Lepta.

1 Lepton, chocolate,
2 Lepta, bistre yellow,
5 " green,
10 " orange on blue,
20 " blue,
40 " violet on blue,
80 " rose on rose.

1864, same poor print, white paper.

1 Lepton, brown,
2 Lepta, bistre,
5 " yellow green,
10 " orange red, orange yellow,
20 " blue on blue tinted paper,
40 " wine color.

1868, same type, very badly printed.
40 Lepta, violet on blue.
1870, type 1860. Printed at Athens. Impression very good, nearly equal to Paris.
1 Lepton, brown,
20 Lepta, blue,
20 " very dark blue.
1871, Athens Print, poor impression,
40 Lepta, purple on blue.
1872, fine impression.
10 Lepta, orange on blue paper.
1873.—1 Lepton, brown.
1874.—5 Lepta, green on green, full impression,
20 " dark blue.
14th Sept., 1875, printed at Paris, without figures on back fine impression.
30 Lepta, dark brown,
60 " green on greenish paper.
1876, Athens print, poor impression.
30 Lepta, brown on buff paper,
30 " " white "
60 " green on greenish paper.
1876, same poor print.
1 Lepton, brown on yellowish paper.
5 Lepta, green " white "
5 " yellow green on white paper,
10 " orange red " "
20 " marine blue " "
10 " orange red " yellowish paper,
20 " blue " bluish "
80 " rose " white "
1877.—1 Lepton, coffee,
20 Lepta, blue,
20 " dark blue.
1878.—60 Lepta, green on yellowish paper.
1880, same print, no figures on back.
10 Lepta, orange red,
20 " marine blue.
31st Dec., 1881, same print.
5 Lepta, green on bluish paper,
1 Lepton, brown on yellowish paper,
10 Lepta, orange,
20 " carmine,
30 " blue,
40 " lilac,
40 " violet.
1883, same print.
1 Lepton, brown,
5 Lepta, green,
10 " yellow,

20 Lepta, rose,
40 " violet.

1884.—2 Lepta, yellow.

1886, new design, smaller head, with inscription of "Ellas" above it.
25 Lepta, blue,
50 " green,
1 drachma, grey.

1888, same design,
1 Lepton, brown,
2 Lepta, bistre,
5 " green,
10 " orange,
20 " rose,
40 " violet.

Errors in figures on backs of stamps:—

1884,	5	Lepta,	yellow green	"ç5"
1873,	5	"	green on blue	"55"
1862,	10	"	red "	".01"
1864,	10	"	orange	".01"
1876,	10	"	yellow red	".01"
1878,	10	"	vermillion	".00"
"	10	"	"	"000"
1864,	10	"	orange on blue	".0"
1872,	10	"	"	".0"
1876,	10	"	orange red	".0"
1862,	20	"	blue on tinted paper	".0"
"	20	"	do. do.	".80"
1870,	20	"	do. do.	"02"
1876,	20	"	marine blue	"ƨ0"
"	20	"	"	"0ƨ"
1862,	80	"	rose on rose	"8"

In 1872 there was a set of unpaid stamps issued. The design was the numeral of value in black in centre, and border in green, unperforated. Those unperforated unpaid stamps are not included in any of the catalogues of the day. Design the same in all values. They are as follows: 1 Lepton, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 and 200 Lepta.

In 1875 they were issued of the same design and perforated. Values were 1 Lepton, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 60, 70, 80 and 90 Lepta, and 1 and 2 drachma.

1880, unpaid stamps same design, 100 Lepta and 200 Lepta.

Post cards were first used in 1876. They were of the same design as the adhesives.

1876, printed in Paris. 15 Lepta, blue.

1876, same design, printed in Athens. 15 Lepta, blue.

1883, same type.
5 Lepta, black on buff,
5 x 5 " " " reply,
10 " blue "

10 x 10 Lepta, blue on buff, reply.
10 " carmine on blue,
10 x 10 " " " reply.

The reader will see that the difference between this list and that of any of the catalogues is very marked, but we think the native Greek list is more to be depended on than one compiled by an outsider.

DAVID LANG.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

Austria.—The 20 kr. we hear, is to be changed to brown and the 5s. we have seen surcharged 15 para.

Colombia.—"Le Timbre Post" illustrates several new designs of the official cubiertas; we have received a 1c. black on green, of the new issue with map.

Congo Free State.—The old and new 5 fcs. are surcharged in two lines "Colio Postaux—Fr. 3.50" in dark blue.

Costa Rica.—The new 5c. is surcharged "Official."

Cuba.—Of the current type, we have two new stamps, headed "Cuba Impresos" value 2 mils and 4 mils, both black.

Denmark.—On Nov. 25, the 5c. card with inscriptions in Danish and French was issued.

Egypt.—The piastre is now equal to 10 diximes and the following novelties have been issued: 1m. brown, 2m. green, 5m. red. Unpaid letter stamps, 2m. green, 5m. brown, 5 x 5m. red. Envelope, 1 piastre.

French Colonies.—We have been shown a 15c. letter card, blue on grey.

Gambiers.—The French colony stamps are now surcharged by these islands, which have been under the protectorate of France since 1844.

Hayti.—We have the new 3c. blue (c.c. 44).

Macao.—The fiscal stamps have had the top and bottom labels taken off, and have been surcharged to do duty as 5, 10, or 40, reis.

Perak.—2c. rose of Straits Settlements is surcharged in black in three lines "1-cent-Perak" in capital letters.

St. Christopher.—"Le Timbre Poste" reports cards of 1 x 1d. carmine and $1\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$d. brown on buff. They are perforated at the top and have the head of Queen in circle.

Turkey.—Rumor has it that the stamps will be changed in March.

SOME CANADIAN REVENUES.

IT is only within the last two or three years, that there has been any interest taken in Canadian Revenue Stamps, and even now, it does not amount to a great deal. This is unfortunate, as some day soon we will wake up for their collection and will find that we cannot get them. Even now there is more call for Canadian Revenues from collectors on the continent and in the United States in one month than there is from Canadian collectors in a year. These facts are lamentable, but still they are true. The collectors of Canada should be awake to this fact and not have the very best stamps drained from the Country to enrich the albums of foreign collectors.

The first revenues stamps were issued in Canada in 1865, and were "Bill stamps" and tobacco stamps. Of the tobacco stamps we cannot commence to write as the variety is numberless and those first issued are some of them almost unknown.

It is hardly possible that a complete collection of the tobacco stamps of Canada and of the Dominion of Canada could now be made. The Bill stamps however are more easily secured. The design was a small head of the Queen to left, shape rectangular, color blue. Those stamps were used only for drafts and promissory notes.

1864.—1c. blue.
2c. "
3c. "
4c. "
5c. "
6c. "
7c. "
8c. "
9c. "

1864.—10c. blue.
20c. "
30c. "
40c. "
50c. "
$1.00 " Larger stamp.
2.00 " " "
3.00 " " "

Whatever was the idea, there was a new set issued in the following year, of very much the same design, but with color chaged to scarlet, values were:

1c. scarlet.
2c. "
3c. "
4c. "
5c. "
6c. "
7c. "
8c. "
9c. "
10c. blue

20c. blue.
30c. "
30c. scarlet.
40c. blue.
50c. "
$1.00 green with red centre, large stamp.
1.00 red " green " "
2.00 " " purple " "
3.00 " " indigo " "

This issue was in use till after Confederation, when in 1869 another issue took place. The design of those stamps were altogether different from any of the others, it being a bust picture of the Queen to left in Widow's Cap.

1c. brown.
2c. "
2c. vermillion.
2c. orange.
3c. green.
4c. brown.
5c. orange.
6c. green.
7c. orange.
8c. brown.
9c. green.
10c. blue.
20c. "
30c. "
40c. "
50c. "
$1.00 blue with black centre, large rectangular.
2.00 orange " " " "
3.00 green " " " "

The stamps of this design were surcharged N. S. for us in Nova Scotia but they do not appear to have ever been used to any great extent as they are exceedingly rare, especially any values above 10c. From 1c. to 50c. were surcharged N. S. at bottom of stamp, but the $1, 2, & 3 were surcharged very near to the top.

Those last three values surcharged N. S. have caused some little discussion as to whether they were ever surcharged or not. The $1 and $2 we have seen ourselves and have no doubt but that the other value was also surcharged. The use of Bill stamps was abolished in

When the Supreme Court was established is 1876, the Dominion Government assumed the administration of the correctness of weights and measures, and the supervision of gas. Stamps were accordingly issued for those three Departments viz. Supreme Court, Weights and Measures, and Gas Inspection. Designs as follows:

Supreme Court.—A very large rectangular stamp, blue in colour, with crowned head of the Queen to left. Every stamp is registered by a number printed on it, values

10c. blue.
20c. "
25c. "
50c. blue.
$1.00 "
5.00 "

Weights and Measures.—A very long rectangular sloped stamp, black in colour, crown at top value beneath space in middle for date and Inspectors initials. Registered by printed number.

5c. black.
10c. "
15c. "
20c. "
30c. "
50c. "
$1.00 black.
1.50 "
2.00 "
1878.—1c. blue.
2c. "

Gas Stamps.—Design similiar to that of the Weights and Measures, color black, inscription "Gas Inspection," values

25c. blue.
50c. "
$1.00 "
1.50 "
$2 00 blue.
3.00 "
4.00 "

This we think is a complete list of the revenue stamps of Canada proper, several of the provinces, however, have issued stamps for different purposes, viz.:

Quebec, two series of law and law registration stamps.
Ontario, two series of law stamps.
Manitoba, one series of law stamps.
Nova Scotia one law stamp.
Of these stamps we will treat in a future paper.

NOVA SCOTIA'S LAW STAMP.

When any of our readers, who collect revenue stamps, read this head line, we can imagine the perplexed look, the hunting over of catalogues, and the assertion, why this must be something new, or else it is a fraud. Now this stamp is neither. It has been in use in Halifax for the last nine years, and is in use yet. It is not to be wondered at that it has not been catalogued, there are no revenue collectors in Halifax, and even if there were they are not likely to come across it. The stamp is legalized by virtue of the following Notice, and act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Nova Scotia Barristers Society has provided adhesive stamps, for the payment of the fees toward the support of the Law Library at Halifax, pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, passed on the 17th of April A. D. 1879, entitled "An Act in relation to the Law Library at Halifax." After the expiation of 30 days from this date, all writs of summonses issued out of the Supreme Court and County Court at Halifax, or made returnable thereto, will be void unless stamped in accordance with the supervisions of said Act.

W. R. Foster;
Secy. N. S. Barristers Society.

Halifax, 23d. May A. D. 1879.

The following is the Act alluded to:

An Act in Relation to the Law Library of Halifax.

(Passed the 17th. day of April 1879.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows:

1 Upon every writ off summons issued out of, or made returnable to the Supreme Court at Halifax or the County Court of District No. 1, except in summary suits, the plaintiff shall pay to the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, towards the support of the Law Library at Halifax, a fee of twenty-five cents, such fee to be paid by a stamp as hereinafter provided.

2. The Barristers' Society shall provide adhesive stamps for the payment of such fees, and keep them for sale at one or more places in the city of Halifax, and after such stamps have been provided, and notice thereof posted in the office of the Prothonotary at Halifax for thirty days, no writ

of summons shall be issued by the Prothonatory of the Supreme Court, or clerk of the County, at Halifax, or returnable at Halifax, (except in summary suits) unless it has one of such stamps clean and undefaced affixed to it, and every writ so issued or made returnable without such stamp, or obliterated, as hereinafter provided, shall be irregular and void, and may be set aside with costs on summary application at the instance of the defendant or the President of the said Barristers' Society. It shall be the duty of the Prothonotary and clerk of the County Court, to obliterate the stamps at the time the writ issued, by writing thereon his initials and the date of the issue of the writ to which it is affixed.

3. No fee shall in future be paid for the support of the Law Library, on the entry of causes for trial or argument, but the price of the stamps aforesaid shall be part of the costs of the cause in which the writ is issued.

This Act places the genuineness of this stamp beyond doubt. Those stamps are next to impossible to procure used. They are dark green in color, and perforated, design is a half length figure of justice holding scales. These have never to our knowledge been catalogued.

WE notice that the American philatelic papers have lately been supplied with what are called Canadian notes. It is a great pity that the person who writes these notes (for the same man writes them all) could not be a little more correct in his statements. We would like to know very much where he gets his information in regard to the Canada Brown 2c. Registration Error. In the *Stamp* he says that it is bogus, the color having been changed by chemical means, then again in the "P. J. of A" he says that the printer by way of experiment struck off a few sheets in brown. Now which is correct? Answer up like a man and give your authority for those statements.

He also gives us a few points on the Canadian official franks envelopes, which he says collectors are now taking hold of. He contents himself with a modest dozen varieties of them, we have of our own personal knowledge seen at least three dozen of them. The truth about them is this, each department of the government have an official frank for their own use. The sub-divisions of each Department the same. The frank consists of a facsimile of the signature of the heads of such Department, as for instance, W. H. Griffin is deputy P. M. G. of Canada all matter from his Department mailed at Ottawa has his frank on it. The Chief P. O. Inspector of the Dominion, J. Dewe, has his own special one, he does not use Mr. Griffin's; the different P. O. Inspectors of the Dominion have each their own personal frank, it is thus seen that the varieties of them must be numerous, when the same rule holds good for the Eighteen official Departments of the Dominion of Canada.

We therefore think that our friend who scatters his Canadian notes so plentifully should think a little more and write a little less, he would not then be so likely to make so many rash statements.

NEW TURKISH STAMPS.—On the 1st March, 1888, the color and shape of the Turkish stamps will be completely changed. According to reliable information they will return again to the old design of the stamps of the first issue. The signature of the Sultan, with French and Turkish inscriptions, and regular perforations. Our information is not yet in detail but we desire to first inform our readers of the decision which has been taken. For the last two months the Turkish stamps have been printed on paper somewhat thicker and the tints of color are a little deeper.

The blue and red newspaper stamp of 1885, will soon be changed in type and will also contain French inscriptions.—*Le Timbre Levantin.*

NOVA SCOTIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

MEETING FEBRUARY 13TH, 1888.

CALLED to order at 8.45 p. m. President Crane in the chair. Eleven members present; Messrs. Crane, Hechler, Hart, Caldwell, A. E. Smith, Ed. Smith, Shannon, Findlay, Mathers, Gass and King.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Recommended that the Lt. Governor and Pastmaster General be asked to become Patrons of the Association.

The Secretary reported that no official information had yet been received from the Canada Philatelic Association, in connection with the late election.

The Secretary's report showed that there are now eighteen members on the register; and that a great many others have promised to join. Official numbers:

1. J. Noble Crane, (Prest.) 46 South Street.
2. Donald A. King, (Secy.) 66 Maynard Street.
3. Harry L. Hart, (Treas.) 7 Compton Avenue.
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12. Louis Arthur Petril, Spring Hill Mines.
13. Herbert Andrews, 89 Dresden Row.
14. E. G. Shannon, 58 Spring Garden Road.
15. Frank Kaye, 38 Kaye Street.
16. A. B. S. DeWolf, 35 Cogswell Street.
17. H. Andrews, ————————
18. J. W. Caldwell, 136 Spring Garden Road.

It is earnestly requested that all those who have promised to join the Association, will at once hand in their names and one dollar.

The meeting had adjourned after several members had exhibited some rare and old stamps.

D. A. KING,
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(The writer of the Ex. Notice forgot to sign his name.)

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CENTENNIAL STAMPS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

BY ANDREW HONISON, M. B., J. P.

ON January 26, 1888, New South Wales completed her one hundredth birthday. For the celebration of this, various proposals were submitted to the government of the colony. Most of these were rejected; and of those accepted, the only one of interest to philatelists generally is the issue of a new series of stamps for the colony. On August 5th, a deputation from the Philatelic Society of Australia, consisting of the President, (Archdeacon King), the Vice-President, (Mr. Thos. Rogh), the Secretary, Mr. F. Hagen, and Dr. Honison waited upon the Premier, Sir Henry Parkes, to recommend that a new issue of stamps should form an item in the programme for the celebration of the centenary of the colony. Sir Henry Parkes informed them that he would represent what they had said to him to the other members of the government.

The cabinet met the same afternoon to consider the above proposal, and decided to have enquiry made as to the cost of new dies.

This enquiry seems to have proved satisfactory, as the following notice appeared in Government Gazette of November 16:

GENERAL P. O.,

SYDNEY, 15TH NOV., 1887.

Designs for new Postage Stamps.

"Designs will be received at this office until noon on Tuesday, the 6th December, for *Eight New Postage Stamps* intended to be commemorative of the one hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the colony.

"The designs must be drawn in black and white, to a scroll four times the size of the present penny postage stamp, a distinct design will be required for each of the following denominatives, viz:

One Penny,	Eight Pence,
Two Pence,	One Shilling,
Four Pence	Five Shillings,
Six Pence,	Twenty Shillings.

"The value of each stamp must be expressed in words, and the words 'New South Wales Postage' and 'One Hundred Years' to be common to all.

"Tenderers may submit designs for one or the whole.

"A premium of £10 10s. will be given for the best design for each denomination, and £3 3s. for the second best.

"The designs for which premiums are given to become the property of the government; those that have not obtained prizes will be returned to the owners.

"The designs are to be addressed to the Secretary, General P. O., Sydney, from whom any further information can be obtained.

"Each design to be marked on the right hand lower corner with some distinctive sign or motto, and the name and address of the tenderer enclosed in a sealed cover, (marked with the same sign or motto) to accompany the design, which cover will not be opened until the selection has been made."

CHARLES J. ROBERTS.

On December 12th, by the courtesy of the Premier, a deputation from the Philatelic Society had the privilege of inspecting the designs submitted, and offering an opinion as to the most suitable for the purpose. No less than 856 designs were sent in by 250 competitors. The great majority of these were of the roughest nature, but about 100 were really splendid works of art.

To describe them all would occupy too much space. I must therefore content myself with the prize designs.

I shall first take the winners of the

FIRST PRIZES.

One Penny.—A beautifully executed view of Sydney from Mossman's By. By M. Tarmenburg.

Two Pence.—A portrait of the present Governor Lord Carrington, under an arch inscribed *New South Wales Postage*, supported by columns bearing the words *Two Pence*, and resting on a basement having *One Hundred Years* on its front. By Miss Devine.

Four Pence.—A portrait of Captain Cook in medallion frame, surrounded by *New South Wales Postage*, on the great navigator's breast is the colonial coat of arms, and underneath are the words *Four Pence*, supported by an emu and a kangaroo. By Mr. H. A Barraclough.

Six Pence.—A medallion portrait of Her Majesty imperially crowned, flanked by the starry southern cross, and supported by the words *New South Wales Postage* over the colony's coat of arms on a shield, with the inscription *One Hundred Years*, and *Six Pence* in large letters. By M. Tarmenberg.

Eight Pence.—A medallion portrait of Her Majesty wearing the Imperial crown, flanked by groups of native roses, and resting on a scroll, with the words *New South Wales Postage*, immediately beneath which is a view of Sydney, and *One Hundred Years* on a ribbon-like label, at the foot of the whole the value in large letters, *Eight Pence* By M. Tarmenberg.

One Shilling.—A representation of the statute of Captain Cook in Hyde Park, Sydney, surrounded by native floral emblems under an arch, bearing the inscription *One Hundred Years—New South Wales Postage—One Shilling.* By Mr. C. Turner.

Five Shillings.—A beautifully drawn minature map of Australia in octagonal frame, on which is inscribed *New South Wales Postage—Five Shillings.* By Mr. C. Turner.

Twenty Shillings.—A very handsome design, including medallion portraits of Governor Phillips and Lord Carrington, as our first and latest governors, embedded in masses of native flowers. By Mrs. F. W. Stottart.

SECOND PRIZES.

One Penny.—A neat design including Capt. Cook's portrait. By Miss Devine.

Two Pence.—Coat of arms of colony on a shield surrounded by a scroll bearing the necessary lettering. By M. Tarmenberg.

Four Pence.—Medallion portrait of Queen wearing the Imperial crown, supported by a scroll bearing the words *New South Wales Postage*, and underneath this two exquisitively drawn medallions, one showing a lyre bird standing near a waterfall, and the other Capt. Cook's ship the Endeavour, beating into Botamy Bay. By M. Tarmenberg.

Six Pence.—This design is strikingly original and tasteful. It represents an allegorical female attired in flowing classical robes, bearing a banner inscribed *One Hundred Years*. She is represented standing on a high cliff, and looking out towards the South Head of Port Jackson, the lighthouse on which glows like a star in the distance. By Miss Devine.

One Shilling.—An imperial crown, with a sunburst radiating from it, resting on a scroll, bearing the words *New South Wales Postage*, below which the coat of arms of the colony is shewn in a diamond-shaped space, surrounded by a jewel studded border, resting on a semicircular label which bears *One Hundred Years*; at the foot of the stamp are the words *One Shilling*. By M. Tarmenberg.

Five Shillings.—An imperial crown resting on a label bearing the words *New South Wales Postage*, immediately underneath which is a medallion portrait of the Queen imperially crowned, traversed diagonally by a ribbon bearing the words *One Hundred Years*, and resting on a label with *Five Shillings* upon it. By M. Tarmenberg.

Twenty Shillings.—An artistic design but not calling for special notice. By Mr. C. Turner.

From the brief and imperfect descriptions I have given of these stamps, it will be seen that the whole of the prize designs are very fine, and if well engraved should secure for New South Wales the finest set of stamps in the world. It is the intention of the authorities to have those designs photographed, so that very shortly philatelists abroad may have a better opportunity of judging of their merits.

Two proposals are now being considered with reference to the engraving of the designs—that of sending them to some firm of eminence, such as the American Bank Note Co., or importing a first-class man to engrave them on the spot. They will be made into plates by the electrotype process, as the requirements of the colony are now so great (in the year 1886 the number of 1d. and 2d. labels printed was 46,800,000) that steel plates would be of little service, requiring renewal so often, and the cost of reproduction being so much greater than that of the electrotypes.—*Philatelic Record.*

THE STAMPS OF MEXICO.

IN order to have a thorough comprehension of the many stamps of the country and their surcharges, it is absolutely necessary to have an idea of its geographical divisions.

In 1856, the date of the first issue of stamps, it was divided into 18 states, 4 territeries, and one fedral district In the issuing of the supplies of stamps to each city, the name of the city was printed over each stamp, but this was done to the larger places only. The following are the names of the states and territories in Mexico to which surcharges were sent. (The names of the cities only being printed.)

States and Territories.	*Cities.*
Aguas Calientes.	Aguas Calientes.
Basse Californie.	La Paz.
Campeche.	Campeche.
	Isla del Carmen.
Chiapas.	Chiapas.
Chihuahua.	Chihuahua.
	Ciudad Bravos.
	Hidalgo del Parral.
Coahuila.	Saltillo.
Colima.	Colima.
Durango.	Durango.
Guanajuato.	Guanajuato.
Guerrero.	Yguala.
	Tixtla.
	Acapulco.
Hidalgo.	Pachuca.
	Tula.
	Huejutla.
	Tulancingo.
	Apam.
Jalisco.	Guadalajara.
	Tepic.
	Lagos.
	Cocula.
	Barca.
	Mascota.
	Ciudad-Guzman.
Mexico.	Mexico.
	Jilotepec.
	Otumba.
	Cuautitlan.
	Texcoco.
	Ixtlahuaca.
	Toluca.
	Lerma.
	Tacubaya.

Mexico.	Chalco.
	Temas Caltepec.
	Sultepec.
Michoacan.	Morelia.
	Zamora.
	Maravatio.
	Tlapujahua.
Morelos.	Cuernavaca.
Nuevo-Leon	Monterrey.
Oaxaca.	Oajaca ou Oaxaca.
Puebla.	Puebla.
	Tepeji.
	Tehuacan.
Queretaro.	Queretaro.
San Luis Potosi.	San Luis Potosi.
Sinaloa.	Mazatlan.
Sonora.	Ures.
	Guaymas.
	Himeosillo.
Tabasco.	Tabasco.
Tmaulipas.	Ciudad Victoria.
	Matamoros.
	Tula de Tamaulipas.
	Tampico.
Tlaxcala.	Tlaxcala.
Vera-Cruz.	Jalapa.
	Tuxpan.
	Vera-Cruz.
	Corboba ou Cordova.
	Orizava.
Yucatan.	Merida.
Zacatecas.	Zacatecas.

The system of surcharging may be divided into three periods, viz. :—

1st period—from 1856 to 1864, the only surcharge on the stamp being the name of the city where it belonged.

2nd period—from 1864 to 1868, the surcharge consisting of the name and date.

3rd period—from 1872 to 1883, the surcharge being the name, number and date—the numbers on the last surcharge appear to run alphabetically.

After the 1880 issue came out, the system of surcharging was completely done away with.—July 1856—Head of Cure Hidalgo in oval face turned slightly to left "Correos Mejico" above value beneath—unperforated.

½ Real Blue.	4 Reales Red.
1 " Yellow.	8 " Claret.
2 Reales Green.	

Those are found without surcharge.

The following are the names of cities which will be found on those stamps.

Acapulco.
Apam (sur. Black, Blue.)
C. Bravos.
Campeche (sur. Black, Red.)
Cuautitlan.
Chalco.
Chiapas (sur. Black, Red.)
Chihuahua.
Cordova.
Cuernavaca.
Durango.
Guadalajara.
Guanajuato.
Himeosillo.
Huejutla.
Ixtlahuaca.
Jalapa—Lagos Lerma.
Maravatio.
Mazatlan.
Merida.
Mexico—(4 types.)
Monterrey.
Morelia.
Oajaca.
Orizava.
Pachuca (sur. Black, red.)
Puebla.
Queretaro.
Saltillo.
S. L. Potosi.
Soyanaquilpan.
Sultepec.
Tabasco.
Tampico.
Temas Caltepec.
Tixtla Guerero.
Tlalpujahua.
Toluca.
Tula.
Tulacingo.
Vera Cruz.
Victoria.
Yguala.
Zacatecas (3 types.)

All surcharges are in black—when they have been printed in other colors they are always mentioned.

January 1861. This issue is from the same plates as the first, but is printed in different colors :—

½ real—brown.
1 " black on green.
2 reales—rose.
4 " yellow.
4 reales—red on yellow.
8 " brown.
8 " green or brown.

The surcharges of this issue are the same as the preceding, with very few exceptions, which are adding,

Aguascaltes.
Aguascalientes.
Colima.
I del Carmen.

And omitting :—

C. Bravos.
Cuautitlan.
Chiapas.
Himeosillo.
Huejutla.
Temas Caltepec.
Yguala.

In 1864 a new issue took place—the design was somewhat similar to the preceding ones, but very finely engraved and perforated :—

1 real—red.
2 reales—blue.
4 reales—brown.
1 piso—black.

Only two surcharges on this issue are known, viz. ;—

Monterrey.
Saltillo.

In the same year the first stamps of the short lived Mexican Empire were issued. The design consisting of an imperially crown eagle perched on a nopal, enclosed in an oval frame, unperforated, the issues were :—

3 centavos—brown.	2 reales—yellow.
½ real—lilac.	4 " green.
1 " blue (light and dark.)	8 " red.

(To save a wearisome repetition of the names of the surcharges, we will take the first lists given for the 1856 issue and give the additions or omissions from it only.)

With this emission the date was added to the surcharge. Of this issue there are three varieties of surcharges, viz. :—

With date only.
With name and date.
With name and date in small type.

There are no differences in the names of the cities, taking them as a whole, but there are not complete sets of cities in either one of the three varieties of surcharges.

In 1866 the second issue of the empire, with the head of Maxmilian, in oval, came out, inscription at top "Imperio Mexicano," unperforated, of those stamps there are two varieties, one set engraved, the other lithographed. The values were :—

7 cent—purple.	25 cent—orange.
13 " blue.	50 " green.

In 1867 the stamps of the Republic of Mexico again came into use. They were of the same type as the first issue in 1856, and are, from the shortness of time they were in use, very rare, there values were :—

½ real—black on grey.	2 reales—green on blue.
½ " green on grey.	4 " red on white.
1 " blue.	4 " red on lilac.
1 " black on green.	8 " black on brown.
1 reales—black on pink.	8 " green on brown.

In 1868 another new issue was brought out, with head of Juarez, the design being a full face in circle. Mexico at top, value at bottom, perforated. The values of those stamps were are follows :—

6 cents—light brown.	50 cents—yellow.
12 " green.	100 " brown.
25 " blue on pink.	

With those last issues the system of surcharging is changed—it now consists of name, date, and number, the numbers commencing with the head office which is Mexico—the surcharges are :—

(To be continued.)

THE NEW PARCEL POST.

WASHINGTON, January 26.—The president to-day approved the postal convention recently concluded between the United States and Canada. By this convention, articles of every kind or nature which are admitted to the domestic mails of either country will be abmitted to the same rates of postage, and under the same conditions and classifications to the mails exchanged between the two countries except that articles other than letters in their usual and ordinary form are excluded from the mails unless they are so wrapped or enclosed as to permit their contents to be easily examined by post-masters or customs officers. All articles exchanged under this agreement are required to be fully prepaid at the rate of postage applicable to similiar articles in the domestic mails of the country of origin. Articles other than letters in their usual and ordinary form, on their arrival at the exchange post office of the country of destination, will be inspected by customs officers of that country who will levy the proper customs duties upon any article found to be dutiable under the law of that country. The transmission of the following named articles is absolutely prohibited. Sealed packages which from their form and general appearance are not letters, and are not wrapped or enclosed as above required; publications which violate the copyright laws of the country of destination; packets, except single volumes of printed books which exceed four pounds six ounces in weight; liquids, poisons, explosives or inflammable substances, fatty substances, or those which easily liquify; live or dead (not dried) animals, insects and reptiles; confections, pastes fruits and vegetables, which exhale a bad odor; lottery tickets or circulars; all obscene or immoral articles and other articles which may destroy or damage the mails or injure persons handling them. This convention goes into effect March 1, 1888.

A WASHINGTON correspondent tells an amusing story about a letter received at the postmaster-general's office, enclosing a two-cent stamp, with an explanatory note setting forth that the writer had been tempted to make use of a stamp which had not been properly cancelled, and becoming conscience smitten, had taken this mode of reparation. There is a fund in the treasury department into which "conscience money" can be paid, but there was no precedent to show how a postage stamp sent in under such circumstances should be disposed of, and the officials were correspondingly embarrassed. Finally a record was made of the fact in the book of letters received in the postmaster-general's office. The letter was then endorsed by the chief clerk and sent to the third assistant postmaster-general. When it reached that official it was transferred, after due consideration, to the finance division. Another entry was here formally made of letters received, and the letter was then placed in the hands of the chief of the division, who pasted the stamp on the letter, drew his pen through it and wrote the word "cancelled" underneath. He then affixed his signature, which was witnessed by one of the clerks, who also signed his name. The letter was then carefully filed away for future reference.

A PHILATELIC SERMON.

"ALL seemed to be well satisfied with the result." Words taken from the *Eastern Philatelist*, Vol. I., No. 3, page 6. We are told in the Gospel of Canadensis that all seemed to be well satisfied with the result, and in order to bring this glorious sentence before our readers in a plain and natural light, we will ask your kind attention for the time occupied in explaining the meaning of this, In order to keep up to the times it was found necessary to start a Society composed of Canadian Philatelists which would be of benefit to Canadians and a lasting monument for the world to come, and consequently we find in the latter part of 1887 our cherished hopes about to be accomplished. Names after names rolled in from all parts of the Dominion, (except Toronto) the same names being published until we reached the number of 68, and since when we were left in blissful ignorance as to how matters stood. In the middle of January each member received a ballot paper with the request of returning same at earliest convenience as the poll would close on the last day of January. In accordance with above request, we presume, all were anxious to comply with same and had their paper properly made out and sent along to the headquarters, awaiting the result, when to our great astonishment we received the *Eastern Philatelist* conveying to us the result of said election. Could we believe our eyes? Had the Executive Committee so far allowed their indiscretion to get the better of themselves as to be guilty of the breach of faith with which they had been vested as to allow an outside Journal to carry the first official news and thus ignoring the chosen official organ? This is simply preposterous. In the contest for the official organ the *Toronto Journal* seemed to have been the choice, and although we are perfectly contented with our lot we are by no means "satisfied with the result." We have been led to believe that the poll did not close on the last day of January, but was kept open a few days longer, now if this is correct why was this done? Was it done in order to get somebody "satisfied with the result?" Another thing is this that 96 votes were polled, and as the HALIFAX PHILATELIST only had published the names of 68, we are inclined to be suspicious as to the reason the 28 names were withheld from our information. We have only the best of intentions towards our Toronto contemporary and we wish it every success in its new capacity, but say what we think we must, and this we will say, that it was not by its merit the *Toronto Philatic Journal* became the official organ of the C. P. A., and furthermore, we wish it to be distinctly understood that the principle of the HALIFAX PHILATELIST admits of no chance for cheap side-shows in any shape or form. We thank all our supporters for their kind assistance, and for those who voted against us we have only to say that a wrong principle prompted their actions.

WE notice in the February No. of the *Philatelic Journal of America* that Mr. L. S. Morton in an article on "History Dispensing Stamps" makes use of somewhat strong language in reference to England.

In speaking of the South African Republic stamps he says "This Republic began issueing stamps in 1869. In 1877 England stepped in and interfered (I mark well that England only interferes with weak nations, unable to protect themselves from her.)" The sentence in brackets is altogether uncalled for, and it merely shows that there still exists here and there in the United States, people who have still the same unreasoning hatred that their great grandfathers had reason for, but for which they have none. If Mr. Morton had made a search as to the cause of England's interference in the Transvaal he would hardly have written what he did. As for always interfering with only weaker nations than herself, it happens there are not many stronger than she is, so that it generally happens that in her wars she has, that they are petty ones. She has never shown any lack of spirit in interfering with stronger nations, when her policy demands that she should do so, and Mr. Morton would know this if he follows up the history he writes sbout.

It is to be presumed that the Mexican War of 1849, and the unjustifiable territorial agression which she received from the same was not a strong power interfering with a weak one.

Mr. Morton should look to his own country and her actions before he casts a reflection on another.

NOTES.

IT is not generally known that there are two sizes in the 1 and 3 cent stamped envelopes of Canada.

WE have the February No. of the Toronto Philatelic Journal. This month is devoted to the return of the election for officers to the C. P. A. We hope now that it is the official organ to see it drop its numismatic department, and bring out some really good original articles. And in time it may become nearly as good a paper as the American Philatelist.

The Canadian Government has been giving us a small cut in our postage. It is a reduction of from 5c. for registration to the United States to 2c.; this is an idea the U. S. Government might copy.

IN the February No. of Philatelic Gazette there is a letter in reference to the P. E. I. error. There are only five of those errors in every sheet of 100 stamps, it being the seventh stamp on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th lines. This value is printed in sheets of 100.

IT is more than probable that we shall not be favoured with stamps from Newfoundland very much longer, as it is more than likely that she will enter into the Dominion of Canada. As negotations for that purpose are already on foot, a delegation will leave St. Johns to confer with the Canadian

Government, about the 18th of this month. If it becomes an accomplised fact, it is to be regretted from a philatelic point of view, but otherwise it is to be strongly commended.

THERE is getting to be quite a demand for N. S. bill stamps. Those are very rare, with the exception of two or three values. Those who collect revenues would do well to complete there sets as soon as possible, as every day will see them rarer. In fact at the present moment it is almost impossible to get the 7c., 8c., 50c. and $1.00 stamps, and a matter of impossibility to get the $2 and $3 ones. There was only one lot of those stamps surcharged and sent from Ottawa.

CHRONICLE.

Antioguia.—The 5c. is now red on pale green.

Argentine Republic.—Three new stamps have appeared, one resembling the 1867 issue. 5c. rose; 10c. brown; 15c. orange.

Bavaria.—The current stamps are perforated 15 instead of 12, and it is intended to issue stamps of 30 and 40.

Br. Honduras.—Surcharged stamps have appeared, 2c. on 6d., 3c. on 3d., 10c. on 4d., 20c. on 6d., 50c. on 1sh.

Br. North Borneo.—There is a 5c. grey.

Cuba.—The 2½c. red brown, 10c. blue, 20c. lilac.

Honduras.—The new stamps are to be made by a German dealer, it is said.

Mauritius.—The 6c. card has been surcharged to do duty as 2 cents.

Mexico.—The 4c. is vermillion as well as the 3c. and 10c. already reported.

Montenegro.—Four post cards have been issued; 2 and 2+2n. carmine on buff, and 3n. and 3+3n. black on grey.

New South Wales.—There is a new card, 1d. red, white, 150 × 84mm., without frame.

Persia.—All the envelopes and bands issued by the post office bear a black surcharge. The others were obtained in some way from the printer.

Philippine Islands.—There are new stamps; 1c. green, 5c. slate blue, 6c. brown, 8c. brown.

Santander.—Of the new type there is a 5c. vermilion.

Senegal.—We hear of the 5c. on 30c. and 10c. on 4c.

Tolima.—There are three new stamps, inscribed "Departamento du Tolima." 5c. vermilion, 10c. green, 50c. blue.

United States.—The 30c. brown is out. *We have seen the 2c. envelope of September, 1887, printed in gray, and of a slightly different type from the ordinary one. There are 72 points in the outer rim instead of 67. We believe this to be the first die made, which was rejected by the government. Ten cent envelope, size 9 on white and amber have appeared.

Uruguay.—The 5c. is again blue, (cc 42) 7c. orange, 20c. brown, 25c. vermilion, and there is another new 10c. lilac. with arms in the centre and "Republica Oriental" in a curve above. Figures of value are at the sides, and "Uruguay—10—centimos" below in three lines.

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* We have also seen the current 5c. printed in deep blue.

NOVA SCOTIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Meeting March 13th, 1888.

CALLED to order at 8.30 p.m., by President Crane. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Members present: Messrs. Crane, Kaye, Hechler, A. E. Smith, Theo. Larsen, E. A. Smith, J. W. Caldwell, Hart, Mathers and King. By an oversight last month two members were left out,—Messrs. C. A. Curry, Morris St.; Olof Larsen, Lockman St., and Mr. E. A. Smith's address should read 52 Robie St., instead of Spring Garden Road.

The matter of our joining the C. P. A. as a branch society was discussed, and after some consideration it was decided that we should join. This being passed made Mr. Craig, V. P., for N. S., president of our Society, and Mr. Crane then resigned his seat as president of the meeting. It was then moved by King, seconded by Mr. E. A. Smith, that Mr. Crane should be elected Vice-President of our Society,—carried unanimously. Mr. Crane moved that Mr. F. C. Kaye be appointed Exchange Superintendent of our Society, seconded by Mr. Coldwell. Carried.

Here was then considerable discussion as to choice of Approval Sheets. Mr. Larsen moved, seconded by Mr. A. Smith, that the Exchange Superintendent should have first choice always, and after him the members, one being dropped for every new book. Carried.

Mr. Hechler moved, seconded by Mr. Larsen, that we should have two meetings every month, this was agreed to and the second and fourth Mondays of every month decided on. Carried.

This ended the business for the meeting, but a number of new issues, varieties, etc., were shown by Messrs. Hechler, Hart, Mathers, E. A. Smith, Kaye and King..

Meeting adjourned at 10.30.

Donald A. King, *Secretary.*

Meeting March 26th, 1888.

Meeting called to order at 8.30. As V. P. Crane was absent, Mr. F. C. Kaye was appointed chairman. Members present were Messrs. Kaye, A. E. Smith, Hart, Shannon; O. Larsen, T. Larsen, Gass, Mathers, Curry, E. A. Smith, Hechler and King.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. A number of members who wanted exchange sheets and envelopes from the C. P. A. were then supplied by the Exchange Superintendent. Letters were read from Lieut.-Governor Richey, declining to be Honorable Patron of the Society on account of the near expiration of his term of office. Letter from H. W. Blackadar, Esq., Postmaster of Halifax, accepting the Hon. Patronship of the Society. An informal discussion was then held as to the collecting of fiscal stamps postally used. It was decided to bring the matter up for further discussion at the next meeting.

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T. PUGH.

THE general impression with the public is, that stamp collecting is only a pastime that should be confined to boys at school, however, there are a few facts in connection with stamp collecting of the present day that may tend to dispel this idea. There is now hardly any large city in Europe or America, that has not a Philatelic Society and amongst the members you will generally find barristers, doctors, and men of independent means constitute the greater proportion. And to show how largely the pursuit is gone in for it may be mentioned that one society on the Continent has over 1500 members, and there are also many other Societies which have over 100 on their list. (The Juvenile Philatelist being strictly excluded from such associations.) When one hears also of the extraordinary prices paid for collections it must certainly dispel the idea of its being considered an amusement not worth while wasting time over. It was only by the last English Mail that I received a letter from a fellow collector in Paris who informed me that a very large collection there had been sold for £8000. It may also be interesting to Australians that one of our wealthy Colonial Baronets disposed of his collection some time ago for £3000.

The collections that have been sold at those high rates are not composed as many people would imagine of dirty, torn, and old post marked stamps but principally of unused stamps and as the *face* value of many of these vary from 5s. up to 20s. each it can then be understood how the collection becomes so valuable, of course there are many of the earlier issues that it is impossible to obtain unused specimens of, and then the collector has to be content with those that are post marked. I do not mean to infer that all collectors confine themselves to unused stamps, for in fact it is the exception, not the rule; but I am certainly of the opinion that a collection of purely postmarked stamps would never become very valuable. For my own part I am a very strong advocate for collecting unused stamps as, I fail to see much interest in a stamp where all colour and design has been obliterated by the post mark, of course there is the exception I have already mentioned of some of the earlier issues, but even nearly all these can be obtained with only a very slight post mark on them which by no means defaces the stamp.

In the earlier issues the design was the chief feature, but in the more modern stamp the colour also occupies a prominent position. Some of the early designs are of a highly amusing nature, and many of them are very grotesque. Her Majesty was very unfortunate in this respect, as many of the stamps which bears her supposed portrait are by no means flattering.

In producing the stamp of the present day America is decidedly in advance of all other countries. In speaking of America I do not mean the United States only, but such countries as Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Bolivia, San Salvador, Ecuador, Uruguay, &c., each of these countries seem to vie with one another in producing stamps of an artistic design. Take for instance the Nicaraguan and Costa Rica stamps they are certainly works of art in miniature. The Nicaraguan stamps depict very pretty mountain scenery, and some of the colours they are printed in are of a most delicate tint. Those of Costa Rica show the narrow belt of land there, which divides the Atlantic from the Pacific, the water in the foreground is exquisitely done and the picture as a whole would compare very favourably with many of the best engravings of a much larger design.—*Phil. Monthly.*

CANADA'S POST OFEICE.

OTTAWA, February 25.—The report of the postmaster-general for the year ended the 30th June, 1887, has just been published. The measure of the continued expansion of the postal service of the Dominion during this year will, in its most essential features, be found in the returns and statements constituting the report, which show, amongst other particulars, that 239 new post-offices were established in the several provinces increasing the total number of post offices in operation to 7,534, and that the mail service has been augmented by the organization of 1,920 miles of additional post route, and of 514, 467 miles of additional annual mail travel over the various post routes of Canada. The number of letters passing through the mails is estimated to have increased to a yearly total of 74,300,000, and of post cards to 16,356,000. The arrangements mentioned in the report of last year for the organization of daily postal car service over the whole of the newly opened line of the Canadian Pacific railway from Montreal to Vancouver, have worked well, and the daily service thereon has been maintained with satisfactory regularity. The following concise statement of the postal business of Canada will be read with interest:

No. of post offices, Nov. 1	7,535
Miles of post route	54,786
Annual mail travel in miles	24,325,207
Letters sent by post	74,300,000
Post cards	16,356,000
Registered letters	3,560,000
Free letters	3,160,000
Newspapers and periodicals	10,340,000
Books, circulars, etc	20,000,000
Parcels by post	820,000
Revenue	$2,603,255
Expenditure	$3,458,100
Money order offices	933
Money orders issued	$10,328,984
Post office savings banks	415
Depositors	90,150
Total amount deposited in year	$8,272,041
Deposits held by government	$19,497,750

THE STAMPS OF MEXICO.

(Concluded from last month.)

1. Mexico.
2. Vera Cruz.
3. Guadalajara, (2 types.)
4. Puebla, "
5. S. L. Potosi, (in black,) (in Blue.)
6. Guanajuato, (3 types.)
7. Monterey, (2 types.)
8. Mazatlan, "
9. Matamoras.
10. Morelia, (2 types.)
11. Colima, (3 types.)
12. Queretaro.
13. Zacatecas.
14. Jalapa.
15. Tulacingo.
16. Toluca.
17. Pachuca.
18. Orizava.
19. Merida.
20. Cordova.
21. Chihuahua.
22. Durango, (2 types.)
23. Oaxaca, "
24. Cuernavaca.
25. Acapulco.
26. Campeche.
27. Lapaz.
28. Chiapas.
29. Victoria.
30. Saltillo.
31. Ures.
32. Tixtla.
33. Huejutla.
34. Maravatio.
35. Tula.
36. Aguascalientes.
37. Lagos.
38. Tabasco.
39. Tampico.
40. Tlascala.
41. Guadalajuara, (2 types.)

The last issue mentioned in use till 1872, when a new issue was seen. The design was a somewhat new one—being side face of Hidalgo in oval and inscription in white panels on the four sides of the stamps—centavos on right—Correos on top—value at side, and Mexico at bottom—unperforated. Values were :—

6 centavos	green.	50 centavos	yellow.
12 "	blue.	100 "	lilac.
25 "	red.		

With this issue another variety of surcharging came into vogue, the numbers instead of being arranged in an arbitrary manner as before, now followed the letters of the alphabet, with the exception of Mexico which was still number one—the surcharges run :—

1. Mexico, (2 types)
2. Acapulco.
3. Aguascalientes.
4. Apam.
5. { Campeche. / Idel Barmen.
6. Chalco.
7. Chiapas.
8. Chihuahua.
9. Colmia.
10. Cordova.
11. C. Bravos.
12. C. Victoria.
13. Cuantitlan.
14. Cueruavaca.
15. Durango.
16. Guadalajara.
18. Guanajuato.
19. Huejutla.
20. Talapa.

22. Lagos.
23. Lapaz.
24. Maravatio.
25. Matamoras.
26. Mazatlan.
27. Merida.
28. Monterey.
29. Morelia.
30. Oaxaco, (2 types)
31. Orizavia, "
32. Otumba.
33. Pachuca.
34. Puebla.
35. Queretaro.
36. Saltielo.
37. S. L. Potosi.
38. Tabasco.
39. Tacubaya.
40. Tampico.
41. Tepiji.
45. Tlaxcala.
46. Toluca.
47. Tula.
48. Tulacingo.
49. Ures, (2 types.)
50. Vera Cruz, (3 types.)
51. Zacatecas.
52. Guanajuato.

In 1874 another issue was given to the public, very finely engraved head of Hidalgo in various frames, perforated :—

5 centavos, brown.
10 " black.
25 " blue.
50 " green.
100 " red.

The surcharges and numbers of this issue are the same as the preceding with the addition of

53. Cocula.
54. Cguzman.
55. Tepic.
56. Paral.
57. Tehuacan.
58. Tuxpan.
59. Tula du T.
60. Zamora.
61. Cordova.

This issue is also found with the number and date only surcharged. In 1878 a new value was added to the set, 4 cent orange; and the color of the 10 cent was changed from black to orange. At the same time the surcharges were again changed, starting the numbers from the end of the alphabetical list, on those the date and number are close together.

1. Zamora, (in black and blue.)
2. Zacatecas, (in black, blue and red.)
3. Vera Cruz, (2 types.)
4. { Hermosillo. / Ures.
5. Tulacingo.
6. Tula de T.
7. Tula, (in black and red.)
8. Tuxpan, (in black, red and blue.)
9. Toluca, (3 types.)
10. Tehuacan.
11. Texcoco.
12. Tepic.
13. Tlax colo.
14. Tampico.
15. Tacubaya.
16. Tabsco.
17. S. L. Potosi.
18. Saltillo.
19. Queretaro.
20. Puetba.
21. Pachuca.
22. Orizava, (also Orizaba.)
23. Oaxaca.
24. Morelia.
25. Monterey.

26. Merida.
27. Mazatlan.
28. Matamoras, (2 types.)
29. Maravatio.
30. Lapaz, (2 types.)
31. Lagos.
32. Tilotepec.
33. Talapa.
34. Pardal.
35. Huejutla.
36. Guanajuato, (2 types and 4 colors)
37. Guadalajara.
38. Durango.
39. Chihuahua.
40. Chiapas.
41. Chalco.
42. Cordova.
43. Cguzman.
44. Cocula.
45. Cuernavaca.
46. Cuantitlan.
47. C. Victoria.
48. C. Bravos.
49. Colmia.
50. Campeche.
51. Apam.
52. Aguascalientes.
53. Acapulco.
54. Mexico.
55. Colmia.

With 1877 the Government issued a new set of a new design. The values were:—

1 cent, brown.
2 cents, lilac.
5 " orange.
10 " blue.
25 cents, rose.
50 " green.
85 " violet.
100 " black.

1882 brought out another type in new values, the design was the figure of value in oval, values were:—

2 cents, green.
3 " red.
6 " blue.

These last two issues will be found without surcharge, surcharged with date and number only, with date and name of town, and with name of town only.

In 1884 the familiar large green stamp was issued in fifteen values.

1 centavo, green.
2 " "
3 " "
4 " "
5 " "
6 " "
10 " "
12 " "
20 centavo, green.
25 " "
50 " "
1 peso, blue.
2 pesos, "
5 " "
10 " "

As may be imagined the difficulty in distinguishing between the values was very great, and they thus remained for only about a year, when a new issue took place. Same plates were used for printing but different colors for each value were used:—

1 cent, pale green.
2 " carmine.
3 " red brown.
4 " red.
5 " blue.
6 cent. brown.
10 " orange.
12 " olive brown.
25 " blue green.
50 " vermilion.

In 1886 the design of the stamps was once more changed, the design consisting of the figure of value in small oval, values were :—

1 cent, green.
2 " red.
3 " lilac.
4 " "
5 " blue.
6 " lilac.
10 " "
12 " "
20 cent, lilac.
25 " "
50 " "
1 peso, carmine.
2 pesos, "
5 " "
10 " "

The last three issues of Mexican stamps may be had in every shade of the color in which they are printed as apparently very little care was used to make the color uniform. In the latter part of 1887 several of the lower values were printed on what is apparently common blue ruled writing paper. The colors of the last issue are now in process of changing as we have the 3 cent in carmine, and other colors are chronicled.

Of the other stamps of Mexico such as the Potre de Mar, Guadalajara, etc., I am not able to speak as I have no knowledge of them. In the preceding article I am much indebted to a very fine article by "Caillebotte" in "Le Timbre Poste."

DAVID LANG.

NEW BRUNSWICK LAW STAMPS.

H. R. Donahoe.

THESE stamps are legalized by virtue of an Act passed in the March-April Session of the General Assembly in 1884, entitled "An Act respecting Law Stamps." There appeared some time later a set of four stamps printed in blue on white paper, perforated, 17 by 26, design is a figure of Justice holding scales in right hand and a sword in the left. Towards the end of 1887 the 20 cent was changed to red. Unused specimens can easily be obtained at their face value. The used specimens are difficult to procure as the papers upon which they are placed are made matters of record and cannot be removed from the court files.

NEW BOOKS.

WE have received from the publishers (Stanley, Gibbons & Co.,) a copy of the second supplement to Major Evans' "Philatelic Handbook. The author's name is sufficient guarantee for the contents. It is got up in the best possible style. We notice that Major Evans has fallen into the error of crediting Canada with a post card which was never issued. He says "Type of the card of 1882 but with the stamp lettered *Post Card* instead of *Postage*. This chronicle was going the rounds of the philatelic press last fall, and was contradicted several times.

NOTES.

SEVERAL errors occurred in Mitchell & Co.'s adv. last month. Please read it in its corrected form.

THE American Philatelist is as usual at the top, especially to be commended is Corwins, " Various and Sundry."

CASEY'S sale for May, 3rd and 4th, promises to be something good, judging from the catalogue which we have had the pleasure of receiving.

WE notice that the April No. of the Q. C. P. has a couple of pages filled with idiotic trash. Something better would be expected from a paper like it.

MR. J. M. DOUGLASS, Jr., Middleton, Ct., has sent us a copy of his very neat little catalogue of United States adhesives. The prices are remarkably low.

A NEW directory of stamp collectors will shortly be issued by Mr. Chas. A. Townsend. It will give size of collection, speciality, etc., and will fill a long-felt want.

MR. J. B. SMITH has favoured us with copies of the *Springfield Republican* in which he conducts quite an interesting Philatelic department. The department contains more real news than many of our stamp journals.

ONE of our city collectors has in his possession a pair of philatelic oddities which are almost unique. They consist of the 3d. Nova Scotia stamp, with 5c. printed on it, on the original envelopes. They are postmarked respectively January 13th and January 20th, 1860. As the Nova Scotia currency was changed in January 18th from £ to $ c., it is probable they are due to an enterprising postmaster who wished to keep up to the times.

WHILE speaking of N. S. stamps we are reminded that we have seen for the first time the only Govt. provisional issued by Nova Scotia. This is the 3 p. cut in halves diagonally. It was authorized so as to make the odd 1½d. in the 7½d. postage to Great Britain. The specimen we have seen is on the original envelope, addressed to Scotland, and consists of two 3d. and a split 3d. in an unsevered block. They are very rare on this side of the water but should be commoner on the other.

Scott's revised list of postage stamps in the American Journal of Philately has gone into the differences of U. S. envelopes and has given cuts, etc., which an ordinary collector can understand. I must confess that I could never take any interest in the envelopes of U. S. on account of the large number of varieties and the slight distinction between them, but Mr. Scott is now putting his information and cuts in such a form that an ordinary mind can grasp it, which cannot be done with several others who have written on the subject.

We notice that several foreign philatelic journals are chronicling Canadian stamps, envelopes, cards and wrappers, with official surcharges. Those are all undoubtedly fraudulent, as the Canadian Government have issued one official wrapper only, which was for the Inland Revenue Department, weights and measures branch, printed in French and English as follows:—

Inland Revenue, Canada,
Weights and Measures Service.
Official Circular.

To.....

This band to be used *On Her Majesty's Service* only and must have no writing thereon but the name and address.

If the truth of our statement is doubted we will get official proof of the fraudulency of those surcharges.

TOLIMA STAMPS.

We have received from a correspondent of ours in Tolima, the following letter, with the request to publish it:—

"I now beg to communicate to your readers that the Government of Tolima offers for sale, the remainder of the issue of postage stamps of 1875, being the following values:—

1097	stamps of	$10.00	5642	stamps of	$0.50
100	"	5.00	1084	"	0.25
190	"	2.00	712	"	0.10
5231	"	1.00	576	"	0.05

and some Registration bands, of these stamps the values of 1, 2, 2½c. are wanting, but the government will issue enough to make complete sets.

They are offered at a discount of 40% below face. The Government will guarantee that these are the genuine remainders, and the buyer will own the complete lot. After printing the 1, 2, 2½c. the plates will be destroyed of all values. All offers are requested to be forwarded before the 20th April. This offer has been made in France, Germany, England, Canada and United States.

GUILLERMO ARCIMEGAS,
Neiva.

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—½c. blue, 3c. green, 6c. red, have been issued. Also envelopes 5 cent, carmine and 10 cent, brown, on white laid paper, and also a letter card 2c.

Austria.—The 15 on 5 soldi has not been issued.

