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NOTES.

It is said the original brass stamp used for cancelling the lake issue of Newfoundland is in the hands of a prominent collector.

The Canadian Weekly Stamp News has doubled up, and is now issued with a smaller page. I like the larger page better. This sheet supplies a want, and I trust it will have a prosperous career.

Mr. Wm. Brown, of Salisbury, England, is about to issue a new paper to be devoted entirely to advertisements, and to be sent out as a supplement to the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.

The auction catalogues are beginning to come in. Three of Bogert & Durbin's and one of Gremmel's have been received. This auction season promises to be a lively one.

If you receive more than one copy of this paper, you will confer a favor upon the publisher if you will hand the extra copy to some philatelic friend.

The big find of Nova Scotia remainders is one of the most important since the birth of philately. Prices are now away down, and will be down much lower. Scott's Catalogue prices the set of five values, 1c, 2c, 8½c, 10c and 12½c, at $15.50. They are advertised in the Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly at $3.75, and I would advise intending purchasers of single sets to wait. There will be plenty to go round.

Some collectors buy none but the fashionable stamps, and consequently in most cases pay more than the stamps are worth. Others prefer to buy the stamps which for the time are unpopular, because they can buy them at a lower figure, and because they know that every stamp country, like every dog, has its day.

I purpose commencing in the January number of this paper a Chronicle of New Issues in the British Colonies.

A correspondent of the Daily Stamp Item professes to have information that the total face value of the recent find of Nova Scotia Stamps is about $10,000. It seems that there were about twelve thousand of the 12½c, and probably about forty thousand each of the other values, except the 5c, of which there were no remainders.

WORDS TO THE TARDY.

Those who find a pencil mark opposite this paragraph are reminded that they have kept approval lots beyond the time allowed, and are requested to make immediate returns.

QUARTERLY PRICE LIST.

Terms: Net cash in advance. NO DISCOUNT WHATEVER. Remittance must in every case accompany order, together with sufficient for return postage if order amounts to less than $2.00.

I pay registration on orders amounting to $5.00 or over. I cannot, however, under any circumstances, be responsible for letters lost in transit.

Remittance should be made by Post Office Order, American Express Order, or Bank Notes at current rates of exchange. Cheques or silver coin will not be accepted.

Fractions of a dollar may be remitted in current unused stamps of any country. Values not commonly used are preferred.

Money orders should be made payable at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, or Calais, Maine.

Every communication should bear the sender's address in full, to avoid all possibility of mistake.

ALL STAMPS SOLD BY ME ARE WARRANTED GENUINE.

SINGLE STAMPS AT BARGAIN PRICES.

Of most of the following stamps I have very few copies, and in some cases only one. First come, first served. FIRST ORDERS SECURE BEST SPECIMENS. Money refunded if stamps are sold. Every stamp in perfect condition, if not otherwise stated. Those marked * are unused.

United States.

1847, 10c black, creased	$3 00
1851-56, *3c red, o. g.	1 25
.. 10c green	1 00
.. 12c black	1 50
1855-60, *10c green, o. g.	1 25
.. *12c black, o. g.	1 75
1861, 90c blue, not well centred	2 00
1868, 30c orange, grilled	3 00
1872, *1c ultramarine, small tear	1 00
.. 24c purple	1 50
1873, 7c vermilion, ribbed	20 00
1888, 90c purple	1 00
Unpaid, 1879, *50c brown, o. g.	1 50
.. 1889, *30c red-brown, o. g.	1 25
.. 1891-93, *30c bright claret, o. g.	1 00
Unpaid, 1891-93, *50c bright claret, o. g.	1 50
Unpaid, 1891-93, 50c bright claret	1 50
Executive, *1c carmine, specimen	3 00
.. *2c	3 00
Justice, 6c purple	1 00
.. 10c ..	2 00
.. 12c ..	2 00
.. 15c ..	5 00
Treasury, 24c brown	5 00
War, 7c red	5 00

Confederate States.

1861, *10c blue	1 00
1863, 20c green	1 50
.. 20c .. on cover	2 00

Afghanistan.

1877, *1sh grey, Scott No. 54	1 50
1883, *2ab vermilion, Scott No. 122	2 00

Antigua.

1873-79, 6p green, inv. wmk.	2 00

Argentine Republic.

1862, 5c pink, "U" with accent	1 25
1891, *1p deep blue, o. g.	1 00
.. *5p light blue, o. g., not well centred	2 50

Austria.

1850, 6kr brown, thin p., o. g., cut rather close	3 00

Austrian Levant.

1886, 10p on 3s green, Senf No. 14a	7 50

Lombardy-Venice.

1858-59, *10s brown, o. g.	1 00
Tax, 1859, *4k red, reprint	2 50

Azores.

1868-70, *5r black	1 50
.. 120r blue	2 00

Barbadoes.

1859, 1sh black, cut rather close	1 00
1861, *1sh black, o. g.	2 00
1874, 6p orange, o. g., : : 12½	1 00

Bavaria.

1850-58, 18kr yellow	1 00
1881, *50pf deep brown, o. g.	2 00
Tax, 1862, *3kr black	1 50

Bermuda.

1875, 1p on 3p buff	2 00

British Honduras.

1882, *1p blue, o. g.	1 50
1888, *20c on 6p yellow, No. 24, o. g.	1 00
.. 50c on 1sh grey, No. 31	1 00

Canada.

1851, 3p red, laid	1 25
1857, ½p pink	3 00
1858, 3p red, ribbed	2 00

Canada.

1859-64, 1c pink, ribbed 5 00
.. 2c .. .. small corner gone 10 00
1859-64, 5c vermilion, ribbed 3 00
1868, *15c violet, o. g. 1 25
1868-69, 1c brown-red, wmkd. 1 50
.. 3c bright red, wmkd. 1 25
1869, *½c black, ribbed 10 00
.. *3c bright red, ribbed 10 00
Officially Sealed, 1879, brown 2 00

Cape of Good Hope.

1868-74, 1p on 1sh green 1 00

Antioquia.

1888, 5c black on yellow, penmarked 1 00
1889, *2½c red, No. 76 1 00

Bolivar.

1882, 5p blue and red 2 25
.. 10p brown and blue 2 00

Cundinamarca.

1877, *20c green 1 25

Panama.

1878, 20c red 2 00
.. *50c yellow 2 25
1888-91, *50c brown, No. 10, o. g. 1 25

Tolima.

1871, 1p carmine, penmarked 1 50
1880-83, *1p vermilion, o. g. 1 25

Costa Rica.

Official, 1883-87, *40c blue, o. g., Scott No. 223a, "OFICAL" 2 50

Cuba.

1855, *2rp carmine 1 00
1862-64, *½rp black on buff, o. g., small hole 1 00
1879, *10c orange 1 00
Habilitado, 1868, *5c lilac, o. g. 2 00
.. *10c blue, o. g. 2 00
.. *20c green, o. g. 2 00
.. *40c rose, o. g. 2 00
.. 1869, *10c brown 1 75
1883, *20c brown, o. g., Scott No. 115 2 00

Cyprus.

1881, ½p on 1p red, 18 mm, pl. 218 1 25
Unpaid, 1878-82, 2sh blue and green 1 25
Unpaid, 1878-82, 10sh carmine and green 2 25
Unpaid, 30pa on 1pi rose 5 00

Denmark.

1851, 2rs blue 2 00
1853-57, 16s violet, Senf No. 16b 1 25
1863, 16s violet, small corner gone 3 00
1870, 48s purple and brown 1 00

Eastern Roumelia.

1881, 1 piastres, black and blue, "R. O." 4 00
.. *10pa mauve and black, o. g. Scott No. 9 1 00
1881, 5pi blue and rose, perfs. cut off at top 1 75
1884, *1pi blue, o. g. 3 00

Egypt.

1866, *2pia orange 1 00
.. 10pia slate, not well centred 5 00
1867, *5pia brown, o. g. 3 00
1884, *20pa on 5pia green, inv. surch. 1 00
Unpaid, 1888, 5pia grey 7 50

Fernando Po.

1879, *10c rose 1 00
.. 50c blue 1 00

France.