Brazil.—Mr. Henry Hechler has shown us specimens of the new 1000 reis stamp of Brazil. They are on white papar with the impression on light blue. The design consists of two oblong rectangular panels in the centre. The upper is occupied by a scene consisting of a mountain on the right, with a sea view and a distant steamer on

the left. The lower contains the figures of value 1.000. Above and below are panels formed by irregular scroll-work, the upper embracing the word "*Brazil*," and the lower "*Reis*." On either side is similar scroll-work and all vacant spaces are occupied by intricate letter work. On the whole from an artistic point of view these stamps are inferior to those of preceeding issues. The letters, figures, scrolls and frames of the panels are in blank, thus showing up clearly in contrast with the light blue of the ornamental surroundings. Other values of this issue are announced to soon appear.

Br. Bechuanaland.—There are £1 and £5 stamps, both green, same type as the 1sh. The value of the registry envelope was changed from 2d. to 4d., by cancelling the original value and printing "Four" below.

Br. Honduras.—The 1½d. card is surcharged 5 cents.

Bulgaria.—A new series will be issued soon, with head of Prince Ferdinand in oval, the Bulgarian lions at the sides, and figures of value in corners.

Colombia.—The heading of the present cubierta is changed to read "Republica de Colombia."

French Colonies.—The 15c. letter card exists on both blue and grey card.

Hungary.—5 Kr. letter card is now carmine on grey.

Hyderabad.—½a. envelopes are printed in gold yellow.

Mexico.—*Der Ph.* notes the 5c. stamp in grey green (c. c. 39.) *The Ph. R.* has an official envelope with "Servicio Postal" in brown red script, and Mexican arms in a circle in upper left corner. "Republica Mexicana" above all. Official stamp is dark green and perf. 7.

New South Wales.—The post cards mentioned is 1d. carmine on white.

Persia.—3 on 5sh. green, 6 on 50c. of 1882, and 8 on 50c. of 1886, have appeared surcharged "Official" and a figure in black.

The 1fc. has been seen in the colors of the 5c. and surcharged "5."

Phillipine I.—2⅔c. blue of 1882 has been surcharged in oval "Union Gral—8 cent —Habilitado."

Roumania.—5 and 30 bani unpaid letter stamps are now green.

Santander.—The new 10c. violet is inscribed "Departamento de Santander."

Shanghai.—40 and 80 cash are surcharged "20 cash" in blue.

United States.—The envelope die mentioned has been found in green, on both white and amber paper. The 5c. Garfield stamp is now dark blue.

Uruguay.—"Union Postale Universal" is the reading of the 2c. post cards, blue on white, and "Tarjeta" is on a scroll cross the top of the U. of Union.

Venezuela.—The 10c. mentioned some years ago has appeared and is red. The 25c. has been lithographed a second time and is rouletted, the 1 Bolivar Escuelas is also lithographed and perforated 11.

FISCALS AS POSTALS.

AT a recent meeting of the Nova Scotia branch of the C. P. A. the question was asked whether unused specimens of the kinds of fiscal stamps that have been authorized at any time to be employed for postal purposes can take rank as postage stamps or, indeed, whether any fiscals can properly under any circumstances be classed with postage stamps.

This question being an important one requiring a lengthy explanation and was likely to lead to considerable debate as diverse views are doubtless entertained by different members, I moved that the debate be adjourned to a subsequent meeting, which was agreed to.

My views on the subject are as follows :—

If a fiscal stamp is authorized to be thus employed it certainly deserves postally, used or unused, to take its place among postage stamps, provided it has not been used fiscally. If it bears any sign of having been so used it cannot be reckoned as a postage stamp.

For instance Venezuela has an exterior and an interior set of postage stamps. The former are used *only* for the payment of postage on letters going abroad. The latter are used both as fiscals and to pay postage on domestic mail matter. This illustration proves the correctness of my view as given above, because the "interior" stamps, if unused, are always recognised as postage stamps.

If a fiscal stamp is authorized and surcharged on its face by the Post Office Department it is in every respect a postage stamp, as in the case of the Philippine Islands and the Macau. When they are once so surcharged they cease to be fiscal stamps and cannot be used as such. Therefore they cannot be regarded as fiscals.

Fiscal or revenue stamps that are authorized to be used as postals, though not surcharged by the Post Office Department as is the case in those of Chili, Costa Rica, Great Britain, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Montserrat, Natal, Nevis, New Zealand, Orange Free State, Queensland, St. Christopher, St. Lucia, South Australia, Spain, Tasmania, Venezuela and Victoria come under the rule given above, *i. e.* that whether used or unused, *except when they have been used for fiscal purposes*, they must be regarded and placed as postals.

In view of these facts it is merely a matter of individual taste on the part of a collector whether he admits them to his collection used postally or unused.

I may further say for myself that I would just as soon add an unused specimen to my collection as one that had a forged post-mark, as is the case with the majority of the Australian fiscals that were authorized to be used postally which are in circulation.

I trust that the above views will commend themselves to my philatelic friends as being correct.

HENRY HECHLER.

POSTAGE STAMP DEVICES.

BY EDWARD F. HERDMAN.

IN Foreign Stamps we find strange vagaries of portraiture, devices, and contour. The face of Donna Maria II., who some 35 years ago ruled over Portugal, is plain even to ugliness; and that of the ex-Queen Isabella of Spain, as depicted in 1853, would not be regarded as more handsome than that of a coarse stout female of our middle class. Curiously enough, unlike those of our Queen, the protraits grew more flattering as she grew older, and in 1868 she grew almost handsome. The Republican Stamp, after her abdication, bore a pretty young woman, superseded by another device in 1872. Upon the French Stamps the bust of liberty, but decidedly a frisky and buxom-looking matron, appeared until 1876. The Head of Louis I. is borne upon the Stamps of the Azores, and other Portuguese possessions, but on the Baden Stamps, the Grand Duke's visage, too sacred to be liked, appears only on the Stamped Envelopes. No effigy appears on the stamps of Bavaria; but on the Belgian Stamps Leopold I, formerly appeared in full uniform, and was in due time succeeded by Leopold II. On the Brazilian Labels no head was seen until 1863, when they bore the head of the present Emperor. Bulgaria sports a bedraggled lion, shaking its forepaws, probably at the Russian bear. The Russian Stamps have the arms in relief, and in the centre is an oval frame, surmounted by drapery —with colours varying, as is customary in most countries, according to the value—without any portrait of the Czar.

WE are in receipt of the Jubilee Number of Mons Moens paper, "Le Timbre Poste." With the March No. it has concluded its 25th year. The contents are something very fine, being contributed from the leading Philatelists of Europe, each apparently writing in his own special line, as "The first stamped envelopes of Russia by F. Breitfuss, Postage Stamps of Italy by F. Carotti, Notes on the stamps of the extinct Italian states by C. Diena, Stamps of Bermuda by Major Evans, and many others too numerous to mention. Each article is headed by an engraving of the author. The No. consists of 36 pages of solid reading matter. In the April No. of his paper he has printed the article on the correct date of issue of the stamps of Nova Scotia, which was originally published in the columns of this paper.

ACCORDING to late despatches to Ottawa, the late Postal Convention between the United States and Canada is to be amended, on some points which the U. S. claim to be unfair to them. The amendments go into force from the 1st of May.

WE regret to say that lately we have been unable to get out much before the end of the month, but in future we will do better. Advertisers would do well to give us a trial ad. as we have a big Canada circulation.

"STAMP Collectors' Figaro" for April has a new cover and is looking remarkably well. It has made a new departure in illustrating its Chronicle. Evidently Bro. Voate is making money.

NOVA SCOTIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Meeting April 2nd, 1888.

MEETING called to order at 8.30 p. m. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, Mr. Hechler took the chair. Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Members present, Messrs. Hechler, Kaye, Smith, A. E. Gass, Smith Ed., Larsen, O., Larsen, T., DeWolf, Caldwell and King. The Secretary reported that he had written to Messrs. Craig & Petril in regard to the exchange sheets from C. P. A., but had received no answer. The exchange has received three books from C. P. A., they are now in process of going through members hands. The books are not as good as they ought to be, and there are numerous stamps on them that should not be there, but time will doubtless improve them. The Ex. Supt. reported that he had written Mr. J. R. Findlay as to whether he desired exchange sheets or not, but had received no answer, so it was decided to drop his name. The Secretary was instructed to write to Secretary C. P. A. in regard to the recognition of our branch society; also to the official editor complaining that several of our members have not received copies of the official organ, and also requesting them to send a copy to our Librarian for the Society's tables.

The discussion as to the collecting of fiscals postally used was then started. Mr. Hechler read a paper on the subject, which was also discussed by Messrs. Kaye, Larsen and Caldwell. After the finishing of the discussion a lively scene occurred at the auction which took place. The best bargains were a pair unsevered of P. E. I. 3c., one error and one not, to DeWolf for $1.00. A Newfoundland brown to King for 85c. A set of surcharged Macau to Gass for 37c. After the auction was through the meeting then adjourned at 10.30.

D. A. KING, *Secretary.*

Meeting of April 23rd, 1888.

Meeting called to order at 8.30 p. m. In the absence of the President, Vice-President Crane took the chair. Members present were Messrs. Crane, Hechler, Hart, T. Larsen, O. Larsen, Caldwell, A. E. Smith, Mathers, Currie, Kaye, DeWolf, and King. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Ex Supt. then gave in his report. Three new candidates were then nominated for membership, Mr. L. H. Crowell by Kaye, seconded by King, Mr. E. F. Smith by E. A. Smith, seconded by Caldwell, and Mr. T. H. Francis by Hechler, seconded by King, all three were unanimously elected members, and on payment of their annual fee will be allotted their official numbers. This concluded the business of the meeting and the auction was commenced and kept up with considerable spirit. The members were notified of the doing away with notices for every meeting, the notifications to be kept published a month in advance in the official organ. The next meeting of the society will take place in their rooms, at the usual hour on the evenings of the 14th and 28th May. Meeting then adjourned at 10.15.

D. A. KING, *Secretary.*

Exchange Notices.

☞ For Subscribers only. Limit 40 words.

11.—U. S. postage revenue oddities, &c., to exchange for RARE U. S. and foreign postage, with advanced collectors, 1 million 3c. green to exchange.

HUGO KUENSTLER,
296 10th Ave., N. Y.
Member A. P. A.

12.—I will give the 90 Blue of Arg. Rep., surcharged, official, in black for any of the following 10 P. Blue, 1856, ½ Pink 1858, or the officially sealed brown of Canada. M. BRILL,
28 Sutton Place, N. Y. City.

13.—Philatelic publications wanted, Send lists of what you have for exchange, and receive mine in return. Will pay cash for certain kinds.

JOHN R. FINDLAY,
Halifax, N. S.

14.—WANTED.—Publishers to send samples of their papers, and dealers to send their price lists. Papers and Stamps to exchange.

M. A. MACDONALD,
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MAURITIUS POSTAGE STAMPS.

THE following paper was read by Lieut. Evans, R. A., at the Annual Meeting of the Royal Society of Arts and Sciences held on the 28th August, 1878 :—

Mr. President and Gentlemen,

The paper which I have the honour of reading before you to-day is devoted to the consideration of certain curious specimens of engraving and printing, made in this Island some years ago, for the purpose of being employed as postage stamps.

Before however proceeding to the subject of my paper, I venture to ask your attention to the few remarks showing how widely spread is the pursuit of collecting postage stamps, and thus accounting for the interest taken in these and other parts of the world, in these engravings as stamps principally and as curiosities of engraving secondarily.

These books ("The Stamp Collector's Magazine" and "The Philatelist" are volumes of two periodicals, published in England in monthly numbers, entirely devoted to subjects directly or indirectly connected with the collection and study of stamps ; both of them contain a vast number of illustrations, both are well printed and got up (one of them being conspicuously so), showing that neither care nor expense was spared in their preparation ; one of them was started in 1863, the other in 1867, the first continued in existence for twelve years, the second for ten. These were the most important, or at all events the most long lived of the English publications devoted to this subject, but they were not by any means the only ones ; during their career they may be said to have seen the rise and fall of Stamp Collecting as a fashionable mania, during the accurate period of which many ephemeral periodicals of a kindred nature sprang up and withered away. Although both of these magazines have ceased to exist in their earlier form, their publishers still issue monthly or quarterly circulars, consisting principally of advertisements and descriptions of newly issued stamps, etc., and they, as well as some three or four other firms in England, still carry on the business of dealers in stamps, and, I presume, succeed in making a living by it ; in other parts of Europe, in France, Germany and Italy, and also in the United States, there are works of a similar nature published, and persons engaged in the same business ; in short, I may safely say, that no other pursuit of no direct utility, certainly no other that has been so much despised and ridiculed, has given rise to so large an amount of special literature or afforded a means of livelihood to so large a number of persons.

Besides all this there are two Societies,—may I venture to call them Learned Societies ?—the headquarters of one of which is London, and the other Paris, founded for the express purpose of studying stamps and other things connected with them ; the English Society has not yet published any of its work, but that of Paris issues a Quarterly Bulletin, containing accounts of its meetings and portions of a catalogue which it is preparing ; the number laid before you contains a list of its members who may be seen to be of various professions and nationalities.

The early stamps of Mauritius, and more especially those produced by local talent, have always excited very great interest among collectors, partly as very curious specimens of engraving, partly on account of the great rarity of some of the varieties of them, and partly no doubt on account of the want of accurate information as to the origin and dates of issue, which led to all sorts of conjectures being formed about them and consequent discussions of the various theories on the subject ; many articles upon them have been published from time to time both in English and foreign magazines, but it was not until quiet recently that any really authentic information about them reached Europe. This information I was enabled to obtain through the kindness of the late, and of the present Colonial Secretary.

It appears that in 1846 a Postal Ordinance was passed in Mauritius in which Postage Stamps were first contemplated, and some time in 1847 a Mr. Barnard engraved two copper plates, one bearing a single stamp of the value of "one penny," the other a similiar stamp of the value of "two pence," for in September 1847, the then post master reported that the stamps required for carrying out Ordinance 13 of 1846 were ready, 700 of them having been struck off, such being apparently his idea of an adequate supply ; however he seems soon to have found out that the stamp consuming capacity of the Mauritius public, even at that date was very much greater than he expected, for in May 1848, he reported that certain improved plates, containing twelve types each, one plate of penny the other of two penny stamps, were ready, and requested that a supply of each value should at once be struck off; other paragraphs in the letter show, that 1000 stamps had been printed from the original single stamp plates, and that those plates had been at once found to be quiet unable to produce a sufficient uantity of stamps to supply the demands of the public. These stamps were entirely for local postage, no stamps of higher value than two pence were issued here till some years later, but even in England penny and two penny postage stamps were the only ones in use up to 1847, in which year a shilling stamp was issued, followed in 1847 by a ten pence.

(To be continued.)

AMERICAN envelopes are being well ventilated now with Scott in the *Am. Journal of Philately* ; Casey in the *Stamp Collector's Figaro*, and Tiffany in the *Collector's Ledger*.

THE STAMPS OF GUINEA.

UNTIL the 24th May, 1879, the Portugese Colonies of Guinea and the Cape Verde were under the same postal administration, both colonies using the same stamps, those of Cape Verde. After the date mentioned they were formed into separate provinces with separate administrations, and with this commences the history of the postage stamps of Guinea. To furnish stamps for the use of the new province, the stamps of Cape Verde were taken and sent to the Government printers at Bolama the capital of Guinea, and there surcharged GUINÉ. The surcharge is in small letters being only 2 mm. high and 9 mm. long. The surcharge was done by means of a hand stamp. The exact date cannot now be agreed upon, but the stamps thus surcharged were probably sent to Cochen in the beginning of 1881, about the same period at which the stamps with the large surcharge arrived from the metropolis (Lisbon.)

The series consist of the first issue of Cape Verde printed on thin paper perforated 12½, the most of those stamps are not gummed. The following are the colors and values:—

5 reis black, Black Surcharge.
10 " yellow, "
20 " bistre, "
25 " rose, "
40 " blue, "
50 " green, "
100 " lilac, "
200 " orange, "
300 " brown, "
Error, "
Mocambique instead on Cape Verde in circle.
40 reis, blue, black surcharge.

The sheet in which this error is found is composed of seven horizontal strips of stamps by four deep. The error is the seventh stamp on the second strip.

All the values are found without accent, and the 100 lilac will be found with a triple surcharge. 100 reis, lilac, triple surcharge.

On the 1st April, 1881, the stamps for Guinea, surcharged at Lisbon, arrived in the Colony. The surcharge is printed in black and measures 3½ mm. in height by 11½ mm. in length. The following are the quantities of the stamps sent:—

2000 stamps of 25 reis, dark rose, black surcharge.
2000 " 50 " dark green, "
1300 " 100 " lilac, "

In all the preceding the stamps are printed in sheets of twenty-eight, the 1st and 2nd stamps on the 3rd line, and the 4th stamp on the 4th line have the surcharge with the accent *grave* instead of *acute*, and all the stamps having the last accent.

The other stamps sent from Lisbon on the dates below given were:—

19 Aug. 1881.

6000 stamps of 25 reis, dark rose, black surcharge.
6000 " 50 " light green blue, black surcharge.
1000 " 100 " lilac, "

18 August, 1882.

150 stamps of 5 reis, black, red surcharge.
150 " 10 " dark green, black surcharge,
1000 " 25 " dark rose, "
2000 " 50 " light blue, "
1000 " 100 " lilac, "

1st April, 1883.

500 stamps of 5 reis, black, red surcharge.
500 " 10 " dark green, black surcharge.
2000 " 25 " light rose, "
4000 " 50 " light blue, "

1st August, 1883.

2000 stamps of 5 reis, black, red surcharge.
2000 " 10 " light green, black surcharge.
4000 " 25 " light rose, "
4000 " 50 " light blue, "
2000 " 100 " dark lilac, "

The only error in these is in the surcharging of the 4th stamp on the 4th strip, having the accent grave instead of acute.

The writer possess an unperforated specimen of the 50 reis of this issue. On their arrival in Guinea, some values were found with the surcharge reversed, they were however destroyed by the post office authorities, and none issued to the public.

18th April, 1884.

2000 stamps of 25 reis, light rose, black surcharge.
3000 " 50 " dark blue, "
500 " 100 " lilac, "

18th October, 1884.

1000 stamps of 5 reis, black, carmine surcharge.
2000 " 10 " light green, black surcharge.
1000 " 25 " light rose, "
1000 " 50 " dark blue, "
1000 " 100 " lilac, "
500 " 200 " orange, "
500 " 300 " brown, "

5th October, 1885.

? stamps of 25 reis, lilac, black surcharge.

5th April, 1886.

This issue has the head of Louis the king of Portugal.

2 stamps of 5 reis, black.
" 10 " green.
" 25 " lilac.
" 50 " blue.
" 100 " brown.

In some of the stamps indicated before, of the crown type many of the values were surcharged by the Portugese Government, but having never been in use are considered as essays rather than as postage stamps, as they were never issued for public use. The writer has, however, a letter prepaid by one of those stamps which had passed through the post office, and was recognized as prepayment. They are :—

5 reis, black, black surcharge.
10 " yellow, "
20 " bistre, "
20 " carmine, "
40 " blue, "
40 " yellow, "

In the sheets of stamps of the 40 reis, blue and the 40 reis, yellow there is one stamp bearing the name Mocambique. A block of the Mocambique had been set up with those of Cape Verde. The error was rectified immediately after it was discovered. Before their arrival certain values had run out of stock, to supply the deficiency the authorities had employed a hand stamp with the words franco de poste (franco de porto), which was applied to the envelope, sometimes the words were also written on the letter by the postmaster.

And, now, to finish, follows a complete list of the stamps of Guinea :—

Issue of the beginning of 1881, crown in circle with legend Cape Verde, printed in color on white paper, perforated 12½, most of the values not gummed.

1st surcharge GUINÉ in small black letters, 5 min. high by 9 min. long.

5 reis, blue, black surcharge.
10 " yellow, "
20 " bistre, "
25 " rose, "
40 " blue, "
50 " green, "
100 " lilac, "
200 " orange, "
300 " brown, "

Error, with Mocambique in circle instead of Cape Verde.
40 reis, blue, black surcharge.

Varieties.—(*a*) Triple surcharge.
100 reis, lilac, black surcharge.

(*b*) With GUINE instead of GUINÉ.

5 reis, black, black surcharge.
10 " yellow, "
20 " bistre, "
25 " rose, "
40 " blue, "
90 " green, "
100 " blue, "
200 " orange, "
300 " brown, "

Issue of the 1st April, 1881 :—The same design, but with larger surcharge it being 3½ mm. long and 1½ mm. high. Printed in color on white paper, perforated 12½ and 13.

25 reis, dark rose, black surcharge.
50 " dark green, "
100 " lilac, "

Varieties :—Instead of GUINÉ the surcharges are 1st GUINÈ, 2nd GUINE.

25 reis, dark rose, black surcharge.
50 " dark green, "
100 " lilac, "

Issue of the 19th August, 1881 :—

50 reis, light green, black surcharge.
50 " blue, "

Varieties :—Instead of GUINÉ the surcharges are 1st GUINÈ, 2nd GUINE.

50 reis, light blue, black surcharge.
50 " light green, "

Issue of 18th August, 1882 :—

5 reis, black, red surcharge.
10 " dark green, black surcharge.

Varieties ;—Instead of GUINÉ the surcharge is 1st GUINÈ, 2nd GUINE.

5 reis, black, red surcharge.
10 " dark green, black surcharge.

Issue of the 1st April, 1883 :—

25 reis, light rose, black surcharge.

Varieties :—Instead of GUINÉ the surcharge is 1st GUINÈ, 2nd GUINE.

25 reis, light rose, black surcharge.

Issue of the 1st August, 1883 :—

10 reis, light green, black surcharge.
100 " lilac, "

Varieties :—Accidentally unperforated.

25 reis, light blue, black surcharge.
Instead of GUINÉ the surcharge is 1st GUINÈ, 2nd GUINE.
10 reis, light green, black surcharge.
100 " lilac, "

Issue of the 15th April, 1884:—

50 reis, dark blue, black surcharge.
Varieties;—Instead of GUINÉ the surcharge is 1st GUINÈ, 2nd GUINE.
50 reis, dark blue, black surcharge.

Issue of the 18th October, 1884:—

5 reis, black, carmine surcharge.
200 " orange, black "
300 " brown, " "
Varieties:—Instead of GUINÉ the surcharge is GUINE.
25 reis, light rose, black surcharge.
50 " blue, "

Stamps not issued:—

5 reis, black, black surcharge.
10 " yellow, "
20 " bistre, "
20 " carmine, "
40 " blue, "

Issue of the 5th October:—

25 reis, lilac, black surcharge.
40 " yellow, "
Variety:—Instead of GUINÉ the surcharge is GUINE.
25 reis, lilac, black surcharge.

Issue of the 5th April, 1886:—Effigy of king Louis with full face, in oval, above Guine Portugeza, beneath value, on glazed paper, perforated 13.

5 reis, black. 50 reis, blue.
20 " green. 100 " brown.
25 " lilac.

(J. N. Marsden in the Jubilee No. of Le Timbre Poste, translated by)

DAVID LANG.

IT appears as though the Norwegian Postal Authorities have got themselves into a tight place in giving Mr. W. Collet the inside track on the remainder of the Skilling issue of that Country. The daily press seems quite excited over the matter and think the Government open to censure. We ourselves can't see how Mr. Collet can make such a very great snap out of it, considering the Skilling issue in question is quiet easy to obtain with the exception of two or three values. No doubt they are of better value in an unused condition, but how many will pay say 20 cents for an 8 skilling 1867 unused when it can be obtained for 2 cents in a used condition. However this is a matter for Mr. Collet to arrange and we wish him the best of success. The following is a translation which we give for the benefit of our readers:

"Sale of Postage stamps in Christiania. It has been a matter of great attention here of late that the Government has sold the remainder of the skilling issue to Mr. W. Collet, chief of the Postal Department in Christiania. The amount of the remainder is in the vicinity of half a million crowns. The condition on which they were sold is that Mr. Collet has got 15 years in which to make the final settlement, although the Government will take back all which at that time is not sold. Obsolete issues of postage stamps as a rule brings many times the price of its original face value. In foreign countries the stamp traffic is of no little moment as collectors can be counted among the thousands; even children at school are passionately in love with Philately, and the older the issues are, the harder they become to collect, and consequently higher prices may be expected. The chances are that Mr. Collet will derive an immense income from the profit of his sales, and very likely become very rich, and no doubt the state could have enriched its Treasury very handsomely if they had been put up either by tender or auction. Several applications have been received by the Government and it is said Mr. Collet has secured one firm to take a hand in and are now working the "trust" as an organized company. The whole affair seems somewhat out of order and should be investigated." So says the VERDENS GANG.

FROM an article in a recent number of *Blackwood's Magazine*, under the heading "Cyprus under British rule," we glean the following, which may be of interest to our readers: "The postal arrangements; although a wonderful advance upon the days of Turkish administration when letters were scrambled for at the Austrian Consulate at Larnica or even upon Constantinople itself in this very year, where there is no Turkish Post whatever leave a great deal to be desired. Letters are only carried to and from the principal towns, and are not delivered at all. If a man expects a letter, he sends to the Post-office to meet it; if he does not it lies there until he happens to call for it, and this even at Nicosia, the Capital. I remember soon after my arrival receiving a telegram from a perfect stranger: "Send to post office for letter despatched to-day." I thought the sender must have taken leave of his senses, but found that he was only better acquainted than I was with the peculiarities of the Cyprus post office. As regards communication with the outside world, postal or otherwise, there is little to be said, but that it is rare, slow, and eminently unsatisfactory. For five years after the occupation a subsidized service to Alexandria conveyed letters and passengers once a week, in about seven days to and from London. But as soon as the contract came to an end the Treasury, looking to the tribute, forbade any new subsidy being granted, and letters came and went à la grâce de Dieu, the "return of post" from London to Nicosia and back, and occupied six weeks at least. Within the last few months only, some order has taken the place of the chaos and a slow and roundabout but regular service is provided by the French Messageries Maritimes once a week, with an Austrian Lloyd steamer once a fortnight "in case of need" and the result of this is not only that Cyprus trade has been injured and Cyprus industry checked, but that business to the extent of £50,000 or £60,000 a year has been diverted from England to Marseilles and Trieste.

MEXICAN PORTE DE MAR.

NO doubt many of the readers of this paper have seen the first issue of the Mexican Porte de Mar, black on yellow paper, and have noted the rarity of the higher values. They being scarcer in proportion of their values than almost any other stamps, even allowing for the limited use of high values.

By glancing at the plate here given

10	10	25	35	50	60	85
10	10	25	35	50	75	100
10	10	25	35	50	60	85
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10	10	25	35	50	60	85

this will be easily understood. They are printed in sheets of 49 and unlike all other stamps the one plate contains all the values. With the exception of the 10 they are not to be obtained in a used condition, those values only having ever done postal duty the others never having been used at all. I would like very much if some of this paper's readers could give me an account of what those stamps were used for.

THEO LARSEN.

IN treating on the issues of the French Colonies, Mr. W. C. Stone in the *American Philatelist;* seems to consider the P. D.'s as only hand stamps and should be classified as such. We beg respectfully to differ with Mr. Stone as to the classification of these interesting stamps, and hold they must come under the heading of Postage stamps. Here we have a square piece of plain white paper with the P. D. stamped on, now is not this a stamp in every respect. This piece of paper is affixed to the envelope and cancelled with a date stamp, could anything be more plain. We fear Mr. Stone has not been able to obtain a set of these as they are exceedingly rare, and as there are a few possessors of these *stamps* in Halifax we like to see them chronicled as they should be.

ODD POSTAGE STAMP DESIGNS.

TO start with I may take the three countries which have copies of their Great Seal on their stamps, viz,: New South Wales, Nevis and St. Vincent. The New South Wales stamps are the celebrated Sydney views about which there has been so much discussion. The Nevis design is on the first issue of their stamps and is symbolical of the healing virtues of their mineral baths, for which the Island is celebrated. Over some of the springs a magnificent hotel named the bath house has been erected, and the grounds around laid out in gardens. Another spring issues from the side of a very large rock, forms a large pool and runs in quiet a large stream to the sea-shore. This is supposed to be the one illustrated on the stamps. The St. Vincent stamp referred to is the 5 shilling one, having an upright figure holding a branch in one hand, in front an altar with a kneeling female holding a wreath, above an imperial crown and the motto "Pax et Justitia." The figures I do not think are symbolical of the motto. Another odd stamp is the Reunion 1852 issue; a rather narrow rectangular stamp, with Ile de la Reunion above, the centre composed of underlaced lines looking much like the tale pieces of chapters in very old books, at the bottom "Timb Post" 15c. or 30c. as the value may be. A genuine used stamp of this issue is said to be worth $50. What are called reprints are sold unused for $1.00. The genuine stamps are printed on very poor paper and small bits of straw can be seen in it.

The 6 kop, 1864, Russian Levant enjoys the distinction of being the largest stamp used to pay postage. The first issue of Natal are of not so peculiar a design as they are in make, being merely embossed on colored paper. The Virgin Islands carry out their name (or rather they did) on their first stamps having the image of a virgin in various styles on all the values.

NOTES.

The Youth's Ledger has appeared in a new dress and Magazine style, it is needless to say that it improves it very much.

The Hawkeye State Collector is now issued weekly, a new departure for a Philatelic journal.

WE have received from the publisher, F. Trifet, of Boston, the April No. of his paper, the *Galaxy of Music.* The contents of it are very interesting to the musical critic, who especially commended the adaption of Gounod's "Margarethe" by Louis C. Elson.

The Toronto Phil. Journal for April has a cut of F. J. Grenny and sketch of his life. The balance of the number is Composed of official reports. It is to be hoped that in time we shall see some reading matter of interest.

The Philatelic Gazette has a very seasonable article on foreign correspondents, and what you are likely to get from many of them, it is worthy of careful reading.

MR. EMORY intends to give in the May No. of the *Eastern Philatelist* an account of a *used* Connell stamp he has. We are very much afraid that he has a long road to travel before he can give positive proof of there ever being one used.

WE are reprinting this month a paper on the postage stamps of Mauritus, read by Major Evans before the Royal Society of Arts and Science in 1878. and have no doubt but it will be found extremely interesting.

The Philatelist Journal of America has in its chronicle a reference to a surcharged Stellaland stamp which is chronicled as something new. The surcharge is" Twee" over the four pence blue. Those surcharged stamps are catalogued by Dr. Vedel of Copenhagen in his Feb, 1887, catalogue. There were only 384 said to be surcharged.

OWING to difficulty with the U. S. Government the late postal convention has been amended, and among other changes the rate of registration has been raised again to 5c.

CHRONICLE.

Anam and Tonquin.—" A & T," surcharged on stamps of the French Colonies, with large figure of value below. 1c. on 2c. 1c. on 4c. 5c. on 10c.

Argentine Republic.—2c. green, head of Lopez ; 30c. chocolate, head of Dorrego ; 40c. slate, head of Morena have appeared. The 5c. stamp and envelope have already been changed the head being slightly different and better executed.

Bavaria.—*The Ph. R.* reports the 3 pf. card, with vertical watermark and A. 88 at foot.

Belgium.—A letter envelope, inscribed " Enveloppe—lettre " and " Oms lag brief," with the current stamp, carmine on blue ; has replaced the 10c. letter card.

British Honduras.—2c. red, 3c. brown, surcharged in heavier type than before, two cents in red on 50, on 1 shilling grey.

Bulgaria.—The stamps with head of Prince Ferdinand are probably essays.

Canada.—The 10c. is now carmine (c. c. 128.) Mr. Vallee has sent us a stamp issued March 1st by the Bell Telephone Co., of Montreal, with messenger boy in circle, printed in black.

Ceylon.—The 2c. on 4c. mentioned in January is of two colours ; pink of 1880 and carmine of 1885.

Cochin China.—" 1 Franc." is surcharged on the 60c. unpaid letter stamp.

Colombia.—We have seen a new Registry stamp, 10c. black on gray, measuring 39 x 18 min. A large R is at the left, and in three lines at the right " Panama—No. Colombia." In the frame at the bottom " Diez Centavos."

Dutch Indies.—A 7½c. card brown on white, stamp with figure of value in centre, has appeared.

Ecuador.—We have seen the 20c. with surcharge "Official."

Fr. Guiana.—Tht 30c. (commerce and peace), is surcharged "Dec., 1887—Guy Franc.—5c.," and the 75c. has become 10c.

Gambia.—The 4d. is chocolate brown.

New Zealand.—*Der. Ph.* notes the 1d. card with the frame of the reply card.

North Borneo.—We hear there are two minor varieties of the 25c. stamp.

Russia.—The colours of the 1 and 2 Kop. are a little paler, and the 2 Kop. is yellow green instead of blue green. The 7 Kop. envelope now on cream, 142 x 120 mm.

St. Helena.—We are informed that a new series is to be issued without surcharge.

South African Republic.—We have seen in the ½d. on 3d. an error, reading PRNNY.

United States.—The 90c. is now dark purple.

Venezuela.—The 5c. blue is now lithographed and comes both rouletted and with square holes.

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MEETING opened at 8.30 P. M. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President took the chair. Members present, Crane, Larsen T., Hechler, Andrews, DeWolf, Shannon, Mathers, Currie, Gass, Smith E. A., Smith A. E., Smith E. F., Kaye and King. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Ex. Supt. then gave in his report. A letter from Mr. J. R. Findlay was then read, stating his intention of issuing the initial No. of the Canada Stamp and Coin Journal, and offering every member of the Association a year's subscription free upon application to him by letter. A vote of thanks to Mr. Findlay was then moved by Mr. Kaye, seconded by DeWolf, carried. This concluded the business of the evening, after which a number of new issues were shewn by members present and the usual auction was held.

Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

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MAURITIUS POSTAGE STAMPS.

(Concluded from last month.)

It may not perhaps be out of place to observe here, that Mauritius was early among the places which issued postage stamps, and was indeed the first British colony which did so; England, as I believe is generally known to be the first country to adopt, in 1840, this system of preparing postage, the rates of which were at the same time very greatly reduced, Sir Rowland Hill being, if not the actual inventor of postage stamps, at all events the first person to bring them into use: Brazil was the first foreign country to follow the example, issuing its first stamps in 1843, in which year and in the following some of the Swiss Cantons did the same; Local stamps for New York were issued in 1844 and in 1845 similar issues were made in other cities of the United States, a general issue for that country only taking place in 1847; Russia and Finland issued stamps in 1845. The above are, I believe, the only places which precede Mauritius in taking this step.

A few specimens are known to exist of certain Mauritius postage stamps bearing the words "Post Office" on the left hand side. These are found in two types only, one for each value, that is to say all the penny stamps of this variety are precisely alike, and all the two penny ones equally so; the stamps more commonly known differ from these in bearing the words "Post Paid" in place of the words "Post Office" and in being found in twenty-four different types, twelve of each value.

There is little or no doubt that these latter were produced from the improved plates mentioned by the postmaster in his letter of May 1848, and I believe it to be equally certain that the first mentioned stamps were from the single stamp plates mentioned in the letter of September 1847.

Now, herein lies one of the peculiarities of these engravings. The usual mode of forming a plate from which stamps are to be printed, is as follows: the design is first engraved upon steel, from the single die thus engraved, copies are multiplied by means of electro-typing or by taking impressions from some soft metal which is afterwards subjected to a hardening process; in this manner a sufficient number of exact copies of the original die, or matrix as it is termed, are produced to form a plate from which whole sheets of stamps may be printed; these plates are printed from until they begin to show signs of wear, and then fresh plates are prepared from the matrix as before, the original steel die therefore, being subjected to comparatively little wear and tear, last for an unlimited period, thus the same matrix has served to produce plates for the English penny and two-penny stamps from 1840 down the present date. The engraver of

the first plates for the Mauritius stamps might have multiplied his original designs by means of electrotyping, had he been acquainted with that process and had he possessed the necessary apparatus; but this it appears was not the case. When therefore it was found that the single stamp plates could not produce a sufficient supply of impressions, he set to work to engrave fresh plates with twelve types upon each, and these twelve types being separately engraved by hand, naturally no two of them are exactly alike, thus producing twelve typical varieties of each value of the stamps; these varieties differ very slightly from one another for the most part, it requiring close examination to discover the various types; there is, however, among the two-penny stamps one well marked variety formed by the engraver, having made the "c" of the word "Pence" an "o"; thus reading "Two Penoe." This curious error was apparently never altered, which it might very easily have been, for the letters on these stamps were not cut into the plate, but were left in relief, the portions which are dark in the stamps being cut away in the plates so as to receive the ink, so that by cutting away a small portion of the "o" it could have been made into a "c."

Looking at the general design of these stamps, if we disregard for a moment the lettered labels at the sides, I think it is evident that it is a rough copy of that of the English penny and two-penny stamps, a profile to left of the Queen with a diadem, the word "Postage" above, and the value below; it was then no doubt thought necessary to add some indication of the locality to which they belonged, accordingly the word "Mauritius" was placed on one side of the label. Something was necessary to balance this on the other, the words "Post Office" were natural enough, and, owing to the curious manner in which "Mauritius" is made to read from below upwards, if a stamp of the first issue be looked at from one side, its labels read "Post Office Mauritius." Why, when fresh plates were engraved, the words "Post Paid" were substituted for "Post Office" is hard to say, for with the word "Postage" at the top "Post Paid" was unnecessary.

These plates continued in use for about ten years, during which time they gradually became worn out, so that the later impressions from them only show traces of the original design, the lettering even becoming almost if not quite illegible; in consequence of this the postmaster in the early part of 1858 requested that the plates of the two-penny stamps (that value being the most used and that plate being consequently the most worn) might be re-engraved or a new one made. The old plate was placed in the hands of Mr. Sherwin who undertook to re-engrave it, but, who after some delay, returned it in an unfinished state in the latter part of the year, stating that he had no time to complete it. This plate was then submitted to another engraver, a Mr. Lapirot, whose opinion was, that it was too much worn to be of any further use, he at the same time undertook to engrave a fresh plate, which he apparently did early in 1859, for at all events before the end of March in that year a new variety of two-penny stamps made its appearance, also printed from a copper plate engraved in a similar manner to the earlier ones, and thus also showing twelve different types.

The design of the stamps engraved by Mr. Lapirot is, if anything, more curious than that of their predecessors, and although he attempted, what

perhaps should be considered a higher style of art in giving his lettering a background of lines instead of a solid one, his execution must be confessed to be decidedly inferior to that of Mr. Barnard, and his lines can have but little depth, for although these stamps were not in use for more than one year, specimens are found which show quite as much deterioration of the plate as those of the former issue.

The old plate partially re-engraved by Mr. Sherwin and perhaps completed by some one else, appears to have been employed for a short time, either while Mr. Lapirot's plate was being prepared or after it wore out, for there exists a third species of two-penny stamps, specimens of which are somewhat uncommon, showing that they were in use for a short time only, which species is also found in twelve typical varieties, the arrangement of which on the plate, which produced the earlier stamps. I may add that these scarce stamps are about the most hideous things of the kind ever produced, this fact perhaps accounts for so few of them having been made.

The above are the engraved stamps made in Mauritius, the only other postage stamps of local manufacture are some penny and two-penny stamps lithographed by Mr. Dardenne, at the end of 1859, or the beginning of 1860, these were, I believe, in sheets of sixty; the design like those of the engravings is a somewhat primitive one, but there are no varieties of type, the sheets being made up of lithographic reproductions of the original drawing; the design of the two values differ slightly from one another; these also were in use but a short time, being superseded before the end of 1860 by the penny and two-penny stamps sent out from England of the designs which have continued in use down to the present time.—*Mercantile Record and Commercial Gazette.*

A PHILATELIC CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE CONNELL STAMP.

THIS stamp has probably been discussed more than any other stamp or series of stamps that have ever been issued, and still a decision has never been arrived at as to whether they are essays or whether any have ever done postal duty. The general opinion seems to be that they were in use but only for a day. The way the stamp originated was this, Mr. Connell, then Postmaster-General of New Brunswick was authorized by a Minute of Council in Dec., 1859, to procure a new set of postage stamps, which the change in currency rendered necessary. Believing that this Minute gave him full power and discretion as to designs, etc, he ordered the plates for the values wanted, 1, 5, 10 and 12½c, and for the 5c. had his own portrait. The stamps came to hand in due time, and Mr. Connell, not probably making any secret of the design for the 5c., spoke to some of his friends about them, and of his intention of going down to posterity thereon. This came to the knowledge of the Council, who, knowing that they had not been approved by them, decided to see the issue before it was sent out to postmasters for public use. As a matter of course they disapproved of

Mr. Connell's design for the 5c., and he was instructed by the Council to destroy them, and order a new lot with the the effigy of the Queen. This Mr. Connell would not do, and therefore resigned. The 5c. brown were destroyed, and only the other three values issued.

After Mr. Connell's resignation, he wrote a letter to the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, the Lieut.-Governor of the province, giving his reasons for resigning his office. He, however, says that he did not resign on account of the stamp affair, but because he could not agree with the Government expenditure of public moneys, and because he said that his colleagues did not have confidence enough in him to back him up on a small matter—that is the issuing of the 5c. brown. Through the kindness of a friend I have been enabled to see the complete official correspondence, etc., between Connell, the Governor and Council, in reference to this business, and am giving them here. Several of the letters contain a large amount of matter irrelevant to the subject in question, and dealing only with the political reasons of Mr. Connell's resignation, and these parts not being interesting to the philatelic reader are left out.

The correspondence starts with the letter of the Council to the Lieut.-Governor after they had had the designs submitted to them.

(Copy No. 1.)

Memorandum of the Executive Council in Committee.

To His Excellency the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lieut.-Gov. etc. etc.

We advise your Excellency to approve of, and order to be distributed, the 1c., 10c. and 12½c. postage stamps procured by the Postmaster-General, and we further advise Your Excellency to order a five cent postage stamp to be struck, bearing the likeness of the Queen, instead of the 5 cent stamp already procured by the Postmaster-General.

(Signed,) S. L. Tilley,
A. T. Smith.
W. H. Steeves.
P. Mitchell.
Charles Watters.
David Wark.

Approved May 12, 1860.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. Manners-Sutton.

Copy No. 2.)

Letter from Mr. C. Connell to the Lieut,-Governor.

Sir.—Various circumstances having occurred with reference to the administration of the Government of this Province during the short time that I have had the honor of being one of Your Excellency's advisers, induce me to address Your Excellency. * * * * * *

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Having felt this and other matters for some time past, and at the same time feeling reluctant to take a step that I saw pressing on me, I delayed action, but the recent act of my colleagues in the Government, has brought matters to a crisis, the want of that support on their part on a subject which I believed I was authorized in the action I had taken, as will appear by the following minutes of Council (Dec. 1858) and correspondence :—

"Postmaster General to obtain new Postage Stamps in one, five, ten, and twelve and a half cents."

No. 1.—Telegraphic Despatch.

The Hon. Charles Connell, Woodstock,—

Just received notice from the Governor that new decimal Stamp cannot be issued until approved by Governor in Council—Have seen Hale—Telegraph him. He can put all right.

(Signed,) S. L. TILLEY.

Fredericton, 27th April, 1860.

No. 2.—Telegraphic Despatch.

The Hon. S. L. Tilley,—

If that is required you can procure the order, as any delay now will make trouble all over the country, as instructions have gone out and all stamps called in.

(Signed,) CHARLES CONNELL.

Woodstock, 28th April, 1860.

No. 3.—Telegraphic Despatch.

Hon. Charles Connell, Woodstock,

Cannot get order before Wednesday. Only Attorney-General here. Hale can arrange so as not to cause confusion of instructions.

(Signed,) S. L. TILLEY.

No. 4.—Telegraphic Despatch.

JAMES HALE, ESQ., FREDERICTON,—

See Mr. Tilley. Let issue of stamps be stayed till Wednesday, next.

(Signed,) CHARLES CONNELL.

Woodstock, 28th April, 1860.

No. 5.—Telegraphic Despatch.

THE HON. S. L. TILLEY, FREDERICTON,—

Have telegraphed Hale to see you,—defer to issue until Wednesday I may not be able to leave for St. John before this day week. Telegraph me as soon as order is made. Thought order was made at time I was authorized to procure new stamps.

(Signed,) CHARLES CONNELL.

Woodstock, 28th April, 1860.

No. 6.—Telegraphic Dcspatch.

THE HON. CHARLES CONNELL,—

All right. Desirable that all should be at St. John by Thursday next if possible.

(Signed,) S. L. TILLEY.

Fredericton, 28th April, 1860.

No. 7.—Telegraphic Despatch.

THE HON. CHARLES CONNELL, WOODSTOCK,—

Shall postage stamps be detained and Deputies ordered to retain old. ones until further orders.

Fredericton, 28th April, 1860. (Signed,) JAMES HALE.

No. 8.—Telegraphic Despatch.

THE HON. CHARLES CONNELL, WOODSTOCK.

Contractors here promised full Council to consider claims. Your presence necessary Thursday evening at furthest.

(Signed,) S. L. TILLEY.

St. John, May 2nd, 1860.

The Council met as was agreed upon, and disapproves of Mr. Connell's 5c. brown,—and the following is their recommendation to the Lt. Governor.

(COPY.)

TO HIS EXC'Y. THE HON. J. A. T. MANNERS-SUTTON LT.-GOV.,—

We advise Your Excellency to approve of and order to be distributed the one cent, ten cent, and twelve and a half cent Postage Stamps, procured by the Postmaster-General; and we further advise Your Excellency to order a five cent Postage Stamp to be struck, bearing the likeness of the Queen, instead of the five cent Stamp already procured by the Postmaster-General.

(Signed.) S. L. TILLEY,
A. J. SMITH,
W. H. STEEVES,
P. MITCHELL,
CHARLES WATTERS,
DAVID WARK,

May 8, 1860.

(COPY:)

LETTER TO HON. CHARLES CONNELL FROM THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY,

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Lt.-Governor, to request you to distribute the one, ten, and twelve and a half cent Postage Stamps procured by you, and to direct you to take the necessary steps to have struck off a five cent stamp, bearing the likeness of the Queen, for future distribution.

I have, &c., &c.

(Signed,) S. L. TILLEY.

THE HON. C. CONNELL, &C.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

(COPY.) 15th May 1860

SIR,—I am in receipt of your favor informing me that you have been desired by His Excellency the Lt.-Governor, to request that I would distribute the one, ten, and twelve and a half cent Postage Stamps procured by me, and to take steps to procure a five cent Stamp for future distribution. You will inform His Excellency that I was authorized by Minutes of Council in Dec. last, to procure a one, five, ten and twelve and a half cent Postage Stamp, and that all these denominations are now in the office of this Department ready for distribution.

I have &c., &c..

(Signed,) CHARLES CONNELL.

THE HON. S. L, TILLEY.

(COPY.) SECRETARY'S OFFICE, 17th May, 1860.

SIR,—I have laid before His Excellency the Lt.-Governor, your letter of the 15th inst., relative to the distribution of Postage Stamps, and I am directed to inform you that he has referred it for the consideration of his Council.

I have, &c., &c.

(Signed,) S. L. TILLEY.

THE HON. C. CONNELL, &c., &c.

I have felt it my duty to lay before Your Excellency this correspondence, together with the Minute of Council, and have no desire to make any comment thereon, as I think it will speak for itself.

I may remark, however, that I cannot discover by that correspondence, No. 1 to 8, that it was the intention to withdraw from me that support in the action I had taken in procuring the Postage Stamps as authorized by the Minute in Council referred to,—

My administration of the Post Office Department is before the public, and it is for them to say whether it is satisfactory or not.

I think I may state with certainty that the revenues of the Department will be reduced by the recent action of the Government, as I made arrangements for the delivery and sale of Postage Stamps at every Post Office and Way Office throughout the Province, on the 1st May. I do not intend that the legitimate authority belonging to the Chief of that Department shall be limited or circumscribed while I have the honor of being at its head.

After a very careful and deliberate review of the whole matter, under all the circumstances, I believe that my continuance in office would not be beneficial to the Department.

Holding the opinions that I have submitted to Your Excellency, I feel that I cannot, consistently with the duty I owe to my constituents and the public, continue longer to hold an office and position as one of Your Excellencies advisers in opposition to my views on public duty.—I therefore respectfully beg to submit to Your Excellency, my resignation of the office of Postmaster General, and as one of Your Excellency's advisers, and further request Your Excellency's permission to publish and give my reasons for so doing, and the correspondence connected therewith.

I have, &c., &c., CHARLES CONNELL.

HIS EXC'Y THE HON. J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON, &c., &c.

(To be continued.)

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IN a copy of the "Mohawk Standard" to hand to-day, we notice an article charging Mr. H. Hechler of this City, with selling restrikes of the Halifax Ferry Tokens for genuine.—The writer is mistaken from the beginning. There are no restrikes of the Ferry Tokens, and never were any. It is quite true that the market is flooded with them, but that is due to a very large number of them being found in Dartmouth (between which and Halifax a ferry runs) by a young man, who not knowing the value of them, sold them for a mere song.—Our American friends being up to the little dodges of restrikes, etc., jump to the conclusion that those are restrikes,—but they are lamentably mistaken, as the dies were destroyed years, (35 or 40 at least), ago. Now at the time Mr. Hechler sold those coins, they were exceedingly scarce here, as the writer himself, only a couple of months before, paid $2.50 for one in Canada, (if necessary can give the name of the seller) and could not match it for *that* price in the City.

Of Mr. Fraser we know nothing good, bad, or indifferent; but of Mr. Hechler, we may say, we have known him for the last 12 years, and have never known or heard of anything in his business transactions to his disparagement.—His standing in the community is sufficient to show in what estimation he is held by those best able to judge from personal and constant intercourse.

THE C. P. A.

WE have now what may be called a fair trial of the C. P. A. and are sorry to say that in all its branches with but one exception, it is very nearly a failure. The exception spoken of is the Exchange Branch, and this under the able management of Mr. Grenny, is proving a success, as far as he can make it.

He cannot do so unless members send in sheets for exchange, and this, judging from a number of books which have passed through my hands, they are not doing a large proportion of the sheets in the books, being the property of several American dealers, and some small ones among them. With but few exceptions their sheets are the best, but one of them seems to be under the belief that Canadian collectors will take anything that looks like a postage stamp. On one of this worthy's sheets were the following STAMPS, viz :—A set of "Musgroves Business College" Bill stamps, a Belgian Registered letter Number, and a few assorted of Samoa and Alsace and Lorraine forgeries. The rest of the sheet was made up of torn and miserable speciments.

Now I think that all the members of the C. P. A. should send in sheets for exchange, and not leave it in the hands of a few outsiders. I can say of our Branch Society here in Halifax, that out of twenty-two members, sheets have been sent in by nineteen.

Speaking of Branch Societies reminds me that we are the only one existing in Canada, surely there are enough collectors in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa, to form one in each of their respective Cities.

It is unfair to members who send in sheets for exchange, particularly from N. S., because when a book comes to Halifax, it goes through twenty-two cellectors hands, and its other circuits as well. Ours will go through the hands of six people only, that being the number on a circuit. It will thus be seen how disadvantageous it is for us.

Another thing is the pricing of stamps, this is not done as it should be, I seen on one sheet three tenpenny Canadas, one damaged badly, piece out for $2, one fair, for $3, and one marked unused for $6. It is of the damaged and the unused I wish to speak; the damaged one had a fair sized piece torn out of the top and mended with blue paper only $2.00.—The unused one though marked that, was not so, having part of the envelope or letter on which it was, on the back, and with a glass faint traces of cancellation could be seen, price only $6.—Scott prices it unused at $3.—You can buy as good a specimen of it as any one can desire, at any of the frequent auction sales in New York for $2.50 or $3. This is only one instance out of many equally glaring, a man has of course a right to put his own price on his own stamps, but at the same time he ought to do so within moderate bounds.

Another cause of complaint is the official organ.—It contained no Philatelic matter worth speaking about, and, poor as the paper is, it is not even sent regularly—possibly they are ashamed of it.—There is surely a sufficiently large number of Philatelists in the Dominion, who dabble in their special line of literature to put a little reading matter in it.

However, it is to be hoped if we have a convention, that a friendly talk and discussion will correct a lot of this.—For a place for the convention to

be held, where can there be found a prettier city in the Dominion of Canada, than Halifax. Everything to make the members in attendance spend the time pleasantly, and we can assure the Upper Province collectors that they will no where meet with a warmer welcome, than they will here. Whatever criticism we may make on the C. P. A., it is meant in a truly friendly spirit, and we hope it will be taken in the same manner, for we can assure you all, that we are sincerely in earnest for the extension and building up of the association.

DAVID LANG.

OUR friend, Mr. Harte, has seen fit to make remarks on Canadian Philatelic literature in the *Stamp*. He says the Toronto *Phil. Journal* is the only paper that contributes anything of interest to collectors. The Toronto Journal is no doubt interesting on account of his notes. Possibly if the HALIFAX PHILATELIST would publish some of them at his price it would be an interesting paper as well. But as Mr. Harte seems unable to control his works, we could hardly keep him. For the Dec. No. of this paper, he sold us an article on the Stamp Papers of the year. This he also sold to the *Figaro*, but in a slightly revised form.—When the 2d. vol. of the HX. PHILATELIST was started he generously offered his services to supply us with *interesting* Philatelic matter for cash—Not for the advancement of the knowledge of Philately, but for the cold dollar. However, his offer was declined, and no doubt that makes him feel sore towards this paper. Whether he has been more successful in selling his productions in duplicate to different papers', I don't know. One editor says his next article must be accompanied by an affidavit that it is not sent to anyone else. As to the HALIFAX PHILATELIST not comparing with the Toronto paper, anyone has only to look through the contents of the two papers. Perhaps the advertisements of silk ribbons are interesting. The superiority of the 1st vol. of this paper over the 2nd is no doubt due to Mr. Harte's being an occasional contributor—for a consideration in cash.—A disinterested party need only compare this year with the last, and see which is the better of the two.

A GREAT treat is in store for Philatelist in the shape of a first-class Philatelic Directory. Mr. Wm. B. Whitney, of Marlborough, N. Y., is hard at work on his edition, and expects to have it ready for publication early in the fall. It will contain 150 to 200 pages, and include a complete chronicle of new issues of 1887, and up to September '88. It will be profusely illustrated throughout, and will also have a list of all local and general Philatelic societies in the world. About 4000 names of collectors with the initials of the societies they belong to, and also a complete list of Foreign and American Philatelic literature, books, pamplets, papers, etc., etc. Moreover it will contain a splendid treatise on the rise and progress of Philately. This work really promises to be no ordinary production, and as it will contain a great deal of information and serve as a perfect Handbook, intending advertisers should avail themselves of its columns without much delay.

CHRONICLE.

Anam and Tonquin.—There are several varieties in the surcharge on these stamps, and there is a 5c. and 2c. which is probably an essay.

Afghanistan.—The *Ph. R.* notes the following changes in colors. 1 abasy' black on magenta wove, purple brown on orange wove, and green laid batonné paper, purple black or lavender laid batonné, and pink laid batonné; 2 abasy and 1 rupee, both purple black on pink laid batonné paper.

Austria.—The *W. B. Z.* states that the *Soldi* stamp are to be replaced by the *Kreuzer* series surcharged with the equivalent, in Turkish money. Also the 5 Soldi, and 5+5 Soldi cards and 10 Soldi letter cards.

Bahamas.—The *A. J. of P.* chronicles the 2½d. blue.

Bavaria.—The 5×5 pf. card with perpendicular lines, and "88" is noted.

Brazil.—*Der. Ph.* illustrates a new 1000 reis, with figures of value in centre, above which is a view, possibly of the Port of Rio de Janeiro, Slate blue (c. c. 50.)

Br. Honduras.—The 2c. on 6d is stated to have been an error. The greater part of these 2c. are on the 1d. This latter and also the 3c. on 3d. have been superseded by similar surcharges evidently made in England; the 3d. being watermarked C. A. We have also the 50c. on 1sh., with a second surcharge TWO in red. We hear that some of the 1sh. were surcharged 5c. in error for 50c.

Canada.—*Le. T. P.* illustrates a new stamp on the Post Card. There is a waved line inside the oval.

Cashmere.—The 1¼a. card is on very pale buff.

Ceylon.—Both colors of the 2c. on 4c. come with inverted surcharge.

Congo.—There is a new post card 15c., orange on salmon. The stamp is rectangular with palm tree and star in center. The arms are in the left corner.

Faridkot.—The 1½a. envelope with black surcharge in two lines, has the arms also in black.

Grenada.—The sheet of 4d. on 2sh. has one stamp with "d," not Italic.

Japan.—The *Ph. R.* states that changes were to be made about April 1st. The 3, 6, 12 and 45 sen. adhesives, and 1, 4 and 6 sen, envelopes, were to be discontinued. Colors changed and new values issued as follows: 4s. brown; 8s. violet; 10s. dark orange; 15s. purple; 25s. pale green; 20s. red; 50s. brick red; 1 yen. scarlet.

Mexico.—*Le. T. P.* notes the 2c. and 3c. cards with "Postal-catre."

Monaco.—The same journal mentions the 25c. letter card, black on rose.

Montenegro.—We have the cards of 3n. and 3×3n. printed in black on green.

Natal.—The 1sh. is printed in orange, and surcharged "Postage" in a curve, in red.

Venezuela.—We note the 3 bolivars *Escuelas* violet, lithographed and rouletted.

Virgin Islands.—The *A. J. of P.* reports the 6d. printed in lilac, and a new card, 1d. rose on buff.

Zululand.—Some of the current adhesives of the home series of the "Postage and Revenue" stamps have been surcharged in black, with "Zululand" in block letters. This territory is the remainder of that formerly in the possession of Dinizulu, the son of Cetewayo, that has not been taken by the Boers for the New Republic, and to this has been added the Zulu Reserve Territory, the whole having now been placed under the Gov't. of Natal.

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—*Phil. Record.*

Our friend, Mr. Harte, in an article of his on Canadian Revenues in the United States Philatelist, winds up with modestly stating that it is complete to date. In this he is mistaken, he omits Tobacco stamps altogether, also in the weights and measures he does not mention the first stamp issued for that service, viz:—a red stamp of precisely the same design as the current issue, but without value. He also does not mention the $10 gas stamp. Singularly enough neither of those stamps are catalogued by Ketcheson.

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The President being in town, a special meeting was called for this evening, but owing to its being a public holiday, and other causes there was only a small attendance. Meeting opened at 8.30, President in the chair. Members present, Craig, Smith A. E., Smith E. C., Francis, Kaye, Curry, Mathers, Larsen T. and King. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Ex. Supt. gave in his report. The rest of the evening was taken up in looking over part of the collection of the President, which he had with him.

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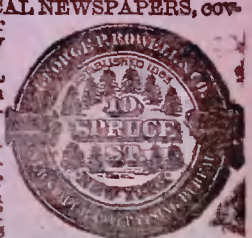

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CANADIAN STAMPS.

WE notice in the *Phil. Record* for April there is a review of the catalogue of the collection of postage stamps, envelopes, &c, in the Museum of the Imperial Post of Berlin, in which there are several observations on some Canadian stamps which are inaccurate. We cannot do better than copy what the *Record* says about the matter. "On looking at the first issue for Canada, where the museum possess the imperforate 3 pence and 6 pence unused, and the 1 shilling used, we were struck by seeing that the portrait on the 6 pence was stated to be that of Lord Elgin, the popular Governor-General of Canada from 1846 to 1854, contrary to tradition, which has assigned it to Prince Albert. We have searched for the grounds on which this tradition rests, and can find none; and certainly to those who remember the Prince, the portrait no more resembles him than that of the King of Siam, which figures on one of Messrs. De La Rue & Co.'s latest productions. Nor do we think the uniform is one in which Prince Albert would appear, or the star one which he would wear. When we look at the next issue, the 10 pence of 1857 is said to be the portrait of Sebastian Cabot, the discoverer of Canada in 1497, and not that of the filibustering Breton Jacque Cartier, who sailed up the St. Lawrence as far as Montreal in 1535, though, according to history it was not he who planted the French flag first in Lower Canada, as this had been done eleven years previously by Verrazani. Here again the German compiler seems to have reason on his side."

Judging from this extract the *Record* seemingly endorses the German author. We think, however, after reading the following official extracts from P. O. Dept. Reports etc., that they will not agree with the German view of the matter.

In the report of the P. M. General for Canada for the year 1851 there is a copy of the following official order:

P. O. Department. (Order No. 4.)

P. O. Department,
Toronto, 1st April, 1851.

Stamps for 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.

This should settle whose portrait it is, besides, according to Burkes Peerage, Lord Elgin was born in 1811, so that at the time of the issue of these stamps he was 40 years of age, the portrait on the stamps is that of a man of about 22 or 23. If it does not look like Prince Albert it resembles still less the portraits of Lord Elgin, of which, from his great popularity many exist in Canada.

And now as regards the 10 pence, which the *Record* says was issued in 1857, but was really issued from 1st April 1855, as the P. M. General's report for that year will shew.

"To promote the general convenience in prepaying letters to Great Britain at the new rate, postage stamps of the value of 10 pence currency equal to 8 pence sterling were procured and issued for sale." As for the portrait on 10 pence, it is identically the same as that of all the existing portraits of Jacques Cartier, and totally unlike those existing of Sebastian Cabot. The style of head dress, and the way the beard is worn is that of the sixteenth century instead of the fifteenth. There is a very rare and old print of Sebastian Cabot, taken from the original painting, in the possession of Charles Jost Harford Esq., in the Legislative Library in Halifax and anything more dissimilar to the face on the 10 pence stamp of Canada cannot well be imagined. It represents an old man with long forked beard and the round cap or bonnet of his time on the head.

The first North American Government notice of perforating is found in the following, from the Postmaster-General's report for 1857 :

"To facilitate the prepayment of letters passing from Canada to England by the Canadian Steamers, a new stamp bearing value of 6 pence sterling or 7½ pence currency, being the Canadian Packet rate has been secured and put in circulation." This stamp was rendered necessary on account of the contract between the Canadian Government and the Allan Line of Steamers in regard to carrying the mails, and by which contract the postage was reduced.

"A new stamp has also been introduced of the value of ½ penny to serve as the medium for prepaying transient newspapers."

"Moreover the Department has been led by the increasing use of postage stamps, to take measures for obtaining the Canadian Postage Stamps on sheets perforated in the dividing line in the manner adopted in England to facilitate the separation of a single stamp from the others on a sheet when required for use."

The paper used in the 1868 issue of Canadian Stamps is found in various thicknesses and kinds. Apparently no care was used in selecting the paper used. A table is annexed of some of the most notable varieties :

1 cent red brown on laid paper.
1 " yellow " "
1 " red brown on very thin paper.
1 " " " " medium " with watermark.
1 " yellow on very thick heavy paper.
2 " green " " thin paper.
3 " red " " thick heavy paper.
3 " " " laid paper.
3 " " " medium paper with watermark.
6 " brown " very heavy thick paper.

A PHILATELIC CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE CONNELL STAMP.

(Continued from last month.)

(Copy No. 3.)

Memorandum of the Lieut.-Governor to Mr. Connell.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, FREDERICTON, May 19th, 1860.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor accepts Mr. Connell's resignation of the office of Postmaster-General and Executive Councillor, and he accedes to Mr. Connell's request to be so far relieved from the obligations of his oath of office, as will enable him to explain the grounds on which he has tendered his resignation to His Excellency.

His Excellency will of course deem it right to communicate to his Council the contents of Mr. Connell's letter to his Excellency of this days date.

(Sgd) J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON.

MR. CHARLES CONNELL, M. P. P., etc.

(Copy No. 4.)

Memorandum for the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor thinks it right without delay to lay before his council the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to his Excellency by Mr. Connell.

His Excellency has accepted Mr. Connell's resignation of the office of Postmaster-General and Executive Councillors, tendered to him this morning by Mr. Connell.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON.

May 19th, 1860.

(Copy No. 5.)

Memorandum of the Executive Council in Committee.

TO HIS EXC'Y. THE HON. J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON LT.-GOV., &c.

May it please Your Excellency,—

We have had under consideration the memorandum of your Excellency of the 19th inst., accompanied with the letter from the Postmaster General, resigning his office and his seat in the Council, with the reasons he has assigned therefor.

Knowing from the discussions with Mr. Connell that he has prepared to retain his office and seat in the Council, if an order was made *to issue*

the stamps procured by him, including the stamp bearing the likeness of the head of the department, we are therefore justified in concluding that the Minute of Council of the 8th inst, in which Your Excellency was advised to approve of, and order to be distributed the 1, 10, and 12½ cent Postage Stamps procured by the Postmaster-General, and to order a new 5 cent Postage Stamp to be struck, bearing the likeness of the Queen, instead of the 5 cent stamp already procured by the Postmaster-General, is, notwithstanding the other reasons assigned by him, the real ground of his resignation.

Without entering into the discussion of the powers of the different heads of departments, we observe that we have no desire to limit or circumscribe the legitimate authority of the Postmaster-General, or of the head of any other public department, and in advising your Excellency upon this question, we have not desired nor attempted to do so, as by the Act relating to the Post Office the approval of the Governor-in-Council is required to the issue of Postage Stamps.

Your Excellency is aware that no such order was made by your Excellency in Council, authorizing the obtaining or issuing of the stamps. We admit the Postmaster General had the consent of his colleagues to obtain decimal stamps, but they were procured and being distributed before they were submitted to your Excellency in Council for approval, or before the impress they bore was known to the Council, and when submitted, it was the opinion of the Council that the 5 cent stamp should bear the likeness of Her Majesty.

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We cannot discern how the Revenue of the Post Office Department will be affected by the action of the Government, that must depend upon the extent of individual correspondence, and we do not believe that there will be a single letter less written in consequence of such action.

As Mr. Connell has obtained your Excellency's permission to publish his letter to your Excellency, we respectfully request Your Excellency will authorize the publication of this reply.

(Sgd.)

CHARLES FISHER,	JAMES BROWN,
S. L. TILLEY,	W. H. STEEVES.
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(*Copy No. 6.*)

Memorandum for the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor has received the memorandum of the Executive Council in Committee, in which they submit to his Excellency their observations on Mr. Connell's letter to his Excellency of the 19th inst.

The Lieut.-Governor accedes to the request of his Council to be permitted to publish this document.

(Signed.) J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON.

May 22nd, 1860.

(Copy No. 7.)

Memorandum for the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor lays before the Executive Council a copy of a communication, dated May 30th, 1860, which his Excellency has received from Mr. Chas. Connell, respecting his recent resignation of his seat at the Council Board, and the office of Postmaster-General.

(Sgd) J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

June 2nd, 1860.

(Copy No. 8.)

Letter from Mr. C. Connell to the Lieut.-Governor.

To His Excellency the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lieut.-Gov. etc. etc.

SIR,—In the *Royal Gazette* of the 23rd instant, appears a memoranda without date, signed by your Excellency's advisers, and addressed to Your Excellency, in which is reviewed a correspondence, which I had the honor to submit to your Excellency on the 19th inst The subject matter of that correspondence must be discussed at the proper time in another place, but as there are several points urged in the memoranda of your advisers calculated to create a false impression with reference to my reasons for resigning my place at the Council Board, I am induced to trouble Your Excellency with this rejoinder.

1.—In the memoranda under notice, it is intimated that the real reason of my resignation was the refusal of my colleagues in the Government to advise your Excellency to issue the 5 cent Postage Stamp. This statement I must unhesitatingly declare to be incorrect, and if evidence is wanting to prove the contrary I can refer to the Attorney-General, Provincial Secretary, and the Hon. Mr. Wark who were present at a meeting of Council on Tuesday the 10th April, on which occasion on account of circumstances which then and there took place, I stated that "I could not sit with men who acted as they did."

I am well aware that the Law reads: "The Governor-in-Council may cause stamps with their value thereon to be sold and issued as postage." The Minute of Council made in December last, if not perfected by the Attorney-General, whose duty it was to do so, cannot be regarded as my fault. I have fulfilled my duty, and did what I supposed I was fully authorized to do. At all events I have violated no law, and in the memorandum under consideration, it is admitted that I had the consent of my colleagues to obtain the Decimal Stamps.

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7.—As to the revenues of the Postal Department, at the end of the year when the returns are made up, the public will be able to arrive at a correct judgment.

I have &c., &c.,

(Signed,) CHARLES CONNELL.

Woodstock, 30th May, 1860.

(Copy No. 9.)

Memorandum of the Executive Council in Committee.

To His Exc'y. the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lt.-Gov. &c.

May it please your Excellency,—

The Committee of Council have had under consideration your Excellency's memorandum of the 2nd instant, accompanied with a second letter from the late Postmaster-General, intended as a reply to our communication to your Excellency of the 23rd ult.

We are convinced that in the preparation of both the papers submitted to your Excellency by Mr. Connell, he has been influenced more by a desire to avoid the discussion of the real ground of his resignation than to represent accurately the policy and acts of his late colleagues in the Government.

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In our former memorandum we stated to your Excellency that Mr. Connell had the consent of his colleagues to procure Decimal Postal Stamps; and we again assert that the Council were kept in total ignorance of the design upon the five cent stamps until after they were struck off and put in circulation.

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Mr. Connell having published his second letter to your Excellency, we respectfully request your Excellency will authorize the publication of this our reply.

(Sgd)

Charles Fisher,	A. T. Smith,
James Brown,	David Wark,
S. L. Tilley,	Charles Watters,
W. H. Steeves,	Peter Mitchell.

Council Chamber, 5th June, 1860.

(Copy No. 10.)

Memorandum for the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor has received the memorandum dated the 5th inst., of the Executive Council in Committee, and in accordance with their request he sanctions the publication of this document.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. Manners-Sutton.

June 6th, 1860.

(To be continued.)

Among some rarities in the possession of one of the revenue collectors of Halifax is the unused, ungummed and unperforated $3 Canada, complete set of Supreme Court of Canada, unused, and a complete set of N. S. Bill stamps unused, Gas stamps up to $10 unused, Weights and Measures first issue, no value printed in red. This was only in circulation for a very few weeks. Halifax is not at all behind when rarities are brought out.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL SURCHARGES.

MANY of our Philatelic friends have no doubt often been puzzled by the letters surcharged on the stamps of South Australia, previous to 1878, since which date they have only been printed O. S, meaning on "Official Service." From semi-official information the following list has been compiled:

A. Architect.
A. G. Attorney-General.
A. O. Audit Office.
B. D. Barrack Department.
B. M. Board of Magistrates.
C. Customs.
C. D. Convict Department.
C. L. Crown Lands.
C. O. Commissariat Office.
C. S. Colonial Secretary.
D. R. Deed Registry.
E. Excise.
G. P. Government Printer.
G. S. " Survey.
H. A. House of Assembly.
I. A. Immigration Agent.
L. A. Land Agent.
L. C. Legislative Council.
L. T. Land Tenners.
M. Militia.
M. B. Maritime Board.
O. A. Official Assignee.
O. S. On Service.
P. Police.
P. O. Post Office.
P. S. Provincial Secretary.
P.W. Public Works.
R. B. Road Boards.
R. G. Registrar General.
S. C. Supreme Court.
S. G. Solicitor General.
S. T. Supt. of Telegraphs.
T. Treasury.
V. Volunteer.
W. Waterworks.

This, though not a complete list is nearly so. The values most commonly found with those surcharges are the 1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, and 1l.

Many of the values of the South Australian stamps are also found with a hole punched through them. Those punched stamps were for a long time supposed to have been those that were supplied for convict use, but this was a mistake as they were really for official use. They are now done away with.

STAMPS OF EASTERN ROUMELIA.

THE constitution under which this Province was governed provided for a separate issue of stamps. This for a long time the Turkish Government would not do, until they were fairly compelled to. When they did send them they sent a large amount of their own stamps of the 1876 issue of the value of 10 para O.S. with the surcharge of "Roumélie Oriental." These the Roumelian Government would not accept until assured by the Turkish Government that stamps for themselves were being made. A compromise was then made, the Roumelian Government accepting the stamps but putting another surcharge of R. O. on the stamps.

The next lot sent was the same issue of Turkey surcharged as before, but in larger letters with "Roumélie Oriental." These the Roumelian Government accepted seemingly without any objection. Later in the year

(1881) another variety of the Turkish stamps and of the surcharge was sent, they being this time the surcharged ½ and 1 piastres of the Turkish 1876 issue. They were surcharged for use in Roumelia with a long narrow R. O. printed somewhat sideway on the stamp. In March the Roumelian Government got their own stamps resembling the Turkish 1876 issue except in inscriptions, they being printed in Greek, Turkish, French, and Bulgarian.

The following is a correct list of those stamps, January 1881. Type of the Turkey, September 1876 issue surcharged "Roumelie Oriental" and "R. O." in blue.

10 paras, lilac and black.

Same type surcharged "R. O." in blue.

10 paras, lilac and blue.
20 " green " red.
1 piastre, blue and black.
2 piastres, yellow.
5 " blue and red.

Same type surcharged "Roumelie Orientale" alone.

10 paras, lilac and black.

Type of the Turkish, April, 1876, surcharged "Roumelie Orientale."

10 paras, lilac—lettering in black.
20 paras green, lettering in black.
1 piastre, yellow, " " "

Type of the surcharged Turkish, 1876, again surcharged on the 112 ½ piastre, green and black.

1 piastre, yellow.

The next are those that were issued for Roumelia alone, and as mentioned before, are much like the Turkish stamps, but with inscriptions in four different languages.

5 paras, olive and black.
10 " green " "
20 " rose " "
1 piastre blue " "
5 " red.

In July 1884, a new issue came out, same design, but printed in different colors.

5 paras violet.
10 " green.
20 " carmine.
1 piastre, blue.
5 " brown.

DAVID LANG.

WE are glad to see the C. P. A. still adding to the list of members. May it long continue to do so. We would like to hear from Mr. Grenny whether we are going to become an exchange branch with the Dresden International Exchange.

CHRONICLE.

Afghanistan—The 1a., 2a., and 1r. come on white laid batonné paper.

Austria—The current 10kr. is printed on pale straw color paper.

Bahamas—There is a 1 1-2d. blue.

Brazil—We hear of an intended new issue, which will include unpaid letter stamps, envelopes of 100, 200, and 300 reis, newspaper wrappers of 20, 40, and 60 reis, post cards of 40 and 40+40 reis.

British Basutoland—The *I. B. J.* informs us that the Cape of Good Hope stamps are surcharged for us here.

British Bechuanaland—There have been chronicled two stamps, of high value, £1 and £5—both purple.

Canada—The 1c red brown, and the 3c. red of 1867 issue are found on water-marked paper. The 15c. of the current issue is changed in color, resembling very much that in which it was first issued, only more of a bluish tinge.

China—We have seen the 1c. green on yellow, and the 5c. bright yellow.

Columbia—There is a 2c. red, of the map series.

Confederate States—The *A. J. of Ph.* illustrates an envelope "Raleigh, N. C." in curve with $\frac{\text{"Paid"}}{5}$ below. It comes on white and buff.

Cuba—The *P. J. of A.* notes the 20c. lilac grey.

Ecuador—The stamps surcharged "Official" seem to be frauds.

Egypt—*Le T. P.* says that the 1pi. envelope is to be issued in a smaller size, also 2pi. envelopes, and newspaper bands.

Formosa—What this Chinese Botany Bay wants with special stamps we are unable to say, and we are equally ignorant whether they are for postage purposes; but we have just received some stamps $30 \times 31\frac{1}{2}$ m m, with a dragon in the upper part, and a horse running to the left in the lower, all on a horizontally-lined ground, enclosed in a frame, in the upper part of which is Formosa, and in the lower China, with inscriptions in Chinese on the side. In each angle is "20." They are typographed in sheets of 25 (5 rows of 5), and we have them both in red and green. They are manufactured by Messrs. Bradbury Wilkinson & Co, whose names appear on the foot of the sheets. They are typographed on thin plain white paper, are gummed and perforated $14\frac{1}{4}$ by a guillotine machine. Probably by next month we may be able to learn more of their history, as also whether they are essays or stamps, and whether for postal or revenue purposes.—*Phil. Record.*

Great Britain—The 1 1-2d, of 1886 is surcharged "Govt.—Parcels."

Hungary—Mr. Rechert has shown us a new series of stamp, resembling the current issue. The 1kr. is black, the others have a groundwork

of vertical colored lines and figure of value in center in black. 8kr. orange and orange, 12kr. brown and green, 15kr. rose and blue, 24kr. purple and rose, 30kr, green and brown, 50kr. red and orange, 1fl. blue and silver, 3fl. red and gold. The color mentioned last is that of the lines.

India—The 12 anna, inscribed "India Postage," is printed in brown on vermillion, and the current 2 annas is surcharged "on" H. S. M.

Martinique—The 20c. has been surcharged "01"—"05"—or "15" with "Martinique" above.

Mauritius—The *Ph. R.* notes the 2c. card surcharged "2 cents." (Hardly necessary.)

Mexico—Several of our exchanges chronicle the 2c. red, surcharged.

VALE 1 CVO.

Newfoundland—The 5c. brown and 5c. black are both found rouletted.

St. Christopher—We have a 2 1-2d. surcharged "ONE" PENNY. and a pen line through the original value. It was first issued without this line and in smaller type.

United States—Two more 10c. envelopes are out, No. 8 on white and amber. Also of the Sept. 1887 issue: 4c. No. 8, white and amber; No. 9, buff and blue; 5c. No. 5, buff and blue; 30c. No. 3, buff and blue; No. 4 1-2, manilla and amber manilla; No 8, all *six* papers; No. 8, white and amber; No. 9, buff and blue; 90c. No. 7, white, amber, manilla, amber manilla; No. 8, white and amber; No. 8, buff and blue.

Venezuela—The various lithographed stamps not being satisfactory, a new supply has been ordered in New York, both "Correos" and "Escuelas."

NOTES.

WE have received from the publisher Mr. C. A. Townsend, Akron, Ohio, a copy of his Am. Stamp Collectors Directory. It is very much superior to the ordinary directories that have been seen before this. We would recommend any of our friends in need of such a work to apply for one as soon as possible, as it is not likely they will be on hand very long.

THE *Am. Journal of Philately* comes out very strong and good in June on the stamped envelopes of the U. S. In the stamps of Peru one of the surcharges, that of Huacho, looks to us as if the taxing stamp of some Peruvian Post Office had got on the stamp instead of the envelope. Anyway what is the connection between the letter T in a circle and Huacho?

THE *Stamp Collector's Figaro* is out somewhat late, but the contents which are very good make up for it.

THE *Toronto Philatelic Journal* for June is to hand, with its usual instalments of C. P. A. reports, ribbon advertisements, "Gleanings of the Globe," newspaper notes—patent medicines and gun advertisements.

THE Amsterdam Philatelic Society have secured a grand addition to their body in the election of Mr. J. R. Hooper of Ottawa, well and widely known for his *thorough* and *extensive knowledge* of Philately. We congratulate our Dutch compatriots on his acquisition and have no doubt that many of their collections will be enriched by his *magnificent* stock of duplicates.

MR. CRAIG'S letter is very much to the point in regard to the poor quality of the Exchange sheets sent in by members.

WE have also to thank the publishers of the "*Nederelandsch Tydschrift voor Postzegelkimde*" for specimen leaves from Koning's Permanent Stamp Album. They are printed on one side only of a very heavy tinted paper, with ornamental border and spaces at top for name, portraits of ruler, and arms, the body of the page is ruled very lightly, perpendicular and horizontal, thus giving a good guide for placing the stamps. Our readers cannot do better than get sample leaves for themselves. The publisher is J. K. KONINGS, Achterburgwal 215, Amsterdam.

WE give here a fascimile of the new Canadian Customs official post card They are used for notifying people from the port of entry of parcels to their address at the Custom House.

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MEETING OF JUNE 11TH, 1888.

MEETING opened at 8.30 p. m. In the absence of the President the V. P. took the chair. Members present, Messrs. Crane, Hechler, Hart, Currie, Findlay, Crowell, Smith F. E. and King.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Hechler introduced Mr. A. A. Bartlett of Charlottetown, P. E. I. as a visitor. He was then proposed as a member and unanimously elected, No. 21. Mr. Hechler made a motion, seconded by Larsen, that the N. S. P. A. have a membership card printed for their members; carried. This being the only business on for the evening, Mr. Bartlett exhibited some rarities he had with him, notably a perforated Connell, and some fine specimens of the orange vermillion N. F. L. pence issue. After this the usual auction was held and which was carried out with considerable spirit. Among those sold were the N. F. L. 6d. lake used, @ 75, Bermuda 1d. on 3d., @ 45, and many others.

The Meeting adjourned at 10.30 p. m.

D. A. KING,
Secretary.

MEETING OF JUNE 25TH, 1888.

Meeting opened at 8.30 p. m. In the absence of the President, the V. P. took the chair. Members present were Messrs. Crane, Hechler, Smith E. F, Findlay, Kaye, Hart and King. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Rev. M. R. Knight of Little York, P. E. I., who was visiting us was proposed and unanimously elected a member, No. 22. The Treasurer then read his half-yearly report, which shewed the Society to be in a fairly healthy state, with a small surplus.

There being no other business, the usual auction was then held, but owing to the small number of members present was not a success.

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THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO TELEGRAPH STAMPS.

THESE interesting stamps of American (U. S.) Telegraph Companies, unlike the Telegraph Stamps of Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceanica and South America, were issued by a private corporation to facilitate the payment of telegrams and to accommodate their patrons. They were sold in *books* at $5 and $10, the $5 book containing some $6.25 worth, and the $10 book $11.25.

They were issued to the public on April 14th, 1885, four values, 1, 5, 10 & 25c., engraved by the American Bank Note Co. of N. Y., colored impression on *white wove* paper. Size 20 by 25 mm., perforated 10.

The general design is the same, being a *horizontal* lined Maltese Cross, lighter at the top, bearing on its center a solid *label*, framed with ornaments, and in the label the block letters "B. & O." in white; the cross is in a solid square, framed on *dexter**, *base* and *sinister*† by a beveled, shaded band, at the center, on sides, in five white *bands sinister*, the center having three solid dots on it. In upper corners is a curved *greek* ornament, and at *top center* two vertical bands, solid, containing twelve white pearls and horizontally shaded bands; framing, a solid panel, containing numeral of value in white, (on the 1c. there is three white horizontal lines at each side of the numeral of value; and on the five cent four vertical white pearls.) At the base of *center* frame an *Assyrian ornament*, under which is a solid label framed with a beveled frame, ornamented at base with five rayed ornaments, the label contains the word "*Commutation*" in white block letters. All on beveled shield.

1st ISSUE.

1c. vermilion	(C. C. 120)	perf.	10,	type	S. C. 18	April 14th, '85
5c. blue	" 43	"		"	"	
10c. puce	" 91	"		"	"	
25c. orange	" 5	"		"	"	

Same reissued but with book *number*, surcharged on bottom of Maltese Cross in colors, red and blue.

2nd ISSUE.

1c. vermilion	(C. C. 120)	surcharged in blue,	ty. 18.	
5c. blue	" 43	"	red,	June 1st, 1885.
10c. puce	" 91	"	blue,	August 1st, 1885.
25c. orange	" 5	"	"	Sept. 25th, 1885.

A complimentary frank was issued with the reissue by the same Bank Note Co. engraved, impression on white wove paper, the central design being the same. Date "1885" being vertical on each side in color on white tablets near top, under it is three white bands and two bands of white pearls, at top in arched solid label is the word "FRANK" in white letters, with white pearl at each end, framed by bevelled frame, square ends. Shaded shell like ornament under it having the word "No." on solid oblong. Below center on horizontal lined ground in *script* is "D. N. Bates *Prest.*" the word "*Prest*" being at the lower dexter side. Under the signature in solid label, fancy frame, is the word "COMPLIMENTARY" in white block letters, all on beveled shield, perf. 10, size 25 by 31. Frank No. at top of Maltese cross. 1885, ty. 19.

No value, brown, (C. C. 81.) dated, surcharged in blue, (††5c. black on buff, Conn. River Commutation. Same size.) Same design.

3RD ISSUE.

Made by the Kendall Bank Note Co., N. Y., C., same design as 1st issue. All surcharged in carmine.

Large surcharge.

1c. green,	(C. C. 22.)	on thick paper.	}	Oct. 12th, 1885.
5c. blue,	(" 44.)	" "		
10c. chocolate,	" 80.)	" "		
25c. ochre,	(" 1.)	" "		Oct. 25th, 1885.

Complimentary Frank, made by American Bank Note Co. (same as 1885.) No value, black on white, dated 1886, surcharged in red., Jan. 1st, 1886, type 19.

Type 18.

VARIETY OF KENDELL.

25c. orange, (C. C. 5), surcharged in red with letters and figures, small surcharge (T. 2603) on an *oiled* thick paper. (Rare.) Feb. 1st, 1886.

Same as 3rd issue on thin paper, and surcharged as variety.

4TH ISSUE.

1c. green	(C. C. 23)	surcharged in red.	}	type 18.
5c. blue	(" 43)	" "		
10c. amber	(" 85)	" "		Feb. 20th, 1886.
25c. orange	(" 5)	" "		

5TH ISSUE.

Litho. A. Hoen & Co., Baltimore.

1c. green	(C. C. 23.)	surcharged in red.	}	type 18.
5c. blue	(" 43.)	" "		
5c. blue	(" 41.)	" "		Jan. 1st, 1817.
10c. umber	(" 85.)	" "		
10c. "	(" 87.)	" "		

The Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company was submerged by the Western Union, on Oct, 15th, 1887, and the stamps withdrawn.

†† This stamp I have never seen, and the company deny its existence, but Mr. Sterling told me he had seen one.

* To right, † to left.

A. PALETTE.

A PHILATELIC CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE CONNELL STAMP.

(Concluded from last month.)

(Copy No. 11.)

MEMORANDUM for the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Lt.-Governor lays before the Executive Council a copy of a further communication, dated June 15th, 1860, which His Excellency has received from Mr. C. Connell, respecting his recent resignation of his seat at the Council Board, and of the office of Postmaster General.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

June 15th, 1860.

(Copy No. 12.)

Letter from Mr. C. Connell to the Lt.-Governor.

To His Excellency The Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lt.-Gov., &c., &c.

SIR,—The Royal Gazette of the 6th inst., contains a memoranda intended as a reply to my letter of the 30th ult. to Your Excellency, in which your advisers exhibit a great anxiety to impress on the mind of Your Excellency that the only cause of my resignation of the office of Postmaster General was the refusal of the Council to advise Your Excellency to order the issue of the 5c. stamps. I have in my previous letters to Your Excellency, stated some of the many reasons forming the basis of my conclusion to resign, and to repeat that I was not influenced in my course altogether by the stamp question, I consider unnecessary that matter merely having had the effect of bringing my previous intention to its fulfilment, for sooner or later my resignation must have been tendered. I will however, say, that the usage I did receive at the hands of my colleagues, in reference to the stamps, would have been sufficient to cause such action as I took upon the premises.

The correspondence between myself and the Provincial Secretary, with reference to the issue of the Postage Stamps, laid before Your Excellency, either has not had a careful perusal or else they are in ignorance of the meaning conveyed by such correspondence.

I was first authorized to procure the stamps and stated on the floor of the House in March last that "I had ordered and would receive on time for distribution on the 1st of May, stamps of the denomination of 1, 5, 10 & 12½c., in view of the introduction of the decimal system of currency." They arrived, and preparations for their issue at the appointed time were made by the Department, supposing that any further orders were unnecessary, until I received the telegram from the Provincial Secretary, and subsequent interference on the parts of your advisers, in what was a mere matter of detail, became apparent. An order to issue all but five cent stamps was made, thus setting aside my power and right to conduct even a minor arrangement of the Department. After having procured, by the knowledge

and consent of the Government, stamps of various denominations, my position as head of a department was ignored. Even if this was the only circumstance influencing me, my course was the only honorable one to pursue.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

CHARLES CONNELL.

This finishes this most remarkable correspondence and chapter in the postal history of New Brunswick.

A careful reading and consideration of the letters here given will show the impossibility of there ever having been any of the Connell stamps used to pay the postage of a letter, although an inference to the contrary may be drawn from Nos, 5 and 9, being the letters of the Executive Council, but this is due I think to loose writing, or probably meaning that they were in the hands of the Post Office Department for distribution. Against this we see the telegrams to Connell forbidding the issue; three days before they were to start sending them to postmasters, and his telegram to Hale, the Secretary of the P. O. Department of N. B., at Fredericton, forbidding him to send out any of the stamps. In my opinion the Connell is undoubtedly not a postage stamp, but a rare essay only. As a fitting end to this I may add the official account of the money paid for the making of the cent issue of New Brunswick.

NAME.	PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.	AMOUNT.
	Engraving plate for "One Cent" Postage Stamps...	£ 25 0 0	
	Printing 2000 sheets of " " ...	12 15 0	£ 37 15 0
	Engraving plate for "Five Cent," (Connell) do.....	25 0 0	
	Printing 5000 sheets " " "	31 15 0	56 15 0
	Engraving plate for "Ten Cent" "	25 0 0	
	Printing 2000 sheets " "	12 10 0	37 10 0
	Engraving plate for "Twelve & half ct." "	25 0 0	
	Printing 4000 sheets of do. "	25 0 0	50 0 0
	Engraving plate for "Seventeen Cent" "	25 0 0	
	Printing 1000 sheets of do. "	6 5 0	31 5 0
	Engraving plate for "Five Cent" "	25 0 0	
	Printing 5000 sheets of do "	31 5 0	56 5 0
			£268 15 0

This was for the first lot sent. There were however several other supplies got before the confederation of the British North American Provinces.

DONALD A. KING.

AN INTERNATIONAL REPLY STAMP.

(*A Paper read in the Philatelic Association of Goteborg, Sweden, by Albert Hallbery.*)

IN all countries of the Postal Union which have issued a reply post card, it has proved of great use, and been a benefit and accommodation to the public, as very often information in other countries is desired, which could not reasonably be expected without return postage was sent, especially when the parties are in the largest number of cases strangers to each other. The reply card however, is only practicable for short correspondence and replies and not at all for lengthy enquiries.

There is no doubt that the mode of enclosing a postage stamp for an answer in each country's own borders is more frequently resorted to, than using the reply card. Whereas addressing a person in a foreign country and asking for information either of a private nature or occupying to much space for a post card, or wishing to have a letter or manuscript that may have been sent returned, the only way to shew such person your good intention would be to enclose a 20 ore stamp, which in all cases would be of no value, and thereby rendering the obligation to return void. That there is no provision made for sending a letter with a paid answer to a foreign country seems a sort of gap in the Postal Departments, and a gap which is widening more and more as the increasing correspondence shews from year to year.

What is wanted is a reply postage stamp, and the following suggestion is one which might give some idea how such an arrangement might be effected. Each country in the Postal Union issue a new stamp shewing thereon the name of the country, its intention and value, printed in its own language, and also in that of the Postal Union, in Sweden the stamp could be called "Svarmarke," and the inscription thereon be something like this, "Sverige," "Suede," "Frimake for Svart" and "Timbre pour la reponse," or somewhat like the cut represented here.



A letter posted with such a stamp would secure its delivery to the issuing country of such stamp For instance, if a letter posted here in Sweden with such a stamp enclosed, it could be used to prepay a letter back to Sweden but to no other country.

If these stamps were made to correspond with the value necessary to carry letters from one country to another in the Postal Union, as Sweden 20 ore, England $2\frac{1}{2}$ pence = $18\frac{3}{4}$ ore, France 25 centimes = 18 ore, Austria 18 Kr. = 16, &c., &c., there would be some room for defrauding the postal

revenue, by consigning one country's reply stamps to another country with a little higher rate, and use such instead of such countries' legitimate stamps. Persons living in Sweden having a large correspondence with Austria could get his supply of Austrian reply stamps to prepay his letters to that country and thereby cheat to some extent the Swedish postal revenue. The chances for such abuse could easily be averted by making the reply stamp a little higher than the usual rate of postage, as in Sweden 25 ore, Germany 25 pf. England 3 pence, etc. Regarding the counterfeiting of such stamps there would of course be some room left for snch a purpose, as it is difficult for any post office official to detect a bogus stamp of another country, although this counterfeiting is done it could be righted by having the stamps executed by a first-class workman, and done so well that counterfeiters could not imitate it. Another argument against it might be that one country may possibly gain by another country's loss, but if so it should be born in mind that a difference in this respect would not be of any great consequence, considering the convenience the Governments of the civilized world would have by introducing this much needed stamp.—(*Translated from Tidning for Frimarksamlare by Theo. Larsen.*)

HALIFAX, N. S., 14TH AUGUST, 1888.

To the Editor of the "Halifax Philatelist."

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly give me space in your valuable journal to reply briefly to editorials that have appeared in the columns of the "Mohawk Standard" *alias* the "Collectors' Standard?" This is a sheet that is nominally published "in the interests (?) of collectors" but it is evidently printed in the interests of one C. E. Fraser, M. D., (?) formerly of Lec Centre, N. Y., but now, as I am reliably informed, of Rome in the same state. The intentions of its publication is to further and screen the schemes of said Fraser to obtain goods from unsuspecting dealers without paying for them. It gives in its last issue as a reason for being published that it may tell Fraser's story in regard to his dealings with me. Surely not a good reason except as proving its own unreliable and scurrilous character.

The "Mohawk Standard" in its last number changes its name to the "Collectors' Standard," and announces that its editor, proprietor, etc., has disposed of his stock of stamps, etc., to some one else. This is so evidently an effort to evade an action for libel that I have instructed my counsel to enter and push that no comment is needed.

Referring to an alleged "confidential" communication which it prints purporting to have been received from one J. G. Bingham, of New York City, and bearing date of the 26th of March, 1887, I remark that he sets himself up as an expert numismatic authority, and delivers himself of a lot of nonsense regarding the Halifax Tokens. A matter concerning which he evidently knows nothing, as the letter itself proves that he has not taken the trouble to learn the facts in any way. Yet he talks of such absurdities as brilliant proofs on one side only, restrikes, rusty dies, etc. Such assurance is sublime especially that the truth in this case is not difficult to reach.

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HENRY GREMMEL. N. Y."

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THE HALIFAX PHILATELIC PUBLISHING CO.,

Box 219, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The last number of this delectably unreliable journal presents to its readers an editorial under the heading "Touching a Tender Cord.—Truth is not Libel," and then proceeds to cram as many falsehoods into the article as the space occupied by it could hold.

The editor, C. D. Smith, is getting more cautious in that, before publishing a letter, he makes an affidavit that it was received by him, but he takes care *not* to swear that it was written or composed by his alleged correspondent!

Having heard a good deal about this matter of the Halifax Steam Ferry Tokens I desire to say that I am *always* ready to maintain the position and standing as a collector, which I have had since 1859, and as a dealer during the last fifteen years, in both of which capacities I am favorably known throughout the world. I will spare no effort in this matter to prove beyond question the genuine character of all the Halifax Steam Ferry Company's Tokens that I have ever offered or disposed of, whether used, or brilliant uncirculated.

In furtherance of this object I submit to you the accompanying documents and request you to publish them.

We shall now see whether C. E. Fraser, M. D., (?) is the honorable man that his organ tries to make him out to be.

Thanking you for the space that I have taken up with this affair,

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

HENRY HECHLER.

No. I.

AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES MUNRO.

I Charles F. Munro, of Dartmouth, in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, Ticket Agent for the Halifax and Dartmouth Steam Ferry Company, do hereby solemnly declare that the ferry tokens obtained from me by Henry Hechler of Halifax, on or about the tenth day of December, A. D. 1886 and in the month of January, A. D. 1888 were and are genuine original ferry tokens issued by the old steamboat company. They were all given to me by the former agent of the company from the original stock remaining on hand when the affairs of the late company were wound up or in process of transfer to the present company.

I have been in the employ of the said companies—old and new—for upwards of fourteen years.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientously believing it to be true and by virtue of the Act of the Parliament of Canada for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths.

Solemnly declared before me by the said Charles F. Munro to be just and true, on the seventh day of August, A. D. 1888. (Signed) Benjamin Russell, J. P. and Stipendiary Magistrate, Town of Dartmouth.

(Signed) Charles F. Munro.

No. II.

CERTIFICATE OF CAPT. MACKENZIE, LATE MANAGER OLD H. & D. S. F. COMPANY.

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, 8th August, 1888.

I hereby certify that I have read the declaration (dated the seventh day of August instant) of Charles F. Munro, Ticket Agent of the Halifax and Dartmouth Steam Ferry Company, respecting the ferry tokens and that the statements therein set forth are true.

G A. MACKENZIE,
Late Managing Agent of the Old Halifax
and Dartmouth Steam Ferry Company.

Witness, J. R. Johnson.

No. III.

AFFIDAVIT OF HENRY HECHLER.

I, Henry Hechler, of the City and County of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, Dominion of Canada, trader, do hereby solemnly declare that all the ferry tokens sold or offered for sale by me, whether in a brilliant, bright, uncirculated or used condition were obtained from Charles F. Munro, of Dartmouth in this County, Ticket Agent for the Halifax and Dartmouth Steam Ferry Company whose declaration is attached to this.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientously believing the same to be true under and by virtue of the Act of the Parliament of Canada for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths.

Solemnly declared before me by the said Henry Hechler to be just and true, this seventh day of August, A. D. 1888. (Signed) Robt. Motton, J. P. and Stipendiary Magistrate for the City of Halifax.

(Signed) Henry Hechler.

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—A 15c. envelope has been issued, blue on white laid paper, 141 by 114 mm. The stamp has head of Gen. Paz in oval. A curious letter card with reply is also in use. These are two cards of different sizes, held together by a metallic thread. The first card is 127 by 50 m m., and the second 114 by 74 mm. The stamp is of the same type as that on the 4c. card, but with figures in the corners, $1\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{2}$c., red on white. The smaller card is of course inside of the other. There is a new 4c. letter card with effigy in a different frame, and the card is rayed in brown of the color of the stamp.

Austria.—It is not the 5s. and 5+5s. cards that have been surcharged, but the 5k. and 5+5k. They are surcharged 20 para, and 20+20 para. The 10kr. letter card, blue on gray, is surcharged "1 piaster 1."

Cauca.—We have received the oddest looking stamp which we have seen, consisting merely of the letters S. P, in monogram. It is accompanied by a mass of extracts from the records of the Provincial Government, which tend to prove that in 1879 a first issue of one hundred stamps was made,

bearing as a design the arms of the province. That a second issue of two hundred and fifty was subsequently made with the initials S. P. in the monogram enclosed within colored lines, and a third of five hundred has since been made of the same design, but without the colored lines, the sheet being ruled in pencil horizontally to show where the monogram is to be stamped. It is said that the sheet of stamps consisted of one hundred and eight, the whole issue was consequently four sheets and a bit. No value is attached to the stamp but some of the second issue had 5 in the angles. It is said the initials are those of Solomon Posso, chief of the province of Chico, in the Department of Cauca, and that the stamps were authorized by the state for the use of mails on the river Atrato. We do not think it necessary to give copies of the decrees, etc. referring to these so called stamps. Our correspondent says he has specimens of the first and second issues attached to the original envelopes.—*Phil. Record.*

Colombia.—There is a 20c. lilac of the map type.

Cuba.—10c. blue cut in halves diagonally and used for 5c.

Dutch Indies.—The 1c. envelope is of white paper and not yellowish

Great Britain.—The ½d. vermilion is surcharged "I. R. Official."

Hungary.—There is a little card 35kr., dark blue on buff, headed "Magyar Kir. posta es tavirda," etc. The stamp is of the new type.

Martinique.—*Le T. P.* says the new 15 on 20c. has the 15 followed by C., and this has also been surcharged on the 4c. by *error.* Only 50 copies existing.

Peru.—*The Ph. R.* has the 2c. on the 5c. post card with surcharge blue black.

Philippine Islands.—The same Journal notes the 30 mil., pale bistre of current type.

Puttialla.—The ½ anna green with red oval surcharge has "Service" in the native characters printed in black.

Salvador.—The *Ph. J. of A.* has information that the new 5c. stamp will soon be issued, also new 5c. envelopes. Furthèmore new issues have been ordered in New York, of 1c., 2c., 20c.. 50c. 100c.

Tunis.—The Regency of Tunis having entered the Postal Union, July 1st, stamps have been issued. The Arms are in the center under an arch, "Poste" above and "Regence de Tunis" below. Between the first and second words large figure of value. 1c. black on blue, 2c. brown on straw, 5c. green on green, 15c. blue on gray, 25c. black on rose, 40c. vermilion on yellow, 75c. carmine on rose, 5fir. violet on pale lilae. The cards, 10c. and 10+10c.; letter cards 15c. and 25c., and envelopes 5c. and 15c. are similar to those of France.

United States.—Mr. Mekeel has shown us a 2c. envelope, No. 5 amber, rinted from a defective die in which the letter A is omitted from the word Postage."

Venezuela.—The 50c. and 1 Bolivar (Correos) have appeared litho. graphed and rouletted.

NOTES.

THE reprinted French stamps are commencing to come on the market, as we see some of the rarer ones offered unused at moderate prices as compared with the catalogue ones. The French Government have reprinted *all the stamps ever issued* by them for the mother country or for the colonies, and they can be bought from their official agents at their *face value.* The reprints can be told from the originals, in nearly every case by the brightness of the colors, and by the gums which on the reprints is white and on the originals of a grayish color.

Collectors should be on their guard and not buy those stamps. The French dealers are trying to unload considerable of it on this side of the water.

THE "*Philatelic Gazette*" for June makes a highly sensible suggestion, and that is that the philatelic papers would be doing a much more useful thing in having the Registration fee of the U. S. cut, than kicking about custom duties on foreign stamps. The rate is simply absurd for any country that has such a postal system as the U. S., although those at the head of its postal administration do not think so. When Canada cut the Registration rate to U. S. they kicked immediately, saying that owing to the increase of Registered letters from Canada, that their clerks could not handle them. It is a pity that the Canadian P. O. Department was weak enough to change the rate to 5c. again. It is a certainty that the average collector and dealer finds the Registration fee much heavier than he does the duty on foreign stamps.

THE "*Stamp Collector*" is a new venture in the philatelic line, the first one is very readable, and we wish the publishers every success in their efforts to run a philatelic newspaper which they say it is their intention to do.

MR. HARTE ought to give us a more definite date for his "History of Canadian Stamps." We would then know how long we would have to wait.

THE United States P. O. Department have done a very good act in placing their high value envelopes on sale to the public. We see by the *Philatelic Gazette* they have done so.

WE are glad to be able to reassure our philatelic friend, the Editor of the "Stamp" and hope to rebuild his childhood's belief in the portraits on the Canada 6 pence and 10 pence. We had no idea when the article was published that we should accomplish such a useful work.

WE intend publishing a series of papers on the Telegraph Stamps of the United States by A. Palette, whose manual of the Technical terms of Philately was published in the *Philatelic Gazette.* It is opened this month

by the stamps of the Baltimore and Ohio Company. We also expect an article on Canadian philatelic literature from an authority on that subject in a month or two.

MR. G. H. RICHMOND has our thanks for the copy of the American Philatelic Press Directory sent us. It is complete of its kind. He should have given the addresses of the various foreign journals which he lists.

A MISTAKE was made in the July No. of this paper, a short paragraph was set up with the article on South Australian Official Surcharges. The paragraph should read "Many of the values of the West Australian stamps are found instead of "Many of the values of the South Australian stamps are also found."

THE Havana, Cuba, post office apparently ran out of 5c. stamps about the end of July, as the entire mail from that place for Nova Scotia was received at the Halifax P. O. with 10c. stamps cut in halves and used as five cent ones. Amongst the dates of the postmarks were July 25, 26 and 27th; through New York, July 31st, and Halifax, Aug. 2nd.

WE very readily give space to Mr. Hechler in which he vindicates his character which has been recklessly attacked. For our part, having been long personally acquainted with him we never doubted his word and we are glad that he is in a position to remove any doubts that strangers might have.

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OWING to the warm weather and none attendance of members no meetings were held on the 9th and 30th July. In this number is published the first report of our Exchange Superintendent. The thanks of the Association are due Mr. Kaye for the excellent manner in which he has filled the position, especially as it is anything but an easy one.

D. A. KING,
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REPORT OF MANAGER OF THE EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT OF NOVA SCOTIA IN CONNECTION WITH THE C. P. A.

ON the 1st March I commenced sending sheets to the C. P. A., up to 1st July I sent 77 sheets, containing stamps to the value of $318.51. Of these 77 sheets, 47 have gone their circuit and have been returned to me. The original value of them was $249.54, and of the amount $105.63 has been retained by the parties on the different circuits, leaving $143.91 on the 47 sheets returned. There are still 30 sheets out which contain stamps to value of $68.97, and judging by the amounts taken off the other sheets, I think that we can safely count on about $25 more being taken, which will make about $130 to our credit, less 5% commission deducted for the C. P. A. Superintendent. Against this we have received 13 books and boxes, value $507.31, from which we have removed stamps to value of $67.94, leaving a balance in our favor of about $55, which will be forwarded to me by the Superintendent as soon as accounts are squared.

I think that we have therefore every reason to congratulate ourselves on our first dealings with the C. P. A. Exchange Department, and also that it shows on the whole that the members of the N. S. P. Association must have larger collections and much better stamps than the majority of collectors throughout the Dominion.

I would like to impress on all the members of our Association the necessity of passing the exchange book through our hands as quickly as possible. With but two exceptions this has been fairly well done. When books are detained over time by members it makes it very awkward for me, and I do not wish to impose a fine, but I will have to do this in future if the books are detained. I hope that in future the members will endeavour to do all in their power to make the exchange branch run smoothly. Mr. Grenny informs me that he will not send out any more books until the 1st of September, but will receive sheets as usual, and in future, I propose to send sheets to him three times a month, on the 1st, 10th and 20th.

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THE August number of the *American Journal of Philately* gives a large instalment of its catalogue of postal cards illustrated by cuts of the cards reduced in size. This paper is now in typography and illustrations ahead of anything in the philatelic line in America.

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Some Remarks on the Stamps and Envelopes of the New Republic.

By Emil Tamsen.

(*From the Philatelic Record.*)

THE New Republic was founded about three years ago in a similar way to that of the late Republic of Stellaland, now part of British Bechuanaland, by some filibustering Boers of Transvaal, Orange Free State, and Natal, who assisted Dimzulu, son of the late king of Zululand, Cetewayo, in putting down several Zulu chiefs who had rebelled against his rule. For their services they were paid in land, and after crowning Dinizulu king, they parcelled of the lands taking the greater part of the entire country. The remainder of Zululand and the Reserve (a strip of Zululand bordering on Natal) has lately been annexed by the Imperial Government, and is now under the Government of Natal, so that there is no chance of a second edition of the New Republic in that quarter.

In 1886 postage stamps made their appearance, and I think Jan. 9th of that year may be taken as the date of the issue, as I have never seen or he ard of one bearing a prior date. The design is very simple being merely the name, value and date printed in plain type, and a small ornament in e ach corner The stamps were printed with a hand stamp in lilac ink on bl ueish grey and yellow paper, in sheets of 180, consisting of twenty rows of nine. The perforation is 11½, but some stamps are found wholly imperforate, while in other cases some rows of perforation only are wanting. The impressions are frequently defective. I have had whole sheets in which there was not one defective impression, while in another case out of a part consisting of seventy-seven stamps, only five were free from defects. As a rule the stamps of the one penny and two pence were not so well printed during the first half of the year 1886 as the higher values, which were probably not so much required. In fact, postage stamps are more or less articles of luxury in this state as they frank only to places in the interior. To other countries Transvaal, Natal, &c., stamps of these countries must be used as was formerly the case in Transvaal and Orange Free State. It is curious at times to see what shifts are resorted to by persons not having sufficient stamps of one kind at hand at the moment. I have a Natal post card posted in Veyheid, and addressed to me, franked with a one-penny stamp of the New Republic, and two half-penny stamps of Transvaal as also envelopes with New Republic, Transvaal and Natal stamps mixed, which all passed through the post unchallenged.

With such a primitive mode of manufacture it is no wonder that errors frequently occur. At times the stamp bears two impressions, at others these stamps are impressed in the space for two only, and a few are found *tête-bêche*, though these are very rare, as I have only seen one or two specimens in all that have passed through my hands, the number of which has been very considerable, as at every new date, I have received a supply of the fresh issue, which was made whenever the Treasurer found the supply run short, a system that continued till the beginning of 1887, when the stamps were issued without date, the arms in relief being subitituted in lieu of the date. I am unable to fix the precise date when the embossing of the arms was adopted. In February, 1887, I wrote for a parcel of stamps, and in this were some with date of 1886 impressed with the arms, probably remainders of old stock in country offices which had been called in for exchange, or they may have been remnants either of stock or of those filed in the head office for Government reference. But whatever they were the stamps with dates and arms are extremely scarce, and some bear date which I have never seen on those issued with date alone. It is true that stamps may have been issued with such dates, but it only could have been in very small quantities, as none seem to have reached the hands of collectors, so far as I can ascertain from the philatelic papers.

Had I not received the stamps direct, I should have had doubts as to their being genuine, knowing what I do about certain Stellaland forgeries. In the impression of the stamps there are various errors. In the word Nieuwe I have specimens in which one or other of the letters is wanting, and one in which the E in F. Again, there are errors in the other words such as JEPUBLJEK, FEPUBLIEK, EPUBLIEK, REFUBLIEK, UBLIEK, REPUEBLIEK, REPUE EK, UID, ID, AFFIKA, UIDFAIKA, etc., and I have one in which Zuid Africa is entirely wanting.

I have collected every error which has come to my notice, and now my collection extends to about four hundred specimens. I have not seen any of these typographic errors mentioned in the philatelic papers, though I consider they are as worthy of collection as errors in surcharges, &c., and when collectors take note of reversed watermarks, surely they should pay the same heed to the reversal of the arms, which is an equally good safeguard against forgery.

Behind the arms embossed are four flags, of which only the top and bottom of the staffs of two can be seen. This is impressed on the paper before the stamps are printed, except in the case of those in the issue with date and arms, in which it is clearly impressed after the printing, which corroborates the view that these stamps were simply the remainders of dated stamps.

(To be Continued.)

THE result of the vote for election of officers and official organ for C. P. A. is as follows: President, H. Hechler, Halifax; Secretary, T. J. McMinn, Toronto; Treasurer, H. L. Hart, Halifax; Official Organ, HALIFAX PHILATELIST. A full report of the proceedings of the Convention and the official figures, as regards officers will be published in our next.

Varieties of Prince Edward Island Stamps.

THIS Province has the reputation of issuing the worst looking series of stamps in design and execution of any of the British North American Provinces. On examining them closely there are a number of varieties in the stamps of which I propose to give a short list of the most conspicuous. In the

1 penny, printed in sheets of 30, 6 rows of 5 stamps each.

2nd Row, 5th Stamp:
White line above N in Island, broken, filled with solid color for about one-eighth inch.
2nd Row, 2nd Stamp:
Full stop above L in Island.
6th Row, 5th Stamp:
No cross-bar to A in Island.

3 pence, printed in sheets of 30, 6 rows of 5 stamps in each.

1st Row, 2nd Stamp:
White circle and colored dot in centre, before P in Prince.
2nd Row. 5th Stamp:
Full stop between E and D in Edward.
3rd Row, 2nd Stamp:
I in Island with white dash at top making it look like inverted L.
Same Stamp:
Full stop at the top bar of the last E in three pence.
4th Row, 4th Stamp:
Full stop after Edward, it being in a line with top of D.
5th Row, 3rd Stamp:
Full stop between P and O in Postage.

9 pence, printed in sheets of 30, 6 rows of 5 stamps in each.

2nd Row, 4th Stamp:
Two full stops, one above the other after Stg.
2nd Row, 5th Stamp:
Full stop before S in Stg., apparently put there instead of after Stg., which has none.