1849-50, 20c black, red postmark 7 50
1853-60, *1fr lake, reprint 2 00
.. 1fr lake, slightly skinned on back 3 00
.. 40c brown, Schaupmeier No. 281 1 50
.. 80c carmine, Schaupmeier No. 297 1 50
.. 80c rose, Schaupm. No. 296 1 50
1862, 40c orange, : : 7 1 00
.. 80c rose, : : 7 1 50

Alsace and Lorraine.

1870, *2c red-brown, small piece out of side 1 00
.. 20c blue, inv. network 4 00
.. 25c brown, .. small corner gone 3 00

Gibraltar.

1889, 25c on 2p brown-violet, soiled 1 00
.. *1p light brown, o. g. 1 25

Great Britain.

1855, 2p blue, Scott No. 17 1 50
1856, *1p red, Scott No. 18 1 50
1855, 4p rose, Scott No. 23 1 25
.. 4p .. Scott No. 24 6 50
1856, 4p .. Scott No. 25 3 00
1857, 2p blue, Scott No. 30 1 50
1864, *1p red, pl. 83 1 50
.. *1p red, pl. 108 1 50
1872-74, 6p buff, pl. 12 1 50
1876, *2½p claret, pl. 11 2 50
1880, *2½p blue, pl. 21 1 75
1883-84, 1 pound violet, small hole 1 75

British Levant.

1893, 40pa on ½p vermilion 6 00

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APPROVAL SHEETS.

If you want to start a collection, the first thing to do is to send for a packet of 500, 1000, 1500 or 2000 varieties, according to the amount you wish to expend.

The next thing to do is to send references, or a deposit of $2.00 or more, and receive some of my APPROVAL SHEETS, containing stamps from 2c to $1.00, arranged according to countries. Then you can see the stamps before you buy them, and select none but good specimens, although you will find on my sheets very few stamps to reject because of their condition.

The discount on my Approval Sheets is generally from 33⅓ to 50 per cent., and all stamps as far as possible are priced by Scott's Standard Catalogue. But for collectors somewhat more advanced, I have APPROVAL BOOKS of scarcer stamps, the discount on which is from 10 to 25 per cent. One or two trials will convince you that for variety and quality my Approval Sheets and Books are unsurpassed.

My conditions are: POSTPAID AND REGISTERED AGAINST POSTPAID AND REGISTERED. This rule must not under any circumstances be departed from. Parties who do not purpose to spend at least $1.00 each time need not apply. No discount is allowed when purchase is less than $1.00. Sheets must not be kept more than 5 days, exclusive of time occupied in transit.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—I cannot send approval lots to minors without guarantee from parent or guardian.

HAPS AND MISHAPS.

Fortune is indeed a fickle maid. On December 6th, 1895, I sent an approval lot of stamps, value $15.35, to Chas. L. Wilcox, of Hastings, Minn. Mr. Wilcox claims that the letter was stolen by a boy who drove a milk wagon for him, and while he has made some promises, has made no remittance. On the 8th of February last I sent another approval lot, value $18.01, to Richard Goerke, 3631 Robert Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Goerke says that this particular lot was carried off by the memorable cyclone, and he refuses to pay anything. If the lot had been returned in reasonable time, it would not have been in the cyclone's path. To a gentleman in Kansas City, Mo., I sent, on the 24th of April, a lot, value $74.36, and he claims that a friend in whose hands he left the sheets carried them off to New York. He has not been successful in getting them from his friend, and I have had no returns. I cannot say that I hope to have other mishaps to record in next issue of the Philatelic Messenger, but I shall try to prepare a faithful chronicle of them, be they few or many.

ACCOUNTS FOR SALE.

The following accounts will be sold to any dealer or collector at 50 per cent. discount. The first column gives the date when the approval lot was sent out.

December 6, 1895.	Chas. L. Wilcox, Hastings, Minn.,	$15 35
February 5, 1896.	Harold E. Stewart, Colorado Springs, Colo.,	8 23
February 7, 1896.	Arthur A. Taylor, New York,	14 42
February 8, 1896.	Richard Goerke, St. Louis, Mo.,	18 01

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The following lots have been out three months or more, and if not returned in the meantime, will be advertised among Accounts for Sale in next issue of this paper:

G. H. W., $74.36; C. E. B., $11.39; W. S. Co., balance, $1.25; J. P. R., St. Thomas, Ont., $3.96.

THIS STAMP GRATIS.

With every number of this paper will be given away a British Colonial stamp worth 5 cents. If you are a subscriber, you will find the stamp pasted on the square below this paragraph.



SINGLE STAMPS.

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Turkey.

Unpaid, 1870, 25pia yellow-brown, Scott No. 327, not well centred 25 00
Unpaid, 1892, *20pa blk, imp., o.g. 1 00
.. .. *1pia blk, imp., o. g. 1 25
.. .. 2pia black, imp. 1 00

Constantinople.

1865, *5pa blue, o. g. 1 25
1874–75, 10pa violet, imp., blue surcharge 3 50
1876–78, 10pa violet, Scott No. 716 1 00

Turks Islands.

1882–84, 4p grey 1 00

Zululand.

1894–95, 6p mauve & black, Scott No. 19 1 25

CHEAP SETS OF BRITISH COLONIALS.

The following sets contain used stamps only. Postage extra. Orders unders 25c respectfully declined.

10 Cape of Good Hope, ½p to 5sh 25
10 Ceylon 30
6 Gambia, ½p to 6p 50
8 Gold Coast, ½p to 1sh 60
3 Grenada, unpaid, 1p, 2p and 3p 35
20 British India 35
7 Labuan, 1894, lithographed, 2c to 40c 1 00
8 Natal, ½p to 1sh 40
6 Newfoundland, 1887-90, ½c to 5c 12
9 North Borneo, 1887-92, ½c to 10c 40
5 Queensland, 1p to 1sh 15
5 St. Lucia, ½p to 4p 30
5 Sarawak, 1872-75, 3c to 12c 75
3 Perak, 1892, 1c, 2c and 5c 15
3 Selangor, 1892, 1c, 2c and 5c 15
4 Trinidad, ½p to 4p 12

NEW ISSUES, 1896.

The following stamps are all unused. Orders under 25c respectfully declined. Postage extra.

Barbadoes, ¼p 2
British South Africa, ½p 3
.. .. .. 1p 5
.. .. .. 2p 10
Chamba, 1½a 8
.. 2½a 15
Cyprus, 30pa mauve and green 6
.. 1pia rose and blue 6
.. 2pia blue and marone 12
.. 4pia olive and purple 25
Falkland Islands, 2p red-lilac 12
Fiji, 1p red-lilac 5
Grenada, 1p red and lilac 5
Gwalior, 2½a 15
Johore, 1c 2
.. 2c 4
.. 3c 6

VARIETY PACKETS.

The following packets contain no locals, revenues, cards or telegraphs; all stamps are in good condition. Postage extra.

500 varieties 2 25
750 .. 5 25
1000 .. 7 50
1500 .. 20 00
2000 .. 35 00
1000 mixed stamps, No. 1 25
1000 .. No. 2 50
1000 .. No. 3 2 25

WANTED TO PURCHASE.—British Columbia, New Brunswick, Old Canada, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island stamps, loose or on cover. Must be sent for inspection.

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Greece.

1860-61, 1 lept dark brown, Senf No. 1a 3 25
.. 1 lept dark red-brown, Senf No. 1b 3 75
.. 5 lept green 1 00
.. 10 lept orange 3 75
1862-76, 2 lept yellow-brown, Scott No. 9 1 00
.. *1 lept pale pink-brown, Senf No. 11c 1 50
1875, 60 lept green, Scott No. 43 1 50
1862-76, 10 lept orange, Tchak. No. 815 1 25
.. 10 lept orange, Tchak. No. 816 1 50
.. 20 lept ultramarine, Tchak. No. 818 1 50
Unpaid, 1878, *40 lept green and black, : : 10½ 1 50
Unpaid, 1878, 100 lept green and black, : : 10½, small piece from right margin 1 25
Unpaid, 1878, *200 lept green and black, : : 10½ 1 50

Hamburg.

1866, 1½s rose 1 50

Heligoland.

1871-73, ½s green and rose 2 50
1879, *1m green, rose and black, Senf No. 19b 7 50

Iceland.

Official, 1873, *8s mauve 2 00

India.

1866, 6a lilac, Scott No. 29 1 25
Official, 1866, 8p lilac, wmkd. 1 00

Bhopal.

1888-84, *¼a green, "ANAWAB" 1 50

Jummoo.