2 pence, printed in sheets of 100, 10 rows of 10 stamps in each.

3rd Row, 10th Stamp:
Part of T in two off, making it look like inverted I. Full stop before T. in two.

In the older printing of the one penny a peculiarity exists which some of our readers may have in a complete form. That is an outerline all around the stamp. I have four specimens with this line in the golden yellow and yellow brown shades, perforated 12. Specimen No. 1 was the last stamp in the row and has the marginal part of the sheet attached to it. The line is the full length of the right hand side of the stamp, the perforation going directly through it. No. 2 has the line on left hand side and bottom the full length and width of stamp, with traces of it showing on perforation at

top and right hand side. No. 3 has line shewing in parts at left hand side and at bottom. No. 4 shows only at bottom. The last two are of the yellow brown shade.

This peculiarity may also be found in the 4 pence, but parts of the line only shewing. A peculiarity of the 4 pence is that in the diamond, on each side of the stamp there is a small oval ornament which has in the diamond on the right hand side of the stamp a small line to it at top and bottom, but on the oval at the left hand side none at all in any. The cent issue with one exception is free from those errors or secret marks or whatever they may be. The one is in the 3 cents which are printed in sheets of 100, ten rows of ten stamps in each. The 7th stamp of the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th rows has a full stop between Prince and Edward, thus Prince. Edward. The varieties in the pence issue mentioned above are I think some kind of secret marks, although they are not found in a regular rotation as in the 3 cent, being arbitarily scattered here and there over each sheet, the varieties of each stamp when they occur being precisely the same, so that it is hardly possible that such a series of errors could be made unintentionally, but of this some one with more knowledge of the stamps may be able to speak.

DAVID LANG.

The Stamps of Bokhara.

TRANSLATED BY H. HECHLER, FROM ILL. B. Z.

ALL the philatelic papers some time ago announced an issue of postage stamps for this state, but their authenticity was never properly proved.

Letters from all parts of the world flocked in to the writer at Bokhara to procure for them, those celebrated stamps. As I have been largely interested in philately, (and have a fine collection) I made a thorough and exhaustive search to find out those stamps, but the only answer I received was that such things did not exist.

As I live at the Russian Consulate, I have made the acquaintence of all the notables of the Khanate and have travelled through the country from one end to the other. I have forwarded letters through all the private railway posts and also through the consular and exchange posts, but have never seen anything resembling a stamp, and indeed, such a thing as a regular mail system does not exist in the country. I have received numerous philatelic papers which contained illustrations of the Bokhara stamps in question. I shewed a copy to one of the persons in authority who pronounced it as something invented outside of the country and that the lettering on it was no letters at all. He thought it might possibly be a facsimile of a seal, such as are used by persons in authority for signing official documents instead of their names. I also shewed it to an expert in Oriental languages, Herrn W. O. Klemm who is in the Russian Government Agent at Bokhara, and who pronounced it neither stamp nor seal, and also

says such a thing never existed, nor is in existence in Bokhara. In the city the shop keepers sell Russian stamps to prepay letters by the private Railway post to the nearest Russian post office. The same can be had through the foreign consuls there. If natives wish to send a letter they do so by mounted couriers. I have often seen the Emirs courier with a letter rolled around a small rod sticking up at the back of his neck to shew that he was on government service. I take pleasure in enclosing you herewith a specimen of a Bokhara state official letter, which will give you proof that the seal attached has not the slightest resemblance to these so called stamps. I also send you extracts from letters received by me, so that you can imagine what a tempest these stamps which you say exist, have created in philatelic circles, and which have gone to all parts of the world. Collectors however, can satisfy themselves by writing to W. O. Klemm, Secretary and Dragoman to the Russian Consulate at Bokhara.

DR. HEYFELDER,

Imperial Russian Consultate.

Bokhara, June 1/13, 1888.

The N. S. Bill Stamps.

IT has long been a matter of curiosity with revenue collectors why the last issue of Canadian Bill stamps were surcharged N. S. for use in Nova Scotia as the currency was apparently the same. This surcharging must have been done by a departmental order only, as there is no trace of it in orders of Council or in the Dominion Acts. The idea was this, there was a difference of $2\frac{2}{3}$ per cent between Canadian and Nova Scotian currency, that is *$1.00* in Canada was worth $1.02\frac{1}{3}$ in Nova Scotia. It will be thus seen that here would be a good opening for defrauding the revenne, by the Canadian merchants and others buying their bill stamps in Nova Scotia. After being in use for a comparatively short time the currency was straightened out to agree with the Canadian, and the necessity for surcharging done away with. There use being limited to only one province and for such period of time has made them quite rare, especially the 7, 8, 30, 40, 50c., and 1, 2, and $3 stamp.

Mexican 1888 Provisionals.

IN April last one of the chief cities of the Mexican Republic,* the stock of one centavo stamps was exhausted and to supply their place the carmine two centavo stamps of 1886 issue were surcharged in blue with a design like this annexed.

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Valor Cvo.

We have before us eight distinct varieties of these provisionals. There

*Colima.

are two kinds of perforation, the ordinary and the wide apart "pin" perforation. Then some are of blue-rule and others on plain paper. These are the following varieties, of those on a ruled paper, the ruling of which is horizontal: 1st, ruled both front and back, with the ordinary and with the wide apart pin perforation; 2nd, ruled only on the front, horizontally in both kinds of perforation; 3rd, ruled only on the back also with both sorts of perforation; 4th, on plain paper without ruling but in both styles of perforation.

These are all the varieties that we have seen so far. There may be others as, for instance, with perpendicular ruling. If so they have not as yet reached us. If any do we will inform our readers of the facts.

Advanced collectors should secure specimens of each of the varieties as they are especially interesting. The supply of these being very limited they must be in demand.

JAPANESE POSTMEN.—The Japanese postman is thus described in a letter: As in America, so in Japan, the postman wears his uniform. It consists of a suit of blue cloth, a wide, butter-bowl hat, and straw shoes. The mail-bag swings under his arm, or is pushed along in a little two-wheeled cart. He is always running or trotting along. You know that in Japan men do nearly all the work that we make horses do here; so you see the Japanese postman hasten along from station to station, travelling at a quick run mile after mile, up hill, down dale, never stopping until he reaches the place where another postman is waiting to receive the mail and run on with it in his turn. So the mail is carried in the greater part of the Japanese Empire.

CHRONICLE.

Br. Bechuanaland.—At least three of the stamps are surcharged "Protectorate." We have the ½d. vermillion and d., 2d. lilac. The 4d. envelope of Cape of Good Hope has been surcharge in small letters in two lines.

Br. Honduras.—A new card has appeared 5 cents, brown on buff.

Canada.—The official card for custom p cel notices, has now instead of a blank face for address, the following them, in upper left corner "*Advice Note*," in upper right corner, "*ree, by order of Post Master General*," and three dotted lines for addr s.

Chamba.—The *I. B. J.* notes the a., 8a. and 1 rupee, and the 8a. service. The envelopes ½ and 1a., an post card ¼a., have the arms *black* instead of the color of the stamp, and he sun's rays are more regular and all of the same length.

Colombia.—There is a 50c. b wn of the map type.

Congo Free State.—Varieties of the new card are reported by *Der. Ph.* as follows: (*a*) with watermark perpendicular, (*b*) with double watermark perpendicular, (*c*) without watermark.

Cuba.—The *I. B. J.* notes the 2c. and 4c. cards without yellow groundword.

Finland.—A new 12p. card has been issued, similar to the reply paid card of 1886, without frame, stamp rose.

Grenada.—A new edition of the 4d. on 2sh. has appeared. "4d." is 5mm. above "POSTAGE" instead of 4mm.

Guatemala.—The *I. B. J.* reports that the 1 peso Northern Railway stamp was surcharged "2 centavos," and "5 cts." in the latter part of April, and used for about a week in Quezaltenango.

Japan.—The 25sen. envelope is noted in two new sizes, 135 × 87 mm. and 208 × 75 mm. We have the 4, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50 sen. stamps perforated 13.

Martinique.—The 2c. has been surcharged 01c., the same type as that on the 20c.

New South Wales.—*Le T. P.* illustrates the 1d. Jubilee stamp; which it states is to be printed in violet. A view of Sydney is in a circular band, inscribed "New South Wales Postage.=One Hundred Years." The value "One Penny," below on a horizontal label. A crown above and palm trees at the sides.

Norway.—The 12 ore, in two shades bistre and brown, has been surcharged "2 ore" in black, and the 6 and 6 + 6 ore cards are surcharged 3 and 3 + 3 ore. The cards have been suceeded by a new issue of same values without frame, and printed in orange on white. The 3 + 3 ore is of Form 2.

Phillipines.—one-eighth de centavo Impressos, surcharged in carmine oval, "Habilitado para recibo j cuentas." 10c. used postally.

Putialla.—The ½ ama red, surcharge is found with Putialla spelt "PJTTIALLA."

Servia.—A 5 bani card is noted with frame, bistre, but the arms, inscriptions and stamp black on rose.

Shanghai.—The 100 cash yellow has been surcharged 40 cash in blue.

Sierra Leone.—We have received from Mr. Giwelb the following revenue stamps which have lately done postal duty. The stamps are printed in purple, surcharged in black, with *Revenue* and a bar over "*Postage*," the value being inserted in color, carmine for the one penny, red brown for the three pence, and blue for the one shilling. The six pence being of the type of 1861 is simply surcharged in black with *Revenue*.

1 penny, purple and carmine, surcharged in black.
3 pence " " brown, " "
6 " " " "
1 shilling " and blue, " "

Ph. Record.

St. Pierre, Miquelon.—A variety of the 5c. on 2 is on yellow paper, with figure 5 in reverse and S. P. M. in its proper place.

Tasmania.—M. de Ferrari has the 4d. of 1885, star watermark in dark green instead of blue.

United States.—We find we omitted to chronicle the new "Officially Sealed" stamp. It is a rough lithographed copy of that of 1879, with the imprint of the National Bank Note Co. omitted. The color is a puce brown. (c. c. 89.)

Venezuela.—The 2 cent orange, Escuelas, 1871 issue, is found with the head upside down.

Virgin Island.—The 1 shilling carmine, with the figure in black, and with colored border, has been surcharged in black with 4D.—*Ph. Record.*

Wadhwan.—"Mr. Freyvojel sends from Bombay a stamp which is of native make, like those of Faridkot, Rajpeepla, etc., etc. This stamp is to be used only in the small native state of Wadhwan, India, in prepaying interior postage. There is little original about this stamp. It is lithographed in black ink on white paper, and perforated fourteen. The design of the stamp is as follows: the centre is occupied by two lions, one on either side supporting a shield bearing a sun in the middle, which has an inscription in native characters "Oma," which means "Almighty God." Beneath the shield and the lions and on which they rest is a scroll inscribed also in native characters, "Jesshow Bhooshan Sarwata Vardhaman," which means "Trust in Him brings Prosperity and Glory." The word in the sun relates to the lower motto and completes it. Above the coat-of-arms in an arc of a circle is the legend in English "WADHWAN STATE," and below in a straight label, also in English, "HALF PICE." The perforation is very irregular as it varies alternately from 32 to 35 milometres. Wadhwan is situated in the Province of Guzerat, one of the peninsulas of the Arabian Seas, in North-West Hindoostan, and north-north-east of Bombay."

I may remark that the authenticity of this stamp requires confirmation. From appearances it is possible that it may prove to be as mythical as those of Buchara State, which proved, on investigation, to be the production of an enterprising dealer.—*Ill. B. Journal.*

Zululand.—The lack of a stamp of the value of a half-penny has been supplied by surcharging in black the half-penny in green, of Natal, with "Zululand" in block letters, horozontally over the words *Natal Postage.*—*Ph. Record.*

WE have received the first No. of the *Philatelic Gazette* under its new managers and from its new headquarters. Chicago is not seemingly a very healthy place for stamp papers, but we hope the Gazette will stay.

NOTES.

In our April No. we had a translation of a letter from Mr. Arciniegas, in relation to selling the remainder of the Tolima stamps. Since then we have had another letter in which he says that there was several errors in the translation of the first, they being in the date which should be 1885 instead 1875. We also said that the government would complete the sets of the values in which they were deficient, this was not correct as the plates were destroyed by the authorities at Bogota where they had been printed. On another page will be found the advertisement of the New York agents who are authorized to negotiate the sale of these stamps.

Our friend Mr. H. L. Hart, who is a well known philatelist, and Treasurer of the C. P. A., has taken unto himself a better half. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Hart much happiness and long life.

Brother Voute has again made his appearance, we are glad to see him apparently as brisk as ever, but a trifle thinner, and we hope come to stay.

With the Sept. No. the *American Philatelist* has completed its second volume, and it is a credit in every shape to the men who have run it.

We have always been very willing to put our exchange notices in, but this month we are so crowded with advertising that we have had to omit them.

We have held our paper over this month for the purpose of giving an account of the Convention and the result of election for officers. We are very glad to say that the ticket as published by us for the N. S. Philatelic Association has been almost unanimously elected. To our friends who have supported our ticket, and ourselves, we tender the most hearty thanks and hope that the confidence they have shewn in electing us the official organ, will not be misplaced.

The Canadian Philatelic Association.

NOT having the pleasure of seeing the July or August numbers of the official organ, we were surprised by a friend shewing us about the beginning of this month a copy of it for the two months mentioned rolled into one copy. In it we find the ticket nominated by the Toronto branch, and also the news that the election for officers will be held at the convention, on Sept. 19th and 20th. By this little manœuvre of springing the election like this we have no doubt that our Toronto friends think that they will have the election in their own hands. They have the Toronto Philatelic Journal down for official organ, not being satisfied as yet with the

exhibition that it has already made of itself. We have received numerous letters from members of the C. P. A. asking us to run as official organ and have decided to do so. For $24 per year we give the Association all the space that they want, a free subscription to every member of C. P. A., 25% discount to members of Association wishing to advertise, and twelve numbers guaranteed the best Philatelic paper in Canada, and one of the best in America. The sum asked is not for the sake of the money as it does not amount to anything in payment for the paper, but for the following reason, the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association pay the same amount for it acting as their official organ and it would not be fair to make the distinction between the two Associations, of charging one and giving it to another free.

HALIFAX PHILATELIC COMPANY.

TO THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION:—

Gentlemen,—I regret that circumstances beyond my control rendered it impossible for me to be present at the convention of the Association, which was held at Toronto, on the 19th and 20th of the current month.

I most sincerely thank you for the honor that you have conferred upon me by electing me as your president for the ensuing year.

In accepting the nomination to that office,—the highest in your gift,—I assure you that I was actuated by no feeling of personal ambition, but merely by a sincere desire to advance the true interests of our association, and in view of the fact that numerous friends in every quarter, urged upon me that the science which we all admire would best be served by my acceptance.

I do not disguise to myself, nor do I seek to hide from you the grave responsibilities that your vote has devolved upon me. But I promise that during my administration of the duties of the office to which you have generously elected me, everything that I shall do will be prompted by a sincere desire to consolidate and to increase the influence and importance of our Association.

To succeed in this object I shall rely upon the loyal support, assistance and advice of every member in each step that I may deem it advisable to take in the interests of our Association. Success depends on harmony between ourselves, and I assume that we will all cheerfully work together for the common good.

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MEETING opened at 8.30 p. m. President Craig in the Chair. Membe present, Messrs. Craig, Crane, Hechler, Larsen T., Larsen O., Curri Smith Ed., Caldwell, Francis, Hart, Kaye and King. Minutes of la meeting read and approved. Report of Exchange Superintendent rea after some discussion it was also approved. A motion was made by Kir seconded by Crane, that all members of this Association shall have tl exchange books before they are returned. Carried. That the Exchan Superintendent has brought it to the notice of the Association and has al notified Mr. Grenny that valuable stamps have been removed off sheets ar inferior ones substituted.

A motion was made by Hechler, seconded by Larsen, that an assesment of 50c. be levied on all resident members, Carried unaniuously.

Moved by Hechler, seconded by King that a fine of 5c. for non-attendance be levied on city members. Carried. An amendment to this was moved by Francis, seconded by Hechler, that a fine of 25c. be paid by officers of the Association for non-attendance. A good reason exempting any member or officer from a fine. Carried.

Hart moves, seconded by Crane, that the Secretory be instructed to write to the Secretary of the Canadian Philatelic Association asking him to send a copy of the official organ for July for the use of the N. S. P. Association.

Mr. W. S. McPherson was proposed by King as a member of this Association and unamiuously elected, as No. 23. This finished the business for the evening when the usual auction sale was commenced. This was much more successful than any have been for some time, After some ordinary stamps were disposed of, Mr. Craig brought some magnificent specimens of Provincial stamps on the original envelopes. Amongst the most noteworthy sold were N. S. 3d., dark blue, to King for $1.10; the same in light blue to Hechler for $1.00; a N. S. 8½d., used, to Hechler for $1.75; a 3d., N. B. to King for 1.50, its mate to Hechler $1.45; a 6d. N. B. to King for $2.75. Mr. Hechler got two P. E. I. 3d., large perforation, (perf. 8) for 80c. each. A part of unsevered 3 pences went at a bargain to Hechler for $2.40. All the foregoing stamps were perfect specimens and on the original envelopes. Norway surcharges were also at 10c. per set. This closed the meeting at 10.30 p. m.

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MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 1888.

On account of the state of the weather there was not any meeting held on this date.

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MEETING OF SEPT. 10TH., 1888.

Meeting opened at 8.30,—V. P. Crane, in chair. Members present Messrs Hechler, Crane, Mathers, Francis, Larsen, T., Larsen, O., DeWolf Smith, Ed., Currie, Gass, Hart and King.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved by Smith, seconded by DeWolf, that the ticket of this association be published in this paper.

This being all the business on hand and there being no stamps for sale, the meeting adjourned at 10 p. m.

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" 3c. (large) red	06	50
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" 1p. red	10	
" 2. p olive green	15	1 00
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Canadian Philatelic Convention.

FIRST annual convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association met in Richmond Hall, Toronto, Ontario, on Wednesday, Sept. 19th, 1888, at 11 a. m.

Members present were,—President Ketcheson, Vice-President, A. J. Craig, Pictou, N. S.; F. J. Grenny, Exchange Superintendent; Geo. Walker. Librarian, Lowe, T. J. McMinn, W. Wilby, Niesser, Ineson, French, Book, Spry, Schultze, Morell, Leighton, Sec'y.

As Mr. Leighton was unable to attend the first session, Mr. Lowe was appointed Secretary *pro. tem.* Roll of members was called, and proxies of absent members who were represented in convention were checked and referred to the Committee on Credentials to report upon.

A committee to amend the constitution and bye-laws was then appointed, viz.,—Grenny, Ketcheson, Craig, Spry.

The Secretary was called upon for the official list of members now in good standing and entitled to vote. The roll shows at date 122 members, and 23 applications for membership.

Convention then adjourned, to meet again at 2:30.

Wednesday, p. m. Second session meeting called to order at 3. President Ketcheson in the chair.

Report of Committee on Credentials was then called for. Committee reported proxies were in representing six names which were not on the official roll of members, and had not been published in the official organ.

Upon motion, it was resolved that owing to the failure of the official organ to publish its July number, thus preventing the publication of names of applicants for membership, that all proxies be accepted with one exception, No. 78, who had been expelled for non-payment of dues. This proxy was accordingly thrown out by the Association.

It was moved by Mr McMinn, seconded by Mr. French, that the election of officers for 1889 take place at the evening session. Carried,

Moved by Mr. Emory, seconded by Grenny, that in the election for officers the ballots of representatives be accepted in preference to the official ballots of members represented by proxy. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McMinn, seconded by Mr. Grenny, that Mr. McMinn and Mr. Spry be a committee to get up a suitable design for a button, badge or pin for the Association.

Moved and seconded that the reports of the different officers of the

Association be received by the covention and referred to committees to be audited.

An exchange committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Walker, French and Emory. Exchange Suprentendent then made his report giving many interesting statistics, showing that the exchange of the C. P. A. shews a much larger per centage of business than the A. P. A. exchange.

As the Secretary had omitted to bring his report, and also the Treasurer's which had been forwarded to him the committee was unable to make an audit of those reports. The matter was referred to the standing finance committee.

Moved by Mr. Emory, seconded by Mr. McMinn, that the constitution and bye-laws of this Association be printed in pamphlet form and a list of all members to date to be appended with the correct address. Carried.

Motion to adjourn until 7:30, was carried.

3rd Session. At 8:00 the President called members to order and proceeded to the election of officers for 1889, Messrs. McMinn and Walker were appointed secretaries. Secretary called roll of members, those holding proxies answering for the members they represented. Roll call shewed 110 members present or represented by members present.

Mr. Craig	represented	40	members.
" Emory	"	24	"
" Parker	"	13	"
" Grenny	"	8	"
" Walker	"	4	"
" Wilby	"	5	"
" Ketcheson	"	4	"
		98	

The balance being made up by members present in person.

For President—Candidates were :—

Mr. H. Hechler	56	votes.
" E. Y. Parker	51	"
Scattering	2	"

For Vice-President, Ontario—Candidates were :—

Geo. Walker	95	"
Geo. A. Lowe	2	"
E. Y. Parker	13	"

Vice-President, Quebec :—

E. F. Wurtele	35	"
R. A. Baldwin Hart	74	"

Vice President, Nova Scotia :—

On motion, election was made unanimous and President asked to cast a ballot in favour of Mr. A. J. Craig, who was declared elected.

Vice-President, New Brunswick :—

H. S. Harte ..... unanimous.

Vice-President, P. E. I. :—

Williston Brown ..... "

Vice-President, British Columbia :—

J. H. Todd ..... "

Vice-President, Manitoba :—
J. R. Davidson..... .unanimous.
For Secretary—Candidates were :—
J. A. Leighton..... 5 votes.
Geo. A. Lowe.....22 "
T. J. McMinn.....81 "
For Treasurer :—
H. L. Hart.....unanimous.
Exchange Superintendent :—
F. J. Grenny..... "
Librarian :—
J. A. Leighton..... "
Counterfeit Detector—Candidates :—
H. Morell.....106 votes.
A. B. S. DeWolf..... 4 "
Purchasing Agent—Candidates :—
H. F. Ketcheson..... 97 "
E. Y. Parker..... 3 "
F. C. Kaye..... 6 "

On motion of Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Walker, it was resolved that the Association pay the official organ the sum of $50.00 per year in quarterly payments at the end of each quarter, the Executive Board to have the power to cancel the arrangement by giving said organ 60 days notice, if the Journal is not satisfactory to the Association. A copy of the Journal to be sent free to each member of the Association. Carried.

For Official Organ :—
Halifax Philatelist.....77
Toronto Phil. Journal.....33
Official Editor :—
Theo. Larsen.....unanimous.
Place of Convention, 1889 :—
Halifax 65
Montreal 28

Meeting on motion adjourned until 10:30 following morning.

4th Session. President called convention to order at 10:30.

On motion, reading of minutes of former meeting and roll call were dispensed with.

Attendance was about the same as former day.

First on the order of business was the Exchange Committee's report.

Some alterations and additions were suggested which will appear in the revised bye-laws.

Moved and seconded that report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. French, that the commission of he Exchange Superintendent be increased from 5% to 7½%, after considerble discussion this motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Wilby, that the Exchange rintendent be instructed to receive no exchange sheets unless value be 1.00 or over. Carried.

At 11:15 convention went into committee of the whole in secret session to receive the reports of the Executive Committee.

Charges being preferred against member No. 11, F. E. Book, of Niagara Falls, it was decided after all the evidence was received that the member be summarily expelled. The charges proven against him were for counterfeiting surcharged stamps, and having plates, etc., in his possession for that purpose.

In the matter of the complaints against Mr. J. R. Findlay, of Halifax, the matter was referred back to the Executive Committee, pending settlement.

Communication from C. H. Mekeel, giving names of frauds who had defrauded him, was read and advised to be fyled.

Convention again called to order to receive report of Mr. H. S. Hart, V. P. for N. B, which was read and ordered to be fyled. Mr. Hart referred in high terms to the excellence of his new catalogue of Canadian Postal and Fiscal Stamps.

The Secretary read the resignation of Mr. J. R. Findlay, as a member of the Executive Committee of this Association, which was accepted.

Upon motion, Mr. D. A. King, of Halifax, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board.

Moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Emory, that the Canadian Association endorses the claims of Mr. Pat. Chalmers for his father as the inventor of the adhesive stamp.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Wilby, and seconded by Craig, that this matter be laid over until next annual meeting of the Association.

Amendment was put and carried by a vote of 64 ayes against 28 nays.

The President was then called upon for an address. His remarks were of a very interesting and practical nature, commencing with a glance at the history of the Association, and among other matters recommending the appointment of an agent in New York for the purchase of stamps at sales, many other valuable suggestions were made by the President who resumed his seat amid the applause of the Association.

Upon motion, a vote of thanks was tendered the President for his able and instructive address.

The Vice-President of Nova Scotia being the only Vice-President of the Association present, was then called upon for an address. The Vice-President gave the Association a short account of the N. S. P. A., and of matters of philatelic interest in the Maritime Provinces, and called the attraction of the Association to the substitution of inferior stamps on approval sheets when on exchange circuit. This matter brought the Exchange Superintendent to his feet, who explained that one or two cases of this kind had been brought to his notice and he had traced the matter out so well that he could place his hands on the guilty parties who were warned that it must not occur again.

On motion, Convention adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

5th Session. Convention called to order at 2:45, when report of Committee on Constitution and Bye-Laws was taken up and discussed, each clause being adopted when approved.

Moved and seconded that the Convention for 1889, be called at a time agreed upon by the Executive Board of the Association.

Moved and seconded that this Association discourage the collection as far as possible of all reprints of stamps except those issued by postal authorities and used postally.

Moved and seconded that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the Toronto members for the care that they had taken in providing a suitable place of meeting, and for supplying the decorations, &c., for the hall. Carried.

The business of the Convention being brought to a close it was moved by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Leighton, that the Canadian Philatelic Association adjourn, to meet again in Halifax next year, at the call of the Executive Board. Carried.

A. J. CRAIG.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH.]

Some Remarks on the Stamps and Envelopes of the New Republic.

BY EMIL TAMSEN.

(From the Philatelic Record.)

THE German and French Philatelic Journals which I have seen, mentioned stamps of the values of 2/6, 4/6, 5/—, 6/—, 7/—, 10/—, 13/—, 20/—, 30/—; but I do not believe in these, or at the best, they can only be revenue stamps, though I am unable to prove this as yet, but I hope to do so later. Such high values are hardly ever used for postage purposes in South Africa, except perhaps at Kimberby, and even there 5/—, is the highest value. Here in Transvaal 5/— and 10/— are almost exclusively used for telegrams. Considering that the stamps in the New Republic only frank within its own territory, and that the rate is 2d. per ½ oz, what use could the inhabitants possibly have for postage stamps of such high values as those above named.

The envelopes of the New Republic are made by impressing the hand stamp of Jan. 4, '87, in the right upper corner on envelopes of certain sizes, of which I have only seen four varieties. They seem to have been struck off as a kind of trial, one supply of about fifty* in all was issued, and I was informed by the treasurer that no further issue would take place on account of *irregularities*, but what was meant by that I am unable to say.

The Ill. Be. Journal chronicles some strange envelopes with arms in black and landdrost, kantoor, etc. Perhaps the manufacturer of these may know something about them as they are not known here†

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*This can scarcely be the fact as we have seen a very fair number ourselves all bearing the stamp of Jan. 4, '87, and we have known of a consignment to a large dealer here direct from Vryheid.—ED.

†We ourselves received an envelope so stamped direct from Vryheid, with the stamp as described in the record of last year, being a coat of arms in black within a circle inscribed *Vryheid, Nieuve Republiek, Zuid Afrika, Post Kantoor*. This was no fabrication notwithstanding they do not appear to have been seen in Transvaal. The stamp was a hand stamp applied to a stamped New Republic envelope, size 123 x 100 mm.—ED.

In the following list the color refers to the paper, that denominated blue being bluish gray. The impression is always in lilac ink—all the specimens are in my collection, and have all come to me direct from the government office.

I. (*a*)—Perforated 11½.

Jan. 9, 1886.—1d. yellow, 2d. yellow.
Jan. 13, 1886.—2d. yellow, 9d. yellow.
May 24, 1886.—1d. blue, 2d. yellow, 2d. blue.
Aug. 30, 1886.—1d. yellow, 2d blue.
Sept. 6, 1886.—6d. blue, 9d. blue, 1s. blue.
Oct. 13, 1886.—1d. yellow, 2d. blue, 3d. blue, 4d. blue.
Nov. 24, 1886.— { 1d. blue, 2d. yellow, 3d. yellow, 4d. blue.
{ 6d. blue, 9d. blue, 1s. blue.
Jan. 4, 1887.—2d. blue.

I. (*b*)—Imperforate.

Aug. 30, 1886.—1d. yellow, 2d. blue.
Sept. 6, 1886.—6d. blue.
Oct. 13, 1886.—3d. blue.
Nov. 24, 1886.—1d. blue, 2d. yellow, 3d. yellow.

II.—Arms Embossed and Stamps Dated—Perforated 11½.

Jan. 20, 1886.—1d. blue.
June 30, 1886.—1d. blue, 1d. yellow.
July 7, 1886.—1d. blue.
Aug. 4, 1886.—1d. blue.
Oct. 6, 1886.—1d. yellow.
Nov. 3, 1886.—1d. blue.
Dec. 2, 1886.—2d. blue, 2d. yellow.

Variety (*a*)—Arms Reversed.

May 26, 1886.—1d. blue, 1d. yellow.
July 7, 1886.—1d. yellow.
Nov. 3, 1886.—1d. yellow.
Dec. 2, 1886.—1d. yellow.

Variety (*b*)—Imperforate.

June 30, 1886.—1d. blue, 1d. yellow, (arms reversed.)
July 7, 1886.—1d. blue.
Oct. 6, 1886.—1d. yellow.
Dec. 2, 1886.—2d. blue.

III.—Arms Embossed, without Date—Perforated 11½.

1d. blue, 2d. blue, 3d. blue, 3d. yellow, 4d. blue, 4d. yellow, 6d. yellow, 4d. blue, 9d. yellow, 1s. yellow.

Variety (*a*) Imperforate.

1d. blue, 2d. blue, 3d. yellow, 9d. yellow.

VARIETY (*b*)—ARMS REVERSED—PERFORATED 11½.

1d. blue, 2d. blue, 3d. yellow, 4d. yellow, 6d. yellow, 9d. yellow, 1s. yellow.

VARIETY (*c*)—ARMS REVERSED AND IMPERFORATE.

1d. blue.

ENVELOPES.

Jan. 4, 1887.—2d. lilac on white paper, size 145 x 83 mm.
2d. " blue " " 223 x 100 "
2d. " " " " 229 x 192 "
2d. " " " " 255 x 125 "

The Postal Telegraph Co., N. Y. C.

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THESE beautiful stamps were issued in a book of 100 by the above named company on Feb. 12th, 1885, and for a long while, three years, but three values were known. The company existed but five months when it was submerged into the W. U. Though a company exists in N. Y. C. now known as "The Postal Telegraph and Cable Co.," it uses no stamps or franks. The other value came to light about March 1888.

The values are 10c., 15c., 25c. and 50c.. engraved by American B. Note Co., colored imp. on white wove heavy paper, 20 x 25 mm., perf. 10. The 10c. has the figure "10" slanting to dexter, shaded dexter in an oblong four scolloped oval of *lathe* work, framed by a white band, "POSTAL TELEGRAPH" in white *block* letters in solid curved tablet over centre, framed with white band, square ends, the word "COMPANY" same, in same under centre, all on a vertical banded tablet, three white ornaments above at sides and below at ends of tablet tablet *shaded* dexter "TEN CENTS" in white capitals, oblique on solid ground at base all on ground work of vertical fine lines. The 15c. has the figure "15" slanting to dexter, shaded dexter, on an oblong of *lathe work* framed by a white curved band, over it, in a rayed arch a five pointed star, of alternate sections of white and shaded ground, scrolls at side, over it in a curved solid label in white capitals the word "COMPANY" and over this curved in white *block* letters the word "POSTAL TELEGRAPH." Under the oblong is "FIFTEEN" in white slanting capitals, and under the *fifteen* in small white upright capitals, the word "CENTS" on solid ground arrow ornaments in solid ground each side of "*cents*," all on a ground of vertical lines, with white line above, curved in spandrels.

The 25c. has the figure of value upright on a shaded shield of *lathe* work, framed by a white line. The word "POSTAL" in white capitals in solid curved tablet or scroll at top, under it in white block letters on solid double curved tablet is "TELEGRAPH COMPANY," under the shield is the word "TWENTY-FIVE CENTS" in white letters on a curved solid tablet, all on a fancy beveled shield of oblique (sinister) alternate white and

shaded bands, ornaments in corners, shaded dexter and base. The 50c. has the figure of value in an upright oval of *lathe* work, (showing light reflections) the word "POSTAL" in white capitals on solid straight label at top, scrolls at side shaded. The word "TELEGRAPH" to sinister and "COMPANY" to dexter in white letters, on arched solid tablet over oval, framed white. "FIFTY CENTS" in white capitals in solid double curued tablet at base, framed white Greek ornaments in upper spandrels, and in lower. These stamps became obsolete after July 4th, 1885. The cancellation is a star in black, and two pen lines across the stamp.

No. 1.	10c. blue green	C. C.,	30.
" 2.	15c. vermillion	"	123.
" 3.	25c. blue	"	48.
" 4.	50c. brown	"	80.

CHRONICLE.

Afghanistan.—The *Ph. R.* mentions the 1 abasy black on red, pink, yellow and green. Also the 2 abasy, price and 1 rupee, blue, on the same paper. The laid lines are 2½ min. apart.

Annan and Tonkin.—The 5c. on 2c. which was chronicled some time ago as an error, has turned out to be a fraud. The *Timbre Poste* says that this stamp never existed, but that a variety of surcharges were made in the colony for a French banker who deals in postage stamps.

Argentine Republic.—A 3 + 3c. letter card has been issued, green on white.

Bavaria.—The arms on the post card are on a shield instead of an oval and are smaller.

British Bechuanaland.—The 3d., 4d., 6d., 1sh., 2sh., 2sh. 6d., 5sh. and 10sh., are surcharged "Protecttorate" as well as the lower values. We were in error last month in supposing that the British Bechuanaland stamps surcharged with the word PROTECTORATE had superseded the use of those already issued in that territory. Mr. Campbell has forwarded to us a copy of the *Bechuanaland News* of the 8th of last month, which announces that arrangements will shortly be completed for the establishment of a postal service by native runners between British Bechuanaland and Matabeleland, *via* Bamangwato, at the rates set forth in the notice issued by the Acting Postmaster-General of British Bechuanaland. dated Vryburg, the 28th July last. A further notice was issued on the 7th August last, that the native runner service had commenced, and that correspondence for the Protectorate should be forwarded to Mafeking Post-office. It was also ordered that correspondence posted within the Protectorate and Trans-Protectorate should be prepaid in British Bechuanaland stamps, overprinted with the word "Protectorate." It is clear, therefore, that stamps, as mentioned in our list last month, have been so overprinted for the special use of this service to the north of British Bechuanaland, and which constitutes the "Protectorate." We subjoin the notice headed "The British Bechuanaland Protectorate—Postal Extension," which appeared in the above newspaper:

"The arrangements which Mr. J. S. Moffat, Assistant Commissioner, has during the past month or two been making are now completed, and the 'Protectorate Post' comes into operation forthwith. The former route to the interior, *via* Zeerust, in the Transvaal, has been summarily abandoned, and the post will be conveyed by native rruners through Mafeking to Kanya (Gasitsive's), Molepolole (Secheli's), and Shoshong (Khama's) weekly, and from Shoshong to Gubuluways (Lobengula's) fortnightly. The first post under the the new arrangement arrived at Mafeking on Monday. Probably Moghudi will be made the postal station after a while instead of Molpolole, the latter not being quite so direct as the former. During the time his Honour remains in the Protectorate settling the Grobelaar incident, special riders will carry despatches supplementary to the above post."

The unappropriated dies are not well adapted for postage stamps. There is no numeral value on them, and the value itself is so indistinct, being of the same colour as the background, besides reading up and down, that we were not "surpised to find" that the authorities are improving Messrs. De La Rue & Co.'s double fugitives by surcharging them with the value, of which we may expect to have a goodly number of varieties, such as figure 1 with and without a serif, with long and short serifs, &c.; 2 in Roman, block curly head, curly tail, straight head, straight tail, &c. At present we have only to chronicle the following:

Adhesives. 1 penny, purple. surcharged in black, "1d."
2 pence " " red, "2d."
—*Philatelic Record.*

Canada.—The 2c. Registration and 3c. are now issued in bright carmine color. We have seen the ½d. imperforate on a thin ribbed paper, with perpendicular laid lines.

Danish West Indies.—A new 1 cent stamp is out—1 cent in rose frame of yellow green.—*Ph. Record.*

Dutch Indies.—There is a new 30c. unpaid stamp of same design and color as the others. The 10c. red-brown envelope is found on white paper, and the 25c. lilac envelope is surcharged 15 cts., in black, in large figures.

Formosa.—We give here some information of these stamps taken from an official letter from Formosa to Pekin, dated the 14th May, 1888:

"For information, I enclose a copy of the new regulations at present adopted by the Government of Formosa. Under those regulations, the old official mode of sending letters has become a regular postal service for the public. The following are the principal articles:

1st. The mail is carried by carriers on foot.

2nd. The postal routes are divided into spaces of a day's journey, being a distance of from 70 to 100 li.

3rd. Letters are transported at the rate of 20 cash per tael and per stage, with extra charge to places that are not in the post route.

4th. The postage stamps are of two kinds, the official and the ordinary. The first are supplied free to the public officers for the use of official postage, the second are sold to the public.

In regard to the stamps, the system is embarrassing and open to criticism, —the sale not being made to the public. For instance, some person wanting to send a letter from Mobei to Tekcham, goes to the office in the district of Mobei and pays 60 cash in advance for his letter. The post office gives him a receipt and attaches the stamps. The letter is then sent to Topei and from thence to Tongleck and Tecksham, receiving at each a supplementary stamp on it, probably for the purpose of shewing that it has passed through these respective offices.—*Timbre Poste.*

Great Britain.—The *Ph. R.* says there are three types of arms on the ½d, and ½+½d. card.

Grenada.—The 4d. on 2sh. is found with surcharge reversed.

Italy.—The 30c. and 5l. unpaid letter stamps have been seen with inverted numerals.

Jamaica.—We have seen a copy of the new ½d. band issued for this colony—green on light brown.

Luxemburg.—The 5c. card is now inscribed "Grand Duche de Luxembourg—Grosshorzofthem Luxemburg."

Mexico.—We have the 20c. and 25c. in carmine. Mr. Morton has shown us the official seal with the eagle slightly different, and the word "Mexico, D. F.," extending 25 min. instead of 23 min.

Nicaragua.—We have a new 3c. card. The stamp is of the current type and is in the centre. "Tarjeta," is at the left, and "Postal," at the right, on a straight label.

Philippine Islands.—The 1c. green has been surcharged 2 4-8 cmos. in carmine.

Pountch.—The *Ph. R.* has received the ½ anna black, on white laid paper, and thinks it may be an essay.

St. Christopher.—The *A. P.* mentions the 3d. black and white, 6d. black and orange, 1sh. black and olive.

Straits Settlement.—The 96c. green is found with mark of C. A. and crown.

Shanghai.—The following new stamps are out since July last,—40 can. black, 80 can. green and 100 can. blue.—(*Timbre Post.*)

NOTES.

We are very glad to see that the next Canadian Philatelic Convention will be held here, and hope that on account of its being so easy of access from the United States that we shall have a good shewing of our American members here. If they come they can depend on a good time.

The *Philatelic Herald* is again out under new owners and in new shape, it has one of the fashionable philatelic covers.

THE *Philatelic Beacon* from Newton, Mass., is a new one and starts very well, the article on Philatelic Literature being especially good. Its owner should, however, see that its reading is not cut up and made to skip from one page to another.

WE have to thank Mr. J. A. Pierce for a sketch and catalogue of the exhibit of the N. S. P. O. Department at the exposition in Cincinnati.

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MEETING OF SEPT. 14TH.

MEETING opened at 8.15. In absence of President and Vice-President the chair was taken by Mr. Caldwell. Secretary also being absent Ed. Smith was appointed Secretary, *pro tem.* Members present Messrs. Caldwell, Shannon, Hart, Larsen, O., Larsen, T., Kaye, Hechler, DeWolf, Smith, Ed., Francis, King and Crowell. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved that fines due by absentees from last meeting, be paid at this one,—Carried. Moved by Larsen, seconded by DeWolf,

that roll be called of each meeting,—Carried. Congratulations were tendered Mr. Hechler on his election to Presidency of C. P. A. Moved and seconded that the thanks of this Association be tendered Mr. A. J. Craig for his kindness in acting as our proxy at the recent convention,—Carried unanimously. Letters read from Mr. Grenny, the Exchange Superintendent of the C. P. A., in regard to Exchange matters, also letters from Messrs. Angier and Menchine were read. Moved by Hart, and seconded by Shannon, that the Secretary have notice in public papers on Saturday evening previous to meeting, stating that the N. S. P. A. will welcome all collectors to any of our meetings. Moved by Hechler, seconded by DeWolf, that election of officers for this branch be held at last meeting in November, to take office first January,—Carried. Moved by Francis, seconded by O. Larsen, that thanks be tendered Mr. H. E. French for copies of the Ontario Stamp Journal,—Carried. King proposed Mr. A. R. d'Jukendalle, of Brussels, as a corresponding member,—Unanimously elected. The auctioneer requests that all members with stamps for sale will hand them in to him the afternoon previous to meeting. Business being done, the auction sale was commenced, and some good stamps sold, among them the following: Trinidad, badly lithographed, dark blue, to Hart for $2.75; Canada, 2c., carmine register, new issue, for 30c., to DeWolf, who also bought a block of three unsevered penny Nova Scotia for $5.25; Trinidad first issue, on blue paper. 1 shilling, to Hechler for $1.75.

Meeting closed at 10.30.

E. A. Smith, *Sec'y, pro tem.*

Meeting of Oct. 8th, 1888.

Meeting opened at 8.30 p. m. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Mr. Hechler took the chair. Members present, King, Hart, Smith, E. A., Larsen, T., Hechler, Gass, Shannon, Kaye, DeWolf, Larsen, O., and Francis. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved by Hechler, seconded by Larsen, that the Librarian be supplied with funds to write to the various Philatelic Journals asking them to send us copies of their papers for the library of our Association,—Carried. Moved by Smith and seconded by Kaye, that all the Philatelic Societies in the United States and Canada be requested to send us list of their members and we will do the same. This being the only business before the meeting the usual auction was held, some very good prices were realized, among which were United States 5c. yellow @ $1.60 to DeWolf. Unsevered pair of Nova Scotia, 3d., for $1.50, to Hechler. New Brunswick, 6d., to Gass for $2.25. Nevis, ½d., black surcharge, for 40c. to DeWolf.

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(N. Y. C.)

STAMPS, to prepay telegrams for this company, were issued for the convenience of its patrons early in 1881, consisting of eight values: 1c., 3c., 5c., 10c., 15c., 20c., 25c. and 50c. They were, I believe, issued in sheets of one hundred of each value. They are all of the same general design, being a large figure of value on a ground of *lathe work*, enclosed by a twelve scolloped line. At the top is "A. M." in upper sinister corner; under it, obliquely, in white letters "RAPID TEL.," a white line under this and "CO." in a curved tablet in dexter corner. At base, slanting the same, is the word "TELEGRAM" in white letters. Four white pearls on each side, above and below ornamental centre, and shaded scroll in lower sinister corner, ornaments at sides in centre. All on bevelled tablet, indented at corners, shaded at dexter and base. Engraved, 20x25 m.m., perf. 11. Col. imp. on white wove paper.

No. 1.	1c. black	C. C.,	——
" 2.	1c. grey or slate	"	101.
" 3.	3c. orange	"	8.
" 4.	3c. yellow	"	9.
" 5.	5c. olive brown	"	87.
" 6.	10c. lilac	"	61.
" 7.	15c. emerald green	"	35.
" 8.	20c. red	"	116.
" 9.	25c. pink	"	142.
" 10.	50c. ultramarine	"	54.

The Collect or Unpaid are of the same design as the *Telegram*, save the 1c., which has the figure of value in a circle composed of the words "ONE," repeated many times, and rayed towards the centre. All in the twelve scolloped figure were issued at the same time as the former, and were for the use of the company,—same size and perf. as above.

No. 11.	1c. brown	C. C.,	78.
" 12.	5c. pale blue	"	49.
" 13.	15c. puce brown	"	91.
" 14.	20c. olive green	"	37.

The Duplicate are a large numeral of *value* shaded *dexter*, in an oblong upright curved framed diamond of *lathe* work, on a shaded bevelled shield, shaded at base and dexter, containing the letters (in color) in German text "A.," in upper *sinister* "R.," upper dexter "T.," in lower sinister "and Co.;" in lower dexter corners the word "Duplicate," on solid straight tablet at

base, framed above and below by two white lines, 3 scrolls, in color, at base of shield.

No. 15.	1c. brown	C. C.,	78.
" 16.	5c. pale ble	"	49.
" 17.	15c. puce brown	"	91.
" 18.	20c. olive green	"	37.

These, together with the *collect*, were made on one sheet, *i. e.*, a row of collect, and under it a row of duplicate. They come cancelled in a *red aniline ink*, in an *oval* and oblong form the Telegrams, while the "Collect" and Duplicate come only cancelled with the *oblong*, officially. There are some sold by *dealers* containing a hole punched in them, *2 m. m.* in diameter, but these were thus obliterated when the balance of the stock was sold, when the company was merged into the W. U. in the latter part of 1882.

Stamp Swindling.

THE recent conviction of Coffin at Portland, Me., and of Watters at Green Bay, Wis., for defrauding stamp dealers, is a matter of much moment to the fraternity generally, and will undoubtedly exercise a very wholesome restraint upon those who are inclined to acquire large and valuable collections at the expense of the dealer, and at a minimum cost to themselves. The former pleaded *guilty*, and got 30 days in jail; the latter pleaded *not guilty*, was convicted, and fined $50.00 and costs. Action is covered under the statue providing against using the United States mails to perpetrate a swindle. A collector who removes stamps from a sheet, substituting others either of equal or of inferior worth, can be held liable under a civil action for the full value of the sheet which contained the stamps. A collector can also be compelled to pay the full value of a sheet of stamps, or of merchandise of any character, held longer than permitted in the conditions under which he applies for and receives them. The Andrews' swindle at Boston, Mass., now in the hands of the Chief Inspector, developed on investigation one of the most systematic plans that has yet came to our notice, and showed thorough premeditation. The address was "A. M. Andrews, Jr., Box 17, Jamaica Plains, Mass." The dealer received an official looking letter, bearing the legend, "Andrews & Jones, Attorneys, Temple House, Boston," said letter being signed by A. M. Andrews, and signifying his willingness to be responsible for any goods sent his son (?) on approval. All went well for a couple of months, but pretty soon letters of enquiry began pouring in on the Deputy Postmaster at Jamaica Plain. These were turned over to the Inspector, who at once put his foot in it by ordering all subsequent mail returned to the writers, destroying the only means of catching the swindler, as Mr. Andrews immediately took the note of warning, and when later on it was found that Andrews & Jones were *non-est*, and the whole business exposed, he was not to be found. Every honest dealer and collector has an equal interest in the suppression of such parasites on a worthy profession.

Since the above was written McFarland has been arrested, and it is said is making restitution of his plunder.—ED.

Mr. Hechler's Vindication.

AS Dr. Fraser has published parts of Mr. Hechler's correspondence, suiting his own views, we give the letters in full, so that the public can judge them.—ED.

[COPY.]

134 ARGYLE ST., HALIFAX, N. S. CANADA.
18th January, 1887.

C. E. FRASER, JR., ESQ., M. D.,
Lee Centre, New York, U. S. A.:

Dear Sir,—Your favor of the 13th instant is received, and its contents have been duly noted.

Your theory that the dies of the Ferry Tokens are in existence and in use is clearly untenable, because the tokens in question were struck to order in England, and the dies were destroyed without ever being brought to America. I am on the spot, and have satisfied myself by thorough and careful enquiries of the facts in the case. About a year since a new Ferry Company was organized, which bought out the property and effects of the old company, and decided on tearing down the old Ferry House. One or two persons who were engaged in the work of demolition found a few of the tokens and appropriated them. Knowing nothing of Numismatics they threw their find upon the market all at once. This was very injudicious, as its effect was temporarily to break down prices. Still the number found was so small that it cannot permanently affect figures, and they must before long recover their legitimate place as rareties. So confident am I of this that I would not offer those that I have if it were not that I am about retiring from the coin business in order to have more time to give to philately.

I receive sales price lists from New York regularly, and I must say that I have seen no quotation so low as $2.05 for unc. tokens nor anywhere near that figure. Used ones recently brought $4 there.

I enclose for your inspection one each of the unc. and of the slightly used, and guarantee that the rest of the lot that I offer are in exactly the same good condition as those that I now send. I presume that it is hardly necessary to request you to handle those specimens carefully, so that if you do not accept the terms that I shall propose below they may come back to me—the unc. one especially—untarnished.

The price that I had set upon and that I expected to receive for the lot that I offered you, viz:—5 unc. and 3 slightly used, was twenty-five ($25) dollars, but if you take them all I will allow you a discount of 20% from that figure, making them twenty ($20) dollars *net cash*. If you only wish to take a part of the lot I will let you have the unc. at $2.75 each, and the others at $2.25 each. These prices are strictly *net cash*. Of course I could get better prices if I chose to wait and peddle them out, but, as stated before, I am giving up the numismatic trade, and I prefer to let them go *en bloc* if possible to a dealer who will appreciate them.

If the above terms do not meet your views please return the specimens that I now send, as I know that I can easily dispose of them at those figures to another dealer.

I have a large number of rare coins and tokens of the British North American provinces of which I can dispose. If any of these would be useful to you please inform me, quoting numbers as per Dr. Le Roux's "Numismatic Atlas," and giving the prices that you are willing to offer for them respectively.

Hoping to be favored with an early reply, I remain

Very truly yours,

(Signed.) HENRY HECHLER.

(COPY.)

184 ARGYLE ST., HALIFAX, N. S., CANDDA,

19th May, 1887.

C. E. FRASER, JR., ESQ., M. D.,
Lee Centre, New York, U. S. A.:

Dear Sir,—Your favor of the 15th instant is before me, and its contents have been duly noted.

Your proposal to return the Ferry tokens to me is simply preposterous, and such as I cannot entertain for a moment. I sold them to you with guarantee of their genuine character, which guarantee I now repeat unreservedly, adding that there *never were any restrikes* of these tokens. I obtained mine directly from the parties who found them in tearing down the old Ferry House. I cannot agree to support my guaranteed transactions to the bold and unsupported denials of dealers who are interested in temporarily decrying the value of these goods. The only acceptable authority in the matter can be the Halifax Ferry Company, who have fully satisfied me on the point of the impossibility of such restrikes ever having been made. Of course it is open to you, if you wish to do so, to enter an action against me on my guarantee, and I think the trial of the case would prove an interesting one.

In regard to the stamps submitted to your approval, while I am willing to sell them, I do not wish to even appear to force them on you, and shall be quite satisfied to have you return all or any part of them that you do not want.

The token transaction is closed and, besides, stands by itself, so that it cannot be mixed up with my stamp business in any case. I have entirely retired from the coin business and will not re-enter it.

Hoping that by return mail you will either send back my stamps or else remit for them. I remain,

Very truly yours,

(Signed.) HENRY HECHLER.

To this letter was appended a written guarantee, of which the following is a copy:—

184 ARGYLE ST., HALIFAX, N. S., CANADA.
May, 1887.

I hereby guarantee that the Halifax Ferry Tokens, purchased from me by Dr. C. E. Fraser, Jr., of Sec. Centre, New York, to be genuine originals, being part of a lot secured by me from the parties who found them while tearing down the old Ferry House.

(Signed.) HENRY HECHLER.

(SEAL.)

(COPY.)

184 ARGYLE ST., HALIFAX, N. S., CANADA,
23rd August, 1887.

C. E. FRASER, JR., ESQ., M. D.,
Lee Centre, N. Y., U. S. A.:

Dear Sir,—Having waited a fortnight for a reply to my last card, I now write for the last time before publishing your name as a swindler, and sending it out as such to philatelists everywhere.

Perhaps I ought to have taken warning by your conduct respecting the coins, for you then kept me waiting on a transaction that was arranged to be cash by return mail for over two months, and cost me postage and valuable time on repeated letters before I got the money out of you. Still I accepted your excuses, relied on your honor and honesty once more, and thus again gave you the opportunity, which you embraced, to swindle me. Your prate about *wanting* to do what is right and to be honest is just so much nonsense, and you know it, for its falseness is proved by the course of SWINDLING which you have deliberately adopted in this matter.

If your Attorney, to whom you say that you submitted our correspondence, is as unprincipled a man as your conduct shows you to be, he is much more likely to lead you into trouble than out of it.

As for me I am willing that every word of our correspondence be made public, and to abide by the issue. You may write to any one in this city—I am well known here—and ascertain all about me. I defy any one to say about me one tithe of what you have given me the right and opportunity to write about you.

It may be that your practice is too limited to enable you to command the money to be honest to me, for if you conduct yourself professionally as you have philatelically you are simply a disgrace to an otherwise noble calling. Presuming, therefore, that you cannot raise the amount of $17.50 that you owe me at one time,—and that is my only reason for making the proposition—I will accept ten ($10) dollars now *on account*, reserving the right to fight you for the balance afterwards. Awaiting your reply by return mail, I remain

Yours truly,

(Signed.) HENRY HECHLER.

Watermarked Stamps of Canada.

AT the Annual Meeting of the C. P. A., Toronto, 20th Sept., the President mentioned to the writer that he had both the 1c. and 3c. red, 1868 issue of Canada adhesive postage stamps, watermarked. Had a view of the 3c. once before, and it is spoken of (as appearing on paper, watermarked with the maker's name) in a paper on the stamps of B. N. A., read before the Philatelic Society of London, Eng., on Jan. 8th, 1870, by W. D. Atlee. No mention is made of the 1c. similarly watermarked, or of the 3c. on laid paper. On looking up some of these stamps recently, and after the removal of 5 or 6 layer of paper from backs, I found a 1c. with watermark of T. U., thick Roman letters, about ½ in. long, and on a 3c. letters V. or W. H. similar in character and size. They are the only watermarked stamps of Canada I have ever found, and conclude they are rare.

F. J. GRENNY.

CHRONICLE.

Afghanistan.—There is a new type of the abasy, measuring 28 m.m. in diameter, instead of 26 m. m.

Argentine Republic.—The new 1c. stamp will bear the effigy of Dr. Velez Sarsfield, and the 20c. Gen. Julio A. Roca. The government not being satisfied with the lithographed stamps, has contracted with the South American Bank Note Co. for a new series, and *Le T. P.* illustrates the 3c., which it says is very well engraved. It has the head of President Celman, above which, on a curve, is "Republica Argentine;" below is "Tres Centavos" and in upper corners figures of value.

British Bechuanaland.—The 5sh. Cape has been surcharged, and the 1d. and 2d. lilac are now surcharged on Her Majesty's head, with "1d." in black and "2d." in red.

British Honduras.—The two cent red on 50c. on 1 shilling grey is found with the surcharge two in black.

Belgium.—The 5 + 5c. card is new frame design, as the current 5c., with the necessary additions.

Canada.—We have a used copy of the 5c. registration green imperforate.