1870, *½a light ultramarine 2 00
.. *1a ultramarine 4 00
.. *1a carmine-red 2 00
1874, *1a sage green 4 00

Gwalior.

1885, *½a green 1 00
.. *1a brown 1 50
.. *2a blue 1 25

Nabha.

1887-94, *2a blue, Scott No. 21, o.g. 1 00

Patiala.

1885-91, 4a green, Scott 23, o. g. 1 00

Italy.

1851, *20c blue 2 00

Malta.

1863-64, *½p golden yellow, ribbed 5 00

Mauritius.

1878, 2r50c on 5sh mauve 1 50

Mexico.

1872, 50c yellow, Scott No. 192 1 50
1879, 85c purple, Scott No. 267 1 00
.. 100c black, Scott No. 268 1 50
1884, 1p blue, wove 2 00

Netherlands.

1852, *15c orange, o. g. 1 25

New Caledonia.

1881-84, 25c on 35c, blk on yellow 2 25

Newfoundland.

1857, *1p violet-brown 2 75
.. *3p green, o. g. 1 25
.. *5p violet 9 50
.. *5p violet-brown, o. g. 1 25
1863, *6 ½p lake, o. g. 2 00
.. *8p lake, o. g. 2 25
.. *1sh lake, o. g. 1 25
1866, 13c orange, used or unused 1 00
1867-73, *1c lilac, o. g. 1 25
.. *1c violet brown 1 00

New South Wales.

1853, 6p grey 1 00
1860, 6p violet, wmk. "5," small corner gone 1 00
Registration, 1853, red and blue creased 3 50
Registration, 1860, red and blue 1 50

New Zealand.

1873-78, 2p rose, wmk. large star 1 00

Nova Scotia.

1860-64, 10c vermillion 1 50
.. 12 ½c black 1 50

Persia.

1868, 4s blue 2 50
.. 8s vermilion, cut close 2 00
1878, 1k carmine on yellow 1 00
.. 4k blue 1 00
.. 5k gold 3 00
.. 5k violet-bronze 7 50

Arequipa.

1883, *25c red & black, Scott No. 4 1 75
1883, *10c blue, Scott No. 30 2 50

Cuzco.

1882-83, *10c red, Scott No. 9 2 00
1884, *5c olive, Scott No. 12 2 00

Moquegua.

1884, 5c blue and red, Scott No. 5 1 00

Pasco.

1884, *5c ultramarine and red 1 25

Portugal.

1867-70, 240r violet 2 75
1871-75, *150r blue 1 00
.. 240r violet 5 25

Prince Edward Island.

1868, 4p black, on cover 1 00
1872, 1c orange, on cover 3 50
.. 1c orange and 2c blue, on cover 8 50

Prince Edward Island.

1872, 3c rose 1 50
.. 3c rose, on cover 2 00
.. 3c rose, variety PRINCE EDWARD 5 00
.. 4c green, on cover 5 00
.. 6c black, on cover 5 00

Queensland.

1875-81, 2sh 6p vermilion, penmarked 2 00
.. 5sh orange-brown, penmarked 1 75
1872, 1p lilac, Scott No. 139 1 25

Roumania.

1858, 40pa blue, bluish p 3 00
.. 40pa blue, white p, cut close 1 25
.. 80pa red, ... 2 50
1862, *3pa lemon, tete beche, o. g. 2 00
.. *6pa carmine, tete beche, o.g. 1 00
.. *30pa blue, tete beche, o. g. 1 00
1865, *5pa blue, laid, o. g. 1 00
1868-70, *18b rose 1 50
1869, *10b blue, o. g. 1 00
.. *25b orange and blue 1 00
1871, *15b carmine, o. g. 1 25
.. *50b blue and red, o. g. 6 00
1871, 10b yellow, laid, very rare 15 00
.. *10b ultramarine, laid, rare 10 00
1876-78, *5b blue, error, reprint 3 75
.. *5b rose, error, very rare 35 00
.. 5b rose, error, used, excessively rare 50 00

Russian Levant.

1866, (20k) blue and red 2 25
1879, 7k on 10k, Scott No. 24 1 25
.. 7k on 10k, Scott No. 25 1 25

San Marino.

1877, *30c brown 1 00

Saxony.

1855-56, 10n.g. blue, very small piece gone at bottom 2 50

Servia.

1866, *1pa green on rose, o. g. 1 25
.. *2pa red on lilac 1 10
.. *10pa orange, :: 12 2 50
.. 10pa .. :: 12 3 75
.. 40pa blue, :: 12 1 50
.. *10pa orange, pelure paper, o. g. 1 50

South African Republic.

1870, 6p blue, Scott No. 5 1 00
1871-75, *6p blue, Scott No. 17. o.g. 3 00
.. 1p red, Scott No. 20 3 75
1877, 3p violet, Scott No. 29 7 50
1893, *2 ½p on 1sh green, Gibbons No 199, o. g. 1 00

South Bulgaria.

1885, 5pa black and olive, Scott No. 8. 2 25
.. 10pa black and green, Scott No. 10 3 00

South Bulgaria.

1885, 5pa rose and blue, Scott No. 23, o. g. 2 50
.. *5pa violet, Scott No. 24, o.g. 1 50
.. 10pa green, Scott No. 25, o.g. 1 50
.. *20pa carmine, Scott No. 26, o. g. 2 00
.. *1pia black and blue, Scott No. 27, o. g. 1 50

Spain.

Official, 1854, ½o yellow 1 00

Perak.

1883, *2c rose, Gibbons No. 42, o.g. 1 00
.. *1c on 2c rose, Gibbons No. 58, o. g. 1 50

Sungei Ujong.

1881-83, *2c brown, Scott No. 11, o. g. 1 50

Swazieland.

1889-90, *2sh 6p yellow, o. g. 3 75

Switzerland.

1850, *10r yellow, Scott No. 23 2 00

Trinidad.

1869-72, 4p gray, :: 12½ 1 00

Turkey.

1863, *20pa yellow, tete beche, o.g. 2 00
.. *1pia slate, thick p., tete beche, o. g. 2 00
1867, 2pia blue 1 00
.. 5pia rose 1 50
.. 25pia vermilion, very rare 25 00
1869, 25pia dull rose 5 00
.. *10pa lilac, imp., o. g. 1 50
1871, 10pa lilac 1 00
.. *2pia red, o. g. 1 00
.. *2pia red, imp. vert., o. g. 2 00
.. 25 pia dull rose, not well centred 2 50
1874-75, 10pa violet, imp. 1 25
1876, 25pia claret and pink 2 75
1880-84, 1 piastres, black and blue, im., 1 50
1880-84, 1 piastri, black and blue 1 00
1884-86, *5pa lilac 1 00
1886, 5pa lilac, :: 13½ 2 00
1888-90, *5pa green and yellow, imp., o. g. 2 50
1888-90, 25pia red and yellow 3 00
Imprimes, 1879, 10pa black and rose-lilac 2 50
Imprimes, 1879, 20pa plum & green 1 25
.. .. 2pia blk & orange 1 00
.. .. 5pia red & blue 3 00
Unpaid, 1863, *1pia brown, o. g. 1 00
.. .. *2pia red-brown 1 00
.. .. 5pia red-brown 1 00
.. 1865, 25pia brown 2 50
.. 1870, 2pia yellow-brown Scott No. 321 2 00

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Unused Postal Cards and Letter Cards at Half Price.