We are not sure, but we think we have seen that the bisection of certain stamps, already noticed in those of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, was extended to some of those of Canada. However, as we cannot put our hand on any record of the fact, we may mention that a correspondent has sent us a portion of an envelope with 10c. in violet brown, and half an one of 5c. vermilion, side by side, and obliterated over the two. The 5c. is very much oxydised, and the combination was doubtless used to represent the packet rate of 12½ cents. It is only one item more of presumptive evidence that these bisections were made by the officials of the P. O. when letters were handed in with cash for the postage, and no stamps of the particular value were at hand to make up the postage rate.—*Ph. Record.*

Le Timbre Poste illustrates two essays for Canada, value 12½c. and 15c. They are almost the same design as the present stamps but much smaller, being the size of the present 1 cent.

Ceylon.—The 4c. envelope is now surcharged "Five Cents" in black in two lines above the stamp. The 12c. registered envelope has this surcharge, "Fifteen Cents," in large capital letters, also in two lines.

Costa Rica.—The new 5c. stamp is surcharged "Guanacaste" in black in two styles, 16½ + 4 and 14 + 3 m.m.

Denmark.—Mr. Rechert has shewn us new cards and letter cards. The former are of the type of 1879: 3 ore and 3 + 3 ore, gray; and 5 ore and 5 + 5 ore, green, all on white card. The letter cards are headed "Korrespondance-Kort," have the Arms at the left and stamp at right, "Til" below with four dotted lines. They are of the values of 4 ore, blue, and 8 ore, carmine, on pale buff and white inside. There are also to be new stamps, including official wrappers, of 4 and 5 ore, and official cards of 3 and 5 ore.

Faridkot.—The stamp of the first type comes in green and in black, and the *I. B. J.* illustrates a new stamp of similar design, but clearer and much better engraved. It is blue and perf. 12. *Le T. P.* also illustrates a new type somewhat resembling the second, and also perf. 12¼ a blue, two shades.

Great Britain.—The ½d. band has the instructions now in four lines instead of five. The £1 stamp has now three globes for watermark.

India.—*Der. P.* says that a 1 rupee stamp, lithographed, and made in India, was in use from the 16th to the 31st July.

Liberia.—The cards are now white.

Luxemburg.—The 5 + 5c., 10c., and 10 + 10c. cards have had the inscriptions altered, same as the 5c., noted last month.

Martinique.—We omitted to note the "01" on 4c.

Natal.—The 1d. printed in violet has been surcharged with new values in carmine—4 shillings violet and carmine.—*T. P.*

New South Wales.—The 20 sh. stamp is about 25 m.m. square, and bears the portraits of the Governors in 1788 and 1888. Perf. 10 ultramarine blue. A new 1d. card is in preparation, with the new type of stamp. The new Jubilee 2 pence is out, printed in a dull blue. The design is as follows: An oval centre, containing an image of the Emu, on a band above "ONE HUNDRED YEARS" beneath "TWO PENCE," in each of the four corners one of the words New South Wales postage.

The 1d. envelope and wrapper of the centennial type is out. The 1d. centennial type is surcharged O. S.

Orange Free State.—The 3d. blue has been surcharged "2d" in black.

Philippine I.—We find two varieties of the surcharge, 2½ on 1 cent.

Prince Edward Island.—We have a used specimen of the two-pence pink rouletted.

Straits Settlements.—Two new high values stamps have been issued for this country, 1 dollar green, value in black, 2 dollars green, value in blue.—*T. P.*

St. Vincent.—The 6d. is now printed in lilac, watermark C. A. and crown.

Switzerland.—The 5 and 10c. cards are now inscribed, "Côte réservé á l'adresse, Lats riservate all inderizzo, Nur für du adresse."

Tolima.—We have a new 5c. and 10c., and the *I. B. J.* mentions a 50c. and 1 peso. The Arms are in the center, and the inscription reads, "Republica de Colombia, Departamente del Tolmia, Correos." and the value. The colors are respectively, red, green, blue and brown. Perf. 10½.

Tunis.—We have received a 1 franc stamp of same design as the others, and printed in bronze green, same as the French stamp of same value.

Venezuela.—*Le T. P.* gives illustrations of the high value Escuelas made by the American Bank Note Co., 3 bolivars violet and 10 bolivars brown. The lithograph stamps ceased to be current Aug. 11th, and *Das. P.* gives the following list of them :—

CORREOS.—Perf. 12, 25c., rouletted 5c., 25c., 50c., 1 bol., unperf 5c., 25c.

ESCUELAS.—Perf. 12, 5c., 25c., 1 bol., rouletted 5c., 25c., 3 bol., unperf. 5c., 25c.

Summary execution has been ordered of all the lithographed stamps, as appears by a decree of the 26th June last, published in the Official Gazette of the 9th August last, and a subsequent notice from the P. O. The decree sets out with stating that it has been ascertained that a quantity of stamps of fraudulent origin, which are sold with knowledge of their unlawful origin, are in circulation, and it has therefore been resolved by the President that as soon as the stamps ordered from the American Bank Note Co. arrive, the current issue shall be called in.

On the 11th Aug. last a notice was issued by the postal authorities of Caracca, that in conformity with the provisions of the above mentioned decree, the public was informed that from and after that date no correspondence would be received at that office which was not franked by stamps manufactured by the American Bank Note Co. of New York.—*Ph. Record.*

NOTES.

WE have to thank Mr. Henry Gremmel for a copy of his new price list of U. S. and Foreign Stamps. His prices are cheap, and we can recommend our readers to give him a trial order.

THE address of Mr. Leighton, the Sec'y of the C. P. A., has been changed rom Orangeville to 67 Denison Ave., Toronto.

IT may interest some of our readers who collect revenues to know that the Canada 1868 3c. and 6c. postage stamps have been used as bill stamps. We have seen them used so on the original notes.

"L. T." has written us in regard to the value of Canadian tobacco band and labels. In reply we would say that there is no catalogue of these stamps, and very few collectors, and the cash value we are thus unable to tell. Would he please send name and address.

One of our city collectors has unearthed a rarity in P. E. I., viz: a two-pence *rouletted*. This is something never before heard of, and shews what may yet be found. The stamp was used, and was on part of original envelope; it has a fine wide margin, and shews the roulette cuts plainly.

Look out for our Dec. No., we are going to have a good one; amongst other good things an article by Major Evans, another on Nova Scotia Provisionals, illustrated by an artotype plate, which will be given to subscribers only. So send along your subscriptions and advertisements and get the benefit of this No.

THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

Official Correspondence and Reports.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

19 Denison Sq., Toronto, Nov. 3rd, 1888.

To the Members of the C. P. A.:

Gentlemen,—I have not had the pleasure of reporting to you since July last, and I feel that an apology is due. Since my last report was sent in we have had considerable trouble with the official organ, and I think you will consider a little explanation quite in order. After sending my July report I heard nothing of the official organ until the July-August combined number appeared on the scene, about September 1st. Our Convention, as you know, was held in this city on September 19th and 20th, and the Halifax Philatelist was then elected official organ, with the understanding that if the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* suspended before the expiration of its term the Halifax Philatelist would fill the unexpired time. Before leaving Toronto I was informed that the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* would continue until Christmas, and I duly prepared and sent in to Mr. Lowe a lengthy report (some 10 or 11 pp. of foolscap) of the convention, &c Soon after our President wrote me to the effect that the *Toronto Philatelic Journal* had suspended, and I then wrote Mr. Lowe to forward my report to the publisher of the Halifax Philatelist. I did not hear anything further concerning the matter until a short time since the President again asked me to send in my report. This considerably surprised me, thinking, as I did, that Mr. Lowe had forwarded the report, and I again wrote Mr. Lowe. After several fruitless efforts to elicit a reply from that worthy gentleman I have given up in despair. All this delay and bungling has greatly impeded the progress of the Society and seriously retarded its growth, but I believe we now have a journal worthy of the office. I can therefore only ask those applicants, whose admission to membership has been so long delayed, to kindly overlook the matter, and I can promise to be punctual with my reports. Mr. Jno. M. Hubbard has most generously offered to send his paper, "*The Stamp World*," free to all our members, and I would call the attention of prospective members to this additional benefit. I think I may with safety, on behalf of the Association, thank Mr. Hubbard most heartily for his very liberal donation.

The following have been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues, 32, 103, 113. Below are lists of applicants and new members:

NEW MEMBERS.—LIST NO. 5.

140.—A. Lehmann, Jr., 635 Main St., Patterson, N. J.
141.—A. T. Ogilvie, care A. W. Ogilvie & Co., Montreal, P. Q.
142.—E. C. Biggar, Fremont, Neb.
143.—W. A. DeWolf Smith, New Westminster, B. C.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS.—NO. 6.

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CHALMER'S-HILL CONTROVERSY AND THE C. P. A.

To the Editor of the Halifax Philatelist:

SIR,—I cannot pass unnoticed one thing in the proceedings of the late Convention of the C. P. A., and that is the attempt to have our Association support Chalmer's claim to the invention of the postage stamp. Now, I think those present did a very sensible thing by putting that resolution under the table, as the only means of preserving harmony in our ranks. I claim it would be an unjust use of a proxy to vote for such a claim, when I believe that by far the greater majority do not see their way clear to support Chalmer's claim. These proxies were not given for that reason, and therefore the "springing" of this resolution did not justify even the support it got. Out of 27 votes cast in its favor a U. S. member *dropped in 24 proxies* in its favor; only *one* Canadian supporting him. Chalmers, Jr., seems to have plenty of money; did he make this attempt to "carry our fort by storm," or was it a bold bid to get us to recognize him. I respect every man's opinions, and admire all who favor and can support their claim, but British fair play and justice we must have, and I object to forcing down Pat. Chalmers' ideas into my mind. I have received Chalmers' circulars and pamphlets,—every one he has issued—and I have read them thoroughly, and I do not wonder that he has won the sympathy he has in the U. S., where he has distributed his pamphlets by the thousand, besides sending books, postage stamps and photos as inducements to read them. To read his pamphlets one would think he had it all his own way; that Chalmers, Sr., was an ill-used and unfairly-treated man. But look at the other side, hear what the London Society have to say; hear what the Quaker City Philatelic Association have to say; read Pearson Hill's "Origin of the Postage Stamps;" read Major E. B. Evans', and George Henderson's answer to the Chalmerites,—all this and more too—and then I say you will agree with me that the Chalmers' craze is a "bugbear." Mr. Chalmers has a bad cause, and all the money he spends cannot bolster it up; and in Hill's pamphlet he is shown up in his true light. In his twenty-seven circulars and pamphlets he has so kindly sent me he has not established one iota of his claim. The only Society in the U. S. which, without prejudice or undue haste, considered this question in all its phases for months, came to the conclusion "That the testimony advanced by Patrick Chalmers in favor of his father does not establish the claims advanced. That if he had been the inventor it would have been acknowledged long ago; and that in his *proofs* advanced he has not deduced sufficiently strong reasons to change our resolve that Mr. James Chalmers *did not* invent adhesive postage stamps." Now, a discussion on this subject is so much space thrown away, and I do not intend to enter such, suffice it to say, "hear both sides before you make up your mind."

Yours philatelically,

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We understand that Secretary Leighton, who has been studying law for the past three years, has given up that study, and has decided to enter the ministry. He is taking a course at Trinity College, Toronto. His address will be 67 Denison Ave., Toronto.

Our duty as Official Organ begins with the January issue, and being the commencement of our 3rd year, we have decided to make no alteration in style or size of our Journal until then. Our many friends and supporters, to whom we are indebted for past kindness, we trust will have the satisfaction to look at us in our new attire with pleasing results.

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Meeting of Oct. 29th, 1888.

Meeting opened at 8.30. President Craig in the Chair. Members present: Messrs. Craig, Crane, King, Hart, Smith E. A., Shannon, Kaye and DeWolf. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. There being no business on for the evening, Mr. Craig gave an account of the Convention. On account of the absence of the auctioneer no sale was held. Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M. until Monday evening, Nov. 13th.

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Meeting of Nov. 12th, 1888.

Meeting opened at 8 30. V. P. Crane in the Chair. Members present: Messrs. Crane, King, Hart, Larsen, T.; Hechler, Mathers, Gass, Smith, A. E.; DeWolf, Kaye, Larsen, O.; Francis and McPherson. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mr. J. C. Calder, of Windsor, was proposed and elected a member, No. 27. There being no other business on the usual auction sale was held, and at which some rareties sold cheap, as: U. S. A. 5c. red brown to Gass, for $3.20; 5c. brown ornaments, one to Hart for $1.25, and one to Gass for $1.80; 30c. 1868, grilled, for 50c. Meeting closed at 10.30 p. m.

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Surcharged Stamps.

BY E. B. EVANS.

IT seems to be a necessary evil of collecting of all kinds, that its votaries should be beset with objects more or less spurious, which not only occasion great difficulty to collectors themselves, but are liable also to bring discredit upon their pursuit. Stamp collectors appear to be peculiarly liable to be troubled in this way, for there are several classes of these objects that we have to deal with, some more, some less, difficult to decide about.

First of all, forgeries, or fac-similes, or whatever their makers or purveyors may choose to call them; there is no difficulty about these in one respect, we do not admit these into our collections if we can help it. I know of one European dealer, of the very highest class, who advertises imitations of great rarities, but I believe there is very little sale for these, as such; the great majority of the forgeries that are sold are sold as genuine stamps, by or to persons who know no better; we do not, as a rule, collect imitations. I remember in the old days, say five and twenty years ago, seeing fac similes abvertised of what were supposed then to be very rare stamps; and it is possible that in the future photographs of rarities, more especially of such stamps as the Sydney views, early Philippines, and Mauritius, which exist in a number of varieties of type, may be collected, but they will probably be kept separate from the stamps which they represent, and retained principally for reference.

Second, reprints; these are of more doubtful interest, many collectors admit them, as the next best things to original impressions, but I confess that, personally, I would as soon have a good photograph of a rare stamp as a reprint. There are various classes of them, some are close imitations of the originals in color, paper, perforation, &c., and can hardly (if at all) be distinguished from them; these may be said to be, from one point of view, as good as the originals, from another, and I think the correct one, they are simply exceedingly dangerous imitations which cause a reduction in the value of genuine unused specimens. Others again, differ from the originals in almost every respect except the type; these are quite as valuable to collectors as the former class, and are free from some of the objections which attach to them.

A third species was very prevalent in the days when anything resembling a stamp was eagerly sought after, and when the number of known rarities of real stamps was very much more limited than it is now; I refer to *essays, proofs, &c.*, which are hardly looked at by the general collector at the present day, but with which at one time we were overwhelmed; they have had their day, the fittest of them survive in the collections of specialists, and the interesting designs, engraved for the special delectation of

collectors, and printed in colours to suit every taste have been consigned to the oblivion of the waste paper basket.

My fourth class is a far more troublesome one; it consists of those varieties which many of us know, or believe, to be purely *Philatelic*, and which nevertheless are genuine issued stamps, and cannot well be refused admission to our collections. Of these, the great majority are formed by surcharges, and it is these surcharged varieties that I wish to say a few words about in this paper.

First let me endeavour to explain shortly what I mean by *Philatelic* varieties. We stamp collectors, or philatelists, are apt to misapply this word sometimes; I have seen the term "Philatelic Legislation" applied to postal ordinances and notices, which had no more to do with philately than with mathematics, as if *Philatelic* and *Postal* were synonymous; but by philatelic varieties, I imply those that owed their origin to the fact that there are people who collect stamps and not to the actual requirements of the people by whom they were to be used.

Let me give an example:—About the end of 1881 the supplies of 1c. and 2c. stamps ran short in British Guiana, to meet this other values were surcharged so as to convert them into 1c. and 2c. stamps. The first supply thus made was at once bought up by local collectors or speculators, and, I believe a second lot, similarly made, was exhausted in the same manner; after which the authorities brought out the square type-set stamps, with a ship in the centre, and dated 1882, the sale of which was limited to prevent their being bought up also. Some of these plainly owed their existence to philately, had it not been for collectors the first provisionals made in 1881 would no doubt have lasted until fresh supplies arrived from England; still, all the numerous varieties were issued and used, and it is difficult, if not impossible to draw a line between them, and admit some and reject others.

But these British Guiana provisionals are some of the most respectable individuals of their class; there are other surcharged stamps that I feel morally certain were not overprinted because stamps of those particular values were wanted, but have been produced at the instance of local collectors, or possibly in order to use up stocks of stamps that were not likely to be required, or even in some cases to increase the revenues of a post office by increased sales to collectors and dealers. There is an issue of surcharged stamps of Guatemala, which is well known as a case in point; the provisional issues of some of the French Colonies have been surprisingly numerous of late years, either their supplies of stamps must be sent far more irregularly than they used to be, or else philately must have a hand in the matter; the long list of surcharged varieties of the stamps of Ceylon of a few years back, may be only the result of carelessness on the part of the authorities, who were not particular what new values were surcharged upon the various obselete ones, but philately may have had something to do with that case also. We need not, however, consider doubtful instances, there are numbers of surcharged stamps about which there is no doubt whatever that they would never have come into existence at all, but for philately; and I think that this epidemic of surcharges, from which we have now been suffering for some years, is a very great danger to our pursuit.

The question arises, what can we do to put a stop to it, or prevent its doing injury to philately? These surcharged stamps are collectable, undoubtedly, but whether they are necessary to the completeness of a collection, or not, I think is fairly open to question. A collector may reasonably say, I collect small engravings issued by various governments for use as postage stamps, if I have specimens of these in all their variations as manufactured for use, I do not care what may have been printed upon them in order to adapt them to other uses: if they were complete and available for postage without the surcharge, a specimen without the surcharge is all that I require. There are certain surcharged stamps that we should still admit on the above principle; under the head of *Montserrat* we should probably think it right to include the surcharged stamps of Antigua, there are the stamps of St. Helena again, and certain of the impressions from the Bermuda plates used at Gibralter, which do not exist in particular colours unsurcharged; also similar stamps of Ceylon, Hongkong, Mauritius, &c., only printed in certain colours for the purpose of being surcharged, and which must be collected in that state or not at all. If collectors could be persuaded to reject or at least to refuse to give high prices for all the surcharged varieties which are simply postage stamps of one kind (complete in themselves) converted into postage stamps of some other kind, I am sure that this epidemic might speedily be stamped out, to the great benefit of philately and philatelists.

I have been studying lately a paper by a great authority on stamp-collecting, Dr. Legrand, well known as the Secretary of the Société Francaise de Timbrologie, upon the very subject; in which he expresses the opinion that we must accept these surcharged varieties because they were issued for use, no matter what may have occasioned the issue, and that all we have to do is to distinguish the genuine from the forged. But this is the great difficulty, and this difficulty is the great objection to these stamps from our point of view.

In the engraving and printing of stamps, great care as a rule is exercised to prevent risk of forgery; but in printing surcharges there is generally no necessity for anything of the kind, as the surcharge usually diminishes the facial value of the stamp. If anyone choose to purchase a supply of the unsurcharged stamps and print upon them a surcharge resembling more or less (or perhaps even *not* resembling) the official one, there would in all probability be no objection on the part of the authorities, even if they noticed any difference in the surcharge. For instance, suppose that provisional *penny* stamps were made by surcharging those of the value of *two pence*; any unscrupulous collector or dealer on the spot might purchase a supply of 2d. stamps, manufacture a special variety, or set of varieties of 1d. stamps for himself, taking care to pass a certain number through the post, and a few years later who could say which was the official, and which the unofficial type, unless all the copies of the latter were traced back to the one individual.

This is but one of the dangers connected with these surcharged stamps, the production of which should, I think, be discouraged as far as possible.

The Surcharged and Provisional Stamps of Nova Scotia.

DONALD A. KING.

THE title of this is no doubt startling, but it is true nevertheless. It is a well known fact in philately that nearly every country has some stamp, provisional or error, that are not found in catalogues, but which are nevertheless known to exist, as the St. Pierre Miquelon P.D., the Bremen Marken error, and so in Nova Scotia we have the so-called surcharges. In February of this year I received a parcel of old Nova Scotia stamps from a friend in Port Hastings, Cape Breton, and among them I found three 3d. stamps with 5c. in an oval printed on them, this will be seen by looking at number two of the plate. They had all been cut out of the envelopes having a part of the paper as a margin, and as I had in writing for them specified the dates between which the pence issues would be found, all the stamps had the respective dates of the letters pencilled on the backs of them. Immediately taking the three surcharged stamps I returned them and asked if the envelopes from which they were cut would be sent me, and I was lucky enough to get them. I then thought I had a bonanza, a regular surcharged stamp of Nova Scotia, overlooking the fact that there was no other cancellation marks on them. The three letters had all been mailed from the same office, Baddeck, within a month, January 13th, 20th, the third the day of the month does not shew, 1860, and all addressed to the same person. To make me more sure of the fact of their being really a surcharge I saw in No. 304 of "Le Timbre Poste" an illustration of one which was in the collection of M. de Ferrari and which was precisely the same as the three I had. Being informed that the postmaster who is now at Baddeck was the same as was there in 1860 I decided to write him for information on the subject and find out how those stamps came to be surcharged. Imagine my disappointment when I received the following answer,

BADDECK, N. S., *April 24th, 1888.*

"DEAR SIR,—28 years ago I made my own stamps out of wood and had the 5c. one that appears on envelopes enclosed. Without any order I used the latter in manner thereon as I do now in a hurry with ink or date stamp. Enclosed paper shews stamps then in use but I cannot find the 5c. one. I could tell you how the wind blew and the temperature 40 years ago but I had a job to find the old stamps.

(Sgd.) ROBERT ELMSLY."

The stamps referred to in the letter were impressions from the old hand stamps in his office. To understand the latter part of this letter thoroughly, it must be understood that it was a rule of the Nova Scotia Post Office Department, (and is now of the Canadian) that a stamp should not be cancelled with pen and ink or with date stamp, but with a cancellor so that in case the stamp should come off, the postmark would be on the envelope and the origin of the letter could thus be found, this of course could not be done if the postmark was on the stamp. The objection to ink was that it could be cleaned and the stamp used again. This letter of course exploded the idea of a surcharge. Not long after this Mr. J. N. Crane shewed me an

envelope he had, which was mailed from Whycocomagh, C. B., February 29th, 1860, with a pair of 6d. stamps with the figure 10 surcharged on each, but as in my own case there was no other cancellation on them. This envelope is illustrated in number one of plate. Mr. Crane's theory is, that as the currency was changed to $ and cts. in the beginning of 1860, and that as 6d. was then worth only 10c., that the postmaster at Whycocomagh put it on the 6d. stamps to shew that he sold them for that price. If this was the case I should think more would be found, and until then I will continue to believe that this surcharge was only an accidental cancellation, although in support of Mr. Crane's argument there is a figure five alongside of my own 3d. stamp, illustrated. It seems, however, a singular coincidence that his and mine should be mailed at almost the same dates, Mr. Crane's being mailed at Whycocomagh, 1860. Another manner in which those stamps are likely to be thus overprinted is this, in 1854 there was a new postal treaty arranged between the United States and Nova Scotia, one of the agreements of which was that the rate should be 3d. per ½ ounce and that all prepaid letters sent by Nova Scotia to the United States should be stamped on the face of them, "paid 5 cents," the equal in U. S. currency to 3d., or 10 cents if it was a double rate. This may have been occasionally struck on the stamp accidentally and would thus make a surcharge, I have myself seen an envelope in which the edge of the paid stamp has missed the 3d. stamp by only a hairsbreadth. Some of the surcharges have no doubt originated in this manner.

The provisional stamps of Nova Scotia are the split ones, of which only one value the 3d. was authorized to be so used, and that for a specific purpose, viz, to allow the rate of postage to Great Britain, 7½d., to be made up. This cutting of the 3d. was authorized by the Post Master General, as in his report for 1853 he says, "To remedy to some extent the serious inconvenience said to be experienced by merchants and others in consequence of there being no seven and one half-penny currency postage stamps, by which parties who feel desirous could thus prepay their letters to England, and not wishing to put the province to any further expense in having another "*die*" prepared, I considered it expedient to allow *half* stamps to be used with those now in use, to obviate the want of accomodation complained of, and a circular was accordingly forwarded to my deputies, and a notice issued to the public to the effect that letters could be prepaid to England by stamps, by parties using a six pence or two three penny stamps together with *half a three penny stamp*. The three penny stamp to be cut diagonally, and the half to be equivalent to 1½d. The three penny stamp alone to be used for that purpose." Both types of those provisionals are illustrated on the plate. Number five is from my own collection and shews the 7½d. composed of two three penny and a cut one, number seven is in Mr. F. C. Kaye's collection and though it has unfortunately been cut from the envelope, it has a good margin and shews the 6d. in combination with the cut 3d.

Of the unauthorized split stamps, I have met with five varieties, number three of plate is the 6d. cut diagonally and used as three pence, number four is also 6d. but cut perpendicularly, an extremely rare

variety and is the only one I have ever seen cut in this manner. Three other varieties I have seen are not illustrated, they are the 10 cent cut diagonally and used as 5c., also cut perpendicularly and used for same, and the 5 cent cut diagonally and used for the county postage of two cents.

Number six of the plate is an oddity, it is a 6d. cut and used for what? under it is written in red pencil 5 cts. I have two almost the same, the other has, however, only the figure 5 in red under the half stamp. The stamps have undoubtedly prepaid the letter as the color in which the 5 cts. is written shews it, red being the paid color. They probably originated at some small post office, out of stamps and who marked them in red as paid letters and sent them and the money for stamps to the next post office, or they were given by some one on the road to a mail courier (as was the practice then, and now) with the money to prepay them, and he marked them in red as prepaid and had them stamped at the nearest post office.

All the split stamps of Nova Scotia are very rare and should be greatly valued by collectors. Off the original envelope, they are valueless, and I have been sorely disappointed more than once on receiving them in that condition. While in Nova Scotia we have not got those varieties of types in stamps which some other countries have, still, we can make up a number of interesting varieties which are unknown to most collectors and in nearly every case have never been mentioned in catalogues.

Some Canadian Postal History.

THE presentation on Saturday to Mr. W. H. Griffin, the late Deputy Postmaster General of Canada, was an occurrence of more than passing interest. Mr. Griffin is probably the oldest official the Dominion has. He entered the public service as long ago as 1831, and has occupied the position of Deputy Minister, or actual head of the postal department, since June 12, 1857—thirty-one years. It has fallen to the lot of few men to point to so long and to so honorable a record as that attaching to Mr. Griffin's name.

The changes Mr. Griffin has witnessed since 1831, when he began his official career, have been numerous and sweeping. In the year mentioned and for twenty years afterwards the people of Canada were not bothered with postal concerns. The Imperial Government managed the post-office and gave us all the facilities it deemed desirable or necessary for the exchange of communications. The first official to regulate the postal business in what is now Canada was no less important a person than Benjamin Franklin, whose jurisdiction as Deputy Postmaster-General extended from Pennsylvania northward. Franklyn had at Quebec a postmaster named Hugh Finlay. After the declaration of independence Mr. Finlay received the appointment of Deputy Postmaster-General for all Canada. He had in 1791 eleven post-offices under his management, one as far west as Mackinaw and one as far east as the Baie des Chaleurs. He gave a weekly mail between Quebec and Montreal, and a monthly mail for this Western country. In 1800 Mr. George Heriot succeeded to the post. He gave Canada twenty-


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six post-offices. Seventeen years later, under Mr. Daniel Sutherland, the number was increased and the mails were multiplied. A daily mail was established between Quebec and Montreal and a weekly mail between Montreal and Toronto. Mr. Stayner, his successor, brought the number of post-offices in 1831, the year in which Mr. Griffin entered the service, up to 151. During all this time the carrying the letters was a profitable business. There was, for example, a profit of $21,000 in 1824 and of $47,000 in 1831, all which sums were duly remitted to England to swell the Imperial revenue. The rates, however, were exceedingly high. It cost eighteen cents to send a letter from Toronto to Kingston, and thirty cents to send one to Montreal. The charge for sending a weekly paper through the mails was a dollar a year, as much as the paper now costs, and the postage on a daily was over two dollars a year. When in 1851 Canada took charge, all the postal service reforms were promptly inaugurated. The postage on all letters to all destinations in Canada was reduced to six cents per half ounce, and the cost of the ocean postage from Toronto was brought down to sixteen cents. Under Mr. Griffin the rates on letters have been brought down from six cents to five cents, and, in 1868, from five cents to three cents. A one-cent rate has also been adopted for city deliveries; one cent post cards have been introduced; and newspapers have been given the freedom of the mails. Post-offices to the number of 7,534 have been established and a perfect system of communication to all points, including reciprocal postal relations with other countries, has been created. The post-office savings bank, the postal money order, and the system of registration have been given in addition during Mr. Griffin's regime.

All that is wanted now is a two-cent in the place of the three-cent postage. One obstruction stands in the way of this reform. It is the deficit in the working expenses, which last year amounted to $854,845. Mr. Griffin probably could not advise the Ministers under whom he served to take the responsibility of a further reduction in the revenue. But he has done a good work without that, and deserves, as a result, to be remembered by the public as a worthy official.—*Mail.*

With this number we complete our second volume, and to our friends and patrons who have supported us for the past year we tender the most hearty thanks. Commencing with our January number we intend to enlarge our paper to 24 pages and hope during the coming year to try and make it more popular than ever. To do this we must have the support of all the Philatelists of America, by subscriptions or advertising.

Again thanking our friends for their kindness and support, we wish them all the compliments of the season.

We understand that a Philatelic Society is about to be started in St. John, N. B. This is as it should be. Every city should form philatelic gatherings, which prove both instructive and entertaining. N. S. P. S. members can testify to this.

CHRONICLE.

Austria.—The 5kr. comes on yellow paper, and the 20kr. pneumatic envelope is surcharged 15kr. in black.

Belgium.—The 1c. has returned to its former color, olive green, and the 10c. letter card is gray blue, (both sides).

Cape of Good Hope.—Cards of ½d. and 1½d. are expected Jan. 1st.

Chamba.—On each sheet of all the values there is an error of surcharge, the "S" of "State" being replaced by "8."

Colombia.—The *A. J. P.* notes the 10c. map, printed in lilac by error.

Costa Rica.—It is stated that a new series is being made in London, inscribed "Correos y Telegrafos." Values 1, 2, 5, 20c. and 1, 2, 5, 10 pesos.

Denmark.—There is a slight change in the 4 ore envelope. The upright stroke at the right of the figure 4 does not extend below the horizontal stroke as formerly.

Dominica.—The 2½d. is blue, and the 6d. yellow brown. The 6d. green was issued on C. A. paper.

Dutch E. I.—The 15c. surcharged envelope has been succeeded by one of the same design as the 10c., color bistre.

Faridkot.—The perforated stamp resembling the first type is reported in green as well as blue, and the 1883 square type also perforated, in black, brick, blue and green.

Formosa.—With reference to these stamps Messrs. Whitfield, King, and Co. have furnished us with some interesting information, accompanied by specimens of both the public and the official stamps. The one depicted in our last is of the latter kind, the heading reading, "*T'ai wan yu p'iao*," or "Formosa postage stamp." The centre column is the date; the right, the weight; the left, the destination; and in the border, on the extreme left, is the serial number and value, part of this remaining on the counterfoil. In all the specimens sent to us the top character in this latter row, on a line with the inscription, is in red, the rest in black, except the hand-stamps, which are in red, and which appear to be control marks, most probably affixed at the stages. In these official stamps it would seem that the particulars in the body of the stamp are not necessarily filled in, as is done in the public stamps, which are of larger size, and are a single-lined upright rectangle of 73 by 33 mm. The compartment at the top contains the inscription, "*Yu cheng shang p'aio*," or "Public Postage Stamp." The column of characters signify the same as those in the official stamps. The paper is yellowish native-laid.

The public stamps are, according to the correspondent of Messrs. Whitfield, King and Co., *not* sold to the public; they have no fixed values, but are attached to the packet by the official in charge of the Post-Office, who fills in the value and other particulars. And this appears to us to be the fact, as the characters denoting the variable particulars and inserted in different writing and ink from those which would be permanent. The

official stamps are served out to the public offices, to be affixed to their correspondence.

As for the stamp depicted in our August number, we can learn nothing of it on the spot, and we suspect that, though genuine so far as it goes, it has only been prepared as a proposal, and is not yet in any other than an aurelian state.

OFFICIAL STAMPS. Value in blank, red and black on yellowish paper.
OFFICIAL STAMPS. " " " " white.—*Ph. Record.*

French Colonies.—*Le T. P.* notes a 75c. of 1881, surcharged "30" and postmarked "Pondicherry, 9 Avril, 1884."

Gold Coast.—There is a two penny registry envelope of usual style.

Great Britain.—The 1½d., 1887, is surcharged "Govt. Parcels."

Guatemala.—We have received new 1c. and 5c. stamp, said to have been made by a different Company. The 1c. is an exact copy of the last issue, but is (cc 43) instead of (cc 51). The 5c. has an entirely different figure 5, which is broader and has a horizontal standard below to correspond with the letters of the words "Centavos." The color is a little darker than (cc 61).

Italy.—The 30c. and 51. unpaid letter stamps are noted with centre inverted.

Mexico.—*Der. Ph.* notes the 4c. brown (cc 95), and *Le T. P.* the envelope 10c. red. A local for Charles, used in 1867, has been discovered, it consists of an octagonal frame containing "Correos—2 Rs.—De Chalco." Black on green.

New South Wales.—The *Ph. R.* mentions the 3d. laureated stamp with watermark double line figure "2."

New Hebrides.—The *Am. Ph.* says stamps are in preparation.

Nicaragua.—The 10c. envelope noted last month comes on blue, and there is a 5c. on white.

Norway.—Card, 5 ore green on white, no frame.

Perak.—The post card comes with and without period after Perak.

Philippine Islands.—The 5c. blue postage and the 1c. brown telegraph are both surcharged, 2½c. in carmine, for postal purposes.

Pountch.—There is a complete set in black, said to be for official use.

St. Helena.—The 1d. now has C.A. watermark.

Surinam.—Stamps of 15, 20, 30, 40c. and 1 gulden are expected.

Tolima.—There are three new cubiertas, inscribed "Republica de Colombia—Correos del Departmento del Tolima," 5c. bistre, 10c. vermillion, 50c. blue, all on white paper.

Tunis.—The 1 fr. noted last month is of a new design. The inscriptions and figures are different, and the back ground instead of being plain is dotted. A whole series has been or will be issued of the new type including cards and envelopes. The 1 fr. of the first type, it is said, does not exist.

United States.—The rejected die of the 2c. envelope is reported on oriental buff, size 3. The letter sheet is now "Series 3."

NOTES.

We have to thank the American Philatelic Company for a copy of their first auction sale catalogue. This firm deserve great commendation for their enterprise and we hope that their first sale will be a success, and followed by more.

With this number we give to all our paid subscribers an artotype plate, illustrating the article on the Nova Scotian stamps. All new subscribers or those desirous of having the plate can get it by remitting 25 cents, and it will be sent postpaid.

We have often wondered why envelope collectors do not try to get a set of the Canadian unpaid Dead Letter Office stamped envelopes. In a future number we hope to give a complete list of all the values.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

19 Bellevue Place, Toronto, Ont.,

Dec. 6th, 1888.

To the Members of the C. P. A.:

Gentlemen,—In presenting my report for the past month it gives me much pleasure to be able to state that the Association has been steadily growing, a statement fully borne out by the subjoined lists of applicants and new members. You will doubtless be pleased to hear that our Constitution and By-Laws are at the time of writing almost ready for delivery. In fact they will probably be in your hands before this report reaches you. Some of the members have not yet paid their dues for the past half-year although I have repeatedly written to them, and unless I hear from them before my next report is sent in I shall be under the painful necessity of dropping them from the roll. I would request you to notice that my street address has been changed, viz, from 67 Denison Avenue to 19 Bellevue Place. In conclusion I desire to take the opportunity of presenting to you that old and oft-repeated, yet still pleasant, joyous greeting: A merry Christmas. I feel sure that the traditional accompaniments of the season: peace, joy, and love will be found present in no greater degree, anywhere, than in the Canada Philatelic Association.

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MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21ST, 1888.

MEETING opened at 8.30 P. M. In the absence of the President, Vice-President Crane took the chair. Members present Messrs. Crane, King, Hart, Smith, E. A., Larsen. T., Hechler, Mathers, Gass, Kaye, DeWolf, Larsen, O., Francis, and Mr. C. Wesley Price as a visitor. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. A letter from Mr. J. R. Findlay resigning his membership in our Association was read and accepted. Mr. Hechler gave notice of the following resolution, to be voted on the meeting of December 31st, "That the membership fee for voting members of the Society be fixed at $2 per year, non voting $1 per year, payable in semi-annual instalments, the same to be paid thirty days from the commencement of each half year, failure to comply with this resolution shall cause suspension of such violating member.

Thanks of the Association are due Mr. D. Garth, of London, England, for copies of his auction catalogue for our library.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

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There being no other business on, the usual auction sale was held, and was most successful, there being upwards of 60 lots sold, and among them many bargains. Meeting closed at 11 P. M.

DONALD A. KING,
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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF GREECE.

M. R. KNIGHT.

AN essay by E. L. Schumann in the November *American Philatelist* will be likely to foster if not almost create an interest in the above stamps. Hitherto they have been "Greek" indeed to the majority of collectors. I hope that this short paper of mine, which is the result of an independent study of the stamps themselves as well as a careful comparison of the catalogues of Nicolas D. Vallossis, Joseph Tchakiji & Co., and A. E. Glasewald, all specialists in this department, will be of some additional service to collectors in helping to elucitate the mystery with which the Greek stamps have been clothed.

The Postage Stamps of Greece from 1860 to 1883 all bear the same design, the head of Mercury on a plain coloured ground in a circle of pearls, a double border around stamp, the corners outside of circle filled up with minute chain-work, "Ell Gramm" above, value below, of this design some 85 stamps were omitted, which according to my judgment are sufficiently distinct to be deserving of being catalogued.

The first nine stamps were printed in Paris, 1 to 6 in 1860, 7 in 1861 and 8 and 9 in 1862. The printing is perfectly clean, beautifully done. The lines of shading on the face and neck bar are so thin at the ends as to be almost imperceptible. The paper is smooth and strong. Nos. 7 and 9 have figures of value on the back. In No. 9 the chain-work in the corners has degenerated into white patches in most examples.

1860. Paris print. 1, 1 lepton, dark brown; 2. lepta, bistre; 3, 5 lepta, green on greenish; 4, 20 lepta, blue on blueish; 5, 40 lepta, dark lilac on blue-green; 6, 80 lepta, carmine on rose.

1861. Value on back (large 10). 7, 10 lepta, orange on greenish.

Jan., 1862. 8, 2 lepta, pale brown; 9, 20 lepta, blue, (value on back).

From March, 1862 to 1871, the stamps were printed at home in Athens and the execution is much coarser, while the paper is of a poorer quality. The lines on the neck and face are thicker than in the Paris stamps and are often blotted and run together.

1862. Athens print. Nos. 12–18 have figures of value on the back. 10, 1 lepton, (as No. 1, but plainer); 11, 2 lepta, bistre; 12, 5 lepta, green on greenish; 13, 10 lepta, orange-red on greenish; 14, 20 lepta, pale blue on blueish; 15, 20 lepta, blue; 16, 20 lepta. dark blue; 17, 40 lepta, dark lilac on grey-blue; 18, 80 lepta, carmine on pale rose.

1863. Value on back. 19, 5 lepta, green on greenish (smaller figure on back); 20, 10 lepta, brick-red on grey-blue.

1864. Coarser impression still. Nos. 23–30 have figures of value on the back. 21, 1 lepton, chesnut-brown on white; 22, 2 lepta, pale brown on chamois; 23, 5 lepta, dirty green on greenish; 24, 10 lepta, orange-red greenish; 25, 10 lepta, dirty orange-red on grey-blue; 26, 20 lepta, blue on yellow-green; 27, 40 lepta, dirty dark red on grey-blue; 28, 40 lepta, dirty carmine; 29, 40 lepta, violet-red; 30, 80 lepta, carmine on pale rose.

1865. 31, 1 lepton, clay-brown on chamois; 32, 1 lepton, pale clay-brown; 33, 2 lepta, dark bistre on chamois.

1865. Value on back. Fine thin paper. 34, 5 lepta, dull green on greenish; 35, 10 lepta, vermillion on violet-grey; 36, 20 lepta, blue on bluish; 37, 20 lepta, blue on dark blue.

1866. 38, 40 lepta, red-brown on blueish, (value on back).

1868. Very coarse impressien. 39, 40 lepta, violet on blueish, (value on back.

The next three stamps. Nos. 40–42, are very well printed and resemble the Paris stamps the most closely of all the Athens printed ones.

1870. Fine impression. 40, 1 lepton, brown on white; 41, 20 lepta, blue on white, (value on back); 42, 20 lepta, dark blue, (value on back).

1871. Coarser impression. Value on back. 43, 40 lepta, red on greenish; 44, 40 lepta, carmine; 45, 40 lepta, carmine blotted colour.

In the following two stamps we find again the beautiful clean print and delicate lines of the first emission.

1875. Paris print. 46, 30 lepta, brown on chamois; 47, 60 lepta, dark green on greenish.

1876. Athens print again. Chamois paper. Nos. 49–60 have figures of value on the back. 48, 1 lepton, coffee-brown; 49, 5 lepta, green; 50, 5 lepta, yellow-green; 51, 10 lepta, orange-red; 52, 20 lepta, ultramorine; 53, 20 lepta, dark blue; 54, 40 lepta, red; 55, 40 lepta, carmine.

1876–78. White paper. 56, 5 lepta, green; 57, 5 lepta, yellow-green; 58, 10 lepta, orange-red; 59, 10 lepta, vermilion; 60, 20 lepta, ultramorine.

1878. Without value on back. 61, 5 lepta, green on chamois.

1879. 62, 1 lepton, red-brown; 63, 5 lepta, green; 67, 10 lepta, orange-yellow; 65, 30 lepta, dark brown; 66, 30 lepta, black-brown; 67, 30 lepta, olive brown; 68, 60 lepta, dark green.

1880. 69, 10 lepta, orange-red; 70, 20 lepta, dark ultramarine.

1881. 71, 1 lepton, pale brown; 72, 2 lepta, clay-yellow; 73, 5 lepta, pale green; 74, 10 lepta, yellow: 75, 20 lepta, lake; 76, 20 lepta, claret pink; 77, 30 lepta, dark grey-blue; 78, 40 lepta, dark violet.

1881–82. Value on back. 79, 40 lepta, purple; 80, 40 lepta, violet, blotted colour.

1883. Stamps of 1881 in paler colours. 81, 20 lepta, carmine; 82, 20 lepta, clear rose; 83, 20 lepta, pink; 84, 30 lepta, pale blue; 85, 40 lepta, pale violet.

I trust that the description here given will enable collectors to identify without much difficulty the above 85 stamps, all of the same design. A study of the postmarks may afford a little additional help, but not very much, since the earlier stamps will often be found with the later postmarks. The earliest postmark, however, a diamond composed of dots, with the

number of the post office in the centre, is never found on the issues after 1871. The second postmark, a double circle with date in centre, name of office above and number below, I have seen dated 1863, and I think even 1862. Another postmark, differing from the last, in that the year is below outside the inner circle, in place of the No. of office, appears also upon the 1881-83 issues.

None of the Greek stamps were officially perforated or rouletted. All such are the product of private enterprise.

It is not necessary to describe the three stamps (Nos. 86-88) emitted in 1886, and the six (89-94) emitted in 1888, since these are of another design and present no difficulty as to their classification.

From 1862 to 1879 a long list of errors was accumulated through carelessness in printing the control figures on the back of the stamps. I give a list of them here for the use of those who care to collect them. They can be had from Vallossis at prices ranging from 20c. to $1.00 each.

1862.—10 lepta (01); 20 lepta (0); 20 lepta (80); 80 lepta (8); 80 lepta (80 in blue).

1864.—5 lepta (5); 5 lepta (ϛ5); 10 lepta (01); 10 lepta (0). 1870.—20 lepta (02).

1872.—10 lepta (01); 10 lepta (10); 10 lepta (0).

1876.—10 lepta (01); 10 lepta (0).

I trust that the above list will be found useful to collectors. I append a list of the stamps which are scarce, some of them quite rare, and which it will be to the interest of collectors to secure as soon as possible. When the Greek stamps are better understood those enumerated below are sure to rise in price.

In another paper I may describe the varieties of the Unpaid Letter Stamps.

Scarce and Rare Greek Postage Stamps :—Nos. 1-8, 10, 12, 35-37, 40-42, 43-45, 46, 47, 48, 61, 62, 68, 69, 70.

CALIFORNIA STATE TELEGRAPH.

OF these stamps I can give but a passing notice, not owning a specimen, and the account and description I had being lost. The only thing I can do *at present* is to give a list of them and refer the reader to the *Americon Philatelist*, Vol. II., No. 5, page 96; and to Mr. Sterling's catalogue, 6th edition, 1887, page 27, and to a complete list written by the writer in *The Curiosity World*, 1887. As such is the case! I herewith attach a list.

No. 1. 1871, blue on white, (date in oval) perf. 23 × 27.
" 2. " black " " " " "
" 3. " " " " white oval " "
" 4. " " " " " " "
" 5. 1875, dark brown, surcharged in blue, (date in green oval) perf. 23 × 27.

Mutual Union.

Was issued by this company as a "Complimentary Frank" for the use of its stockholders in 1883, in books *of probably* 100 each. The stamp or frank, is in a colored impression on white wove paper. In the center or a little above it is the word "No." in solid capitals, and above it is the word "FRANK" in *white block* letters, shaded *dexter* and at base, with solid color; over it, in a solid double curve scroll, ornamented above and below by outline scrolls, is the words "TELEGRAPH COMPANY" in white capitals, all the above on a ground work of oblong diamonds diagonal cross lines forming oblong lozenges. At the top in solid curved arch, framed by two white curved lines, are the words "MUTUAL UNION" in white capitals. Below the lozenge center, in a tablet of horizontal lines, is "John O. Evans" in solid script, and under it to *Dexter* is the word "PRESIDENT," in small solid capital letters, the "NT" being half the size of the other letters, to end the word, and conform the frame of the tablet, which is framed by white one-line scoll ornaments, *oval curves at ends*. Under this, is the word "COMPLIMENTARY" on solid ground in white capitals. In upper corners is the letters "M. U."—in monogram, in solid color, on a horizontal lined ground. At the side of the lozenge lined center is the date, vertical, in solid figures, thus, to *sinister*, 1882, to *dexter*, 1882, or to sinister 1883, dexter 1883. All of the above is on solid tablet.

Engraved.—Colored impression on white wove paper. Size 25 × 30 mm., perf. 13½.

No. 1. (No value) 1882, blue on white, perf., type 17, Scott & Co. old.
" 2. † " " " " imperf. (accidental.)
" 3. ‡ " 1883, red " perf.

† No. 2 of this number I am informed that *one book* was found that had been omitted to be perforated, and these are now exceedingly rare.

‡ In No. 3 the name of the *president* is changed to "John G. Moore," in same autograph script.

Merchants' Line.

Was issued the same as the foregoing, for the convenience of its stockholders, and is the oldest Telegraph Complimentary Frank in the U. S., *being now 35 years old.* It was lithographed on colored paper, at the top is an *eagle* couchant, with spread wings, sitting on a double lined shield. In the center is the word "TELEGRAPH" in solid block letters and solid scroll lines as fillings, over it in a curved line is the word "LINE" in capitals, with three ornaments at each end. Under it is the numerals "29" in outline, 2 mms. high. Over the word *line* is "MERCHANTS" in colored letters, in curve and two curved dashes over it at *sinister, middle and dexter.* Under the numeral is "WALL ST." in colored letters in curve, and under this is "N. YORK." in colored letters in curve, three ornaments at each end and two dashes in curve at base.

Lithographed.—Black, surrounded by an outer line of color, imperf., on colored glazed paper:—Imperforated:—Size 20 × 25.

No. 1. (No value) Black on red, imperf. 20 × 25.

Another type of this has been discovered by Messrs. Burger of the N. P. S., consisting of the same die, but with the word "TELEGRAPH" inserted under the word *Line*, and the numeral "9" changed to a "5," also "CANAL ST." under it, and under this is "PROVIDENCE" in a curve, three ornaments at each end of *Providence*, but none in center of the base of shield.

1852, No. 2. (No value) Black on red glazed paper, imperf.
" 3. " " " green " " "
" 4. " " " yellow " " "

DATE OF ISSUE OF THE 1 PENNY NOVA SCOTIA.

While the exact date of issue of the 3d., 6d. and 1 shilling Nova Scotia stamps have been discovered, that of the 1d. has only been guessed at. Having lately been fortunate enough to procure access to the letter books of the Nova Scotia Post Office Department, I have been enabled to make the date almost exact, as will be seen by the following letter of the Post Master General of Nova Scotia, and copied from the letter book of that department:

HALIFAX, May 12, 1853.

Sir,—"I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with a supply of 200 sheets of 1 penny stamps, (amounting to £100) for the use of the Post Office in this Province."

(Sg'd.) A. WOODGATE, *P. M. G.*

RECEIVER-GENERAL
OF NOVA SCOTIA.

This is the first mention of the 1 penny stamps in the letter book, and the date of issue should, I think, be taken from that application. In the letter book containing copys of letters to deputies, the first requisition for 1 penny stamps is from the Postmaster of Amherst, the answer to which, here given, is:

HALIFAX, 30th June, 1853.

Sir,—"I beg to enclose herewith, agreeably to your request, postage stamps to the amount of £2 5s. 0d., viz: one sheet of 3d., and 60 labels of 1d. stamps; also a supply of the proper printed applications, one of which I will thank you to fill up and return to this office with the acknowledgment."

I am, &c., &c.,

(Sg'd.) C. H. H.

POST MASTER, AMHERST.

Amherst was then one of the largest towns of this Province, outside of the capital, and the amount of the 1d. required shews the small use of this value outside Halifax. The requisitions shew that this was the usual number of 1d. stamps asked for, sometimes a little more and very often less, and being used as they were for a merely town or drop postage, accounts for their scarcity.

D. A. KING.

SOME PHILATELIC TRIFLES.

BY E. E. K.

I SUPPOSE their are many collectors who, like myself, are not as familiar as they should be with everything that pertains to the stamps they meet with, and who are sometimes puzzled to account for this or that feature of certain specimens. It was a long time before I understood why British Guiana has the values of its stamps denoted in *cents* while in other British colonies which lie near to it these values are expressed in shillings and pence—the money of the mother country. On looking the matter up one day I found that in British Guiana all public and mercantile accounts are kept in dollars and cents, the value of the dollar being equal to 4s. 2d. sterling. That all accounts should be kept in a currency which is not in use among any of its nelghbors is somewhat mysterious, and still more strange is the fact that its stamps do not bear the regulation head of the Queen as do those of all the other British possessions, with rare exceptions. The absence of Her Majesty's portrait is of course not the result of accident or oversight, but whatever may be the consideration to which it is due, a knowledge of the same would be of interest to philatelists.

The first issues of Ceylon had their values expressed in shillings and pence, but in 1872 the rupee was adopted as the standard of value and the English money gave way to the new currency in which one hundred cents are equal to one rupee, or two shillings, or forty-eight cents of the money of the United States and Canada.

The stamps of Labuan and Hong Kong, also bearing the good Queen's portrait, (or what was her portrait half a century ago) likewise indicate in cents the amount of postage they will pay, but this cent is double the value of that of Ceylon. This currency was no doubt adopted by these colonies on account of its convenience in commercial transactions with their neighbors, or with those countries with which they have their principal trade.

For a long time I was unable to fully understand those peculiar surcharges found on some of the stamps used in Porto Rico, but I finally came across an odd philatelic journal in which, to my great satisfaction, the matter was explained. Until sometime in 1873, Cuba and Porto Rico used the same stamps, but at this period the authorities of the latter island noticed a considerable falling off in the postal revenues. An investigation brought to light the fact that a large proportion of the stamps used in Porto Rico were obtained in Cuba, where they could be bought with the depreciated currency of that island, while in Porto Rico they had to be paid for in gold or its equivalent. To make sure that the stamps used in paying postage were purchased only in Porto Rico, they were surcharged with the *paraphe*, or ornamental flourish, which followed the signature of the chief authority of the island. Subsequent events made it necessary to add the paraphe of another official, and the theft of a large quantity of the 25c. and 1 pesetea stamps thus surcharged, obliged the authorities to surcharge the remaining stock of these values with a third paraphe horizontally, it being a duplicate of that of the Governor-General.

Perhaps a rehearsal of some of the facts pertaining to the first issue of stamps by Fiji might be interesting to young collectors. About 1854 the people of these islands accepted Christianity as their religious belief, but the change from paganism was not followed by the improvement in their condition which their king looked for, and the latter, in 1858, offered to turn the government over to the English, but the offer was, strange to say, declined. In 1871 a constitutional government was formed by the English residents, of whom there were a considerable number, under king Cacambau (also written Thakombau.) One of the first acts of the new government was the issue oi the well known set of postage stamps, consisting of three values, and bearing in the center a crown underneath which are the letters C. R. (Cacambau Rex). The "constitutional government," however, after a struggle of three years, during which it became more and more deeply involved in debt, ended in complete failure, and in 1874 the islands, government, postage stamps and all, were unconditionally ceded to Great Britain, which power felt obliged, in the interest of all parties, to accept the offer and the responsibility which it involved. It is to this change in the government that we are indebted for the surcharge of V. R. (Victoria Regina) over the letters C. R., on the stamps then remaining on hand.

Whether the crown on the stamps in question was that of King Thakomban, or represented the English contingent in the government, I have no means of knowing. It certainly is unlike that of Queen Victoria, yet it is the same as that on the stamps of 1879 issue, on which the letters V. R. are engraved in the place of C. R. The crown has, perhaps, no special significance, being used merely as an emblem of royalty without particular reference to the former or the present sovereign.

THE publishers of this paper would be pleased to receive and publish any articles or correspondence that would be of interest to our readers.

A number of advertising accounts are due us from last year, and we would like to have them paid at once and thus save us the trouble of publishing the parties names. We would also ask all our friends for their support to our paper in advertising or by subscription, as the size of our paper will depend to a large extent upon the support received. We had intended at the first of the year to have doubled the number of our pages bnt we regret to say that we have been unable to do so The paper will in future be issued on the 15th of each month, and all matter for publication must be in by the 5th. We issue 1200 copies each month to all the live collectors of Canada and the United States. Thanking our friends for past favours and asking those who have not yet supported us to give us some, we are, Your obedient servants,

THE PUBLISHERS.

As we have received a number of subscriptions from parties who wish to secure the artotype plate issued with our Dec. No., we wish to say that the offer to new subscribers only applied to those that sent before end of year.

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—The stamp on the ½c. band has been re-engraved. It can be recognized by the absence of the accent over the "u" of "Republica." The new 1c., made by the S. A. Bank Note Co., was issued on Nov. 3, and has the effigy of Sarsfield in an oval, and inscription "Correos y. Telegrafos." Color brown.

Austria.—Telephone cards; 30kr., black on green, stamp gray; 50kr., black on orange, stamp gray.

Bavaria.—Card, no stamp, small arms, date "88."

Brazil.—New stamp, 700 reis. No particulars yet.*

***Br. Bechuanaland.**—Registry envelopes, 4d. blue, surcharged "Protectorate" in black; sizes G. I. K.

Canada.—Card, 1+1c., gray, waved line inside the oval.

Mr. F. C. Kaye has shewn us the 2 cent and 6 cent of the 1868 issue, with large watermarked letters, of the same type as those in the 1 cent and 3 cent.

Cauca.—In 1879 stamps were issued by this State for use in the mails on the River Atrate. The arms of the State were printed in black on white. Later, three more stamps were issued, all bearing the letters S. P. in monogram, (Solomon Posso, Governor.) The first is on thin rough paper, and frame of red ink lines. "5" in each corner. The second is the same, without the figures in corners. The third has frame in lead pencil, and is on smooth paper.