I have the following unused Postal Cards and Letter Cards on hand, and will fill orders from this list, while the supply holds out, at 50 per cent. discount from Scott's prices. The Nos. are from Scott's 1896 Catalogue. Please order by number. Postage extra, 3c. for 10 cards or less. Only one of each kind supplied to same person. Money refunded if Nos. are sold. Orders under 50c. respectfully declined. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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.. .. .. 1p	4
.. .. .. 2p	8
.. .. .. 3p	12
.. .. .. 4p	15
.. .. .. 6p	23
.. .. .. 8p	30
.. .. .. 1sh	45
Bulgaria, 1s on 2s	1
.. Boris, 1s green	2
.. .. 5s	3
.. .. 15s	9
.. .. 25s	15
.. unpaid, 5s	3
.. .. 10s	5
.. .. 30s	15
Cape of Good Hope, 2½p blue	10
.. .. 1sh yellow-buff	45
Chamba, 1½a brown	6
.. 2½a green	12
Cuba, ½m-4m, set of 5	6
.. 1c lilac-brown	3
.. 2c claret	5
.. 2½c rose	6
.. 5c slate-blue	12
.. 10c emerald-green	20
.. 20c violet	40
Cyprus, 30pa mauve and green	5
.. 1pia rose and blue	6
.. 2pia blue and maroon	12
.. 4pia olive and purple	20
.. 6pia brown and green	30
.. 12pia orange and black	60
Danish West Indies, 1c	3
Falkland Islands, 1p brown-red	5
.. .. 2p red-lilac	10
.. .. 9p vermilion	35
.. .. 1sh bistre	45
French Madagascar, 5c	3
.. .. 10c	5
Fiji Islands, 1p red-lilac	4
Gibraltar, 20c olive	10
.. 2pes black and carmine	80
Grenada, 1p lilac and carmine	4
Gwalior, 2½a green	12
Hayti, 2c brown-carmine	5
.. 3c grey	7
Honduras, 1c	3
.. 2c	4
Italy, 1c dark brown	1
.. 2c red-brown	2
.. 10c carmine	5
Johore, 1c violet and mauve	2
.. 2c violet and yellow	3
.. 3c violet and rose	5
.. new type, 1c	2
.. .. 2c	3
.. .. 3c	5
Johore, new type, 4c	6
.. .. 5c	8
.. .. 6c	10
Mexico, 1c dark green	2
.. 2c carmine	3
Negri Sembilow, 15c	30
Norway, 1o bistre	1
Paraguay, 1c grey	2
Perak, 25c green and carmine	45
Peru, 1c ultramarine	2
.. 2c Prussian blue	3
.. 5c indigo	8
.. 10c yellow	15
.. 20c orange	30
Philippines, ⅛c, 1m, 2m, 5m, set of 4	5
.. 2c blue	5
.. 5c violet	10
.. 10c brown	20
.. 15c blue-green	25
.. 20c orange	35
Porto Rico, ½m-4m, set of 4	4
.. 1c claret	3
.. 2c red-brown	5
.. 3c ultramarine	6
.. 4c brown	8
.. 5c light blue	10
.. 6c lilac	12
.. 8c rose	15
.. 10c olive-grey	20
.. 40c salmon	70
Queensland, 2½p rose	10
Roumania, 1b chestnut	1
St. Helena, 1p carmine	4
.. 2p yellow	8
.. 2½p blue	10
.. 5p	19
.. 10p	38
Santander, 5c brown	8
Selangor, 25c blue-green and red	45
Servia, 1pa red	1
Shanghai, 4c on 15c yellow	8
.. 6c on 20c violet	12
Siam, 4a on 12a	6
Sierra Leone, 1p lilac and rose	4
.. .. 2p lilac and orange	8
.. .. 2½p lilac and blue	10
.. .. 3p	12
.. .. 1sh green and black	45
South African Republic, ½p	3
.. .. 1p	4
Tasmania, 9p light blue	35
Tolima, 20c blue on yellow	30
Trinidad, ½p lilac and green	3
.. 1p lilac and carmine	4
.. 2½p lilac and blue	10
.. 4p lilac and orange	15
.. 5p lilac and violet	19
.. 6p lilac and black	23
.. 1sh lilac and brown	45
Uruguay, 1c yellow-olive	3
.. 2c dark blue	5
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.. .. 5c	15
.. .. 10c	30
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The First Type of the Stamps of Greece.

[By the Editor.]

The stamps of Greece from 1860 to 1893 have always been a series of puzzles to the majority of collectors. No general catalogue, except perhaps Kohl's "Europa," contains even an approximately complete list of these interesting stamps, systematically arranged. Senf's catalogue gives a great many varieties, important and unimportant, but there is no attempt at classification. The aim of this article is to assist collectors to identify the different issues and to give the earlier stamps of Greece an orderly arrangement in their albums. Of the issue of November, 1860, Paris print, it is not necessary to say much. There is a 1 lepton, reddish brown, which is rarer than the dark brown. The darker shade of the 20 lepta, blue, and the rosier shade of the 80 lepta, carmine, are not so commonly met with. The Paris print stamps are easily recognized by the fine shading on the neck and cheek of Mercury, the lines being dotted. The 5, 20, 40 and 80 lepta have no control figures on the back, which sufficiently distinguishes them from the same values in the issues immediately following.

November, 1860, Paris print:

1. 1 lepton, dark brown.
2. 1 .. reddish brown.
3. 2 lepta, olive-brown.
4. 5 .. emerald-green on greenish.
5. 20 .. bright blue on bluish.
6. 20 .. dark blue on bluish.
7. 40 .. violet on gray-blue.
8. 80 .. carmine-rose on pale rose.
9. 80 .. dark carmine on pale rose.

1861. Paris print. Large control figures on back:

10. 10 lepta, yellow-orange on greenish.

In January, 1862, the first printing was done at Athens, and it was much superior to the work of later issues. The 2 lepta appears to differ only in shade from that of 1860. The 5 lepta is not so well printed, and has on the back a figure 5 double-lined all through. The 20 lepta has fine neck-shading, control figures on the back and white patches in the corners. The dark shade of this stamp is quite scarce.

January, 1862. Athens print. The 5 and 20 lepta with control figures on back:

11. 2 lepta, yellow-brown.
12. 5 .. yellow-green on greenish.
13. 5 .. dark green on greenish.
14. 5 .. blue-green on greenish.
15. 20 .. pale blue on bluish.
16. 20 .. dark blue on bluish.

Later in this year there were other printings, including the 1 lepton and the 10, 40 and 80 lepta values. The earlier printings were clear, but the frequent subsequent ones of this and other years were increasingly coarse and blotted. Many colors and qualities of paper were employed, and varieties were multiplied almost *ad infinitum*. A set of the seven values can readily be found in clear, fine print and distinctive shades, which may safely be assigned to the spring of 1862.

March, 1862. Athens print. Clear impression. All but the 1 and 2 lepta with control figures on back:

17. 1 lepton, dark brown.
18. 2 lepta, yellow-brown.
19. 5 .. emerald-green on greenish
20. 10 .. yellow-orange on ..
21. 20 .. bright blue on bluish.
22. 40 .. violet on gray-blue.
23. 80 .. carmine-rose on pale rose.

The control figure on the back of No. 19 and later 5 lepta stamps differs from that on Nos. 12-14. The upright stroke connecting the body with the tail of the 5 is now single lined.

1862-70. Coarse impression; blotted

print. All but 1 and 21 with figures on back :

24. 1 lepton, salmon-brown.
25. 1 .. marone.
26. 1 .. reddish brown.
27. 2 lepta. dark yellow-brown.
28. 2 .. dull brown.
29. 5 .. pale green on greenish.
30. 5 .. yellow-green on greenish.
31. 10 .. orange on bluish.
32. 10 .. vermilion on bluish.
33. 20 .. dull blue on bluish.
34. 20 .. dark blue on bluish.
35. 40 .. dull violet on gray-blue.
36. 40 .. red-violet on gray-blue.
37. 40 .. brown-violet on grey-blue.
40. 80 .. dull carmine on pale-rose.

1863-64. Athens print. Nos. 42 to 44 with control figures :

41. 2 lepta, yellow-brown.
42. 10 .. orange on gray-blue.
43. 10 .. vermilion on gray-blue.
44. 20 .. blue on greenish.

About 1864-65 the 1, 5, 10, 20 and 40 lepta were printed on very thin, transparent paper. These, except the 1 lepton, are listed in Scott's new catalogue. They have been known to collectors for many years.

1864-65. Athens print. Thin paper. All but 1 lepton with control figures :

45. 1 lepton, gray brown.
46. 1 .. dark chocolate-brown.
47. 1 .. chocolate-brown on buff.
48. 5 lepta, dull green on greenish.
49, 5 .. dark green on greenish.
50. 5 .. bright green on greenish.
51. 10 .. vermilion on bluish violet.
52. 10 .. vermilion on gray.
53. 20 .. blue on bluish.
54. 20 .. dark blue on bluish.
55. 20 .. dark blue on blue.
56. 40 .. dull violet on gray-blue.
57. 40 .. red violet on ..
58. 40 .. brown-violet on ..
59. 40 .. dull olive-yellow on gray-blue.
60. 40 .. rust-brown on gray-blue.