Chili.—*Der. Ph.* notes 10c., 1852, with blue network.

Cochin, China.—Unpaid letter stamps, 5c. and 15c., surcharged "20" in black.

Colombia.—Official Cubierta, black on white, 105+80 mm. Headed "Repubica (no "l") de Colombia."

Dominican Republic.—Cards, 3c. and 3+3c. surcharged in blue, "Union Postale Universille."

Dutch East Indies.—*Der. Ph.* notes 30c. green (cc. 28). Head type.

Faridkot.—Post Card ¼+¼ a., arms in black. Stamps of third type, black, vermillion, blue and green, all perf. 12.

Gibraltar.—Registered envelopes, 2d., 131+83 and 152+97 mm., with "Thos. de la Rue & Co. Patent" in red.

Guatemala.—Envelope, 5c. Head of President, surcharged "Provisional," *J. B. J.*

Italy.—Reply paid card 15c., brown on rose, dated "87."

Luxemburg.—The new 5c. card comes with two varieties, of A. in the inscriptions in Roman letters, A. and A.

Mexico.—Card of current issue 2c., with "Servicio Urbano."

New South Wales.—New stamp 4d. Head of Capt. Cook, red brown, perf. 10. The 1d. was first watermarked "N. S. W." and Crown. It now comes on the fiscal stamp paper, with "N. S. W." only.

Philippine Islands.—The 50 mils. yellow brown is surcharged 2 4/8c.

Pountch.—First issue printed in black for official use.

Queensland.—*Der. Ph.* notes the 2sh. blue, 1882, with sometimes a *round* and sometimes an *oval* Q. in the watermark.

Salvador.—Envelopes, 5c. blue on yellow, 10c. carmine on orange. *P. J. of A.*

Switzerland.—The 25c. green, perf. 10.

Trinidad.—There is a £1 green current type.

United States.—Envelope 2c., Die. A. 1887, on amber manila, No. 3.

Mr. E. B. Beans, Fallsington, has shewn us a 1 cent postal card, present issue, with about one-third of the line above United States broken out.

Victoria.—Envelope 1d., current type, green on white laid, 146+88 and 120+67 mm.

Wurtemburg.—Cards, 5pf. and 5+5pf., lilac on bright yellow. First line nearer the arms, and thicker letters.

THERE is a tardiness in the appearance of the much advertised *Canadian Philatelist*, which is in accord with all the other efforts animating from that hot-bed of Philately, the small but picturesque village of Niagara Falls (south). This is to be regretted, as since the exit of the *T. P. J.* we have nothing left now in our banner Province of Ontario to lean against, or to prop up our hobby with. The *T. P. J.* was looked upon at times as worthy of the approval of our collectors, and it gave promise of improvement. However, the effort of a double No. for July-Aug. seems to have been too much for it, and it has disappeared from our sorrowful gaze. The good died young, and a large majority of our promising Phil. Journals must be very good or (*bad*) there is no doubt about their dropping off at an early stage of their existence.

Owing to Ontario being so sickly for Philatelic papers, Philatelists here will do well to patronize our blue-nose friend, the HALIFAX PHILATELIST, which is well established and sturdy, (owing probably to the salt sea breezes) and in every way worthy of our support.

VEXATORS.

IN our advertising pages will be found a catalogue of stamps which are to be sold at auction by the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association on the evening of the 25th February, at their rooms in Poplar Grove. The stamps are every one choice selected specimens. Bids may be sent through any member of the Associaton. No commission is charged to buyers except postage incurred in sending. If this auction is at all successful, the Association intend to hold a monthly one.

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HALIFAX, 1st January, 1889.

To the Members of the Canada Philatelic Association:

ASSOCIATES,—Having to-day, in pursuance of your generous exercise of the franchise, assumed the honors, with the duties and responsibilities, of the office of Chief Executive of our Association, to which you elected me, I take this opportunity to thank you for your kindly support and to assure you that no effort shall be wanting on my part to ensure the progress and prosperity of the C. P. A. In these efforts I shall confidently rely upon the loyal and ever enthusiastic assistance of all the members.

Any suggestions calculated to forward and increase the popularity of our organization and its consequent usefulness and influence will be received with appreciation and receive due consideration.

I shall always hold myself in readiness to assist, so far as I can, in adjusting any differences or difficulties that may arise either between individual members, or between any of them and outside philatelists.

My prime object shall always be to use my best endeavors to promote harmony and good feeling in the Association.

I purpose also making efforts to arrange affiliations with foreign kindred societies as far as possible, which when accomplished, as I believe that they can be, will greatly facilitate the work of our collectors.

Again invoking your hearty co-operation in all measures tending to improve the condition and to increase the influence of the Canada Philatelic Association,

I remain, your very obedient servant,

HENRY HECHLER,
President C. P. A.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

36 Earl St., Toronto,
15th January, 1889.

To the Members of the C. P. A.:

Gentlemen,—I beg to present my first report, and in doing so I deplore the fact that it is so meagre. I beg to draw your attention to the fact that quite a number of the members have not paid their dues for the latter half of the year 1888. I also wish to remind all the members that their subscriptions for the first half of the present year are now due. In conclusion, I wish all a very happy New Year.

Yours truly,
T. J. McMinn,
Secretary C. P. A.

List of New Members.—No. 7.

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The following Members have Resigned.

3.—J. A. Leighton.
33.—G. A. Lowe.
94.—A. E. Williams.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

C. P. A. Exchange Dept.—The Superintendent is pleased to say that his department is running in good shape. Since 5th Sept., 1888, to 1st January, '89, have received 350 filled sheets, and circulated 40 books, 12 of which are now on circuits. There is still a great demand for rare 1st issues of Canada, N. B., N. S., and N. F. Cheap and common stamps do not give satisfaction. I have arranged to supply hinges at 5c. per 500 packet, also

rubber name stamps at 50c. It is to be hoped that now we have a bran new President at the helm, he will drive things into better shape than in 1888, when the Secretary's and Official Organ departments were very lame and inefficient. Expect to balance all Ex. accts 1st Feb'y, 1889.

F. J. GRENNY,
Ex-Supt. C. P. A.

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OFFICIAL ORGAN,
HALIFAX PHILATELIST.

MEETING OF DEC. 10TH, 1888.

IN the absence of the President, Vice-President Crane took the chair. Members present: Messrs. Crane, King, Hart, Smith, E. A., Larsen T., Larsen, O., Smith, A. E., Dewolf, Curry, Caldwell and Francis. There being no business to be done, and as the auctioneer had a number of lots to sell, the evening was devoted to him. Over sixty lots were sold, many bargains among them. Meeting closed at 10.30.

D. A. KING,
Secretary.

MEETING OF JANUARY 14TH, 1889.

MEETING opened at 9 p. m. President Crane in the chair. Members present :—Messrs. Crane, King, Hechler, Hart, Kaye, Larsen, T., Larsen, O., Smith, E. A., Shannon, Calder and Francis. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mr. Hechler's motion of the 21st of November was then taken up and after some discussion was passed, making the dues in future $2 per year for voting members. Mr. McKay read letter from the Canadian Exchange Superintendant in relation to the Exchange accounts. Moved by Kaye, seconded by Larsen, that all sheets being sent, and all books coming be first inspected by the counterfeit director. Passed. This closed the business of the evening, and the usual auction sale was held. Next meeting will be held Jan. 28th. Meeting closed at 11 p. m.

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1	BRITISH HONDURAS: Two in red on 50 cents; on 1 shilling, grey, unused, rare	1
2	" Postal card, 5 cents on one penny halfpenny	1
3	INDIA: ½ Anna, violet, revenue, surcharged "Service postage" in green, used, fine copy, rare.	1
4	NEVIS: ½d. surcharged in violet on half of one penny, unsevered pair, used	2
5	" Another of same, used	1
6	NOVA SCOTIA: Unsevered pair of unused 3d. original gum, perfect specimen	2
7	" 6 pence cut in halves, diagonally, and used as 3d., on part of original envelope	1
8	" 3d. light blue, 3d. dark blue, 1 cent, 2 cent and 5 cent, (2 cent and 5 cent unsed)	5
9	" 3 pence used, on entire original envelope	1
10	TRINIDAD: 1 shilling, grey on blue paper, 1851, imperf., used	1
11	UNITED STATES: 5 cents, with ornaments, beatiful copy, used	1
12	" 5 cents, red brown, fine copy, used	1
13	WESTERN AUSTRALIA: 1 penny on 3 pence, brown, unused	1
14	CANADA: (1859) 12½ cents, 4; Nova Scotia 5 cents, 10	14

15 CEYLON: Five on 8, 4; five on 32, 2; five on 6, 2; China, (1875) 3 and 5 cand..... 10
16 COSTA RICA: 1 and 2 cents, large surcharge; 1, 2, 5 cents, small surcharge, all unused..... 5
17 CUBA: Provisional 10 cents, blue, cut in half, on original envelope 1
18 " (1888) black ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, unused. Porto Rico (1880) 10, 15 unused, 40 used. China (1875) 1, 3, 5 cand, used 12
19 GREAT BRITAIN: (1847) 1 shilling..... 6
20 " (1884) £1, violet, a beauty..... 1
21 HAWAII: (1853) 5 cents, 13 cents specimen..... 2
22 MEXICO: (1864) 1, 2, 4, 1 peso. P. D. M. colored, 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, all unused..... 9
23 " Yellow P. D. M. 10, 25, 35, 50, unused. Nova Scotia 1 cent, 3..... 7
24 " Yellow P. D. M., complete set, 8 varieties, unused. Nova Scotia bill, complete 1 to 50, 14 varieties 22
25 NEWFOUNDLAND: 1 cent, brown, 20. 5 cents, blue, 12 32
26 NEW ZEALAND: 2 shillings, blue. 2 shillings and 6 pence, brown fiscal, postally used..... 2
27 NOVA SCOTIA: 1, 2, 5, 8½, 10, 12½ cents, (2 and 5 used)..... 6
28 " 3 pence, on part of original envelope..... 6
29 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 9d., 1, 2, 4, 6, 12 cents. Brazil (1885) 10 reis, 8; all unused 19
30 ST. CHRISTOPHER: 1d. on 6d., 1d. on ½d. Trinidad ½d. violet and black. Macau 5 on 100. Transvaal ½d. on 3d. Straits Settlements 3 cents on 32. All unused. St. Vincent 2½d. on 1d. used 7
31 ST. DOMINGO: (1885) 1 centavo, 10. 2 centavo, 10. 5 centavo, 10, used. D. W. Indies, 2 cent envelope, entire, unused, 3..... 33
32 ST. PIERRE, MIQUELON: 5 on 2, 5 on 4, 5 on 35, 5 on 75, 25 on 1F., 5 on 1 F., 5 on 20, 10 on 40, 15 on 40, 5 on 40, a beautiful complete set, all used and slightly cancelled..... 10
33 UNITED STATES: (1855) 10 cent, 2. (1861) 10 cent, 5. New Brunswick, 5 cents, 5. 1 cent, 2 14
34 VIRGIN ISLAND: (1883) 1d., (1888) 4d. and 6d., all unused 3
35 BERMUDA: (1875) provisional 1d. on 2d., 1d. on 3d., used 2
36 BRITISH GUIANA: (1853) 4 cts. blue, with part of original envelope 1
37 " (1881) provisional, 1 cent on 12 cent, official of 1863, unused..... 1
38 " Same on 48 cent official of 1875, used..... 1
39 " Same on 48 cent, red, of 1869, used..... 1
40 " Same, 2 cents on 24 cents official of 1863, used 1
41 CANADA: (1860) envelopes, white paper, entire, unused, 5 & 10 cts. 2
42 " Same 2
43 " ditto, 10 cents..... 1

44 " North West Rebellion "Service" envelopes, in black, used. 1 and 3 cents..... 2
45 " ditto postcard. 1 cent, carmine, 1 cent, black..... 2
46 " (1875) 8 cents Registration, blue, used 1
47 INDIA: (1867) provisional, revenue surcharged "Service Post," green on ½ anna, lilac 1
48 MARTINIQUE: (1887--8) provisional, 01 on 20, 01 on 2, 01 on 4, 05 on 20, 05 on 20, unused..... 5
49 " (1888) surcharged. unpaid, 1, 2, 4, 5 cents, unused.. 4
50 MAURITIUS: (1887) provisional, 2 cents revenue on 13 cents, used 1
51 MEXICO: (1888) previsional, 1 cent on 2 cent, (set of three different varieties) 3
52 NEVIS: (1883) ½d. on 1 d. halved, in purple and in black..... 2
53 NEW BRUNSWICK: (1851) 3d., unused..... 1
54 " Same, used on original envelope..... 1
55 NOVA SCOTIA: (1860) complete and unused 6
56 " (1860) 8½ cents, used, a fine specimen 1
57 " (1851) 1 penny, a fine specimen..... 1
58 ORANGE FREE STATE: (1878) 5 shillings, used..... 1
59 PORTO RICO: (1880) ¼, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, all unused 6
60 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Complete set, 13 varieties, used..... 13
61 " Error, a period (.) after Prince., 3 cents (a pair)..... 2
62 ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET CO.: 10 cents, rose, unused..... 3
63 ST. CHRISTOPHER: (1888) provisional, 1d. (large surcharge) on 2½d., unused..... 1
64 ST. PIERRE, MIQUELON: (1885) 5 on 20, 5 on 40, 10 on 40, 15 on 40, used 4
65 " (1885) provisional, 5 cent on 2 cent, reverse, used..... 1
66 " ditto, 5 on 75, unused..... 1
67 STRAITS SETTLEMENTS: (1884) 8 cents, black, on 12 cents, purple, used..... 1
68 UNITED STATES: (1861) 4 cents, yellow brown, (a pair on original envelopes)..... 2
69 " (1862) 5 cents, chocolate, (a pair on original env. 2
70 CANADA: 2 cents registration, error, used 1
71 CUBA: (1888) provisional, 10 cents cut in half and used as 5 cents, on original envelope..... 1
72 NEW BRUNSWICK: 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, 17 cents, complete, unused.... 6
73 " 3 pence, used 1
74 NEWFOUNDLAND: 5 cents, brown..... 1
75 " 1000 3 cents, blue, (per 100)
76 NOVA SCOTIA: 3 pence, blue, used 1
77 " 1 penny, used 1
78 " 6 pence, used 1
79 " 1, 2, 5, 8½, 10, 12½, complete, unused..... 6

80 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Set of 12 varieties, complete, except 6d., unused 12

81 ANTIGUA: (1882) 4d. blue, (1887) 4d. brown. New South Wales, (1863) 1d. vermillion 3

82 BRITISH BECHUANALAND: (1886) ½d. unused. British North Borneo (1886) ½ cent, unused. Fiji (1880) 1d. Straits Settlements (1883) 2 cents. Virgin Islands (1883) ½d. unused..... 5

83 MADAGASCAR: (1886) Consular mail 2d., in red, unused 1

84 NEW BRUNSWICK: (1860) 1 cent violet. Nova Scotia, (1860) 5 ct. Newfoundland (1866) 10 cents, black.... 3

85 SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC: (1883) 1d. black. (1885) 1d. rose unused (1887) 2d. olive green.. 3

86 NEWFOUNDLAND: 1, 2, 4, (2) 5, 6, 6½d. 1sh. lake and 3d. green. (1858) all unused..... 9

87 " (1857) 2d. orange, unused 1

88 " " 6½d. " 1

89 " " 8d. " 1

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92 " 3d. provisional, ½ of 6d. diagonally on original letter, showing date stamp..... 1

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94 UNITED STATES: (1847) 5 cents, a pair, unsevered, on original en. 2

95 " (1847) 10 cents black, do..... 1

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SOME OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF NOVA SCOTIA STAMPS.

D. A. KING.

THE postal service of the British-American Provinces, until the year 1851, were directly under the control of the English P. O. Department. This, with the high rate of postage, the insufficient mail accommodation, and the stringent laws against a private person carrying or delivering a letter on the post road, was the cause of innumerable complaints on the part of the colonies, and gave the English P. O. officials the trouble of sending out long despatches.

The Colonies compained that the English P. O. took a large amount of revenue, derived from the postal service, which the Colonies were not able to lose out of the country. The English officials said that there was an annual deficit in Nova Scotia alone of £2,000 per annum. This state of things existed for years, and every annual report of the P. O. Commissioners, which was laid on the table of the Local Legislature, was full of complaints under this head. To give a specimen from one of the reports of these P. O. Commissions, the following is extracted from their annual report for the year for 1844 in Nova Scotia. After speaking in favour of a large reduction in postal rates, they say: "This, with the use of post stamps from dies authorized by the proper authorities, would render the transit of letters and papers less complicated and give the relief required by the people."

To this no answer was returned till some time in 1845, when a long despatch was received from the Postmaster-General of Great Britain, Lord Lonsdale, who thus gives his department's views of the issue of postage stamps for Nova Scotia as follows:—"The suggestion that postage stamps for letters should be introduced into Nova Scotia, is one which I cannot recommend your Lordship (Viscount Falkland, then Governor of Nova Scotia,) to entertain, as I cannot but consider that considerable objections exist to such a measure, and particularly from the facility which it would afford to the circulation of forged stamps, with but little chance of detection, while it is believed that the offence, if committed in the United Kingdom, could not be punished in the Colony, while on the other hand if committed in the Colony, it could be visited with no penalty on parties in the United Kingdom." This will give some idea of the narrow-mindedness of the English postal administration of that time.

As a specimen of the postal accommodation of the Province, see this—from Halifax to Truro, by the coach road, was a distance of 83 miles, and

between those two points there were only two post offices for all the people between these places. The mail couriers were not allowed to deliver mail on the way.

At last by a united effort of all the Colonies (Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and P. E. Island,) the English government turned over the postal administration to the different Provincial governments. From this date, July 1st, 1851, the interesting part of the postal history of these Provinces commence.

In the Post Office Department's Letter Book, the first reference to postage stamps is in the following letter:

"HALIFAX, April 21st, 1851.

"Sir,—

"As the period is fast drawing near when the reduced rate of postage is to take effect in Nova Scotia, and, as I perceive by the Provincial Act, that Provincial stamps are to be provided for the covenience of the public, and not being aware that any steps have been taken by the government to obtain them, I request to be informed whether His Excellency would authorize me to make application for a supply from the authorities of the General Post Office.

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"I would further suggest that the *Head* to be something similar to that represented in the margin; the field to be *blue* instead of red, or any other color His Excellency would prefer.

"This supply would, I imagine, be sufficient for the first introduction of this reduced rate, when, should His Excellency think proper, other arrangements could be made for keeping up the supply.

"Should the Lieutenant-Governor approve of this proposition, I will apply to the Post Office in London by the next packet.

"I have, etc.,

"(Signed,) A. WOODGATE.

"THE HON'BLE.
JOSEPH HOWE."

A copy of the design mentioned in this letter is on the margin of the Letter Book. It is a large rectangular shape, in centre the head of the Queen, of a type somewhat like the early Mauritius, excepting that there is not any crown or wreath on head. This is drawn on a square of red—at top, "POSTAGE"; bottom, "Three Pence" in small script writing; left side, "NOVA" reading up, and at right side "SCOTIA" reading down; in each corner a small square, with figure "3" in it. The whole look of the design is much like the early Mauritius.

The "defacing" or cancelling stamp's design was very much like the one adopted, being the same oval shape, but the lines on face were perpen-

dicular, instead of horizontal, and the space for inserting the office a diamond, instead of circular shape.

This design for stamps did not likely go further than the office of the Provincial Secretary, to whom it was written, as it appears that stamps must have been ordered before this, as there does not appear to be time enough between this date and that when stamps were issued (Sept. 1st, 1851,) to have designs approved of and plates prepared. It is more than probable that the Hon. Joseph Howe, the Provincial Secretary, who, I am informed, was in London the winter previous, had designs then submitted to him and approved of, and ordered the necessary stamps without the knowledge of the Postmaster-General. At the same time he apparently had the power to decide on the design of the New Brunswick stamps, as may be inferred from the following memorandum, or perhaps the stamps of both colonies were bought together for the sake of economy. The memorandum is dated the 8th of July, 1851, and is copied from the same Letter Book.

"MEMO.

"When Mr. Howe made the application for stamps, it was proposed that after the first supply had arrived, the plates could have been sent out, and impressions taken off by engravers in Halifax. As Mr. Saunders, however, seems to report against the proposition, I would beg to suggest, for the consideration of the Government, that £10,000 worth of stamps for Nova Scotia, and a similar amount for New Brunswick, viz:—

3d.	£5,000
6d.	2,500
1s.	2,500

be furnished for immediate use, or should this amount be considered too small, to double the above numbers.

"I would also recommend that 200 half-pound canisters of obliterating ink be also provided—100 for the use of this Province, and 100 for New Brunswick, and directions for its use.

"(Signed, A. W.)

"W. H. KEATING, ESQ.

"*July 8th, 1851.*"

What amount of stamps were ordered could not be found out, nor can any trace of further orders be found until 1857, when an application letter was sent to the Provincial Secretary, and which will be copied later on.

It was mentioned in above letter that a proposal was made that the plates should be sent out and stamps wanted could be printed from here. This seems to be the opinion among English philatelists, as Mr. W. A. S. Westoby says in a letter to me of Feb. 6th, 1888, that he was informed by the makers of the plates, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., that the plates of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick stamp were sent out here on the same day, 6th August, 1851.

On receipt of this, I wrote Mr. F. M. Passow, who was chief clerk of the Nova Scotian Post Office Department, to enquire whether the plates ever

came here. He said: "I doubt if the plates were ever sent out to Halifax, I never saw them." To make this positive, we find in the letter to Provincial Secretary above referred, indisputable evidence that the plates were in England in 1857. The letter is as follows:

"General Post Office, Halifax,
"July 2nd, 1857.

"Sir,—The stock of postage stamps procured from England some time ago being nearly exhausted, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to issue the necessary directions to Mr. Stanford, No. 6 Charing Cross, London, for a further demand, viz:—

"10,000	sheets	of	3d.	postage	stamps,	value £20,000
2,500	"	"	6d.	"	"	" 10,000
1,250	"	"	1/-	"	"	" 10,000

"Each sheet to contain 160 labels of 3d., 6d. and 1/- stamps, making each sheet of the value of £2, £4 and £8 respectively, and to be the color of those affixed on the margin.

"The last supply of stamps were furnished by Mr. Trelawney Saunders, who has transferred his business to Mr. Stanford. In applying for these postage labels, therefore, it will be necessary you should furnish Mr. Stanford with your authority to produce the key for opening the box containing the dies, which are now in the possession of the engravers, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Petch, who also are in posession of a key for the safe custody of the dies.

"It is particularly requested that the stamps may be forwarded at as early a period as possible, those remaining on hand being not only nearly expended, but much injured. When making the requisition it would be as well to caution the engravers not to pack the parcels too close, for when they are strictly confined they adhere and become useless, as was the case with some of the packages in the last supply furnished.

"I have, &c., &c.,
"(Sgd.) A. Woodgate.

"The Hon.
"C. H. Tupper, M. D.,
M. P. P., Halifax.

Only two requisitions for stamps (those of July 8th, 1851, and July 2nd, 1857,) for Nova Scotia can be found, although, no doubt, more than two supplies were sent.

Of those the 3d. dark blue, 6d. yellow-green, and the light shade of the 1/- are the earlier issue. After examination of a large number of specimens of the two lower values on the original cover, a dark blue 3d. or yellow-green 6d. is seldom found after Nov., 1857; from that date the light blue 3d. and dark green 6d. is the rule. At the time the last supplies were sent out in 1857, some sheets of the 3d. and 6d. were printed on an intensely blue paper, as I have in my collection a 6d. on this blue paper split and used as 3d. on original cover postmarked "Lunenburg, Dec. 7, 1859," and an entire one on envelope from same place Feb. (date indistinct) 1860. The 3 pence is on

a much bluer paper than the ordinary dark shades of same on blue paper of the earlier issue. Of the 6d. on blue paper I have only seen four specimens, and I have examined a large number of that value.

The later printing of the 3d was on a white paper, which was tinted blue on face by the ink or insufficiently cleaned plates; the 6d. is on a paper which shows a somewhat blueish shade in it.

SERVICE STAMPS OF CEYLON.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN OF L. BERGER IN "DAS PORTWERTZEICHEN," BY HENRY HECHLER.

ALL handbooks, catalogues and other philatelic publications of recent years speak with great praise of the stamps of Ceylon, and collectors are much interested in them. But many doubts are expressed as to the originality of the service stamps of that country.

Without stopping to enquire into the question whether they are authentic and thus worthy of being collected, some writers merely follow others through having no reasons for the opinions that they express.

We will approach the subject closer and endeavor to find out the truth for ourselves.

In the beginning of 1877 I received three sets of the Ceylon Stamps of the issues of 1864, 1867 and 1869, which were surcharged with the word "SERVICE." The set comprised seven different values. I had never seen them mentioned by either Moens, Pemberton or Moschkau, and my doubts were raised. I was led to enquire of a friend who had lived in Ceylon for many years, and from whom I had obtained many valuable stamps of that country, he replied that he could not pass judgment on them, but promised direct enquiry in that country concerning them. After a considerable time had elapsed the following reply came: that all Ceylon stamps were printed and surcharged in London, those surcharged "Service" with the others. They were received by the department and were intended to be used for official postage. They were received too late to be of any service as the currency had changed and they bore the old values. My friend added that that was all the information that he could give me so far.

These stamps not coming into use, they were unknown to the public until 1875. Pemberton, in his handbook of 1874, makes no mention of them. Moens in 1877 mentions them, and gives them as the issue of 1869. So does Evans, Meyer, Moschkau, Lindenberg, and the catalogue of the Imperial Post Museum. No English catalogue mention these stamps up to 1878. But Dr. Gray's world-known handbook contains a short sketch, which is not satifactory, especially as the year of issue is not given. It simply states that the stamps of types Nos. 2, 3 and 5 (1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10d., 1s., 1 and 9d., and 2s., also a 1d. of 1868) are used for official correspondence surcharged with the word "service." The second edition of Pemberton's handbook gives the year 1878. He thus comes somewhat

nearer. He says that the official stamps (surcharged "service") were ordered, printed and forwarded to Ceylon, but they did not come into use because, in the meantime, a change in the currency had taken place. He goes on to say, "as used specimens have never been seen, it is questionable if they ever were employed for the purpose intended." The notice in Lindenberg's handbook gives it as a late rumor that such stamps were in existence, and adds that "what was printed in 1878 is not new to-day." It may be possible that the author offers this as an excuse for his want of knowledge. Perhaps it may be accepted as such. The note in Evans' latest catalogue states that issue of 1869 was surcharged service, but it appears that they never were used for their intended purpose.

The evidence is quite conclusive, and I was pleased to read the notice in Pemberton, which entirely concurs with my own views, based on information received through my friend from direct sources, as related above.

Except Pemberton, all others differ, as to the year of emission, from me. They give the year as 1869. The question, therefore, is: if the stamps had been in Ceylon in 1869, why did they not come into use? On the hand, if the stamps arrived there at or before the beginning of 1871, what then? The change in the currency from pounds, shillings and pence to rupees and cents occurred in 1871. It is certain from this that they, being of the old values, must have arrived too late to be of service. Had, however, it been determined to use them after the change it would have been necessary to surcharge them with the new values. It is rather surprising that this has never been done, as Ceylon has surprised the world by the variety of its surcharges of late years.

(To be continued.)

AMERICAN TELEGRAPH STAMPS.

A. PALETE.

Northern Mutual Union Oswego, N. Y. S.

THESE were issued for the convenience of the patrons of the company, but were evidently never used for that purpose, the company having gone under, they were sold to the public. To Mr. W. P. Brown, of New York City, belongs the honor of having brought them to light in the early part of 1887.

In the centre is the numeral value in white, shaded dexter, 7½ m.'s high, on a ground of rayed *lath-work*, framed by three colored lines in the form of an indented octagon, in a solid square. At the top of the square is a white line, and at the side a white vertical line; next to it, on each side, a band of 19 white pearls on a solid ground *(vertical)*, and outside of these a band of cross colored oblique linens. Over the square, in a solid oblong, is "NORTHERN," and scrolls to dexter; at top, in white letters, decreasing in height to dexter, and below it "scrolls and MUTUAL" in white letters, increasing in height to dexter. At the base, on a curved solid tablet, is

"TELEGRAPH" in white letters, under, in an inverted keystone is "CO" in solid fancy letters, all on a vertical and horizontal lined tablet.

Lithographed, colored impression on white wove paper, perf., 12½, size 20 x 25.

No. 1. 1883.— 5c., brown, perf. 12½, size 20 x 25.
" 2. " —10c., " " " " "
" 3, " —20c., " " " " "
" 4, " —25c., " " " " "

V.—WESTERN UNION.

These franks are only for the use of the stockholder, or those to whom the free use of the line is given, and were first issued in 1871. In the centre is the word "No." in solid letters, under it in *red* or other *colors* is surcharged the number of the *frank*. In a square, the ground of which is "WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY" repeated many times, shaded towards the bases. Over this square is a double curved solid tablet, on which is the words "TELEGRAPH COMPANY" in white letters; over this, in a solid arched tablet is "WESTERN UNION" in white letters; a white geometric ornament is directly over the square in center. Under the square at base is an oblong table containing the name of the President in solid script, and the word "PRESIDENT" at the base of tablet in solid letters. The ground work of the tablet is "WESTERN UNION" many times repeated in a series of geometrical circles in color. The entire engraving is on a tablet of vertical parallel lines. At the base of the design is the word "COMPLIMENTARY" in white letters on a solid ground.

Engraved.—Colored impression on white wove paper. Perf. 11; size 20 x 30.

No. 1, 1871. (No value) green; Wm. Orton, Prest.; type 11; Scott & Co.
" 2, 1872. " vermil.; " " " "
" 3, 1873. " blue; " " " "
" 4, 1874. " brown; " " " "

Dated at sides in solid color.

No. 5, 1875. (No value) green; Wm. Orton, Prest.; perf. 11, 25 & 30; type 12.
" 6, 1876. " vermil.; " " " " "
" 7, 1877. " mauve; " " " " "
" 8, 1878. " bistre; " " " " "
" 9, 1879. " blue, Norvin Green; " " " "
" 10, 1880. " rose; " " " " "
" 11, 1881. " green; " " " " "
" 12, 1882. " blue; " " " " "
" 13, 1883. " brown; " " " " "
" 14, 1884. " violet; " " " " "
" 15, 1885. " green; " " " " "
" 16, 1886. " mauve; " " " " "
" 17, 1887. " ———? " " " " "
" 18, 1888. " ———? " " " " "
" 19, 1889. " ———? " " " " "

VI.—The City and Suburban Tel.

Oblong, with value in the centre. "The City" in band at top, "and Suburban" in some oval band below. This band runs around the entire stamps. Value in numerals, and the word "Cent" or "Cents" and scroll in centre oval, all in black impression on white. The letters, lines and numerals being in white, and with black scollopes outside of the oval.

Litho.:—Black impression on white wove paper; imperf.; size 30x20.

No. 1, 1881—1c., black; imp.; 30 x 20 —
" 2, " —2c., " " " —
" 3, " —3c., " " " —

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION AT AMSTERDAM.

WE have been requested to publish the following announcement:

Art. 1. "The Exhibition will be held in the House named "Eensgezindheid," Spui 12, Amsterdam and be opened to the Public on the 21st, 22nd and 23d of April from 11 a. m. to 5 p m.

"The formal opening in the presence of authorities, members and guests will take place on the 20th of April at 6 p. m.

"Art. 2. The Exhibition will be International and be open for the exhibition of Postage stamps, Unpaid stamps, entire postcards, letter cards, envelopes and newspaper bands, blank albums, (permanent as well as other ones), catalogues, works relative to Philately, Philatelic periodicals, drawings of former and present means of conveyance, drawings of the costumes of Postmasters, Postriders and Postmessengers, etc., heretofore and now.

"Art. 3. All exhibits, stamps, card, etc., must be fastened on sheets specially made for the purpose. These sheets are to be had at the price of 4 cents each; (see further Art. 5 of the General Conditions).

"Art. 4. Those who are already in possession of permanent sheets, can send them in, previded these sheets are not larger than 50 x 35 centimeters.

"None of the sheets or cartoons to be exhibited may be folded.

"Art. 5.—The number of objects to be exhibited is unlimited. Collections in albums will not be admitted. The exhibits will be placed under glass and be insured against fire. It is therefore necessary, that on sending the exhibits at the same time to state their value.

"Art. 6. Exhibitors do not want to pay rent, but on the other hand they are obliged to buy 3 tickets in the lottery, detailed in the Art. 6 of the Feneral Conditions.

"Art. 7. The disposal rewards are:

"(*a*) For the exhibitor of the greatest number of rare stamps: 1st prize—A large Silver Medal; 2nd prize—A Diploma of Honour.

"(*b*) For the exhibitor of the most complete collection of stamps, unpaid, cards, envelopes and newspaperbands of one and the same country: 1st prize—A large Silvergilt Medal; 2nd prize—A Diploma of Honour.

"(*c*) For the exhibitor of the most complete collection of postage and unpaid stamps of Europe, being composed of at least 2,000 stamps, without variation (offered by section Utrecht of the Society): 1st prize—A Silver Medal; 2nd prize—A Diploma of Honour.

"(*d*) For the exhibitor of the most complete collection of entire envelopes and postcards: 1st prize—A large Bronzegilt Medal; 2nd prize—A Diploma of Honour.

"(*e*) For the exhibitor of the most complete collection of entire letter cards and newspaper bands: 1st prize—A large Bronze Medal; 2nd prize —A Diploma of Honour.

"(*f*) For the exhibitor of the most useful books regarding philately: 1st prize—A large Silver Medal; 2nd prize—A Diploma of Honour.

"(*g*) For the editor of the most practicable and cheapest permanent album: 1st prize—A large Bronze Medal; 2nd prize—A Diploma of Honour.

"(*h*) For the editor of the most practicable and finest album: 1st prize—A large Bronze Medal; 2nd prize—A Diploma of Honour.

"Moreover Two Diplomas of Merit are put to the disposal of the Jury.

GENERAL CONDITIONS.

"1. The Jury will be composed of five members, all of them being excluded from competition.

"2. Those who wish to exhibit their stamps, etc., during this Exhibition, are kindly requested to inform Mr. A. HUART, Chairman of the Committee, Nieuwendijk 114, Amsterdam, before the 1st of April.

"3. The objects to be exhibited must be delivered at Amsterdam on or before the 15th of April, free of freight and charges, and addressed to the Secretary of the Stamp Exhibition, Achterburgwal 215, Amsterdam.

"4. By Ministerial Resolution it has been allowed that all objects bound for this Exhibition can be imported free of income duty. Exhibitors will consequently only have to pay some petty expenses for Custom House formalities.

"5 For cartoons or sheets apply to Mr. JOH. K. KONING, Achterburgwal 215, with addition of a p. o. o. for the amount of the cartoons to be supplied and of the amount of price of the 3 tickets in the lottery, as mentioned in Art. 6 of the programme.

"6. In connection with this Exhibition a large Lottery of stamps, etc., will be held, for which tickets at 5 cents, for pre-payment to foreign countries, are to be had at the address of the Secretary of the Committee.

"7. All expenses for returning the exhibits, etc., are at the charge of the senders.

"8. The solemn distribution of prizes will take place on Wednesday, the 24th of April, at 8 p. m.

"9. The sale of stamps, etc., in the Exhibion Hall will not be allowed.

"THE COMMITTEE OF THE EXHIBITION."

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—Our contemporary, the *Timbre Poste,* has received some information from a correspondent regarding certain recent surcharges which it is well to bring to the notice of our readers. It is to the effect that the surcharge OFFICIAL on the 8 centavos depicted in our March number is spurious. The same correspondent states also that there are spurious surcharges of the second type, applied probably to all the values. It has been even applied to stamps obliterated in 1881, when it was only employed since 1884. The surcharges of OFFICIAL is also said to have been seen on some of the values of the last lithographed series, although the surcharge was suppressed on the 1st January, 1888. The Postmaster of the province of St. Luis not having noticed the circular which ordered the suppression of these surcharges, considered it quite natural to surcharge the 5, 10 and 15 centavos of the lithographed series with the word OFFICIAL in a horizontal line. The Postmaster-General, as soon as his attention was directed to this, informed the Postmaster of San Luis of the irregularity of his proceedings, and the further employ of these stamps was stopped.

As regards this latter piece of information the editor of the *Timbre-Poste* very justly observes that the story has somewhat of the air of romance about it, inasmuch as it seems very improbable that the post-offices receiving their supplies of stamps from the head office should consider themselves at liberty to provide such stamps as they may require.—*Ph. Record.*

Belgium—Letter card, 10c. carmine on rose, white inside. Adhesive 2c. red-brown. Post card, 10c. on blue, headed "Carte postale—Postkaart," in one line.

Brazil—The 700 reis, has value in circle, mauve on white. Perf. 12½.

Br. Bechuanaland—The word "Protectorate" on the ½d. comes in two sizes, 20mm. and 15mm.

Br. Guiana—Registry Envelope, 4c. red, 154x97mm., inscribed "Thos. de la Rue & Co. Patent."

The *Timbre-Poste* mentions the reeceipt on one of its letters of a stamp of the current type of postage adhesives, in which the word "POSTAGE" at the top of the frame is overprinted with the word "INLAND," and "REVENUE" is inserted in the lower part of the frame in lieu of the value, above which the value "72 CENTS" is introduced, the whole of the overprinting being in black.—*Ph. Record.*

Br. Honduras—The 2 cents on 6d. comes perforated both 14 and 12½.

Bulgaria—*N T. voor P.* illustrates new set in preparation. Lion in small oval at top. Value below in large figures. The set contains same values as the present.

Ceylon—Mr. Castle informs us that he has the 64 red-brown on which the surcharges of "Postage & Revenue," "FIVE CENTS," are inverted. We are not at all surprised to hear this. The only thing that surprises us is

that those very clever designers of surcharges in Ceylon have not also discovered half a dozen different ways of setting up the surcharge.

We have the 1 rupee 12 c. of a type nearly similar to that of the 2 c. 50 c., the only variation being in the ornamentation of that portion between the interior octagonal frame and the external frame carrying the inscriptions. The impression is on white paper, watermarked (crown) C C, and the perforation is 14.—*Ph. Record.*

Chili—*T. P.* mention Post-Cards 1c. carmine on green, and 2c. red on slate blue, with "Carte Postale" above "Union Postale Universelle."

Gold Coast—Adhesives, 1s. violet; 2s. brown.

Holland—In conformity with a Decree dated the 20th November last, three new values have been added to the existing series, viz., 7½ cents, 22½ cents, and 100 cents, and were issued on the 15th December last. Like the other values in the series, the impression is on plain white paper, and the perforation 12.—*Ph. Record.*

Italy—Mr. Rechert has shown us a post card 10c. brown or green, dated "88" and inscribed "Servicio Postale Per i Regimenti di Campagna in Abessinia. Gratis."

Mexico—The 20c. red, is on lined paper.

Nevis—The issue of the sixpence of the current type in pale red is announced on paper watermarked (crown) C A and perforated 14.—*Ph. Record.*

New South Wales—Through the kindness of Mr. Hagen, we have another value of the centenary series, with the defects of some of its forerunners magnified—too much crammed in a small space—presenting a very good specimen of the art of packing. On a solid circular ground of 9 mm. diameter there is the head of the Queen, as on the Jubilee coins, in the left upper corner, the arms of the colony on a shield just a little askew so as to fit well into the right lower angle, surmounted by a scroll inscribed ONE HUNDRED YEARS. From left to right an unmanageable scroll is crammed in, inscribed NEW SOUTH WALES POSTAGE, and in a small vacant space are four stars. At the foot, in a straight tablet, is the value—SIX PENCE. All these, except the stars, are securely packed with fruit and flowers. The impression is in carmine on paper watermarked (crown) N. T. W. In the specimen we have received the watermark is upside-down. Certainly the topsy-turvies have had it all their own way lately with the centenary issue. It is a sad blow to collectors of such things to find that the upright ones are the rarer of the two.—*Ph. Record.*

Nicargua—Post Card 2c. same as that of 1878, but "Tarjeta Postal Para el Interior" below stamp.

Norway—Two cards, inscribed "Jernbane Brevkort," one with winged wheel and crown at top, green on buff; the other has a round stamp at right, with arms and crown, inscribed "Norges Statsbane," red on buff.

Nowanuggur—Major Evans has 2 docra, on pale blue.

Philippine I.—*T. P.* publishes a decree providing that the ½c. and 10c. stamps, and the 20c. passport stamps are to be surcharged "2 4-8."

L'Excellentissime Gouverneur General of the Philippines is certainly overburdened with postage stamp work. By a Decree dated the 4th October last he has ordered 350,000 more stamps of 2 4-8 centimos (why not 2½ c.?) to be issued by surcharging

110,000 Postal Union stamps of 10 centimos.
219,500 postage stamps of ⅛ centimo.
20,500 passport stamps of 20 centimos.

A few months since the stamps of 2 4-8 c. de peso were surcharged to form other values, and now other values are surcharged to make this value. Besides which a considerable number of the 2 4-8 c. de peso have lately been surcharged with HABILITATO PARO GIRO, with 20 c. and 40 c. for use as bill stamps. Is all this absurdity merely for the purpose of giving employment to the officials? or is it a speculation on collectors not only connived at, but aided by *L'Excellentissime?* or is it to increase the sale of the stamps —a "trick of the trade?"—*Ph. Record.*

Russia—Envelope, 7 kop. on cream, 114x18 mm.

South Australia—We have a 1d. band, green on manilla, stamp of 1875 type, 146x284 mm,

Sarawak—Mr. Campbell has sent us a fresh portrait of the Raja, Sir C. J. Brooke, *a la* De La Rue & Co. It is a three-quarter portrait to the right, on a ground of horizontal lines, and is within an oval band, inscribed POSTAGE SARAWAK & REVENUE. The classical style has very properly been done away with, and the Raja is represented in the dress of ordinary mortal. Below his chin is a tablet, 10½ by 7 mm., printed in a different colour from the rest of the stamp, on which is the value in uncoloured numerals on a horizontally lined ground. The impression is on white wove paper, and the perforation 14. There is a "jubilee" line round the pane of the colour of the stamp. The design is the same for all the values, and the impression of the stambs, with the exception of the tablets, is in one or other of Messrs. De La Rue & Co,'s two doubly-fugitive colours.

Adhesive. 2 cents, purple; tablet red.
3 " " " blue.
4 " " " yellow.
6 " " " red-brown.
8 " green; " red.
12 " " " blue. —*Ph. Record.*

Turkey—*Ph. R.* notes the 20 para stamp with background in brown, the tablet in pink, and overprinted in carmine.

United States—The 2c. of 1883 has been found in Europe on laid paper. Mr. Rechert has shown us a stamp printed in black on pink paper, about 46x29 mm. It is inscribed in three lines "U. S. Post Office Department—Officially sealed—opened through mistake by."

Wadhwan—The *Ph. R.* thinks this stamp is a fiscal.

Zululand—The 1½d. red of Great Britain is now surcharged "Zululand."

FROM the author and publisher, Mr. Joseph Leroux, we have received a copy of his *Coin Cabinet.* As a work on Canadian Coins it is complete, and should be in the hands of every coin collector.

AMONG the stamp firms that have come into prominence of late, the Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis, Mo., is certainly worthy of mention. The company having been organized two years ago by Messrs. H. Flachskamm, Charles Stegmann, and Louis Flachskamm, who, by their energy and enterprise, have brought it up to its present standard. Upon the dissolution of the American Philatelic Co., Mr. Wm. H. Nienstadt, of that firm was taken in as a partner, thereby making it a so much stronger combination. The company has now been incorporated at a capital of $10,000, and promises soon to stand foremost among its few competitors.

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THE C. P. A. EXECUTIVE BOARD.

THE new Exective Board have now got matters in running order, and is is hoped to make matters easily understood that all business transacted by any of the officers will be presented *monthly* through reports addressed to the Official Editor for publication. Any complaints or charges against members of the C. P. A., or complaints against members of other Philatelic Associations, can now be made direct to the Chairman of the Board, and the matter will be officially investigated. The services of the Board have already been called into action, and matters arranged satisfactorily, in a dispute which had arose.

Mr. E. Y. Parker, Toronto, has been appointed Librarian by the Board, *vice* Leighton resigned. The idea of the Board is to keep the Library in some central point where it can be of most service to local members. It will be of greater service in a large city than a small town. It is hoped that our members will send in their duplicates to Mr. Parker, and give that gentlemen all the assistance in their power to make it a success.

The Board is composed of Messrs. J. R. Hooper, *Chairman;* C. C. Morency and F. C. Kaye.

NEW BRUNSWICK PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

IT is with pleasure we publish the following extract from the St. John *Gazette*, and congratulate our New Brunswick friends on their successful launching of this society into the philatelic ocean:

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"The New Brunswick Philatelic Association held their first meeting January 24th, and started with fifteen members, the following officers being elected:—

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SERVICE STAMPS OF CEYLON.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN OF L. BERGER IN "DAS PORTWERTZEICHEN," BY HENRY HECHLER.

THE uncertainty existing regarding the year of emission of these stamps is as great as in the cataloguing of their values. Particularly the 4d. stamp. (Herein Pemberton makes an exception, in that he puts a question (?) to it. But he complicates the matter further by stating that the surcharge was in red). Moens, Lindenberg and Senf also note the same. The two last named quote the buying price at 50 marks, There are other sources of information which state the contrary. For instance, "The Memoires du Congres international des Timbrophiles," Paris, 1878, pp. 114, 115. The P. O. Department of Ceylon had at the Paris World's exposition a large tableau which represented all postal and fiscal stamps of that colony. Under the "Service" series the 4d. stamp was entirely omitted. Mr. Anns, our authority for the above, states in his report: "This stamp was never seen by any collector." The same may also be said of the 1s. dark violet. All those seen by me and also those in my possession are a light grey-mauve. It may be supposed that the stock of 1s. was used up and that the authorities were obliged to order a new lot and that in printing the latter they came of a lighter or a darker shade than the former had been. This would really make two varieties. Should, therefore the 1s. service stamps have existed in two shades they would count as varieties. (Moens gives two colors—violet vif and pale lilac. Further he makes a typographical error by quoting 2s. pale lilac. I have taken all possible trouble to secure this stamp but without success.

Two of the latest German hand-books both agree that there was no variation in the type of the surcharge. Teltz and Lindenburg give the description of the surcharge and say the same as those hand-books Still every collector knows that there were two types of the surcharge. Such mistakes should be avoided as they are never correct and only tend to complicate matters Hand books, guides and pamphlets purporting to be authorities, should be so accurate that collectors can depend upon them. Therefore publishers of such works should be extremely careful, so that the philatelic world can rely upon them.

To catalogue the service stamps of Ceylon—if they are of a character to be collected which is to be disputed—we will compile as below, At present we regard them as authenticated until other and further enquiries produce different and new evidence on the subject.

SERVICE STAMPS.

Emission (Dec?) 1871: Stamps of the issues of 1864, '67, '68, and '69 with the surcharge "Service" in different colors and sizes, white paper, perf. 12½, w. m. k. crown and CC:—

(A.) Black and extended surcharge, size 14 mm. × 2½mm., white, glossy paper and white gum.

1d. blue, emission of 1869.
3d. rose, " 1867.

(B.) Black surcharge, high and condensed type, size 13 mm. ×, 3 mm., stout, rough paper, yellow gum.

2d. dark yellow, emission of 1868.
8s. " brown, " 1864.
1d. light-grey-lilac, " 1871.

(C.) Red surcharge, high and condensed type.

6d. brown.
2s. dark-blue.
Variety 2 s. dark-blue, unperf.

(D.) Black surcharge, high condensed type.

4d. carmin, emission of 1864?
1s. dark-violet " " ?

NOTE.—The existence of the last two named is not authenticated.

LATER.—Since writing the above copies of Moëns' catalogues of 1872 and 1873 came into my hands, and I note that he mentions the service stamps, but he is not explicit. He does not say that they were in two different colors and of two types. I cannot understand how it is, after so much trouble as I took, those catalogues did not reach me sooner, but I feel compelled to make this note now that I have them before me, so as not to give my old friend Moens reason for offence by omitting it.

THE LOCAL STAMPS OF RUSSIA.

TRANSLATED FROM "L'ECHO DE LA TIMBROLOGIE," BY M. R. KNIGHT.

THE stamps of the local post offices of Russia, which some time ago excited the liveliest interest among collectors, seem of late to have fallen into disforom, in my opinion undesuredly.

The explanation of this lies, I believe, in the shameless speculation which has arisen in the so-called local stamps of Norway, of Denmark, and especially of Germany.

By the way let us not forget that the last named country is an old offender, since from the beginning of philately it has inundated the market with the famous private stamps of Dresden and Hamburg, stamps that never existed, except for the use of collectors.

It is altogether different with the local stamps of Russia, and perhaps some information on this subject will be of interest to the readers of this Journal. It is well known that the immense Russian Empire is divided into vice-royalties, and these into provinces or *Semtivos*. Now, the postal

services of the Empire is not responsible for the carriage of letters to the place of residence. It guarantees only their arrival at the chief town of each province. There they wait until some opportunity, as the coming of the police-agents from the several districts, permits the forwarding of the correspondence to the addresses. Given then the vast extent of certain provinces, some of which have an area equal to that of Spain, and moreover the infrequency of communications, it resulted from this way of doing things that often a letter did not reach the addressee till the end of six months, if he was then alive to receive it.

A service so defective must of necessity have attracted the attention of the governors and of the heads of *Semtivos.*

We find therefrom that as early as 1863 the Government of St. Petersburg decided on the creation of a local stamp, the affixing of which to letters would ensure their immediate delivery.

About the same time the Circle of the Wendic in Lionia issued a stamp of the same sort. In this way a start was made. In 1866 Schlusselburg emitted a stamp for the province, and Rjeff and Berdiansk alike in 1867. In 1868 Tver, in 1869 Saratoff and Riajam, followed the movement and created special stamps, the revenue from which provided for the reorganization of the postal service. In 1870 an order of the Minister of the Interior, of which I have the text before me, authorized, under certain conditions all the provinces to create local post offices, and these offices being established in all the provinces they emitted special stamps.

The origin and value of these stamps are then not to be debated, and we would persuade all philatelists to receive them into their collections. In the course of time and progress it will inevitably occur that the postal service of the Empire will unite all the local post offices and suppress their stamps, as we have seen in the United States, where the private services have been suppressed, Wells, Fargo & Co. excepted by the organization of the government post office. Local stamps of Russia, therefore are sure to become very rare, and will be of so much the greater value if obliterated.

MR. W. H. BRUCE, of Hartford, Conn., has written us, warning of a party named Charles D. McGill, living in Yarmouth, N. S., who has defrauded a number of American dealers.

WILL the party, under the initials of L. T., who sent to this paper, last November, some tobacco bands, please write and give his name and address. He will likely hear of something to his advantage.

THE auction sale held in February, under the auspices of the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association was so successful that they have decided to hold another, to take place on the evening of the 29th of April. See catalogue in this number.

WE must apologize for the quantity of official matter in this month, but it cannot be helped, as reports were not sent in time to be inserted in last month's paper.

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—The 6c. card noted by some journals with "Comunication," etc., is simply half of the 6+6c. card.

Austria.—Pneumatic Envelope, 15kr. gray and black on rose. The 5 and 10kr. stamps on yellow are frauds.

Bavaria,—Cards, 5+5, pf. vertical wmk, "88," 3 pf., "A. 89," 5 pf. "89," both of the latter with horizontal wmk.

Brazil.—We have seen the new newspaper stamps, cards and bands. The stamps are all the same design and color, inscription on them, Correio. Joenaes—Brazil. Color, a dark yellow. Values, 10, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700 and 1000 reis. Bands, 20 reis, purple; 40 reis, blue; and 60 reis, purple brown. Cards, 40 reis and 40r.+40r. lake.

Br. Bechuanaland.—The 4d. black on lilac, with "4d." in red, and "Protectorate" in black. The 3d. black on lilac has "One-half-penny" in black, (only 840 made.) Finally, the ½d., Cape, is surcharged "British Bechuanaland" in green.

Br. Guiana.—The 6c. has CA wmk. It is reported that new stamps are in preparation.

Bulgaria.—The 5 sto. is surcharged "3" in the four corners, and TPN-CTOT in two lines in the centre. It is said no change will be made in the type, but on March 13th, stamps of current design will be issued in new colors, 1s. gray, red and blue, 2s. green and yellow, 5s. green and red, 10s. red on yellow ground.

Canada.—The 2c. Registration stamp has again appeared in another shade, it now being a dull rose. We have also seen the 12½c. 1886 issue, with wmk. smaller to other values.

Cauca.—We omitted to note a provisional stamp. It is about 25×25 mm., type set "Popayan-Franca 10 centavos-No hai estampillas-El Admor, in four lines, and signature of the postmaster below. Black on white.

Ceylon.—The 1r. 12c. is issued at last. It is red brown, wmk. CC, and perf. 14. Design similar to the 2r. 50c.

Chili.—The 3c. card has "Carte Postale" at the top, not the 2c. as before reported.

Curacao.—Stamps are reported 15c. olive, 30c. gray, 60c. ochre, 1+1 50c. steel blue and bright blue.

Danish West Indies.—The 2c. card comes with same inscription as the 3c. of 1887.

Denmark.—The letter cards are now perforated to the sides and bottom.

Dutch E. Indies.—30c envelopes are expected and 5c. letter sheets.

Egypt.—*Du. Ph.* notes a 10 pi. violet stamp, envelopes of 1 pi., 120×95 mm., and 2 pi. of similar design orange, 145×112 and 176×117 mm.; also bands of 1m. brown, and 2m. green. The latter have stamps similar to the adhesives.

Faridkot.—The 1d. envelope has arms in black.

French Colonies.—There are envelopes with current stamp, 5c. green, 15c. blue on blueish, and bands 1c. black, 2c. brown, 3c. vermillion, on manila.

Great Britain.—The 9d. of 1883 and 1887 are surcharged "Gort. Parcds."

Guadaloupe.—Dr. Petrie has shown us a copy of an order of the Governor, dated Dec. 31, 1888, providing that the 20c. stamps shall be surcharged in black, "Guadeloupe-3-centimes" in a rectangular frame, also 15c. and 25c. in similar manner. He has besides, a used copy of the 40c. unpaid on blue paper, but of the type of the 25c.

Guatemala.—The *T. B. J.* mentions new post cards.

Holkar.—There is a second type of the ½a. stamp.

Jhind.—The 1a. envelope has the arms in brown, and the ¼+¼a. car. in black.

Mexico.—The 6c. is now vermillion.

Nabha.—Half anna envelope, red surcharge, green arms. One anna envelope, black surcharge, brown arms.

Nicaragua.—The 2+2c. card has same inscription as the 2c. lately noted.

Persia.—There is a new surcharge, somewhat smaller on the envelopes and bands.

Puttialla—The ¼+¼a. card now has arms black.

Roumania.—*Le L. P.* notes the 1½ on rose and two shades of blue, 3b. on pale blue, 10b. on buff, 15b. on rose and yellow, 25b. on blue rose and straw. Also the unpaid letter stamp, 2, 5, 30b. on yellow, and the 2b. green on white. Entirely new stamps are expected in April.

Salvador.—*The P. J. of A.* illustrates a new envelope. A lake and volcano in oval. "Servico Postal del Salvador" above. 5c. blue on white, amber and blue.

Surinam.—*Der Ph.* mentions 50c. grey brown.

Sweden.—The *J. B. J.* says the 12 ore stamp is to be surcharged in black "10" or "18 ore." There are to be letter cards of 5 and 10 ore, also a new series of stamps with head of King Oscar engraved on steel.

Switzerland.—The 10+10c. card of 1883 comes Form 1.