1865-66. Athens print. Thicker paper. Nos. 62 and 63 with control figures :

61. 2 lepta, pale yellow-brown, strongly yellowish.
62. 40 .. claret on bluish gray.
63. 40 .. dark claret on bluish gray.

The following stamp seems to have been issued about 1870, but closely resembles the issue of January, 1862. It has fine neck-shading and clean print.

1870. Athens print. Fine shading :

64. 1 lepton, pale chestnut-brown.

1874. Athens print. Control figures on back :

65. 40 lepta, orange on greenish.
66. 40 .. dull red on greenish.

In 1875 two new values were ordered, and the first impressions were taken at Paris. The same marks which serve to distinguish the issue of November, 1860, will be sufficient here.

1875. Paris print. Without control figures:

67. 30 lepta, brown on buff.
68. 30 .. olive-brown on buff.
69. 60 .. dark blue-green on greenish.

Beginning with the year 1876, all values were printed on a yellowish white paper, sometimes approaching a buff, and varying in thickness.

1876. Athens print. All but 1 lepton with control figures :

70. 1 lepton, fawn-brown.
71. 5 lepta, yellow-green.
72. 10 .. orange.
73. 20 .. Prussian blue.
74. 20 .. gray-blue.
75. 20 .. ultramarine.
76. 40 .. dull geranium-red.
77. 40 .. deep geranium-red.

1877-78. Athens print:

78. 30 lepta dark brown.
79. 30 .. olive-brown.
80. 30 .. olive-brown on buff.
81. 60 .. dark green.

1879. Athens print. Very coarse, blotted impression on thin paper. All but 1 lepton with control figures:

82. 1 lepton, dark red-brown.
83. 1 .. dark red-brown on buff
84. 5 lepta, dark green.
85. 10 .. vermilion.
86. 10 .. vermilion on buff.
87. 20 .. dark blue
88. 20 .. violet-blue

From 1862 to 1879 the 5, 10, 20, 40 and 80 lepta stamps have control figures on the back. All stamps issued after 1879 are without them. Of the control figures there are numerous errors, such as 01, 0, 00, 02, 20, 07, 440, etc.

These are of interest only to the specialist.

1880. Athens print. Without control figures:

89. 10 lepta, vermilion
90. 20 .. ultramarine

1881. Athens print. Without control figures:

91. 1 lepton, pale brown
92. 1 .. gray-brown
93. 2 lepta, gray-yellow
94. 5 .. pale green
95. 5 .. dark green
96. 5 .. green on buff
97. 10 .. yellow
98. 10 .. orange
99. 10 .. orange on buff
100. 20 .. dull carmine
101. 20 .. dark carmine
102. 30 .. ultramarine
103. 40 .. dark violet

1883. Nos. 100-103 in paler colors:

104. 20 lepta, bright aniline rose
105. 20 .. dark aniline red
106. 30 .. pale blue
107. 40 .. pale violet

The above list is, I believe, more complete and true to date and description than any hitherto published.

I trust the list will prove useful to many collectors.

CHRONICLE

Of Newly Issued British and Colonial Adhesives.

Gleaned from the stamp papers for October, November and December. Type references are to Scott's 1897 catalogue. The color of surcharge is printed in italics.

British Central Africa.—The stamps of types A4 and A5 now come watermarked, the lower values with crown and CA and the higher values with crown and CC.

WMKD. CROWN AND CA.

1 penny, black.
2 pence, black and green.
4 " black and orange.
6 " black and blue.
1 shilling, black and rose.

WMKD. CROWN AND CC.

2 shillings 6 pence, black and violet.
3 " black and yellow.
5 " black and olive.
1 pound, black and orange.
20 " black and vermilion.

British East Africa.—The 1 rupee of India, type A29, surcharged in three lines, "British—East—Africa."

1 rupee, carmine and green, *black.*

British South Africa.—The new 1 shilling of Cape of Good Hope surcharged in three lines, "BRITISH—SOUTH AFRICA—COMPANY."

1 shilling, bistre, *black.*

British Levant.—The current 10 pence of Great Britain surcharged "4 PIASTRES."

4 piastres on 10 pence, carmine and lilac, *black.*

Cyprus.—The ½ piastre has appeared in the new type, bi-colored.

½ piastre, green and carmine.

Gwalior.—The current 1 rupee of India surcharged for official use with two lines of native characters.

Official Stamp.

1 rupee, carmine and green, *black.*

Jhind.—The current 1 rupee of India surcharged "JHIND STATE" and "SERVICE."

Official Stamp.

1 rupee, green and carmine, *black.*

Johore.—New prince and new set of stamps, similar to last, but with head of reigning prince in octagon instead of arch.

1 cent, green.
2 " green and blue.
3 " green and mauve.
4 " green and carmine.
5 " green and brown.
6 " green and yellow.
1 dollar, lilac and green.

Labuan.—The 25 cents, 50 cents and 1 dollar stamps of North Borneo printed in new colors and surcharged "LABUAN."

25 cents, green, *black.*
50 " red-brown, *black.*
1 dollar, blue, *black.*

Negri Sembilan.—Additional values in current type.

15 cents, green and mauve.
25 " green and carmine.
50 " green and black.

Niger Coast.—A change of color in the ½ penny stamp.

½ penny, yellow-green.

Perak.—New values of the current types, the 25 cents of the small type and the others of the large type.

25 cents, green and carmine.
2 dollars, green and carmine.

3 dollars, green and olive.
10 " green and violet.
25 " green and yellow.

Queensland.—The 1 penny stamp with figures in lower corners, similar to the 2½ and 5 pence.

1 penny, orange.

St. Helena.—A new set in Leeward Islands type, but not bi-colored.

1 penny, carmine-rose.
2 pence, yellow.
2½ " blue.
5 " purple.
10 " brown.

Seychelles.—The current 45 cents has been surcharged in thin capital letters, "18 CENTS."

18 cents on 45 cents, bistre and carmine, *black*.

Selangor.—Additional high values of the type of the current 1 and 5 dollars.

2 dollars, green and carmine.
3 " green and olive.
10 " green and violet.
25 " green and yellow.

Sierra Leone.—A new set in Leeward Island's type, bi-colored.

1 penny, lilac and carmine.
2 pence, lilac and orange.
2½ " lilac and blue.
" lilac and gray.
1 shilling, green and black.
2 " green and blue.
5 " green and carmine.
1 pound, carmine on red paper.

Tobago.—The 1 shilling printed by error in color of the 6 pence. It is said 6,000 were so printed and the bulk of them bought up by a London speculator.

1 shilling, orange.

Zanzibar.—The 2 annas of India surcharged for use in Zanzibar and raised to 2½ annas. The current 1 rupee of India with overprint "Zanzibar."

2½ annas on 2 annas, blue, *red*.
1 rupee, carmine and green, *black*.

The 4½, 5 and 7½ annas of the new British East Africa set with overprint "Zanzibar."

4½ annas, orange, *black*.
5 " bistre, *black*.
7½ " lilac, *black*

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1847, 10c black, creased	$2 00
1851-56, *3c red, o. g.	1 40
" 12c black	1 60
1861, 90c blue, not well centred	2 00

1868, 30c orange, grilled 3 50
1872, *1c ultramarine, small tear 1 75
.. 24c purple 1 40
.. 90c carmine 1 05
1873, 7c vermilion, ribbed 17 50
Unpaid, 1879, *50c brown, o. g. 1 40
.. 1889, *30c red-brown, o. g. 1 05
Unpaid, 1891-93, *50c bright claret, o. g. 1 40
Unpaid, 1891-93, 50c bright claret 1 40
Executive, *1c carmine, specimen 3 00
.. *2c 3 00
Justice, 10c purple 2 10
.. 12c .. 1 75
.. 15c .. 4 55
Treasury, 24c brown 3 50
War, 7c red 1 75

Confederate States

1863, 20c green 2 10
.. 20c .. on cover 3 00

Afghanistan

1877, *1sh grey, No. 54 1 40
1881, *1ab black-brown. No. 110 1 75
1883, *2ab vermilion, No. 122 1 75