Tasmania.—The current one penny has been surcharged HALF-PENNY in black.

Victoria.—We have two cards, 2d., "By the long Sea Route," lilac on drab, and 3d., "via Italy," red on green. The arms are in the upper left corner. Also a letter card 1d., blue on grey, (inside white.) The stamp has full length figure of Queen, and in the lower part are illustrations of a steamship, stage coach and train of cars. The price is three half-pence.

Virgin Islands.—The *V. M. d. B. Ph. C.* mentions the 1d. carmine, and 1sh. brown, both of the first type and wmk. CA.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

36 EARL ST., TORONTO, ONT.

12 February, 1889.

GENTLEMEN,—The printed copies of the new Constitution and By-laws have been sent out by post. If any member has not received his copy, I will be pleased to send him one on being notified.

It is very much to be regretted that more care was not exercised in proof reading, especially in the "list of members." There are over fifty errors in this list, and I have received several complaints from members whose names and addresses are misprinted.

In compliance with By-law No. 11, I have had electrotypes prepared for the purpose of printing the official letter heads. Those officers of the Association who desire to do their own printing will be provided with these electros upon notifying me. The printed letter heads will be sent to any member at the following prices, viz., with name and address, and done up neatly in pads of 100 sheets:

Per	250 sheets	$1 25
"	300 "	1 50
"	500 "	2 00
"	1000 "	3 50

Owing to the resignation of Mr. Leighton, our Librarian elect, the Executive Committee have appointed Mr. E. Y. Parker, 47 Huron St., Toronto, as Librarian for 1889.

Mr. Parker is prepared to receive contributions in the shape of books, magazines, catalogues, &c., &c., from members and others. It is hoped that

members will respond generously, and that the Library may soon be catalogued and arranged in such manner that it may be utilized by the members.

Mr. H. C. Beardsley desires me to state his initials are given incorrectly in the list of members, and that his address is changed and is now Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo. The address of Mr. Geo. H. Cox is Shelburne, N. S., and *not 9 Dresden Row, Halifax*, as given list of members.

I take this opportunity to formally notify all officers of the C. P. A. that in future their reports should be placed in the hands of the official editor, Mr. Larsen, during the first week of each month. The prompt appearance of the "Official Organ" will, to a great extent, depend upon compliance with this notification.

I wish to draw the attention of all members to Art. 6, Sec. 3, of Constitution: *All dues shall be paid semi-annually, in advance, on the first day of January, and the first day of July, of each year.*

It is the intention of the Executive Committee to publish in the *next number* of the official organ, a list of all members who have been dropped from the rolls on account of non-payment of dues. There are some members who have not yet paid their dues for 1888, and the majority have not yet paid for the first half of 1889.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE RESIGNED:

No. 86.—H. Andrews.
" 47.—S. B. Bradt.
" 5.—J. C. Niesser.
" 113.—H. R. Donohoe.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS.—No. 8.

180.—Henry Gremmel, 109 2nd St., New York.
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LIST OF APPLICATIONS.—No. 9.

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Foster W. Curry, Horton Landing, N. S. Ref. J. Noble Crane and Henry S. Mathers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. J. MCMINN,
Secretary C. P. A.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Acting on the advice of the President, the Executive Committee have considered the advisability of increasing the foreign membership of the C. P. A. After due deliberation, it is proposed as follows:

That one person only from each country—except Canada and the United States—will be accepted as a member of the C. P. A., and will be entitled a corresponding member.

The candidate must be well recommended and must enclose with his application fifty (50c.) cents, in unused current stamps of his country, and this fee shall be by him paid annually to the Association, said stamps to be sold by the Financial Secretary for the benefit of the Association.

Members so elected will have the full use of the Exchange Department for the circulation of their stamps, but it will be at the option of the superintendant whether he send them cash or other stamps to choose from, to balance accounts due them.

They will also be expected to send to the secretary a copy or copies of any philatelic papers that may be published in their country, and will in return be entitled to receive the official organ of the Association.

Their chief duties will be to answer (as far as possible) any enquiries from other members of the C. P. A. regarding philatelists or philatelic matters residing in or pertaining to their country, and to report to the Secretary all cases of fraud that may come under their notice

For the purpose of attending to this department of the C. P. A., the Executive Committee propose the creation of a new office. Said office to be known as that of the International Secretary.

In placing this proposal before the Association, the Committee are of the opinion that if acted upon it cannot help but benefit the C. P. A.

J. R. HOOPER, *Chairman.*
C. C. MORENCY,
F. C. KAYE.

THE above report having been submitted to me for approval, I may say that if the C. P. A. has a corresponding member in each foreign country, the science cannot fail to be advanced among us. If this idea is fully carried out, resident members will be enabled to obtain new issues promptly, on their appearance. The other views suggested in the report as to protection, benefits, etc., will commend themselves to members of the Association.

HENRY HECHLER,
President C. P. A.

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OFFICIAL ORGAN,
HALIFAX PHILATELIST.

MEETING OF FEB. 11TH, 1889.

Meeting opened at 8.30 p. m. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President took the Chair. Members present :—Messrs. Hart, Craig, Larsen, Hechler, King, Kay, DeWolf and Francis. Minutes of last meeting read and approved, Mr. A. E. Jubien was proposed for membership and elected No. 25. A motion was made that a purchasing agent be elected. After some discussion this was done, and the Secretary elected as such. There being no other business on, the usual auction sale took place, and although the attendance at it was not large, it was very successful.

Meeting closed at 10.30 p. m.

D. A. KING,
Secretary.

MEETING OF FEB. 25TH, 1889.

Meeting opened at 8 p. m. President Crane in Chair. Members present :—Messrs. Crane, King, Smith, E. A., Larsen, T., Larsen, O., Hechler, Smith, A. G., Curry, DeWolf, Francis and Jubien. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. No business being on, the auction sale advertised for this date was held and was most successful, the 100 lots selling for $194. Priced lists can be had from Sec'y at 15c. each. Meeting closed at 11 p. m.

D. A. KING,
Secretary.

N. S. P. A. EXCHANGE MANAGER'S REPORT.

At the time of the last adjustment on Sept. 1st, 1888, eleven of our sheets were still in the hands of the Canadian Exchange Department, the value of which were $39.29. Since then we have sent in thirty-eight sheets, value $235.31, which, together with the former amount of $39.29, makes a total of $274.60. Of these forty-nine sheets, thirty-nine have been returned, the original value of which were $249.11 and the amount sold off them $77.95. There after deducting the 7½% due Mr. Grenny, there is $72.10 to our credit on this half year.

There was also a balance of $14.00 cash unpaid from last half due us from the Canadian Exchange Department, which, added to the above amount, makes our total credit $86.10.

Against this we have had thirteen Exchange Books, and have taken off from them, stamps to the value of $102.16, which leaves $16.06 in debt to the Department.

I do not think that we have done as well this half year as we did the last, nor as well as we can do, if just a little more interest were shown toward the Exchange Department by the members individually. In the first place we have only sent in thirty-eight sheets, whereas we have received thirteen books of ten sheets each, equalling one hundred and thirty sheets. Then again, these thirty-eight sheets have been sent in by above only five different members out of the seventeen or eighteen who partake of the exchange, the rest being satisfied to take what stamps they want and pay cash for them at the end of the half year. Now this is all very well if we were sure of the supply keeping up, but I am afraid that it will not, for we cannot expect other collectors of the Canada Philatelic Association to continue sending in exchange sheets for our benefit and not receive any in return.

Again, some members who have the stamps and could send in a great many sheets, seem afraid to do so, and only send in one or two, and then do not send in any more until after these are settled for. Now why cannot these members keep sending in one or two sheets every week or so. It would, I think, pay them, as there are parties in the Canadian Philatelic Association now, who are willing to buy good stamps as often as they can get them, but who at present only receive an exchange book about every two months.

There has been a marked improvement of late in the way the books have been put through their circuits, but still in some cases there are needless delays, which I hope will not occur in the future.

Now one more suggestion and I have finished, and that is, I will be extremely obliged to all, if they will use the utmost care in entering the CORRECT amounts taken off of books, on the sheet which I place in each, as any mistake necessitates the going over of all the amounts taken off the book, and which entails a large amount of extra work.

We should, on the whole, be very well satisfied with the amounts sold off of our sheets, which is fully one-third of the original value, and which will, I think, compare very favorably with any other Philatelic Exchange.

I trust that anything I have written in this report, will be taken as it is meant, namely to benefit and make the Exchange branch of the Association a success, which we ought to strive to do, especially as we have such a number of the leading members of the Canada Philatelic Association in our midst.

I hope that my next report will show a greater improvement in the work of the Department.

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Lot.			Pieces
1		BERMUDA: 1d on 3d.; ICELAND, (1873) 16s. yellow; BR. GUIANA, (1882), 1 cent, rose, ship; CYPRUS, (1881), 30 paras on 1d., red.....	4
2		BRAZIL: (1889) 700 reis	1
3	*	BRITISH BECHUANALAND: surch., Protectorate and value, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d	5
4	*	" COLUMBIA: 3d.; BR. GUIANA, prov.; 1c. on 96, 2c. on 96	3
5	*	" GUIANA: (1881) prov.; 1 cent official on 12 cent, 1860	1
6		" " " 2 " 24 " 1863	1
7		" " " 1 " 48 " 1876	1
8		" " " 1 red on 48 " 1863	1
9	*	" HONDURAS: Two in red on 50 cents, on 1 shilling gray	1
10		" " prov.; half of 2 cents on 1d., on part of original envelope	1
11		BUENOS AYRES: (1860) 1 p.; VENEZUELA, (1864), 1 cent, gray; *LA GUIARA, (1869), ½ real, green; *VIRGIN ISLANDS, ½d. yellow.....	4

12 CANADA: Officially Sealed; very fine, used 1
13 " 1 cent, official; Weights and Measures wrapper 1
14 " (1868), 12½ cents; watermark; beautiful specimen.. 1
15 " (1860), envelopes, wh. paper, cut square, 5 and 10c. 2
16 * " (1860), envelopes, wh. paper, entire, 5 and 10c., entire 2
17 * " " " 10 cents..... 1
18 * " Postcards, N.W. Rebellion, service, 1c., carmine; 1c, bl'ck 2
19 " Post cards, 1st issue; A. 1 condition 12
20 *CEYLON: ten cents on sixty-four, rare. 1
21 CHINA: set of 1st and 2nd issues. 6
22 *COCHIN CHINA: 5 on 2 cent; MARTINIQUE, 1 on 4 cent; ST. PIERRE, 5 on 20c.; MAURITIUS, 2 on 13 cent; PHILLIPINE ISLANDS, 8 on 2⅔ 5
23 CONFEDERATE STATES: (1862) 2 cents green; thin spot on face.. 1
24 " 5 cents green, on original cover..... 1
25 * " Memphis, 2 cents, blue 1
26 " New Orleans, 5 cents on blue, large mar. 1
27 *CUBA: Post cards, 2 C. de P. and 3 C. de P 2
28 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: (1879) ½, ½ violet on blue, 1 real, 1 real on buff, 2 unused 4
29 " (1880, net work) set, 1, 2, 5, 5, 10, 20, 25, 75, 100, nicely cancelled 9
30 " (1883, net work) prov., 5 on 1, 10 on 2, 25 on 5. 50 on 10, 1 F. on 20, 1 F. on 25c 6
31 GREAT BRITAIN: (1884) 10 shillings, blue..... 1
32 " " £1, fine 1
33 GREECE: Post cards, 5 lep., 10 lep. blue, 10 lep. carmine; Return cards, 5, 10, 10 lepta..... 6
34 GUATEMALA: (1872) 4 R, mauve, fine..... 1
35 " " 1 P, orange, ditto 1
36 *JAMAICA: (1877) prov., Post card, paid ½d., rare..... 1
37 * " Post card, prov., 1½d. on 3d..... 1
38 *MACAO: prov. 5 on 100; 10 on 200; 80 on 100..... 3
39 MADEIRA: (1868) 100 Reis, unperforated, fine, rare..... 1
40 * " (1874) 240 Reis, perfect 1
41 MAURITIUS: (1863) 5 shillings; (1877) 1 sh. on 5 shillings, fine 2
42 " prov., 2 on 13 cents, reversed, used 1
43 *MONTEVIDEO: (1866) 5 on 12, 10 on 8, 15 on 10..... 3
44 NATAL: (1879) prov; 1d. on 6d., triple surch., used, very rare.. 1
45 *NEVIS: (1867) 1 penny, red..... 2
46 * " 1d on gray paper 1
47 " unsevered pair, ½d. on 1d. halved, in purple 2
48 NEW BRUNSWICK: 6 pence, an extremely fine specimen..... 1
49 " 3 pence..... 1
50 " Prov.; 3d (6d. split diagonally) on entire envelope. This is an extra fine specimen, being the prettiest we ever saw. 1
51 " 5 cents Connell; proof in orange..... 1
52 " (1860) 1 [redacted] 1

53 * " 1 set, 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, 17 cents..... 6
54 * " ditto 6
55 * " 5, 12½, 17 cents 3
56 *NEWFOUNDLAND: 2d lake 1
57 * " 3d., 4d. 5d., 5d., 6d., 6½d., 8d., 1 shilling 8
58 * " 5 cents, brown 1
59 " ditto 1
60 * " 5 cents, black 2
61 * " ditto 2
62 * " (1857) 1d.; (1862) 1d..... 2
63 " (1862)* 1d.; (1870) 3 cents; (1887) 10 cents.. 3
64 * " 1 and 2 cent, roul; 3 cent, red..... 3
65 * " (1866) 2, 10, 12, 13, 24 cents; (1876) 5 cents; (1880) 1, 2, 3, 5c; (1888) ½, 1, 2, 3, 10 c. 15
66 " (1865) 5 cents, proof; 4 different colors; rare. 4
67 " Post-cards (1866) 1 ct.; (1880)* 1 ct; *2 cts. 5
68 NOVA SCOTIA: unsevered trio, 1 penny; fine..... 3
69 * " 1 penny 1
70 " 1 " beautiful specimen..... 1
71 " 1 " 1
72 " unsevered pr, 3d, on original envel.; fine specimens 2
73 " unsevered trio, 3 pence; fine 3
74 " do.; splendid..... 3
75 " 3 pence on original envelope..... 1
76 " " 1
77 " " on part of original envelope..... 1
78 " unsevered pair, 6d..... 2
79 " ditto 2
80 " block, 6d., 2×2 4
81 " 6 pence, ... 1
82 " 1 shilling on original entire envelope, lightly cancelled, a most desirable specimen.... 1
83 " (1860) 1, 2, 5, 8½, 10, 12½ cents..... 6
84 " ditto 6
85 " 3 pence; *10 and *12½ cents..... 3
86 " on original envelopes; pair 1 cent; 2 cents, 5 cents; 5 cents, blue paper; 10 cents; 12½ cents.. 7
87 " Bill, 1 cent to 50..... 14
88 ORANGE FREE STATES: 3d. on 4d.; 4 different types..... 4
89 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: 2 pence, large perforation; rare..... 1
90 * " complete set, with exception of 1d.... 12
91 PUTTIALA: set of 4. used..... 4
92 *ROYAL MAIL CO., W. I.: (1875) 10 cents rose..... 2
93 SAXONY: (1856) 10 n. gr., blue; very rare, fine..... 1
94 " (1855) ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 n. gr., complete; rare..... 6
95 *SHANGHAI: 1st issue, 1, 2, 3, 8, 12, 18; a beautiful and rare set. 6
96 ST. CHRISTOPHER: ½d. on half of 1d. rose; 4d. on 6d; 1d. on 6d; *1d. on ½d..... 4

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101	* " 1d. on 6; STRAIT'S SETTLEMENT, 3 cents on 32; TURKS ISLAND, ½d. on 1d.; Cape G. H. ½d. on 3d.	4
102	*TURKS ISLAND: ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1 shilling	6
103	* " ditto	6
104	*UNITED STATES: (1847) 5 and 10 cents	2
105	" (1851) 1, 3, 10, 12 cents	4
106	" (1857) 1, 3, 10, 12 cents	4
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110	" (1856) 5 cents, brown, with ornaments	1
111	" ditto	1
112	" (1857) 5 cents, brown, without ornaments	1
113	" (1865) large newspaper, 10 cents, a little torn.	1
114	" (1867) " " 5 cents	1
115	" Small newspaper, 1, 2, 3,* 4,* 6,* 8,* 9,* 10 cts.	8
116	" " 12, 24, 36 cents; trimmed but fine	3
117	" " 96 cents	1
118	" " 192 cts.; trimmed on one side	1
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123	* " " 4d. carmine, "	1
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SURCHARGED STAMPS.

By Dr. Legrand, *Sec'y of Societe Francaise de Timbrologie.*

Translated by M. R. Knight.

FOR some years the number of surcharged stamps has been considerably increasing. This fact has provoked many objections and protests from collectors. The Bavarian Philatelic Society, at Munich especially, has attracted attention by the ardour of its attacks, and, not content with protesting itself, it has appealed to all Philatelic Societies to unite their protestations to its own. It is under the following bills it has appealed to you:

1. The report upon the collecting of surcharged stamps prepared for the said society by M. Theodore Haas.

2. The printed circular appended to the said report and inviting societies, collectors and dealers to study and discuss the question, that all might unite in adopting energetic measures.

3. The lithograph circular renewing the appeal to adhere to the propositions.

These three circulars in German have been translated by M. Rodet, since our last meeting (in July). So we have been able to consider them, and the result of the reflections which they suggested to us, we now submit to you.

We recognize, first of all, that during the first few years a very great quantity of surcharges has been given to collectors. All have not the same object; it is important then to separate them into several classes.

We pass over those which form, in some sort, the complement of the stamp. Thus our colleague, M. Marco del Pont, has shown us that in Mexico, up to 1884, all the stamps have one or two surcharges, the name of town and the date variously marked. It is an exception, a mistake, if one is found without the surcharge. The surcharge does not affect the value of the stamp.

At certain periods, in the United States as in Peru, we find a *grille gaufree*, which forms a sort of control; in Salvador, the surcharge *contra sello;* in Porto Rico a paraphe; quite recently in Servia, a sort of monogram on the fiscal stamps seems intended to complete them; this surcharge does not change the value or the use. It is those which modify one of these that form the motive of the protest, and the subject of this essay. Let us enumerate the principal groups.

First group, The surcharge has its object to create a new value in accordance with a change in the postal tariff. Thus in Italy, in 1865, the 15 centesimi is transformed into 20 centesimi.

In a *second group,* they have made use of the only plate existing in a country to *print the stamps in as many colours as the values required;* they cancel the original value and add the new one by surcharge. St. Helena furnishes an example.

In a *third group,* a change in the currency has compelled the authorities, until new stamps can be procured and in order to conform to the law, to apply surcharges to the stamps at hand, often of equivalent value. This was done in Mauritius in 1878. But as the stamps of the same series are not in equal demand, it is easy to understand that those, the stock of which is the largest, may have furnished material for the surcharge of several values.

It is also to these stamps of a slower sale that recourse has been had in a *fourth case,* when the negligence of certain administrations, accidents of the sea or other reasons have caused the absence of certain values of a more frequent use. Witness the Philippines and several French colonies.

In all these cases the surcharge that appears upon the values has important reasons, and to protest against a legitimate use is like fighting wind mills. It will be remarked, moreover, that in most of these cases the new value is less than the original value, and, if there be a loss, it is to the administration which gives, for example, stamps of 25 centimes, made by surcharging stamps of one franc, and stamps of 5 centimes surcharged upon 40 centimes. The rule, however, is not always absolute and besides—but we must not anticipate.

In a *fifth case,* the surcharge is not upon the values, but upon the *name of the country.* Certain countries unprovided with stamps, borrow a series of them from a neighbouring country and adopt them to their own use by surcharging the name or a special sign. Such are the first two stamps of Montserrat, 1 and 6 pence, where the name is surcharged upon the stamps of Antigua of the same value, and the first stamps of Straits Settlements, formed by the application of the *royal crown* and the *value* to the stamps of India. Often to apply the name serves only to prevent the use of the stamp in a country which makes use of the same stamps without the surcharge, and so makes easier the *rendering of accounts and inspection of the service.* Witness the stamps of Mysore, Jeypore, Johore, Sungei Ujong, etc. At the Madeiras, the Azores, etc., they wish to prevent loss to the treasury caused by the *difference of value of the moneys due in settling up.* What blame is there? No change is made in the value, at least to the natives, if it does make some difference to collectors.

Spain and its possessions beyond the sea, have made us familiar with a *sixth sort* of surcharge. The HABILITADO POR LA NACION printed on the stamps with Queen Isabella's portrait in 1868 and 1869, permitted the use of them *till new ones could be prepared.*

A *seventh surcharge* serves to *change the use* of the stamps. The application of the word REVENUE or of a special surcharge, indicates the trans-

formation of postage stamps into revenue or official stamps (OFFICIAL, S. P. or On H. M. S.) In the same way the HABILITADO PARA CORREOS in use in the Philippines, permits the postal use under a new value of stamps in stock, originally intended for another service.

Such are the principal groups in which one may arrange all the surcharges. Can it be said that in the considerable number of those known, there are not many forgeries? It is my opinion there are, but all these species have been legitimately employed by the authorities. A collector should place them then in his collection. By the side of the stamps engraved by the first artists of Europe and America, must we welcome the ridiculous portrait of Napolean by the Sergeant Triquetra or the no less grotesque production of the celebrated Lapirot, the comic engraver of Mauritius? Why must we? Because the stamp is authentic.

It is not the first time an analogous fact has brought trouble into the ranks of collectors. Our older colleagues will acknowledge it with me.

In the beginning of Philately, there appeared a very great multitude of false stamps. Unscrupulous men did not wish to understand the profit which they could obtain from the stamp business, and this profit should, it seemed to them, be so much the greater, the greater the difference between the cost and selling price of the stamps. Evidently forged stamps ought to give a large profit. Hence the *forged stamps*. Happily, honest dealers importing the unused stamps from countries issuing them, and collectors by studying them methodically, by making known the various modes of print and perforation, the watermarks and sorts of paper, and by describing the varieties based upon the peculiarities, have enabled their fellow-philatelists to recognize the fraudulent stamps and have reduced the forgers to hiding their packets among the wares of tobacco dealers. The forged stamps were not enough, but they had recourse to the stamps of *Private offices*. The stamps of the Hammer office at Hamburg, seems to have really existed. Following these came the already doubtful ones of Scherenbeck, then those of Krantz, of Lafrenz, of Van Diemen. A journal piously chronicled all these as they appeared; but soon pays the price of its noble zeal, gets angry and denounces them justly as nothing but mere trumpery. In spite of the service rendered to amateurs, how many small collections are complete only in these stamps of Hamburg. And those of Norway and other countries, how many have been offered to collectors? If the great majority has been rejected, that does not prevent one's welcoming the genuine when he finds it and opening his collection to the local offices of Russia.

Later *essays* have been abused. Sometimes they were the stamps submitted to the government; sometimes the product of competition, essays of the engraver, essays of colour, proofs of impressions, etc. What must we ask for? A proof of authenticity, and when it has been obtained, the collector is always happy to open his collection to a proof of Barro, Monquet, Delarue, or the American Bank Note Co.

And *reprints*, have not they been abused? Besides the official reprints of the stamps of Prussia, France, the United States, and other countries,

have we not met with those in Columbia and the Argentine Republic, which are still the subject of lively discussions?

From all this we must conclude that to be received, a surcharge must be authentic. We must then search for proofs, let us endeavour to make a summary of them.

(To be continued.)

SOME PHILATELIC TRIFLES.

THE young collector who reads in his stamp catalogue under the head of Gibraltar—"Bermuda stamps surcharged 'Gibraltar',"—very naturally supposes that a portion of the surplus stock of Bermuda had this surcharge applied to meet an emergency at Gibraltar. But on examining the colors of the surcharged stamps, he will find that the ½d., 2d. and 1 sh. differ in this respect from the same values of the Bermudas. He is therefore forced to conclude—quite correctly, too—that these stamps, prior to their being surcharged, were never in use, nor intended for use, in Bermuda. They were printed from the Bermuda plates, but in colors especially intended for Gibraltar, and which would correspond with those of a new issue for that community, the plates of which were then in course of preparation.

The only satisfactory explanation I have ever seen of the word "Escuelas," which is found on many of the stamps of Venezuela, is that given by a Venezuelan correspondent of the *Philatelic Record*, writing in 1880, who says: "The word Escuelas really means school, because the produce of the stamps is in favor of the public schools." This was written with reference to a series of stamps first issued in 1879, which were for postal use within the limits of Venezuela, the proceeds of which, as indicated above, were to be applied to the support of public schools." "Escuelas" has been vaguely defined by different philatelic writers as signifying that the stamps were for interior postage, or for fiscal use, without stating the precise purpose of their issue.

We all know that finely engraved set of Mexico, 1864, head of Hidalgo, which, during the last four or five years, has been gradually dropping in price from about six dollars to fifty cents the set, and there are indications that they will be offered for still less before long. These are usually catalogued as preceding the eagle series issued in the same year, but I have never seen any reason for this arrangement as to priority of issue. It was only in April of the year 1864, that the Imperial (or French) government which then was in possession of the capital and nearly the whole of the country, issued a decree annulling all previous postal issues, and announcing the issue of the crowned eagle series, which took place early in May following. While the authority of the Empire was pretty generally acknowledged, the Republican government still held control in certain localities, among which was Saltillo and it was from this place the head of Hidalgo were issued. If the Saltillo stamps were issued because of the Imperial decree of April annulling stamps of the Republic, or if they were intended to limit, as far as possible, the use of the Imperial stamps, it

is fair to assume that they appeared after the eagle series. At all events but few were ever issued, and I have never known a cancelled specimen to be offered for sale. For more than twenty years it was never suspected that the Saltillo set comprised more than four values—one, two and four reals, and one peso—but some time in 1886 the leading stamp journal of England informed its readers that "We have lately seen the 1 real, red, of 1864 (Mexico) surcharged vertically on the left side of the stamp with 'Saltillo' in black, and with the additional surcharge of '½' also in black. This latter surcharge is applied on each stamp of the sheet, consisting of ten rows of ten, by a hand stamp. That the stamps are genuine we have no doubt."

The credulity of some of these eminent philatelists is amazing. That the *stamps* were genuine, there is perhaps no question. They are plenty enough, and there is no need for counterfeiting them. But what evidence has this astute editor that the *surcharge* had been applied by the proper official? If the surcharging of "½" was done officially, it must have been because of a demand for such a value and they would consequently have been used, if any of the series were used at all, and thus be brought to notice. Yet for nearly a quarter of a century its existence was unknown. Perhaps the surcharged sheets were at the bottom of the pile of remainders, and thus escaped discovery so long. The more probable theory, however, is that this surcharge is of modern origin and was designed to impart additional interest and value to a portion of the 1 real stamps of which there seems to be a superabundance.

These surcharged stamps are quite cheap too, and there must be a great many of them, though they come a little higher than the 1 real without the surcharge. They seem to be in the possession of only a few of the leading dealers of this country and Europe. A week or two since I received a number of sets of these series on approbation, from a dealer in the city of Mexico, but there were no ½ real stamps among them, nor did the sender make any reference to such a value. This would incline one to the view that they were at least not common, if known at all, in that country.

E. E. K.

COMMENTS ON THE SPLIT STAMPS OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Editor Halifax Philatelist:

HAVING examined your plate of Nova Scotia split stamps and oddities. I would like to mention a few notes on the split or Provincial stamps of New Brunswick. In the catalogue list of the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association, I find that there are but two of these split or provisional stamps offered, both Nova Scotia 6 pence, cut diagonally and used on 3d., and not one split New Brunswick.

To all appearances, and from what I can learn, I think there were very few of these provisional stamps of New Brunswick used, and therefore they are very rare. I have never seen but three or four on the original envelopes and have but two in my collection, a 10 cent vermillion New Brunswick cut in half vertically and used as a 5 cent stamp. It is on the original envelope and is post marked St. John, Nov. 5, 1860, and Kingston, Nov. 6,

1860. I have also heard of the 10 cent vermillion being cut *diagonally* instead of vertically, but have not seen any so used

As the second issue of New Brunswick first came into use in 1860, I presume the supply of 5 cent stamps ran short and thus suggested the splitting of the 10 cent vermillion stamps.

I have also heard of the 6d. stamps being cut both diagonally and horizontally and used as 3d., but have not seen but one so used.

Can any of my brother collectors tell what rate was charged for single or double letters to Australia in 1860. On the 9th of this month, I received from New Brunswick, an envelope which had been sent out to Melbourne, Australia, in 1860. It was mailed at Kingston, N. B., in May, 1860, and went via London. On the envelope, which is yellow, are a 1 shilling violet and one half of a 6d. yellow, cut in half diagonally, and presumably used as 3d., making a total of 15d., quite a high rate for a single letter, as such I presume it to be. The 6d. stamp is very bright but the 1 shilling is somewhat faded.

I would like to know if any of the readers of the HALIFAX PHILATELIST have ever seen any of the high values thus combined, as I think they are very rare and should occupy a prominent place in the representation of New Brunswick stamps in all collections.

FRED NORTHRUP,
Port Jervis, N. Y.

[The split stamps of New Brunswick are no doubt scarce, but they are not more so than any of the other B. N. A. Provinces. Canada seems to be the only one which did not do this, as split stamps from there are very scarce.—The rate on a ½ ounce letter from Nova Scotia to Victoria was 1/3, and we presume it was the same from New Brunswick.—ED.]

Quebec, 30th March, 1889.

To the Editor "Halifax Philatelist":

DEAR SIR,—In looking over *Le Courier de Timbrophile* of February, '89, I find Mr. J. B. Moens advertises for sale *reprints* of the Canada Law Stamps surcharged CF, LS, and FF. Will some of the readers of your journal kindly answer the following questions:

1st. Were the Canada Law Stamps surcharged LC, CF, LS and FF, engraved by the American Bank Note Co., of New York?

2nd. When were reprints of the above first issued?

3rd. By whom were they reprinted and by what authority?

4th. To whom are the reprints sold?

An answer to the above will oblige, yours truly,

ERNEST F. WURTELE.

OUR readers should not forget to send in their bids in time for the auction sale, which will be held on the evening of the 29th April. Catalogues in last month, will be sent on application to this paper.

WE have to thank Mr. Bogert for a copy of what has long been desired a good post card catalogue. It is put up in good shape and we have only to say it resembles in all respects his paper, which will be praise enough for its typographical appearance.

THE BARRIE BRANCH C. P. A.

THE above Society has been fully organised with a large membership, and the following officers elected:—*President,* E. J. Rogerson, P. O. Box 211; *Exchange Manager,* E. J. Rogerson; *Secretary-Treasurer,* Will D. B. Spry, P. O. Box 223; *Librarian,* A. L. Ball, P. O. Box 28; *Executive Committee,* Messrs. A. Lane, and W. D. Morton with the officers of the Association. Mr. E. J. Rogerson will act as Exchange Manager as well as President.

The Librarian requests all publishers of philatelic journals and publications to send to his address copies for the Library of the Association. Any correspondence relating to the work of the Association address to

WILL D. B. SPRY,
Secretary.
P. O. Box 223, Barrie.

CHRONICLE.

Austria.—The *Ph. R.* notes 20 paras on 5 soldi, 1 pi. on 10 s., 2 pi. on 20 s., 3 pi. on 50 s.

Bavaria.—The unpaid letter stamp 10 pf. is perf. 14½.

Brazil.—There is an 80 reis letter card, pink on white.

British Bechuanaland.—The present abominable system of surcharging affords an ample field for collectors of varieties dependent on the vagaries of the operator. Amongst the stamps which have gone through the process, and afforded collectors the oportunity of adorning their pages with a considerable number of what we hope they are happy with, those of the Cape of Good Hope are somewhat conspicuous. If Griqualand had only continued to this day, what a lovely collection of G's there would have been! The mantle seems now to have fallen on British Bechuanaland, if we may judge from the erratic performances on the Cape of Good Hope halfpenny stamps referred to in our last number. We took a longitudinal strip of ten from the left margin of one of the sheets. The five upper ones, in addition to the horizontal surcharge as before described, are surcharged again with "Bechuanaland British" longitudinally, while the five lower stamps have no surcharge at all.

Adhesive.—½ penny, black, (Cape of Good Hope), varieties of surcharge in green.

Messrs. Whitfield, King and Co. inform us that there were only 700 copies of the threepence, "unappropriated die." surcharged with "One halfpenny," and that all were used in the post. Our description was certainly taken from an unused specimen, and it seems somewhat curious to have surcharged only *three* sheets.

Protectorate.—With the above surcharged halfpenny stamps of the Cape of Good Hope we receive the same surcharged in green, with "Bechuanaland" near the top of the figure, and "Protectorate" at the foot

Adhesive. ½ penny, black (Cape of Good Hope), surcharged in green. —*Ph Record.*

Bulgaria.—The 10 st. card has now the inscription in carmine.

Cape of Good Hope.—The new ½d. card is brown on white. The stamp is the same as that in the ½d. band.

Ceylon.—We have a 4c. surcharged in three line, "Postal Commission—Three Cents" in blue, and *Le T. P.* illustrates a 6c. card surcharged "5 CENTS" and heavy line across original value.

Congo.—We have received from Messrs. Whitfield, King and Co., the 5 francs, violet, with a surcharge of "COLIS POSTAUX—Fr 3.50," in a new type. It is now within double-lined frame, 15½ × 6 mm. At the same time we also receive a stamp of 25 centimes, of the same type as that of the 5 francs, printed in dull blue.

Further we have to chronicle two post cards. That of 15 centimes is exactly similar to the last issue, described in our number for May of last year; but the colour of the impression and of the card is changed, the inscription and the stamp and arms being also now of the same colour. The card of 10 centimes only differs from that of 15 centimes in the colour and upper inscriptions, which are *Etat independant du Congo*—CARTE POSTALE, in two lines, followed by "(Service de l'interieur et des pays limitrophes jusques et y compris Libreville au Nord et Mossamedes au Sud.)"

Adhesives. 25 centimes, dull blue on wove; perf. 15.
5 francs, violet; surch. in black
Post Cards. 10 centimes, black on white.
15 „ carmine on buff.

—*Ph Record.*

Curacao.—Stamps of 1 and 2c. and unpaid letter are expected.

Cyprus.—The registered letter envelopes are now made by De la Rue & Co.

Dutch Indies.—There are three varieties of surcharge on the 25c. envelope, "15"—"15 cent"—"15 cents." The latter is doubtful.

Egypt.—There is a slight change in the unpaid letter stamp. The inscription in the center are in an oval—2 m. green, 4 m. brown, 1 pi. blue, 2 pi. orange.

France.—The *Ph. R.* says the 25c. black on red, is now surcharged in red "1 Piast. 1."

French Colonies.—No wonder that collectors begin to cry out and hate the very sight of our heading. We have to chronicle a fresh lot of these abominations.

Gabon.—A contemporary publishes the following Degree, dated Libreville, December 28th, 1888:

"We, Lieutenant-Governor of Gabon, Officer of the Legion of Honour: Considering the loss from inevitable cause of two lots postage stamps despatched consecutively to this colony by the ships *Brave* and *Violette*, and the delay in the despatch of the new order sent imperatively to the

department by *cablogramme*"—what a wonderful word !—" on the 29th September last.

"Considering the impossibility of satisfying from the remaining stock on hand the demands for franking correspondence to France. to foreign parts, and the different posts of the interior.

"Considering that if franking in money is not admitted in international relations, the facility for adopting this measure cannot be denied by the administration, so far as relates to the franking of the internal correspondence. On the the proposition of the interim Minister of the Interior we have decreed and do decree as follows:

"1. Steps shall be taken by the Receiver of the Posts for the transformation of 4000 stamps of 0 fr. 05 cent. into stamps of 0 fr. 25 cent. by means of simple surcharge with hand stamp.

"2. Until the arrival of the stock of stamps ordered in the Metropolis the franking shall be made at the wicket of the Post Office in postage stamps for the the foreign correspondence and by the stamp P. D. for the internal correspondence.

"No sale of postage stamps shall be made except for the pupose of immediate franking."

This latter clause is as it should be, and collectors must therefore be content with obliterated specimens. We wish they would in all cases of surcharges, and it would be found that much fewer were necessary.

Adhesive. 25 c. on 5 c., green on pale green ; surcharge in black.

Guadeloupe.—Mr. Mackenzie has been good enough to send us specimens of the stamps, with the Decree ordering the surcharge, of which the following is a translation of all that is important:

"Decree transforming the stamps of 20 centimes into stamps of 3, 15, and 25 centimes.

"The governor of Guadeloupe and dependencies.

"Whereas the provision of postage stamps of 3, 15, and 25 cent. is completely exhausted ;

"Considering the large stock of stamps of 20c., the use of which is not common ;

"Consdering the necessity of immediately supplying the wants of the public, and of the providing against any impediments in the despatch of correspondence ;

"On the proposition of the Director of the Interior, It is ordered:

"ART. 1. Until the receipt of the postage stamps of 3, 15, and 25 centimes, stamps of 20 centimes shall be delivered to the public at the prices of of 3, 15, and 25c. These stamps shall bear the vignettes below, printed in black by the Government Printing Office."

The other articles relate to the mode in which the operation is to be carried out under the surveillance of a commission.

Adhesives.

3 centimes on 20c., brick-red on green; surch. in black.
15 " " " " "
25 " " " " "

Indo-China.—We have received from Messrs. Whitfield, King. and Co. a specimen of the 35 c., black on yellow, surcharged in black at the top INDO-CHINE, a large numeral of " 5 " over the primitive value, R in the left lower angle, and D in the right.

Adhesive. 5 centimes on 35 c., black on yellow ; surcharge in black.
—*Ph. Record.*

Gibraltar.—The registered envelope of De la Rue are in use.

Holkar.—The ½ a. stamp lately mentioned, resembles the first issue, but is smaller, and the Rajah wears a species of cap instead of the jewelled turban.

Jamaica.—We have the 1d. in a new design, somewhat similar to the new Sarawak, and inscribed " Jamaica Postage and Revenue "—printed in dull violet and the tablet containing value of a bright purple.

New South Wales.—There are official envelopes, 1d. violet, of 1888, " O. S." in angle, two sizes. Also for registry, 6d. violet of 1870, type, " O. S." in angles. The 8d. stamp has a " Lyre bird " and the 1sh. will have a kangaroo. The 4d. registry envelope now comes 227 × 101 mm. The new 2d. and 3d. cards, have a copy of the stamp issued in 1838, at the top in the center surrounded by the circular bands inscribed " Design of the first postage stamp," and " In commemoration of the fiftieth year of the issue of postage stamps in the colony "; above is " Jubilee stamp," and below " 1838—1888. The colors are 2d. blue and 3d. green, on thick white card.

Oudeypoor.—The foreign journals illustrate a stamp about 30 × 31 mm. with five lines of an inscription in a rectangular frame. It is printed in black on white and dated 1928.

Philippine I.—The 20c. " Derechos de Firma," brown, is surcharged 278 in carmine. Also the 200 mil. of 1880, green.—*L. J. P.*

Queensland.—The cards mentioned last month have the stamp at the right, head of Queen in oval, and arms at the left. In the center on a scroll, " Post Card " and " Queensland, Australia." 2d. blue and 3d. mauve, both on buff.

Rajpeepla.—There is a new stamp 25 × 30mm., with crescent in oval band, containing inscriptions, and the value in straight line below. One anna orange on white, perf. 11½, 32 varieties.

Roumania.—It is the 10b. unpaid letter stamp that is on yellow, and not the white as stated last month, The official list of stamps on colored paper is as follows:—Blue paper, 1½, 3, 5b.; yellow paper, 25, 50b., and unpaid letter stamps 5, 10, 30b. Buff paper 10, 15b. The other colors, before mentioned, are said to be fraudulent.

Salvador.—*P. J. of A.* chronicles a new 1c. green and 2c. red, that have been ordered in New York of same type as the 3c.

Sarawak.—In addition to the values reported, there is a 25c. green and red brown.

Switzerland.—The 20, 40, 50c. and 1 franc are perf. 10.

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RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, C. P. A.,
Halifax, April 1st, 1889.

Mr. T. J. McMinn, having transferred his residence from Toronto to New York, and as the nature of his business does not permit him to continue to perform the duties of Secretary of the C. P. A., he has forwarded his resignation of that office to me and I have with much regret felt compelled to accept it. For the short time that he has held that responsible position, he proved himself an able, efficient, painstaking and courteous officer, having the interests of the Association at heart and all the members will doubtless be sorry to lose him. I am pleased to announce that he will continue to be a member of the C. P. A.

Acting on the power given by the Constitution to the President, to fill vacancies that may occur in the offices of the Association, I do hereby appoint Mr. D. A. King, of Halifax, N. S., to succeed Mr. McMinn as Secretary.

HENRY HECHLER,
President C. P. A.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

151 EAST 45TH ST., NEW YORK,
31st March, 1889.

Gentlemen,—

The most important matter to which I desire to call your attention is the payment of the SEMI-ANNUAL DUES. A list of all who have not paid their dues for the first half of 1889 (correct up to this date) has been handed to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

A number of *blank application forms* have been sent to each officer of the Association. A member wishing forms can obtain them from the officer living nearest to him, instead of sending to me for the same.

All matters pertaining to the Executive Committee, should be sent direct to the Chairman, Mr. J. R. Hooper, Ottawa.

You will please note the following changes of address:

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" 56.—H. R. Ledyard.
" 110.—M. Brill.
" 29.—J. M. Sheridan.
" 133.—Jesse E. Harpel.

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186.—Foster W. Curry, Horton Landing, N. S.
187.—R. R. Bogert, Room 37, Tribune Building, New York.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS, No. 10.

($1.00 dep.)—Louis G. Parnal, Box 65, Newcastle, Ont. Ref. H. F. Ketcheson and T. J. McMinn.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. J. MCMINN,
Secretary C. P. A.

SECRETARY'S CASH STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31ST, 1888

1888.		CR.	
Mar. 31.	By Dues for Quarter		$ 23 25
June 30.	" " "		72 25
Sept. 30.	" " "		22 30
Dec. 31.	" " "		17 75
			$136 15

1888. DR.

	To postage	$ 31 61
	" printing	12 50
*May 10.	" Geo. A. Lowe's acct	16 01
July 6.	" Letter Book	1 25
Aug. 20.	" Badges	4 15
*Sept. 17.	" Geo. A. Lowe's acct	0 75
* " 28.	" H. F. Ketcheson's acct	1 00
Oct. 18.	" Rubber Stamps	60
*Nov. 27.	" Geo. A. Lowe's acct	1 00
	" Discount on American silver and stamps	1 42
	" Secretary's salary	18 00
	" Sundries	1 41
	" Cash sent Treasurer	41 45
		$131 15
	Balance on hand	5 00
		$136 15

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

1888. CR.

Mar. 31.	By Cash received from Sec'y	$ 5 00
June 30.	" " "	7 50
Sept. 30.	" " "	4 00
Dec. 31.	" " "	11 57
1889.		
Jan. 30	" " "	13 38
		$41 45

1888. DR.

Oct. 8.	To discount on Stamps	$ 15
"	" E. Y. Parker for rent of hall	5 00
Dec. 17.	" H. F. Ketcheson for printing cards, &c	17 00
"	" Money order	10
1889.		
Jan. 30.	" "	10
		$22 35
	Balance on hand	19 10
		$41 45

* The ex-Sect. was asked about a month ago to send items of these accounts, but they have not yet been forwarded, neither have I received the receipts and bills of last year's business. If I understand, the motion passed at the convention that the Secretary's salary be increased to $25.00, was not to come in force till 1889. The report will show that the last two quarters of 1888 were drawn at the 1889 rate.

H. L. HART,
Treasurer.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

On 1st Feb'y, the accounts were all balanced, and statements sent to members. Some of them have paid in balance due Ex. Dept. promptly, and quite a number have not paid yet. Will those who are still owing, send at once to enable me to pay balances due members. Exchange Books are now being circulated freely. The sheets of stamps are examined by the Counterfeit Detector, before sending out. As we are not running this department in the interest of Scott's or any other firm of stamp dealers, the members are at liberty to mark their stamps as low as possible, stating the fact, if they wish, that they are marked at 25c to 50c. below Scott's or any other standard catalogue. From the 40 books circulated since Sept., '88 to 1st Feb'y, '89, about $600 worth of stamps were disposed of. This is a gain, and as new members are joining the Exchange, expect to attain to still larger figures by the time second annual Convention meets.

F. J. GRENNY,
Supt. of Exchange C. P. A.

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HALIFAX PHILATELIST.

MEETING OF APRIL 8TH, 1889.

Meeting opened at 8.30 p. m. V. P. Larsen in Chair. Members present —Messrs. Larsen, Kaye, Hart, Smith, E. A., DeWolf, Larsen, O., Francis, Jubien, Curry, and King. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mr. C. B. Nicolson of Windsor, was proposed as a member by F. C. Kaye, and elected. The Secretary gave in his resignation of office, on account of having been appointed to Secretaryship of C. P. A. Resignation accepted and a new Secretary to be elected at next meeting. The usual auction sale was then held, but on account of the poor attendance was not a success, and closed early. Meeting adjourned 10.30 p. m. Next meeting will be held on April 29th.

D. A. KING,
Secretary.

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BY DR. LEGRAND, *Sec'y of Societe Francaise de Timbrologie.*

TRANSLATED BY M. R. KNIGHT.

(Continued.)

1. Every surcharge modifying the value, the country, or the use of the stamp, ought to have been preceded by a decree or order, which prescribes it. All the probabilities are in favour of this supposition. One may venture to say that to-day there exists scarcely a country possessing stamps which does not reckon one or several collectors. It is for these to transmit to stamp journals, *copies of the decree or order.* But that is not enough. It is necessary that they send the *very No. of the local journal which publishes it;* at least, that they give the *No.*, the *date*, the *page* and *column* where the decree may be found. It is not enough to copy it, it is necessary that one may be able to verify it in the collections of public libraries, and that for the edition of stamp journals, a sight of the fragment of the local journals which has been sent to him, may leave no doubt as to the origin and authenticity.

2. In default of this capital proof, there may exist sufficient presumptive evidence. Thus, so far as the English colonies are concerned, it will be observed that the surcharge of the Delarue firm are very often in *Egyptian letters* and made *with method.* This may be considered as a strong presumptive proof; but the surcharged stamps of the British Colonies, are far from being found in this state. It will suffice to compare with one another the surcharges of the late stamps of Ceylon, to recognize that the first, known to be of native origin, are not in Egyptian letters, and yet their existence is not contested.

3. A third circumstance may render probable the existence of a surcharge in the absence of a decree or of the evidence just referred to. When a *change in the postal tariff* compells the creation of a new value, and recourse is had to a surcharge provisionally, haste is made to *prepare a new stamp without surcharge,* of the new value. It was thus with the 3 pence of the Cape. Is not this an indirect proof of the genuineness of the surcharged stamp? Also when a new series appears and we *do not find in it a stamp corresponding in value with the surcharged stamps previously issued,* we may affirm that these letters are the *work of a forger.* It is this consideration which led us to discredit the surcharge CUARTO of Columbia, which no journal, although the *Philatelic Record* may say so, has called in question until we manifested our incredulity before the Society.

4. Tnis leads us to point out another reason for regarding with doubt, certain surcharges It is when there exists a *constant and myterious error.* The stamp of 4 centavos of Columbia, (July, 1883), have CUARTO instead of CUATRO. Now not only has no decree been cited, ordering the surcharge, not only did the series of 1883, emitted some months after, *contain no 4 centavos,* but further there is an *error. Cuarto centavos* might mean *a quarto centavo* (if without the *s),* but not *four centavos.* Besides it is constant and not accidental. Is not this an indirect proof of its falsity ?

It has been said that authentic surcharged stamps have the surcharge upon *stamps of a higher value.* If the assertion is true in general, it is not for all absolutely so. We have instanced the 15 centesimi Italian of 1863 transformed into 20 in 1886. A too confident conclusion from this that there would be loss to the forger, is mistaken. If the addition of a surcharge of *25 centimes* to a stamp of *one franc* will not render easy and advantageous its use in the country, it is not the same with collectors. And if the forger sell for 10 francs the stamp on which he has lost 75 centimes, has he not still a good enough profit to enable him to purchase a country house or a cottage by the sea ?

This leads us to say a few words on the value of surcharged stamps. Here we have, we believe, one of the grand reasons why they are called in question. THEY ARE TOO DEAR ! ! When one sees a man ask 10 francs for a surcharge giving to a stamp the value of 25 centimes, the first impulse is to put one's hand on his pocket—to defend his purse. But he is impressed with the provisional character of these stamps, their present and especially future rarity. Often the stamp arrives in quantity shortly after, and one repents of having yielded. We receive then, with suspicion, stamps that are more authentic perhaps.

Who is to blame ? It is certain that the market value of a stamp does not agree with the facial value. A great many causes give it value. We believe that in general, we should accept with reserve, pieces that are unique in the matter of surcharges, and that if we pay *four or five times* its monetary value for a stamp, it is well paid for. But we prejudge nothing. It is for the collector not to be in a hurry and to take into account the circumstances which have ruled in the making of the surcharge. There is always a contingent which justifies or excuses the conduct observed.

To what conclusion do we come ? That it is necessary to study the surcharges as one has studied the stamps themselves, the private stamps, the essays, the reprints. What else is Philately but the attentive study of stamps ?

Now this study comprises the examination of all the peculiarities connected with them. It is not enough to arrange their little forms in his collection. He must study the mode of engraving, the system of impression, the paper, its quality, the watermarks which it contains in its substance, the presence or absence of what it is convenient to call perforations, the colour of paper or print, etc. It is only after having examined all these points that the collector decides upon the genuineness of a stamp. Let us do the same with the surcharges ; let us search for the order of their birth ;

in default of this, let us depend upon the circumstances described above, and others that can be found, in order to prove or disprove their authenticity.

How the desire to have in our collections UNIQUE stamps, drives us to admit without question what is offered to us, whatever may be the price, and under the fallacious pretext that no one possesses the like of it.

To facilitate this study of surcharges, it appears to us necessary to prepare a list of those of all countries to point out the proofs of their genuineness, to express the doubts which they inspire. The researches that this work will demand from collectors, will throw light gradually upon their authenticity. We shall receive the good, we shall reject the bad, which, in our opinion, will be better than a wholesale proscription or one by categories, as the German Society proposes.

We shall not pretend to do this work; our occupation does not permit it, but here is something to tempt the activity of the collector.

We may say, in closing, that surcharges have been employed for the same uses on telegraph and fiscal stamps.

As for these last, there exists a very great number of them, and the interest attached to an inquiry concerning their authenticity, is not less than that with reference to postage stamps. We ought to say, however, the expertness of the forgers has neglected this subject, because of the small number of collectors who collect fiscal stamps.—*La Livre D'Or de la Timbrologie.*

THE ADHESIVE STAMPS OF CEYLON TO THE END OF 1870.

A Paper read before the Philatelic Society, London, on Friday, 8th March, 1889.

By W. B. Thornhill.

THE stamps of Ceylon, so far as I can ascertain, have not been under the Society's notice since December, 1874, when they were the subject of study, and you will find the reference list coupled then in vol. ix. of the *Philatelist*. As I am much interested in Ceylon stamps myself, and as our Vice-President wrote on the subject in the jubilee number of the *Timbre-Poste*, and was answered by Major Evans, about a point in connection with these stamps hitherto practically not discussed, it struck me a paper on the subject, together with a reference list (pending the further study of these stamps by the Society), might be of interest to you, dealing with the point above alluded to; viz., the reason for the existence of long and short Ceylon stamps of same origin and value of the Perkins, Bacon, and Co. type.

I have been as careful as possible in my facts, and shall be much obliged to anyone who will correct any faults.

You probably all remember that Major Evans, in his catalogue, appends a note on the unwatermarked stamps of 1863 as follows: "These stamps are apparently (indeed, we may say certainly) from the same plates as the other issues; but at the same time, the impressions on this paper are about $\frac{1}{16}$ inch shorter than those on other papers. This can only have been

occasioned by the paper having shrunk to some extent since the stamps were printed, and this would also account for the fact of the perforation gauging 13 instead of 12½." I agree with Major Evans, as I hope to prove later on, that there is no doubt the stamps are from the same matrices, which is, I suppose, Major Evan's meaning when he calls them plates. But, as Mr. Tapling points out in the *Timbre-Poste*, I think he is wrong in saying this can only have been occasioned by shrinkage in paper, because if so it is only a natural inference that the short Crown C C stamps, the existence of which Major Egan does not seem to have noticed, are due to shrinkage also, in which case, according to him, the perforation ought to be 13, instead of which it is 12½.

Mr. Tapling, in his article, says they cannot be due to shrinkage of paper, becauae they have all shrunk evenly. I am afraid I must disagree with him, as they have shrunk, if shrinkage it is, most unevenly, as you will see from this table of measurements which I have prepared. I have taken off the measurements under a strong glass with a pair of fine compasses, and from a centimetre scale. You will see that you can hardly find two stamps of exactly the same measurements in the same value, though the difference in many cases is too small to signify.

I regret to say my endeavours to get any official information from Messrs. De la Rue have proved futile, as they say they are not at liberty to give any information as to their stamp issues. Therefore I must take my dates and other information derived from catalogues as correct for the present.

Before considering the measurements, it will, I think, be better to study the die or dies, paper, perforation, and watermark, and see if any of these bear on the question. Whether they do or not, some of the facts may be of interest.

DIES.

We will start with the assumption that the die for each value through all the issues is the same, and I think I shall show that it is. I believe I am correct in stating that the imperforated and perforated star-watermarked sets were engraved and printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Co., and that in 1860 the contract was taken over by Messrs De la Rue, together with the dies, and the stamps printed by them on their own paper. I understand the 1863 no-watermark set are supposed to have been printed by the former firm; but I am inclined to think that the change of paper, perforation, and colours in this set (the colours agreeing much more with the Crown and CC set than with the star sets, and we know the former were printed by Messrs. De la Rue) rather denote that they were printed by Messrs. De la Rue, and that they were unable or did not trouble, to use exactly the same pigments as were used by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Co.

There are certainly three distinct designs for the heads, necessitating three dies, as can be seen by comparing a ½d., 1d. and 4d. The difference is so distinct that I need not particularize much. The crown differs in each, the heads differ in size and shape, and the 1d. type has earrings, which neither of the others have.

Of the ½d. die, the no-watermark and Crown and C C stamps seem identical.

Of the 1d. die, the 1d., 2d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1s. are all the same as regards the head and the engine-turned oval containing the head; but the rest of the rectangle outside the oval, differs somewhat in most of the values, as does of course the lettering of value. These differences are so patent that I will not take up your time mentioning them. You will see all those that differ in the specimens before you.

Of the 4d. die, the 4d., 8d., 9d., 1s. 9d., 2s. all appear to be identical, with the exception of the lettering of value.

PAPER.

All the star-watermarked stamps are on a fairly uniform fine wove yellowish to white paper.

The 1d. and 6d. are found *bleute;* the former perforated and imperforated, the latter only, I believe imperforated. The 1d. is not supposed to exist, but I think the specimen before you is undoubtedly *bleute.* The imperforated ½d., and the ½d. perforated, 1863, are on enamelled wove paper, *bleute* and white, though the imperforated alone are found *bleute.*

The 1863 no-watermark set seem to be on a distinctly different make of paper—thinner and crisper. There is a peculiar blurred appearance in the 6d. and 9d. of this set, reminding one of the Trinidad 1864 set, which tells one at once to what issue they belong.

The paper of the Crown and C C set is white wove, and again somewhat different, varying much in substance, and may be found almost like cartridge paper.

PERFORATION.