Antigua

1873-79, 6p green, inv. wmk. 2 00

Argentine Republic

1891, *1p deep blue, o. g. 1 05
.. *5p light blue, o. g., not well centred 2 50

Austria

1850, 6kr brown, thin p., o. g., cut rather close 2 50

Austrian Levant

1886, 10p on 3s green 7 00

Lombardy-Venice

1858-59, *10s brown, o. g. 1 40

Azores

1868-70, *5r black 1 40
.. 120r blue 1 75

Barbadoes

1852, (½p) green, wh. p. 1 75
1861, *1sh black, o. g. 1 75
1874, 6p orange, o. g., : : 12½, fair 2 50

Bavaria

1881, *25pf pale brown 1 40
1881, *50pf deep brown, o. g. 3 50
Tax, 1862, *3kr black 1 25

Belgium

1866, *40c rose, o. g. 1 40

Bermuda

1893, 3p buff : : 14x12½ 1 75

British Guiana

1875, 8c rose, : : 15 1 05

British Honduras

1882, *1p blue, o. g. 1 75
1888, *20c on 6p yellow, No. 24, o. g. 1 40
.. 50c on 1sh grey, No. 31 1 40

Buenos Ayres

1860-52, 4r green, small nick 1 50

Canada

1851, 3p red, laid 1 05
1857, ½p pink 2 80
1858, 3p red, ribbed 1 75
1859-64, 1c pink, ribbed 5 25
.. 2c .. .. small corner gone 10 00
1859-64, 5c vermilion, ribbed 2 80
1868-69, 1c brown-red, wmkd. 1 40
.. 3c bright red, wmkd. 1 05
1869, 3c bright red, laid p 3 50
.. *1c yellow 1 05
1869, *½c black, ribbed 10 00
.. *3c bright red, ribbed 10 00
Registration, 8c blue 1 75
Officially Sealed, 1879, brown 1 05

Antioquia

1888, 5c black on yellow, penmarked 1 05
1889, *2½c red, No. 76 1 40

Bolivar

1882, 5p blue and red 1 05
.. 10p brown and blue 1 75

Cundinamarca

1877, *20c green 1 05

Panama

1878, 20c red 1 40
.. *50c yellow 2 10
1888-91, *50c brown, No. 10, o. g. 1 05

Tolima

1871, 1p carmine, penmarked 1 40
1880-83, *1p vermilion, o. g. 1 05

Costa Rica

Official, 1883-87, *40c blue, o. g., No. 223a, "OFICAL" 2 50

Cuba

Habilitado, 1868, *5c lilac, o. g. 1 75
.. *10c blue, o. g. 1 75
.. *20c green, o. g. 1 75
.. *40c rose, o. g. 1 75
.. 1869, *10c brown 1 25
1874, *1p carmine, o. g. 1 40
1879, *10c orange 2 45
1883, *20c brown, o. g., No. 115 1 75

Cyprus

1881, ½p on 1p red, 18 mm, pl. 218 1 25
Unpaid, 1878-82, 2sh blue and green 1 25
Unpaid, 1878-82, 10sh carmine and green 2 25
Unpaid, 30pa on 1pi rose 5 00

Denmark

1851, 2rs blue 1 75
1853-57, 16s violet, Senf No. 16b 1 25
1863, 16s violet, small corner gone 3 50
1870, 48s purple and brown 2 10

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Notes

The *Boston Stamp Book*, among other good things, contains an interesting article on "The Trinidad Post Office," clipped from the *Port of Spain Gazette*. A good deal of valuable information is condensed in Mr. Kilbon's "Reference List of Type and Die Varieties."

The *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* advertises itself as the only stamp paper in the maritime provinces.

The *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* looks well in its new cover. "Under Victoria's rule" conveys considerable nformation in a convenient form.

Mr. C. S. Needham and Mr. W. Kelsey Hall have been itinerating in the United States with lots of rarities.

Lots of holiday numbers this season. This is *not one*.

We were advised by several journals to buy up certain stamps because they would go *up* in the new catalogue. *Of course*, we bought them, but they didn't go up. The ones that went up were those that no one told us about.

I like the *Herald Exchange* very much, although the English part of it is German and the German part does not look like English, But we understand just the same.

What would you give me for the Connell stamp on the original cover, *if I had one?*

I thought until the other day that we were the *only original* PHILATELIC MESSENGER. But Mr. S. E. Miller, in the *Herald Exchange*, speaks of a paper issued seven years ago under that title. The plagiarism was unconscious.

It is to be hoped the Canadian Philatelic Association will be revived this winter. How will the *Messenger* do for official organ?

The best Canadian stamp magazine is—which is it? I am not going to tell you. I love them all.

When I took the wrapper off the *Home Worker*, I expected to find some didactic essays on splitting wood, making fires on winter mornings and all that sort of thing. But, instead, I found a bright, chatty stamp paper.

E. R. J., in the *New York Philatelist*, tell us that "inverted surcharges are often met with," and that he has several specimens, "including one of New Caledonia." Bless his heart, he doesn't know that New Caledonia inverted surcharges are about as plentiful as those right side up.

C. L. has made a great discovery. He has found that the 20 pa on 5 pia (green) of Egypt exists with inverted surcharge. He wrote to Mr. Halton Bey, the postmaster general, about it, and now he is satisfied. If it were not for these interesting discoveries that are re-discovered by every new collector, philately would lose much of its charm.

The *Philatelic Advocate* invites exchanges to reprint articles contained in its columns. This is kind, but where are the articles?

Karl Ludwig says some very sensible and opportune things in "Some Ideas about Stamp Collecting," in *Filatelic Facts and Fallacies* for October.

The *Postage Stamp* is a tiny paper, 3½ by 5 inches, but it is very good. None of the space is wasted.

Through the courtesy of Messrs. R.

F. Albrecht & Co., I have received a copy of the new paper for young collectors, *Stamps*. The illustrated article on "The Olympian Games" will interest the young folk, but I am afraid the article on "Benjamin Franklin" is a little dry. First numbers, however, are proverbially the worst.

The *Texas Philatelic Directory* is a neat little pamphlet of 48 pages, containing the names and addresses of 342 collectors in Texas.

Philatelists should be on their guard against A. J. Clifford, of 210 S. Division street, Buffalo, N. Y. He has swindled G. A. Lowe, of Toronto, out of $125 worth of B. N. A. stamps, and further developments are looked for. On October 26th the publisher of this paper sent him two P. E. Island stamps on covers valued at $8.50.

Beardsley's Stamp Collectors' and Dealers' Address Book and Directory is out. It contains over 12,000 names and addresses from all parts of the world, with very full lists of journals and societies, and can be obtained for $1.00 from H. C. Beardsley, Box 216, St. Joseph, Mo.

Stanley Gibbons' new catalogue is to be in three volumes. The first volume will contain Great Britain and colonies; the second, all other countries; and the third, envelopes, wrappers and post-cards.

Scott's new catalogue will be a great improvement on previous editions. Many varieties are listed that ought to have been listed before, and many trifling varieties are omitted that ought never to have been listed. We have received the advance sheets as far as Persia, but we have not space to devote to a criticism worthy of the subject. Enough to say, it is better than ever, and Stanley Gibbons and Senf Brothers will find it hard to beat.

The C. H. Mekeel Co. announce the third edition of their address book. It will contain foreign addresses only, 9,000 of them, from 127 countries and colonies. Price $1.00. To be issued before the new year.

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Eastern Roumelia

1881, 1 piastres, black and blue, "R. O."	4 00
.. *10pa mauve and black, o. g. No. 9	1 00
1881, 5pi blue and rose, perfs. cut off at top	1 25
1884, *1pi blue, o. g.	2 80

Egypt

1866 10pia slate, not well centred	4 50
1867, *5pia brown, o. g.	3 15
1884, *20pa on 5pia green, inv. surch.	1 25
Unpaid, 1888, 5pia grey	5 25

Fernando Po

1879, *10c rose	1 40
.. 50c blue	1 05

France

1849-50, 02c black, red postmark	7 50
1853-60, 1fr lake, slightly skinned on back	2 50
.. * 40c brown, Schaupmeier No. 281	1 50
.. 80c carmine, Schaupmeier No. 297	1 50
.. 80c rose, Schaupm. 296	1 50
1862, 40c orange, : : 7	1 00
.. 80c rose, : : 7	1 50

Alsace and Lorraine

1870, *2c red-brown, small piece out of side	1 00
.. 20c blue, inv. network	3 50
.. 25c brown, .. small corner gone	3 00

Gibraltar

1889, *1p light brown, o. g.	1 25

Great Britain

1855, 2p blue, No. 17	1 40
1856, *1p red, No. 18	1 40
1855, 4p rose, No. 23	1 05
.. 4p .. No. 24	8 50
1856, 4p .. No. 25	2 80
1857, 2p blue, No. 30	1 75
1864, *1p red, pl. 83	1 50
.. *1p red, pl. 108	1 50
1865, *3p rose	2 45
.. *4p vermilion, pl. 8	2 45
.. *6p lilac, pl. 5	2 45
1872-74, 6p buff, pl. 12	1 40
1876, *2½p claret, pl. 11	2 50
1880, *2½p blue, pl. 21	1 75
1883-84, 1 pound violet, small hole	1 50

British Levant

1893, 40pa on ½p vermilion	17 50

Are You a Stamp Collector.

If not you should start a collection at once. There is no pastime for one's leisure hours which compares with it in interest and permanent value. It matters not what one's business or one's age may be, one who engages in the collection of stamps will find in it just the measure of relaxation from the more serious business of life which one's nature craves. It is something which makes a strong demand upon the attention and by its means the business man, who desires at the close of his day's labor to throw off all his cares that he may attain needed rest, finds himself able to do all he wishes and forget the day's turmoil and all its disturbances, both great and small. Many a business man who has had his interest arroused through seeing his children playing with stamps has taken the collection from them and enlarged and beautified it far beyond any idea which his children had in making it. There is no city in the land where there is more active, earnest business life of all sorts than New York; and there is also none wherein there is so large a proportion of these same men engaged in stamp collecting. Some suppose that the main business in stamps is done with the young, but any one who visits the offices of New York dealers will soon satisfy himself that the greatest number of their customers are grown people.

The time was when many of these customers would pretend that they were buying for their children, but so many men of first rank in business and society are now known to be stamp collectors that such pretence has passed away.

The best thing about stamp collecting is that it is within the reach of all.

A very little money will procure a good representative collection, showing different stamps from all parts of the world, and if one desires to spend considerable upon it, one can do so without difficulty, and be sure at the same time that one will lose nothing by it. The strange thing about a collection of stamps is that if it is made with any reasonable care it never declines in value. Good stamps are always increasing in value, and if one takes the pains to buy many of those not in use, one soon finds one's collection worth much more than it cost.

A great many parents, ladies particularly, are coming to appreciate one thing in stamp collecting which is of inestimable value. This is the perfect

Greece

1860-61, 1 lept dark brown, Senf No. 1a 2 80
.. 1 lept dark red-brown, Senf No. 1b 3 75
.. 10 lept orange 3 50
.. *1 lept pale pink-brown, Senf No. 11c 1 50
1875, 60 lept green, No. 47 1 05
1862-76, 10 lept orange, Tchak. No. 815 1 25
.. 10 lept orange, Tchak. No. 816 1 50
.. 20 lept ultramarine, Tchak. No. 818 1 50
Unpaid, 1878, *200 lept green and black, : : 10½ 1 05

Hamburg

1866, 1½s rose 1 25

Hayti

1881, 20c red-brown 1 75
1886, 7c dark blue, : : 16 3 50
.. 20c red-brown, : : 16 1 40
.. 5c yellow green, : : 14 1 75
.. 7o dark blue, : : 14 1 40

Heligoland.

1871-73, ½s green and rose, No. 6 3 50
1879, *1m green, rose and black, No. 35 7 00

Iceland.

Official, 1873, *8s mauve 2 10

India.

1866, 6a lilac, No. 32 1 05
Official, 1866, 8p lilac, wmkd. 1 00

Bhopal.

1888-84, *¼a green, "ANAWAB" 1 50

Jummoo.

1870, *½a light ultramarine 1 75
.. *½a deep ultramarine 1 75
.. *1a black 2 45
.. *1a ultramarine 3 50
.. *1a carmine-red 1 60
1874, *1a sage green 3 50

Gwalior.

1885, *1a brown 1 25
.. *2a blue 1 05

Italy

1851, *20c blue 1 75

Japan

1875, *½s slate, pl. 4, o.g., 3 50

Malta

1863-64, *½p golden yellow, ribbed 5 00

Mauritius

1878, 2r50c on 5sh mauve 1 25

Mexico

1872, 50c yellow, No. 147 1 40
1879, 100c black, No. 241 1 40
1884, 1p blue, wove 1 75

sympathy which is established by means of it between parents and children. A parent cannot make a greater mistake, when his child shows an interest in so instructive and elevating a pursuit as stamp collecting, than in pooh poohing or making fun of it, causing the child to do his collecting secretly or in fear of parental displeasure, when it should have an encouragement and help in it which would make it a thing of permanent value to him all through life.

We say to all such, make a trial of this pastime for yourself or for someone who you believe would be interested or helped by it, and you will understand far better than words can reveal it the exceeding great interest and value from innumerable points of view which attach to a thoughful gathering together of the stamps of all nations.—*Stamps.*

Publications Received

As space is limited, I can give here only titles and numbers. The whole No. is given where known, otherwise the vol. and No. separated by colon. Frequency of issue is stated when papers are issued oftener or less often than once a month.

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Philatelic Californian, 3 : 8.
Philatelic Literature, 1.
Philatelic West, 2 : 5.
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Post Office, 67.
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Stamps, 1.

Netherlands

1852, *15c orange, o. g. 3 50

New Caledonia

1881-84, 25c on 35c, blk on yellow 2 10

Newfoundland

1857, *1p violet-brown 3 50
.. *3p green, o. g. 1 05
.. *5p violet 7 00
.. *5p violet-brown, o. g. 1 40
1863, *6 ½p lake, o. g. 2 45
.. *8p lake, o. g. 2 80
.. *1sh lake, o. g. 1 75
1866, 10c black 1 05
1866, 13c orange, used or unused 1 25
1867-73, *1c lilac, o. g. 1 75
.. *1c violet brown 1 50
1867-73, 5c black, perfs gone at one side 2 50
1876, *1c violet-brown, o. g., 1 40
.. 2c green 1 05

New South Wales

1885, 10sh carmine and violet, No. 124 5 25
1888-89, 5sh violet, No. 131 2 80
Registration, 1853, red and blue creased 3 50
Registration, 1860, red and blue 1 40
"o. s.," 1880-86, *5p dark green, o. g., 7 00
.. 1880-90, 5sh lilac 1 05
.. 1889-95, 5sh violet, o. g. 1 75
Wrapper, 1864, 1p red, No. 601, cut square 2 80
Off. Reg. Envelopes, 1889-93, 6p mauve, No. 751, cut square 1 75
Same, 6p carmine, No. 754, cut sq. 1 40

Norway

1863-66, 3s lilac 1 25

Nova Scotia

1851-53, 3p blue 1 05
1860-64, 10c vermilion 1 40

Persia

1868, 4s blue 2 50
.. 8s vermilion, cut close 2 00
.. 5k gold 3 50
.. 5k violet-bronze 8 40
1881, 25c green, lith. 1 05

NOTE.—Nos. after this note are from Scott's 56th catalogue.

Arequipa

1883, *25c red and black, No. 4 1 75
.. *10c blue, No 30 2 50

Cuzco

1882-83, *10c red, No. 9 2 00
1884, *5c olive, No. 12 2 00

Pasco

1884, *5c ultramarine and red 1 25

Stamps on Approval

I make a specialty of sending out stamps on approval. Have you tried my approval lots? *They are not like others.* I would respectfully direct your attention to the following special features:

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Prices.—When a stamp is listed in Scott's Standard Catalogue, and a quotation given which is near the mark, I use that catalogue. Sometimes I use others; sometimes none. On the average my prices are as low as any.

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Class A contains stamps for beginners, from 1c to 15c each, at 40 per cent. discount. I cannot send approval lots to minors without guarantee from parents or guardian.

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Class C contains stamps for the advanced collector, from $1.35 to $5.00 each, at 25 per cent. discount. A deposit of $5.00 to $10.00 is required.