As in the first issue perforated Queensland, the first issue perforated Ceylon may be divided into two sets—clean-cut and roughly-cut perforations; though so far I have not come across a 5d. roughly perforated, or a 6d., 8d., 9d., 10d., clean cut. They gauge irregularly 14 to 16, and compound in both sets. The 1863 set (with exception of the ½d., which gauges 12½), gauges 13, fairly clean cut, though there is a 1d. gauging 12 before you, kindly lent to me by Mr. Barrett. The Crown and C C sets gauge very regularly 12½, though I have seen a ½d. gauging 12½ by 13, and I have a 1d. gauging 12.

WATERMARK.

I have nothing to call your attention to in the star-watermarked stamps, nor in the no-watermarked set (1863), except that it is curious how seldom pairs of these stamps are met with, except the 1d., which I have seen. Was this set printed on unwatermarked paper, or was it due to accident? I suppose it was the former; but how comes it that, as you will see by a specimen I have of the 1s., which I do not think there is any doubt belongs to this set, you find a D watermarked in the paper? What was the sheet on which this stamp was printed watermarked with? The only lettering in the watermarking of the sheets I have seen is "Crown

Colonies," in various sized types, and it is no part of those words. I must therefore take a leap in the dark, and suggest that it is the D of De la Rue, who either manufactured the paper or had their name watermarked in it. If I land on secure ground, of course my previous surmise as to the printers of this set are correct.

I am now going to tread on very delicate ground, and fully expect our Vice-President's incisive pen will be in motion very soon. You all know, I take it, that certain values of the long stamps, in the colours of the Crown and C C set, are supposed to exist without watermark, of which our Vice-President has several. I do not believe in their existence without a watermark. My reasons for coming to this conclusion are, first and mainly, because I have never seen one. I have had several sent me, and had several myself, that I fondly believed to be like Cæsar's wife; but I have found, on submitting them to a bath, and otherwise carefully examining them, that every one revealed either a portion of the Crown and C C, part of a letter, or a line; and I have little doubt, if I might be allowed to soak and examine any of these so-called no-watermarked long stamps, I should find a watermark.

(Continued.)

NOTES.

THE President purposes paying a visit to Europe soon after the annual convention of the C. P. A. is held, when, he informs us, he intends calling upon the philatelic societies of Great Britain and the continent, and using his best efforts to bring them into closer and more intimate relations to our association than they now are. We believe that his tour will result in much good to the C. P. A.

MR. A. A. BARTLETT, of Charlottetown, a member of the C. P. A. and A. P. A., is visiting Europe. He writes from Amsterdam under date of the 22nd of April. He says that the philatelic exhibition there was very interesting and a complete success. He speaks of it with great praise. Thence he was to go to Paris to see the world's exhibition and will improve the occasion to call on philatelic friends there. He expects to return home early in June, and his arrival will be looked for with much interest, as he will doubtless bring lots of valuable information.

THE Canada 2c Registration stamp will soon be a thing of the past. The following is the official order in connection with it:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

CHANGES IN POSTAGE RATES UNDER AUTHORITY OF POST OFFICE ACT 1889.

The rate of postage upon Letters posted in Canada, addressed to places within the Dominion or in the United States, will be 3 cents per ounce instead of 3 cents per half ounce as heretofore.

Upon Drop Letters posted at an Office from which letters are delivered by Letter Carrier, the postage rate will be 2 cents per ounce, instead of 1

cent per half ounce. The rate of postage upon Drop Letters, except in the Cities where free delivery by Letter Carrier has been established, will be 1 cent per ounce.

The fee for the Registration of a letter or other article of mail matter, will be five cents upon all classes of correspondence passing within the Dominion. For the present and until further instructed, the registration fee may be prepaid by using the 2 cent Registration Stamps and Postage Stamps to make up the amount.

Letters insufficiently prepaid will be charged double the deficiency as heretofore, provided at least a partial prepayment has been made.

Letters posted wholly unpaid will be sent to the Dead Letter Office for return to the writer.

JOHN G. HAGGART,
Postmaster General.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
OTTAWA, 8th May, 1889.

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—The new 5c. has head of Rivadavia in circle with "Correos y Telegrafos" above.

Bavaria.—The 3 and 5 pf. unpaid are perf. 14½, and the 10 pf. card has "89."

Bhopal.—The ¼a. green with B. L. C. I. has been re-engraved. There are two errors, SAH and NEWA. They are imperf. and perf. 6. There is also a new ¼a., black, square, 32 var. BECAM, except one which is EECAM.

Bulgaria.—*Le T. P.* tells us the 3 on 5 st. was never issued by the government.

Cape of Good Hope.—The registry envelope is now made by De la Rue & Co.

Ceylon.—The 4c., both violet and rose, are surcharged TWO over the word FOUR, and there are of course, several errors and double surcharges.

Congo Free State.—There is a new 25c. blue, type of the 5frc., also the new cards, 10c. black on white, and 15c., carmine on buff. Finally the 5frc. is surcharged "Colis Postaux—Fr. 3.50" in rectangular frame.

Denmark.—The 5 ore cards have smaller figures in the corner of the stamp.

Faridkot.—The ½a. of 1882 is re-engraved for the second time. Blue on white. Imperf.

French Colonies.—Mons. Maury has bands of 4c. and 5c.

Greece.— Mr. Rechert shows us the the 1 lepton, Athens impression.

Gwailor.—*The Ph; R,* notes the ½a. envelope, surcharged in red, and arms in blue.

Indo-China.—A second type of surcharge has "1889" below "Indo-Chine." 5c. on 35c.

Jamaica.—Another new stamp has been issued. A 2d., head of Queen in circular band inscribed "Jamaica" above, and "Postage and Revenue" at the sides. Below is an octagonal label, with large figure of value. 2d. green, wmk C. A., perf. 14.

Nabha.—The ½a. is surcharged in black, also the official ½a. and 4a. The ¼a. card has the arms in black.

Natal.—The 5sh. maroon has wmk. C. A.

Norway.—Card, 10+10 ore, carmine on white, form 1. No frame.

New South Wales.—Mr. Vindin sends us the new 5sh. stamp. A map of Australia is in an octagonal frame, inscribed "New South Wales Postage" and "Five Shillings." Color purple, wmk, figure of value, perf. 11.

The one shilling of this issue was issued on 21st February last, and represents a Kangaroo, an animal indigenous to Australia; in fact, its discovery was made by Captain Cook in 1770. On an uncoloured arched tablet above the Kangaroo is the inscription "ONE HUNDRED YEARS," and "NEW SOUTH" on the left side, "WALES POSTAGE" on the right side, in uncoloured letters an a solid ground. A straight tablet at the foot carries the value in letters. It is the best executed of the series, though there are too many accessory ornaments in the way of flowers; in fact the Kangaroo is in a perfect bower of bliss. The perforation is $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$. More care has been taken with the details of printing, perforation, and gumming, than in some of the earlier issues of the series.

Dr. Houison writes us, under date of 28th February, that the five shillings, the last of the issue, would be ready in a few days. On the whole, the "Native series" has disappointed the Colonies as well as ourselves. It is a pity that the order for the dies was not given to a firm in England to execute.

We have received from Mr. Campbell a registration envelope which may be termed a provisional issue, as it was issued pending the arrival of a stock of the ordinary form. It measures $148\frac{1}{2} \times 86$ mm., is of the ordinary form of envelope with tongue-shaped flap and of white paper lined with muslin. The crossed lines and instructions are in red, and similar to those on the other issues, the registration stamp of 4 pence being struck in pink on the end of the flap

Adhesive. 1 shilling, violet brown.

Registered envelope. 4 pence, pink, with instructions in red; *ordinary shape.*

—*Ph. Record.*

Paraguay.—There is a 15c. stamp, violet, with cap, star and wreath in oblong frame, with figures of value at corner.

Philippine I.—The 10c. green is surcharged 2½c.

St. Vincent.—We have received the 5 sh. with C A watermark. Perf. 14

Surinam.—New stamps, 15c, gray; 20c., green; 30c., red-brown; unpaid letter, 30c., 50c., lilac and black. Cards 2½c., and $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$c., carmine on rose, 5c. and 5×5c., violet on blue.

Sweden.—Post card, 10 ore, carmine on white, with "Sverige—Suede" inserted in frame at top, and other changes in the inscriptions.

Venezeula.—The 10c. Card has been re-engraved. There are slight differences in the stamp and frame.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, C. P. A.,
Halifax, 1st May, 1889.

As the annual Convention of the Association is this year to be held in Halifax, I hereby appoint the time for it to meet, on the 31st day of July, at 3 p. m., and to continue to meet thereafter, until the business before it is completed.

My reason for fixing this date, as the summer carnival in this city is to open on the 4th August, and special facilities for travel, such as reduced rates, etc., will be offered, and members will also have an opportunity to enjoy the stirring events of that occasion.

Many members of the C. P. A. and other sister societies, will doubtless be taking their vacations at that time, so that a larger attendance may be then expected than at a later date.

As three months will intervene, members have ample time to make their arrangements accordingly.

I trust that the members will be pleased with the date that has been selected.

HENRY HECHLER,
President C. P. A.

DONALD A. KING,
Secretary.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Halifax, N. S., May 10th, 1889.

GENTLEMEN,—As will be seen above, the Convention will meet in Halifax on the 31st July, 1889. It is to be hoped that as many members as possible, both Canadian and American, will attend, as it can be done very cheaply on account of the reduced fares in connection with the summer carnival here.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS, No. 10.

Lewis G. Parnal, Box 65, Newcastle, Ont.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS, No. 11.

Victor H. Young, Box 1896, Montreal. Ref. H. S. Harte, Chas. E. Cameron, M. D.

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RESIGNED IN GOOD STANDING.

No. 105. J. J. Casey.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DONALD A. KING,
Secretary.

PICTOU, N. S. *April 19th, 1889.*

To the Editor "Halifax Philatelist":

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly publish in your next issue, the following notice of motion to amend the Constitution of the C. P. A.

I hereby give notice that I will, at the next convention of the C. P. A., to be held in Halifax during the coming summer, move the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Association, there is no necessity for the election of Vice-Presidents for each Province of the Dominion as such officers are of no real use or benefit to the Association.

And that Article 4, Sec. 1, be changed to read, "The elective officers of this Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Sec'y, a Treasurer, &c., &c."

And that Sec. 2, Article 5, be expunged from the Constitution. It being generally accepted that the duty of a Vice-President is to preside in the absence of his superior.

Yours respectfully,

ALVAN J. CRAIG,
Vice-Pres. for N. S., C. P. A.

HALIFAX, *May 2nd, 1889.*

Official Editor:

DEAR SIR,—Since sending my report, I have received from Mr. Leighton, a letter which came too late to correct in last month's paper. He states that all the receipts, &c., have been handed over to the Financial Committee. As the report read, it would lead all to suppose that Mr. Leighton had these papers still in his possession.

H. L. HART, *Treas.*

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

APRIL 29th, 1889.

MEETING opened at 8.30 p. m. V. P. Larsen in the chair. Members present:—Messrs. Crane, King, Larsen, O., Larsen, T., Hechler, Hart, DeWolfe, Kaye, Currie, Jubien, Smith, A. E., E. F., Ed., and Francis; and as visitors, Messrs. W. W. Walsh and J. C. DeWolfe. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Messrs. DeWolfe and Walsh were proposed and elected as members, Nos. 27 and 28.

A. E. Jubien was proposed and elected Secretary. There being no other business on, the auction sale advertised for this date was held and was most successful. 125 lots were sold for $161.11.

Meeting adjourned at 11 p. m.

A. E. JUBIEN, *Secretary.*

MAY 13th, 1889.

MEETING opened at 8.30 p. m. V. P. Larsen in the chair. Members present:—Messsrs. Larsen, T., Francis, Hart, King, Hechler, DeWolfe, J. E., Currie and Jubien. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Treasurer reported funds of the Association as low, and various ways of increasing them were discussed. Mr. Hechler gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that an assessment of 25 cents be levied on all members.

On acconnt of poor attendance, the auction was postponed until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9.30 p. m.

A. E. JUBIEN, *Secretary.*

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A Paper read before the Philatelic Society, London, on Friday, 8th March, 1889.

By W. B. Thornhill.

(Continued.)

We may fairly start with the idea that, if they exist, they are due to some flaw in the watermarking of the sheet, because if not, as they are of so recent a date, and dealers have had and have large blocks of the Crown and C C, bought at the time of issue, we should most probably have heard of them in blocks; and I have never heard any one suggest yet that they have a pair of long no-watermarked stamps. I think the following facts will bear out my statement.

The 1d., 2d., and 6d. are the values most commonly supposed to exist. These three values, with the ½d., are, I believe, the only values which were watermarked in panes. You will see in the block of 1d. before you that, at all events, that portion, and I think we may take it the whole sheet, was watermarked in four panes, each pane surrounded by a line; and between the panes horizontally the words "Crown Colonies," in large block letters. There are plenty of places on that sheet, if the position of the sheet was slightly altered before being printed on, where a stamp would show only a portion of a letter or a line, which in some stamps would undoubtedly be difficult to see, and would lead one to suppose they had no watermark at all. Again, on this particular sheet it would be possible, though most improbable, given a certain position of the sheet, to have so printed it that a stamp came exactly between the N of CROWN and C of COLONIES, and exactly between the two compartment lines of the panes above and below; in that case the watermark would be invisible, though there; for the distance between the compartment lines is not long enough, and the lines would come in the top and bottom perforation. Therefore, as regards the 1d., I have shown the probability, at all events, that, though it may appear to have no watermark, still it most likely has. I have not had sheets of the 2d., green, and the 6d., brown; but I have pairs showing lines, evidently part of the line surrounding a pane; and if my theory holds good for the 1d., it will be for the 2d. and 6d. If we look at the other values, of which you will see several blocks here, you will not find any vestige of watermarking in panes; and it is of these values—the 4d, 5d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 1s., 2s.—that we do not get specimens apparently without watermark. Is it not, therefore, a fair conclusion to come to, that the 1d., 2d., and 6d. are really not on unwatermarked paper at all? It is not likely that those should be the only values printed on unwatermarked paper, and one certainly does not often hear of the others. I may mention here that Mr.

Tapling has a 5d. and 10d. supposed to be unwatermarked, but I should be much surprised if I could not find a mark. I have brought several specimens which certainly appear unwatermarked, but they all are. One has a line only, right across the stamp, and invisible, except when soaked.

While on the subject of watermarks, it is perhaps worth noticing that the words "Crown Colonies" in the 1d. block, are in much smaller letters than in any of the other blocks. You will also see in the blocks of 2d., olive-yellow, 4d., and 1s., that there seems to have been some difficulty in spelling CROWN, as in those blocks it is spelt CRWON.

I am afraid I have been a long time getting to the question of the long and short stamps. I will put my facts as shortly as possible, and must then leave the reason for their existence for some one to solve, who can ascertain the way these stamps were reduplicated from the matrices and printed, as I do not think till we know that we can get much nearer the solution of the difficulty than I have.

The first thing that strikes one, on looking at the table, is the want of regularity in the length of all the stamps which we have assumed are from the same dies, no matter what issue; and I would ask you to remember that I have not put down all the differences that I have found, but only the extremes, or where the difference is more or less measureable. There is not a single stamp constant in length through all the issues. You will see from the table also what may not be generally known, that the nearly whole set Crown and C C exist long and short to as great an extent as the 1863 set are shorter than the long Crown and C C. I have divided this issue into two sets, long and short, all of which I have found, except the ½d., 2d., green, 6d., red-brown, which I have not seen short.

For the sake of making two sets, I have called those *long* measuring 26 mm. or over (and all are found over that length), and those *short* under 26 mm. most of which can be found 25·50 mm. The smaller differences, which are practically unmeasurable, but which exist, are no doubt due to slight running of the colour; but where the difference is as much as a ½ m., we must I think, dismiss that idea as the reason for the differences in lengths. The short 1863 set are much more regular than any other set in length, but they differ, as you will see. In the short stamps the whole stamp is shorter. Not only the frame, but the head, from top of crown to point of bust, varies in length in proportion to the stamp.

The octagonal Crown and CC set are wider than the original star octagonals.

The ½d. is the only stamp I have found constant in size, and that is a different class of printing altogether from the other values.

To convey what I mean I have called certain shades cold and warm, as you will see by the stamps I have put side by side. The cold shades seem to be printed with less colouring matter, and to be more clear; and almost without exception you will find the cold shades are long stamps and the warm shades short. This, I think, disposes of one theory as to these stamps which I heard the other day—that they are simply due to running of the colour—because if it were so, surely the cold shades would be short, and *vice versa;* but if that is not sufficient, the absence or presence of more or less colouring matter could never make the heads shorter and smaller, as they undoubtedly are.

The 4d., 6d., 8d.. 9d., 2s. more particularly can be divided into distinctly cold and warm shades, as I think you will see by these here ; and they are long and short as I have stated. These are, I think, the chief points noticeable about the long and short Crown and C C stamps. Now let us see what we can arrive at from the evidence before us.

We have dismissed the idea of running-in colour causing the difference.

We will now consider the pros and cons of the shrinkage of paper theory.

Major Evans thinks the perforation of the 1863 set being 13 instead of 12½ shows shrinkage; but that we may put aside, as the Crown and C C short stamps gauge 12½. Shrinkage would not make a rough-cut perforation like the 12½ perforation into a fairly clean-cut perforation 13, like the 1863 set. If from shrinkage of paper, why have they only shrunk in length and not in breadth ? I believe it is possible for paper to shrink only one way, but not likely. One would expect to get from such a large shrinkage a running together of the lines and the impressions becoming more or less indistinct. We do not find that.

That the stamps would expand to a certain extent if soaked for any time; but forty-eight hours soaking makes not the slightest difference. The total shrinkage on a sheet, taking 1 m. per stamps, and allowing twenty rows of twelve, which I suppose was the size of the sheet, would be roughly 20 mm., which I understand from a practical paper manufacturer is an impossible amount for so small a sheet of paper to shrink.

I think these reasons are sufficient to put shrinkage of paper out of court.

What other reasons are there possible ? Different matrices for the long and short stamps is the only natural reason left, but I think I can prove that the matrices for each value through each issue are identical ? If you will examine the five 1d. stamps before you—all the different 1d. there are, star, perforated and imperforated, no-watermark, and C C, long and short —and look carefully at the left-hand bottom square, which contains a rose-shaped ornament, in the middle of which you will find a many-rayed star, one ray of which points, if I may call it so, north by east, and runs up a little into the white space dividing the pear-shaped leaves of the rose. This ray is longer than the other rays, and is not so in the right-hand bottom ornament; but it is present, this peculiarity, in each of the one pennies before you, showing to my mind clearly that there was never more than one matrix made for this value. If there had been, is it likely, not to say possible, that this little irregularity, as it can hardly have been made so intentionally, would have been copied ? There are dozens of other peculiar little lines and marks in this value, constant in all the issues short and long, but I think this one is enough for our purpose. I can find you some peculiarity also in all the other values constant in all the issues. I do not think there can be much hesitation in saying that the long and short stamps are from the same dies or matrices. What is the difference due to ? Mr. Tapling thinks it is from some mistake in the formation of the plate from which they are printed, though what that mistake can be, I do not think he suggests in his article ; but I feel sure that he has, as usual hit the nail somewhere near the head, and that until we know how the plates were formed to print from, and how the stamps were printed, we shall not be

able to say how it is that these stamps from the same matrices vary in length. During the time these stamps were in use, there surely must have been more than one working plate to print from, and it seems to me probable that as soon as Messrs. De La Rue took over the contract, they found they wanted more working plates, and constructed some; and during that construction, something happened to cause the new plates to be smaller than the original ones. Could the steel plates in the process of hardening have shrunk in length? That seems most improbable.

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OUR STAMP EXHIBITION.

MR. EDITOR,—As we are to have an exhibition of stamps at the coming convention of the C. P. A. in Halifax in July, it has occurred to me that a few suggestions from some one may result in more general uniformity of arrangement and contribute somewhat to the better success of the exhibit.

Now while we may not have any really great collections in Canada, such as we sometimes see described in philatelic literature of England and the United States, and while we cannot hope to make a show at all comparable with the one lately made in New York City, still we have among the members of the C. P. A. many really good collections which contain hundreds of gems.

If our members will interest themselves in this matter, a very good display can be made, and one which will be a credit to our Association.

The plan by which I propose to exhibit the specimens, is for the various members to select a few countries in which they are rarest or quite complete, and mount their specimens upon card board sheets 10×15.

Run a neat border around the card $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch from the sides and bottom of the sheet, which should be of No. 4 or No. 5 board. This will be found to be quite stiff enough, and is not so expensive as the thicker kinds. The border may be type set or hand ruled in coloured inks. By leaving a space of $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches at the top, a square of $8\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ is allowed, in which to arrange the stamps. This will be found considerably larger than most albums give. Allows space sufficient to design a large variety of figures, if the fancy of the exhibitor runs that way.

These sheets can be placed on shelving arranged for the purpose, and covered with glass to prevent handling or removal.

The local committee of members of C. P. A. in Halifax, will make all arrangements necessary for exhibit, which will be made upon a day to be decided by Convention. All exhibitors can depend upon the greatest care being taken of any specimens forwarded by members who cannot be present and they will be carefully packed and returned when exhibition is over. Members should have their names or some distinguishing mark upon all sheets exhibited.

I understand our illustrious president intends to make a magnificent display, and we are all aware that no one in Canada can hope to compete with him either in variety or value, if he choses to give us a glance at his treasures.

Yours respectfully,

Pictou, N. S. A. J. CRAIG.

Mr. Craig's idea is such a good one that it would, perhaps, be advisable for all members who intend to exhibit, to adopt it for the sake of uniformity.—ED.

C. P. A. CONVENTION NOTES.

As already published, the C. P. A. Convention is to be held in Halifax during the summer carnival, commencing on the 31st July.

GREAT attractions are held out as inducements for visitors, a full list of which will be found advertised elsewhere.

THE resident Philatelists are arranging to give visiting friends every opportunity to put in a good time.

COMMITTEES have been appointed to secure proper accommodations, as no doubt such will be in great demand.

INTENDING visitors are requested to correspond with the Secretary, Mr. D. A. King, which will have strict and prompt attention.

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WE notice that several young collectors are using the "Popular Stamp Album," published by C. H. Mekeel, of St. Louis, and in speaking about albums, we have always found it a stumbling block for beginners to choose their first album. Now as we have saw several in use, and have ascertained that fhey give the owners complete satisfaction, we have no hesitation in advising intending purchasers to procure the "Popular" as being convenient, printed on good quality paper, and in fact a very desirable Album. They can be had from C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo., and the price is 25, 50, and 75cts.

IN MEMORIAM.

It is with feelings of the most profound regret, which I am sure will be shared by all the members of the C. P. A., that I, as President, announce to the Association the demise of our valued Vice-President for Ontario, MR. GEORGE V. WALKER, which sad event occurred very unexpectedly on Thursday, the 6th of June, at his late residence in Peterborough, Ontario. at the early age of 32 years. Deceased was an active, energetic, and enthusiastic Philatelist, whose early death robs our Association of one of its most useful members and officers.

HENRY HECHLER, *President C. P. A.*

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—The new 5c. is rose; perf. 12. There is a new letter card, 2c. with stamp inscribed "Correos y Telegrafos" and portrait of Celman; brown on buff.

Bavaria.—The card of 5 × 5 pf., with the new arms, has watermark of perpendicular lines, far apart, and "89" in corner.

Br. Bechuanaland.—The *Ph. R.* mentions 4d. Registry envelopes surcharged "Protectorate," McCorquodale & Co., size K in green; De La Rue & Co., size G in black, size H in green.

Br. Honduras.—The 20c. has been issued with large surcharge.

Congo Free State.—The 5c. now comes in the new type.

Guadeloupe.—The 20c., 30c., and 40c. are surcharged respectively, 10c., 15c., and 25c., in rectangular frame.

Gwalior.—The cards and envelopes have the arms black.

India.—The official card of 1883, ¼a. blue, has the three lines of advice now beginning with "The—and—the" instead of "The—signature—must," as at first. There are other slight changes.

Italy.—The 10c. card has date "89."

Martinique.—*Le T. P.* mentions the following surcharges:

01 on 20c. (without "c.")
05c. on 4c. (with "c."
15c. on 20c. ("Martinique" below.)
15c. on 20c. (without "Martinique.")

Nabha.—The 1 rupee is surcharged in two lines, in black.

Newfoundland.—The 1c. post card is surcharged 2 cent. The value at top crossed with a bar and the figure 2 at each lower corner.

New South Wales.—The *Ph. R.* mentions a registry envelope 1 × 8½ × 86 mm., ordinary form, with tongue flap, white muslin lined. The 4d. stamp is in pink on the end of the flap.

New Zealand.—The 1d. is printed in a darker shade of rose, and the dies of the 1d. and 2d. are to be retouched.

Oudeypoor.—The stamp previously noted appears to be only a seal.

Orange Free State.—There is a provisional card on white paper, 113 × 87 mm. with double line frame, enclosing the letter W. many times repeated, and letter O in the corners. It bears an adhesive of 1d.

Rajpeepla.—The new 1a. stamp is blue (C. C. 55.)

Reunion.—Unpaid letter stamps have been issued, 5c., 10c, 20., 30c. They are type set, black on white.

St. Lucia.—The 1½d card is not large size.

Tasmania.—The 1d. is printed in vermilion, local impression. The 1d. black is noted without watermark.

Turks I.—The 2½d. is surcharged "one penny." The 6d. is now yellow brown.

United States.—The *A. Ph.* says:—"The post office authorities have just applied to the American Bank Note Co. for proofs of each postage stamp in two colors, and announce their intention of at once changing the colors of the entire series."

Western Australia.—We have the 1d. rose (C. C. 138), 2d. slate (C. C. 109 nearly) 4d. red brown (C. C. 83). The 2d. is surcharged "specimen."

Zululand.—The 1½d. green and lilac of Great Britain is surcharged "Zululand."

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 10th, 1889.

GENTLEMEN,—I regret to say that during this month, there has not been one application for membership to the Association. If every member would make an effort and try and get others to join, this would not happen again. Let every member try and get at least one new name for us, by doing this our members would be soon doubled, and we would derive a corresponding benefit, especially in our Exchange Department, which is the great feature of our Association. Application blanks will be sent to any member who sends me a card desiring them. Nominations for the officers of the C. P. A. are also now to be sent and must be in my hands by the 5th July, so as to have time to get the ballots printed and sent to members, who will return them to me or to their proxies, in time for the Convention.

All members who intend to be present, are requested to send in their names, so that arrangements can be made for hotel accommodation, etc.

In reference to an exhibition, attention is called to Mr. Craig's letter on another page. Members who desire to send any exhibits may depend on the very best care being taken of them.

It is hoped that a large number of members will attend the Convention as there will be reduced fares by railway and by steamers, on account of the summer carnival to be held here, which commences on the 5th of August, and which members will be able to see.

The following is the list of new members:

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS, No. 11.

No. 189.—Victor H. Young, Box 1896, Montreal.
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" 198.—R. Hollick, Cor. Burbury and Wills Sts., Birmingham, Eng.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DONALD A. KING,
Secretary.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MAY 26TH, 1889.

During this present month, we have had placed before us the most important case that has arisen since we have been in office, but we are glad to say that all the evidence appertaining to it was so complete, that we did not experience the trouble that we would otherwise have done had this not been so.

On May 14th, Mr. F. J. Grenny, Exchange Superintendent, preferred charges against W. S. Kinzer of Wooster, Ohio, C. P. A. No. 153, of substituting stamps on the Exchange Books of the Association. We at once, in accordance with the Constitution (See Article 2, Sec. 2), appointed a court of four members to hear the charges, namely, Messrs. D. A. King, No. 18, Theo. Larsen, No. 23, A. B. S. DeWolf, No. 21, and Thomas Francis, No. 163, who, after carefully reading all the evidence, rendered the following decision:—

May 20th, 1889.

That we, the Investigating Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Canadian Philatelic Association, having carefully read and studied all the papers and letters in connection herewith, have decided that the guilty party is W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, O., C. P. A. 153, and recommend to the Executive Committee that he should be expelled from the Association.

DONALD A. KING,
A. B. S. DEWOLF,
THEO. LARSEN,
THOMAS FRANCIS.

We therefore, acting upon the advice of the Investigating Court, expel Mr. W. S. Kinzer, No. 153, from the Canadian Philatelic Association, and have notified the Sec'y to that effect, and further to request Mr. Kinzer to settle the amount of his defalcation in cash, and failing in this, hereby instruct the Exchange Superintendent to sell any stamps of his that may be in the hands of the Department, and with the proceeds, pay as far as possible the amounts due parties who have suffered losses through him.

(Signed) JNO. R. HOOPER, *Chairman*,
GEO. C. MORENCY,
F. C. KAYE.

The chief facts of the case which led to the expulsion of W. S. Kinzer, Wooster, Ohio, from the Canada Philatelic Association are as follows:

It appears that for some time complaints had been made by numerous parties to the Exchange Superintendent, that good stamps had been taken

off their sheets, and not only inferior but worthless stamps put on in their places. As promptly as received, Mr. Grenny laid all complaints before the Chairman of the Executive Committee, who noticed that W. S. Kinzer's name appeared on all the sheets that were tampered with. Not long after this an Exchange Book was made up with H. E. Deats 1st, Alvah Davison 2nd, and F. B. Eldredge 3rd. Mr. Deats by mistake, sent it to W. S. Kinzer, together with another book that was to go to him, instead of to Mr. Davison. Now it so happened that the book in question contained one of Mr. Eldredge's sheets, who, when he received it, noticed that several of his stamps had been substituted. He at once stopped the book and sent it to Mr. Grenny. Now this narrowed the case down to three. On a further examination, it was found that all the stamps substituted, were put on with a very peculiar hinge, perforated all around, and that the only sheets fastened by these hinges were Kinzer's. It was now decided by Mr. Grenny and Mr. Hooper to try and find out for certain if Kinzer was the guilty party; so a book was made up and W. S. Kinzer's name put first on the list with Mr. W. F. Dent second, who was notified that when the book was sent to him he was not to open it, but to re-direct it direct to Mr. Grenny, with seal unbroken. An invoice was taken of every stamp the book contained, before it was sent out, and when it was returned to Mr. Grenny without having been opened since it left Mr. Kinzer's hands, it was found that Kinzer had credited himself with 84 cents, and substituted stamps to the amount of $16.93, representing 45 of the best stamps the book contained and replaced them by stamps that would not cost 25 cents per hundred, mostly Japanese Telegraph, foreign revenue and common German local.

The total defalcations so far known as yet, are:

F. J. Grenny	$ 1 50
F. B. Eldredge	1 75
W. S. Aldrich	8 50
H. S. Harte	2 00
M. R. Knight	4 00
J. R. Hooper	2 25
P. M. Wolsiefer	3 89
F. C. Kaye	1 23
G. Walker	4 15
A. E. Warren	7 46
E. O. Evans	10
Total	$36 83

It is expected, however, that other claims will bring it close upon $40.00. Kinzer has in the Exchange Department a credit of $72.34, which will balance all losses in full.

Looking at the case as it stands, it is one of the most glaring cases that ever took place in America, and the Exchange Superintendent deserves credit for so soon fixing the crime upon the guilty party, for if he had not been detected when he was the losses would have been far greater, as in one of Kinzer's letters, he expressed a wish to have ten books a month sent him

so as he states, "To wire into them." Kinzer is a newsdealer of Wooster, Ohio, and has been falsely advertising himself to be a member of other societies. He is a publisher of a stamp paper, leading light of the Philatelic Association of Ohio, etc. Kinzer started to remount his collection lately and apparently discarded locals, revenues, telegraphs, etc., which he used for substituting.

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OFFICIAL ORGAN, HALIFAX PHILATELIST.

JUNE 10th, 1889.

Meeting called to order at 8.30 p. m.; Vice-Pres. Larsen in chair. Members present:—Messrs. Larsen T., Larsen O., Hechler, Hart, King, Kaye, Smith E. A., and Jubien.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Moved by Hechler, seconded by Hart, that an assessment of 25 cents be levied on all members. Carried. The Treasurer having collected this amount from all those present, the next business of the evening, viz., N. S. P. A. nominations for C. P. A. offices was proceeded with, and the following ticket arranged.

N. S. P. A. TICKET.

For *President*, Henry Hechler.
" *Vice-President*, ————————.
" *Secretary*, D. A. King.
" *Treasurer*, ————————.
" *Exchange Supt.*, ————————.
" *Librarian*, E. Y. Parker.
" *Counterfeit Detector*, ————————.
" *Purchasing Agent*, ————————.
" *Executive Committee*, J. R. Hooper, C. C. Morency, E. A. Smith.
" *Official Organ*, Dominion Philatelist.
" " *Editor*, H. F. Ketcheson.

Owing to the non-attendance of a number of members, the business regarding an exhibit here during C. P. A. Convention, and the election of a Managing Committee, was left till next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10 p. m. Next meeting June 24th.

A. E. JUBIEN,
Secretary.

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A Paper read before the Philatelic Society, London, on Friday, 8th March, 1889

By W. B. Thornhill.

(Continued.)

Whatever the reason may be, and I do not expect we are very wide of the mark, I think I have exploded the shrinkage of paper theory, and the different matrix theory. It only now remains, *if* I *have* done so, for some one to get official information on the manufacture of these stamps.

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ISSUE III.

1861-2. *Ten values.*

Engraved and printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Co., London. Coloured impression on soft yellowish wove paper, varying in substance. *Watermarked,* large six-rayed star. *Perforated* 15½, 15, 14½, 14, compound. As in the early Queensland, this issue may be separated into two sets—clear-cut and roughly-cut perforations; otherwise same as Issue I., without the 1s. 9d. value,

1d., blue, shades.
2d., grass-green, shades.
4d., milky-rose (as Issue I.), bright rose (former probably earliest printed).
5d., warm brown.
6d., brown, shades (violet brown not found perforated.)
8d., nut-brown, yellow-brown, shades of each.
9d., lilac-brown, brown, olive-brown, many shades.
10d., vermilion.
1s., light violet, bluish-violet.
2s., dark warm blue.
10d. (1862 ?), vermilion, perforated 12½ and 12½ by 14.

NOTE.—The 10d. exists imperforated vertically. (T. K. T.) I have not found the 5d. roughly perforated, or the 6d., 8d., 9d., 10d. (small perforation), and 2s., clean cut perforation.

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* The initials are references to the collections of the following members of the Society: T. K. Tapling, A. R. Barrett, M. P. Castle, and W. B. Thornbull.

Issue IV.

1863 (Evans), 1864, July (Moens). *Six values.*

Printers (?) Usually said to be Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., but I think, from change of colours and paper, probably Messrs. De La Rue, who took the contract for printing the stamps about this time. Coloured impression on crisp thinnish white wove paper. *No watermark. Perforated,* fairly clean-cut 13, except ½d., 12½. Average size, which is more regular in this set than in any other issue; 25·50 mm. long, 19 mm. wide. Dies as in Issues I. and II.

½d., pale lilac.
1d., darkish blue.
5d., carmine-brown.
6d., warm brown.
9d., " } Very few shades in this issue.
1s., cold violet.

Note.—There is a peculiar blurred appearance in the 6d., 9d., as in 1864 issue of Trinidad, which at once shows to what issue they belong. The 1d. exists perforated 12. (A. R. B.)

Issue V.

1864-70 *Eleven values*

Printed by Messrs. De La Rue and Co Coloured impression on white wove thick to thin paper. *Watermarked* Crown over C C. *Perforated* 12½; ¼d. also 13 × 12½. The stamps of this issue vary so much in length, that I have divided them into two sets—long and short; the former measuring 26 mm. long and *over* by 19.25 mm. wide and *over;* the latter, appreciably under those measurements, averaging 25·50 mm. long, 19·25 mm. wide. Dies as in Issues I. and II.

Long. 26 mm. long, or over, by 19·25 mm. wide, or over.

1864. ½d., lilac, deep violet, mauve shades.
1864. 1d., cold blue, deep warm blue.
1867. 2d., grass-green.
1864. 2d., sea-green, shades.
1866. 2d., emerald-green.
1867–8. 2d., orange-yellow, olive-yellow, shades.
1865. 4d., cold rose.
1865. 5d., carmine-brown.
1867. 5d., yellow-green.
1869. 5d., olive-green, warm olive-green.
1865. 6d., dark cold brown, shades.
1865. 8d., cold red-brown.
1866. 9d., cold brown, shades.
1865. 10d., bright vermilion.
1866. 1s., dark pale violet, shades.
1867. 2s., cold deep blue.

Short. 25·50 mm. long, 19·25 mm. wide.

1864. ½d., pink-lilac.
1864. 1d., blue, dark warm blue.
1867–8. 2d., orange-yellow, ollve yellow.
1865. 4d., warm rose.
1867–9. 5d., full sage-green, yellow-green.
1865. 6d., warm reddish-brown.
1865. 8d., warm carmine-brown.
1866. 9d., warm brown.
1868. 10d., orange vermilion.
1868. 1s., bright violet.
1870. 2s., Prussian blue.

NOTE.—So far, I have not found a 2d. green, of this issue, short, or a 5d., carmine-brown ; and I have measured a large number. I have purposely in these long and short sets called colours cold and warm as I have found, especially in the 4d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 2s., that almost without exception the cold colours are long and the warm short.

Certain values of this issue are supposed to exist without a watermark. Long stamps, as in the C C long set, printed in the cold colours, I have mentioned above and perforated 12½, but none have proved to be so that I have mentioned.

No Watermark (?) Long Stamps; perf. 12½.

(W. B. T.) 1d., blue (?).
(W. B. T.) 2d., sea-green, grass-green, emerald-green (?).
(T. K. T.) 5d., carmine-brown (?).
(W. B. T.) 6d., cold brown (?).
(M. P. C.) 8d., carmine-brown (?).
(T. K. T.) 10d., vermilion (?),

The 4d., Crown and C C, is known imperforated and used, and most of the values are known imperforated and unused; but these can, I think, only be looked upon as proofs, the used copy I mention probably having passed through the post accidentally.

The 4d., Crown and C C, exists on paper three times as thick as the ordinary paper, being almost like thin cardboard. (T. K. T.)

The 1d., long, found imperforated 12.

Before concluding this paper, I wish to express my thanks to several members of the Society, and also to Messrs. Pemberton, Wilson and Co., Mons. Moens, and Messrs. Stanley, Gibbons and Co., for their kindness in lending me respectively their collections and stock, and to the members present for the patient way they have listened to my paper, which I fear is mostly theory with very little fact, except what they all knew before. I can only say that I shall be most happy to have each theory I have put forward upset if I have been the means of stirring any one up to get at the *real* facts of the matter, so that there may be no more theories possible; and there certainly ought to be nothing but facts in philately.

We perfectly agree with the author of this paper, and also with the Vice-President, that the variation in length of the Ceylon stamps is not due to shrinkage in the paper. The shrinkage of an inch in a sheet $22\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ inches, is quite out of the question. This difference in the length of the stamps was noticed at a very early date of stamp history, as we find it mentioned in December, 1864 (*Stamp Collectors Magazine*, vol. ii); and the writer there says that for about four months previous to the date of his letter he had found the stamps to be shorter than formerly. He puts the difference as being as much as one-tenth of an inch; but he is probably mistaken in this, for it certainly is never found to be as much as $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. And here let us make one observation on measuring. Long experience has taught us that it is best not to depend upon compasses. The best mode, we believe, is to make use of a boxwood 20-cent measure, reduced to a knife edge, and marked for half millimetres; or if smaller graduations are required, a nickel measure is preferable. The measure can be laid along the stamp, so as to secure that the measurement is taken exactly parallel with the edge.

In endeavouring to prove a case by circumstantial evidence, it is well to examine into any motives that there could be for the act. Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co., at the time they were charged with making the Ceylon series of 1857, had already engraved and printed stamps of the size of $1 \times \frac{3}{4}$ inch—equivalent to $25{\cdot}4 \times 19{\cdot}05$ mm.—for Tasmania, New Zealand, South Australia, and St. Helena, all of which, with the exception of New Zealand, were printed on paper watermarked with a six-rayed star. The paper was adapted for printing 240 stamps, in twenty rows of twelve. Supposing the rows to be placed at the same distances apart as was allowed for the other stamps, and that the die of the Ceylon measured $26{\cdot}50$ mm., the plate of the latter would be 20 mm. longer. In printing the Ceylon stamps from such a plate on the star-watermarked paper, there would doubtless be inconveniences that did not arise in the case of the other stamps which were all, we believe, of the same size, or very nearly so, and fitted the watermarks.

When, in 1859, they tried the same paper for the St. Lucia stamps, we know what shifts they were put to; and it was only tried for the Natal stamps for one small lot. It was, in fact, made expressly for stamps of $1 \times \frac{3}{4}$ inch.

Now the dies of the first Tasmania, New Zealand, and South Australia —we can leave out St. Helena, as there was only one die—were constructed on the same principles as those for the English stamps of the 1d. and 2d. One original die alone was made with a blank label, and from this secondary dies for the two values were produced. In the case of the Ceylon stamps, and also in those of Newfoundland, which were almost contemporaneous, a different plan was adopted. An attempt was made to vary the frame as well as the lettering. It does not require a magnifying glass to see where the constant part ended and where the varying part began. The Newfoundland stamps measure, we believe, 26×20 mm.; but, as they were printed on plain paper, they offered no inconvenience.

The variation in size must therefore be attributable either to the die or the plates. Any one who has seen the process of transferring the die to the plates invented by the late Mr. Perkins, will agree with us that a variation in length could not take place in the course of the operation; but it is just possible that some slight variation in breadth *might* occur. The real cause must therefore be sought either in the die or in the transferring roller.

Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co. constructed one set of dies, and one only for the stamps, and the dies were *never altered*. The shortening must therefore have taken place in the roller impression. How this was effected we are not able to say; but that it was shortened in some way there can be no doubt. The firm possessed great fertility of invention; and, if not shortened by the engraver, it is possible that it may have been done by taking the roller impression hot, and shrinking it. After the lapse of upwards of thirty years it is not easy to find out this, but it was probably done by the engraver, and this is the belief of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co. themselves.

Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co. constructed several plates of the various values of the Ceylon stamps, and gave them over to the Crown Agents in 1862. Those on unwatermarked paper and on the Crown C C paper were not prnited by them, but by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., from the *plates* handed over. The *dies* were never given over to Messrs. De La Rue and Co. This latter firm must have found some trouble in printing these large stamps on the Crown C C paper, as this paper came first into use in 1864, and was tried for the One Penny of the Cape of Good Hope, for which it was still worse adapted.

This will account for the stamps printed in 1863 being on unwatermarked paper, which has usually been supposed to have been made by Saunders. Of these, the 1d, 5d., 6d,, 9d., and 1s. are known to exist perforated 13, which distinguishes them from any outsiders of the Crown C C series, which are perforated 12½.

There is only one point more which we will mention. The author of the paper seems to think that Messrs. De La Rue and Co. constructed other plates when they took over the contract. This is not so; the dies were never in their possession. What they printed were printed, as we have said, from the *plates* handed over to them by the agents of the Crown Colonies.—ED.

SOME PHILATELIC TRIFLES.

THERE are a few things pertaining to the stamps of North Borneo and British North Borneo, as it is now called, which it would be well enough for collectors to bear in mind. I will premise by observing that these stamps have a peculiar character, as compared with nearly all other postal issues, on account of the authority by which they are issued. North Borneo is not a British Colony, but its political affairs are managed by a Company which in 1881 obtained a charter from the British parliament, giving it certain rights and powers within territory, the

sovereign authority over which had previously been granted to the incorporators by the Sultan of Brunei and the Sultan of Sulu—adjoining Sultanas. The government of North Borneo is therefore peculiar, in that it is the government of a corporation conducted on business principles. The area of the territory is about 30,000 square miles, and the population, of whom a very large majority are of course natives, is said to be less than 200,000.

In 1883 the Company issued a series of postage stamps, of which the 2, 4 and 8 cents were for postage, and the 50c. and 1 dollar were for postage and revenue. Within a month or two after their appearance, the 2c. stamp was announced by the philatelic chroniclers as having been surcharged with a new value, being in one case that of "eight cents" in two lines horizontally and in another "8 cents" in one line vertically. These were duly accepted and catalogued all round, and when priced the latter was valued the higher. I am not aware that the authenticity of either of these surcharges was questioned until in December, 1887, when the *Philatelic Record* states that "A correspondent whose information we have always relied on, writes us that after making the most careful investigation at Sandakan, he is convinced that the surcharge of '8 cents' on 2 cents brown, chronicled by us in 1883, as also the 8c. blue, are inventions. They certainly never emanated from the post office at Sandakan, nor from any of the branch offices in the territory. We think that they have always been suspects, and it is far better that they should be convicted and banished.

In the next issue the same paper states that "the condemnation of the '8 cents' on 2c. brown, as mentioned in our last, might lead to the inference that our correspondent equally condemns the 2c surcharged "eight cents.' This latter is a genuine surcharge, but we agree with our correspondent as to the one to which he referred." Notwithstanding this adverse testimony the stamp surcharged "8 cents" still holds its place in the latest catalogues and is priced by Durbin & Hanes at $2.00. This need occasion no surprise, however, for most of the leading stamp dealers who issue catalogues, are stolidly indifferent to the clearest demonstrations of the worthlessness of stamps they have listed—especially if they have them in stock.

Late in 1886, or early in 1887, the ½c. and 10c., which just a short time previous, it had been found necessary to issue, appeared with the surcharge "and Revenue," and soon afterward Pemberton, Wilson & Co., of London, publishers of *Philatelic Record*, enclosed me some stamps on approval among which were the two just mentioned. To commend them to my favorable consideration, they were accompanied by the remark "Only in use a few days and likely to become very rare." I did not stop to consider how they were to become so rare since they seemed to be comparatively plenty at the time, nor did I pause to estimate the probable number of collectors who had received the same stamps about the same time with a similar prediction as to their future rarity; but I at once added them to my little collection at a cost of about a dollar apiece. What headway they have since made in the direction of scarcity, may be inferred from the fact that at two recent auction sales, unused copies brought five cents each.

I have never seen the 1886 issue catalogued other than as perforated, but specimens of all the values exist imperforate, and from the prices obtained at auction sales, we must conclude that they are either very common or that collectors take very little interest in British North Borneo stamps of any description.

There are several circumstances which seem to indicate that certain surcharges and errors owe their existence to a desire on the part of the British North Borneo Company to accommodate collectors. In April, 1887, there was issued from the General Post Office at Sandakan, a printed circular signed by the Postmaster General, which was sent to the principal stamp dealers, informing them that certain stamps therein mentioned, could only be had in small quantities at the office of the Company in London. These were evidently such as had not been sent to Borneo nor intended for use there, but which could be sold to better advantage at home, having apparently been prepared with the latter purpose in view.

If the very low prices which these supposed scarce stamps bring are the result of a general distrust among collectors, that the surcharging was not done to meet the requirements of the postal union or the collection of revenue in Borneo, then it is an encouraging sign for philately, and it is to be hoped that philatelists will in every possible way cause it to be understood that those stamps which are made especially for them are the very ones they will have nothing to do with. E. E. K.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Halifax Philatelist":

SIR,—In the last No. of the *Dominion Philatelist*, there appeared an article by "Acadia," in which he reflects strongly on myself as a member of the C. P. A. His allusions to me are too mean to take any serious notice of, but when he drags my name in as being in conflict with Halifax members and those whom I have always found to be gentlemen, it is time to call a "halt!" Let anyone read my note in the June *Stamp World*, (written two months ago) and then read *Acadia's* remarks, and I think the least I am entitled to after it is an apology. As for being a "kicker," I will give $50 to the C. P. A. Library if "Acadia" can prove, before three members of our Association, where I have ever stated or caused to be printed any reflection other than good, on any officer in the C. P. A. or concerning its work. My rule has always been, as far as the C. P. A. is concerned, if I could not speak good I would not say evil, and the writings of "Canadensis" prove this. When in the wrong I am gentleman enough to acknowledge it; now let us see if "Acadia" will give the C. P. A. his proper name or does he want me to do it, and let the members judge. Mr. Hechler can prove I was in favor of the Sec'y being a Haligonian, and Mr. King was my choice, if any, and Mr. Goodrich can prove if I inspired the note in the *Eastern Philatelist*, and also what I wrote to him about it, disagreeing with his conclusions.

JNO. R. HOOPER,

Ottawa, July 2, '89. C. P. A. No. 1, A. P. S. No. No. 42.

[As this is a matter concerning a number of C. P. A. members, an explanation from "Acadia" is in order.]

CHRONICLE.

Argentine.—There is a new ½c. band, slightly different from the last.

British Guana.—2c. mauve surcharged Inland Revenue in black, and the figure 2 in red, used for postage.

Bulgaria.—The new 5c. is noted with lion in small oval at top, and figure of value in upright rectangle below. Color green. Perf. 13. The 10s. card is now white, and the 10×10s. with inscriptions in rose.

Canada.—The 2c. comes in blue green.

Columbia.—There is a new registry stamp, red on white, "R" at left, "Columbia" at top, "10 centavos" below.

Congo.—Two reply paid cards, 10×5, brown on white, and 15×10 black on green.

Finland.—Card, 10×10 p., pink on pale buff. Map of Finland in upper left corner of reply card.

Fr. Colonies.—The *A. J. P.* says the perforations on the letter cards, now meet at the bottom instead of extending to the sides.

Gaboon.—The *Ph. R.* says the 5c. and 20c. unpaid letter stamps have been surcharged "15" and "25" to do duty for ordinary postage purposes. They bear also "Gabon" at top, and "Timbre" over the scroll.

Gold Coast.—The *J. B. J.* says the 6d. has been surcharged "One Penny," in two lines in black.

Greece.—The 20 and 25l. have been locally printed.

Guadeloupe.—The *A. J. P.* says it is the 40c. which is surcharged 10c. the 20c. is surcharged 15c., and the 30c. is surcharged 25c., and not as noted last month.

Madagascar.—*Le T. P.* notes the 40c. surcharged with "25" in black, and used at Tamatave.

Newfoundland.—The *A. J. P.* illustrates a provisional card, the 1c. being surcharged across the stamp "2 cents," with the heavy lines above, and "2" in the lower corners.

New South Wales.—There is a 1d. official envelope, with stamp of same design as adhesive, but with letters "O. S." in upper angles, violet on white laid paper.

New Zealand.—*Le J. P.* has the official stamp, Crown and "Postage Free" in Greek frame, printed in black on pale blue, perf. 13.

Peru.—The *A. Ph.* publishes a decree providing for the surcharge of the old 1 and 10c. green stamps, the former with a red triangle, and the latter with a red oval, "Union Postal Universal-Plato—Lima." It is further stated "as soon as the stamps ordered in New York arrive, all stamps will be surcharged. As we have now 23 different districts, there will be about 161 different stamps."

Philippine I.—The *Ph. R.* says that the 2½ blue, that had been surcharged "Recargo de Consumes Habilitado," has been re-issued as a postage stamp. No change in value.

Queensland.—The lines on the 1d. card have almost entirely disappeared, and the card is larger than formerly.

Russia.—Stamps of a new design have been issued. The usual arms in an oval are enclosed in a horse shoe and thus in turn in an octagonal frame. 4k. carmine, 10k. blue, 20k. blue and red, 50k. lilac and green, 1 rouble, brown and orange. The 14k. envelope has been met with of ladies note size.

Shanghi.—The *P. J. A.* has advices that the new issue with watermark is on the way from England. There are two new surcharges. The 100 yellow is surcharged "20 cash" in black, in rectangular frame, containing same value in Chinese characters. and and a second surcharge in red "100 cash" diagonally across the stamp. On May 6th, 100 cash blue was surcharged in red "20 cash" horizontally and Chinese characters below.

Sweden.—The 10 × 10 ore card is now rose instead of red. New stamp of 5, 10, 20 ore are expected, also letter cards.

Tasmania.—The ½d. orange of current type is issued, also the 1d. has been locally printed in vermilion.

Turkey.—Mr. Glavany writes to the *Ph. R.* that the Turkish stamps are to be printed on watermarked paper, and the post card is to be white.

Zululand.—There are two varieties of the ½d. on Natal, one with period and one without.

LOCAL NOTICE.—Mrs. J. S. Mason has moved from Toronto to Cleveland, her new address is 1139 Case Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

SUSPICIOUS SURCHARGES.

Guatemala.—In our number for October last we described two surcharged stamps, said by a German contemporary to be genuine. When we chronicled them we said they *might* be all right, but we should not be "surprised to find" that they were all wrong. The latter seems to be the case, as the *Timbre-Poste* states that a correspondent has made enquiries of the Postmaster-General, and finds they are nothing better than *carottes*.

Great Britain.—A correspondent writes: "I have lately had offered to me some British stamps I do not find chronicled in your journal; *e. g.* the 3d. and 1/– of '84, and the current 1/–, with the surcharge 'GOVT. PARCELS,' and the 2/6 surcharged 'I. R. OFFICIAL.'" We have not been so fortunate as our correspondent in having such *rareties* offered to us. Will he kindly inform us where they are to be purchased?—*Ph. Record.*

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN,—You have, before this reaches you, all received your official ballots, which are to be filled and given to your proxy or returned to the Secretary. I am sorry to say that we have no less than five resignations this month and only four new members proposed. If we are to make the Association a success, we will have to make an effort and get more to join.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS, No. 12.

S. R. Sircom, 7 Burlington Ave., Boston, Mass. Ref. Donald A. King, H. L. Hart.

Chas. J. Musson, Islington, Ont. Ref. W. J. Graydon, Streetville, Ont. Donald A. King.

Philip H. Dilg, 1530 Diversey St., Chicago. Ref. P. M. Wolsieffer, F. J. Grenny.

Duncan Wylie, 176 E. 12th St., New York. Ref. H. F. Ketcheson, Donald A. King.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following members have resigned :

No. 27. Williston Brown, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
" 174. E. J. Mitchell, Chicago, Ill.
" 120. E. J. Rogerson, Barrie, Ont.
" 107. Chas. A. Townsend.
" 152. Silas D. Reed.

I would again like to impress on members the necessity for their bestirring themselves to get new members, if they wish to make our Association a success.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DONALD A. KING,
Secretary.

EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

During the month of May, 1889, 110 sheets, value $1000, were received for circulation, and I have now about 22 books on circuits. In the months of July and August, so many members go away from their homes, holidays, &c., that I will follow my practice last year and not send out any books in these months, will receive all filled sheets as usual. Have had some little trouble with a member who substitutes stamps, full particulars will be found elsewhere.

F. J. GRENNY, *Supt.*,
Brantford, Ontario

MR. JOHN R. HOOPER,

Chairman Exec. Com. C. P. A.:

MY DEAR SIR,—Having read in the June issue of our Official Journal which is just to hand, that W. S. Kinzer, of Wooster, Ohio, has been expelled from our Association for changing stamps on our exchange sheets, and as my name appears as one of the references to his application in List No. 6, November, 1888, I desire to say a few words on this subject.

First of all, my name was used *without authority from me*, and immediately after receipt of the November issue, I wrote to Mr. J. A. Leighton, Sec'y, that if my signature appeared to the application of Kinzer, it was a *forgery*. I was informed by the Secretary that our laws did not require autograph signatures of references to Applications for Membership, but if I had any charges to make against the applicant, to state them and they would be investigated.

Having no charges to prefer against Kinzer, and having stated my objections to the unauthorized use of my name I dropped the matter, trusting to good luck that nothing would occur by which my name might be mentioned in connection with an act unbecoming a gentleman.

However, I am glad to know that the guilty party has been found, being one of the losers myself to the extent of about thirty cents.

I wrote to our Superintendent on the 19th inst., to look out for a "stamp changing fiend" and would have returned the two sheets, upon which stamps had been changed, and which I now discover have passed through Kinzer's hands, had I not had them in my possession for three weeks before I made the discovery.

I hope that this explanation will dispel any blame which may have been unjustly cast upon me for having apparently recommended an unworthy member.

I am, Fraternally yours,

ADOLPH LOHMEYER,
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