Portugal

1867-70, 240r violet	2 45
1871-75, *150r blue	1 40
" 240r violet	4 90

Prince Edward Island

1868, 4p black	1 40
1872, 1c orange, on cover	3 50
" 1c orange and 2c blue, on cover	11 50
1872, 3c rose	1 75
" 3c rose, on cover	2 50
" 3c rose, variety PRINCE EDWARD	5 00
" 4c green, on cover	8 00
" 6c black, on cover	5 00

Queensland

1875-81, 2sh 6p vermilion, pen-marked	2 00
" 5sh orange-brown, pen-marked	1 75
1872, 1p lilac, No 139	1 25

Roumania

1858, 40pa blue, bluish p	3 00
" 40pa blue, white p, cut close	1 25
" 80pa red, " "	2 50
1862, *3pa lemon, tete beche, o. g.	2 00
" *6pa carmine, " "	1 00
" *30pa blue, " "	1 00
1868-70, *18b rose	1 50
1871, *15b carmine, o. g.	1 25
" *50b blue and red, o. g.	6 00
" 10b yellow, laid, very rare	15 00
" *10b ultramarine, laid, rare	10 00
1876-78, *5b blue, error, reprint	3 75
" *5b rose, error, very rare	35 00
" 5b rose, error, used, excessively rare	50 00

Russian Levant

1866, (20k) blue and red	2 25
1879, 7k on 10k, No. 24	1 25
" 7k on 10k, No. 25	1 25

Saxony

1855-56, 10n.g. blue, very small piece gone at bottom	2 50

Servia

1866, *1pa green on rose, o.g.	1 25
" *10pa orange, :: 12	2 50
" 10pa " :: 12	3 75
" 40pa blue, :: 12	1 50
" *10pa orange, pelure paper, o.g.	1 50

South African Republic

1871-75, *6p blue, No. 17, o.g.	3 00
" 1p red, No. 20	3 75
1877, 3p violet, No. 29	7 50

Class D contains rarities worth over $5.00 each, uncatalogued varieties, and special books made up on request, *at net prices.* A deposit of $5.00 to $10.00 is required.

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References.— Bank or commercial references are required from all except members of the American Philatelic Association and Canadian or Dominion Philatelic Association. *When sending references, send 6 cents to pay for correspondence.* Postal cards not noticed.

Rules.— Books must not be kept more than five days, exclusive of time occupied in transit. *I pay the postage one way only.* Except in Class A, *approval lots must be returned in registered envelope.* I cannot be responsible for letters lost in the mails. *No discount is allowed on purchases under 50 cents in Class A, under $1.00 in Class B or under $2.00 in Class C.*

The above rules must not, under any circumstances be departed from.

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT,
Oak Hill, Charlotte County,
New Brunswick, Canada.

British Colonials, Orientals and other good stamps, catalogued at not less than 5 cents each, will be bought in small or large lots for cash, if submitted for inspection, and at a reasonable price, or good exchange will be given.

Bargains in Postal Cards

The unused Postal Cards and Letter Cards offered at half price in the last number of this paper are nearly all in stock, and the offer will hold good.

The following countries, however, are sold out: Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Curacao, Dan W., Indies, Dominica, Ecuador, Greece, Honduras, Iceland, Liberia, Nicaragua, St. Christopher, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Sierra Leone, South Australia, Uruguay, Venezuela and Virgin Islands.

South Bulgaria

1885, 5pa black and olive, No. 8. 2 25
.. 10pa black and green, No. 10. 3 00
.. 5pa rose and blue, No. 23, o. g. 2 50
.. *5pa violet, No. 24, o. g. 1 50
.. 10pa green, No. 25, o. g. 1 50
.. *20pa carmine, No. 26, o. g. 2 00
.. *1pia black and blue, No. 27, o. g. 1 50

Perak

1883, *1c on 2c rose, Gibbons No. 58, o. g. 1 50

Sungei Ujong

1881-83, *2c brown, No. 11, o. g. 1 50

Swazieland

1889-90, *2sh 6p yellow, o. g. 3 75

Switzerland

1850, *10r yellow, No. 23. 2 00

Turkey

1863, *20pa yellow, tete beche, o.g. 2 00
.. *1pia slate, thick p, tete beche, o. g. 2 00
1867, 5 pia rose 1 50
.. 25pia vermillion, very rare 25 00
1869, 25pia dull rose 5 00
.. *10pa lilac, imp., o.g. 1 50
1871, *2pia red, imp. vert., o.g. 2 00
.. 25pia dull rose, not well centred 2 50
1874-75, 10pa violet, imp. 1 25
1876, 25pia claret and pink 2 75
1880-84, 1 piastres, black and blue, im., 1 50
1884-86, *5pa lilac 1 00
1886, 5pa, lilac, : : 13½ 2 00
1888-90, *5pa green and yellow, imp., o. g. 2 50
1888-90, 25pia red and yellow 3 00
Imprimes, 1879, 10pa black and rose-lilac 2 50
Imprimes. 1879, 20pa plum & green 1 25
.. .. 5pia red and blue 3 00
Unpaid. 1863, *1pia brown, o. g. 1 00
.. .. *2pia red-brown 1 00
.. 1865, 25pia brown 2 50
.. 1870, 2pia yellow-brown No. 321 2 00
.. .. 25pia, yellow-brown, No. 327, not well centred 25 00
.. 1892, *20pa blk, imp., o.g. 1 00
.. .. *1pia 1 25
.. .. 2pia black, imp. 1 00

Constantinople

1865, *5pa blue, o. g. 1 25
1874-75, 10pa violet, imp., blue surcharge 3 50
1876-78, 10pa violet, No. 716 1 00

Turks Islands

1882-84, 4p gray 1 00

Zululand

1894-95. 6p mauve and black, No. 19 1 25

Cheap Sets

An economical and very satisfactory way to increase your collection is to buy stamps in sets. Sets look well in an album, and increase the value of a collection.

The following list of remarkably cheap sets has been very carefully prepared. Not only are all the stamps in each set different, but every stamp is different from every other stamp in the whole series, and those who purchase the whole list will not have a duplicate.

All stamps contained in these sets are warranted to be genuine originals and in fine condition. Sets marked * contain nnused stamps. Orders under 25 cents respectfully declined. Order by number. *Postage extra.* Prices subject to change without notice.

No.		Number in set.	Price
1	Argentine	15	$0 20
2	Austria, 1890, 1kr-50kr	11	15
3	*Baden, 1863-68, 1kr-30kr	6	40
4	*Bavaria, 1870, 1kr-18kr	6	15
5	Belgium, postal packet	12	25
6	Bolivia, 1887	4	12
7	" 1894, 1c-100c	7	45
8	Bosnia, 1n-25n	7	15
9	Brazil	20	25
10	Bulgaria	15	40
11	Canada	15	25
12	Cape of Good Hope, ½p-5sh	10	25
13	Ceylon	10	30
14	Chili, 1878-86, 1c-50c	7	15
15	Colombia	10	15
16	Bolivar, 1879	4	50
17	" 1880	4	50
18	" 1883	4	50
19	" 1885	4	50
20	*Cook Islands, 1893-94	4	1 00
21	Costa Rica	10	30
22	*Guanacaste, 1889, 1c-1p	7	75
23	*Cuba, 1857-83	30	75
24	Denmark	25	25
25	Dominican Repub. 1879	4	75
26	" " 1880 1c-1p	9	1 25
27	Dutch Indies	14	35
28	Ecuador	12	25
29	Finland, incl. two 1m	15	25
30	*French Colonies, 1859-65	6	90
31	Gambia, ½p-6p	6	50
32	*Thurn and Taxis, incl. 15 & 30s gr, 5 & 10kr	20	1 00
33	Gold Coast, ½p-1sh	8	60
34	Great Britain, 1887-90	11	12
35	Greece	25	45
36	Grenada, unpaid	3	30
37	*Guatemala, 1871	4	60
38	* " 1875	4	25
39	* " 1878	4	50
40	* " 1881 prov.	4	1 00
41	" 1882	5	20
42	* " 1896 prov.	5	50
43	Hungary, 1888, 1kr-3fl	9	20
44	Iceland	10	50
45	India	20	30
46	*Bamra, 1890-91, ½a-4a	7	1 00
47	*Faridkot, 1f and 1p	16	50
48	* " ½a	8	50
49	*Jhind, 1882-84, imp	6	1 50
50	*Jummoo Kashmir, off.	6	90
51	*Nowanuggur, 1880-88	4	12
52	* " 1893	3	6
53	*Pountch, ¼a-4a	5	50
54	* " official, ¼a-4a	5	50
55	*Sirmoor, 1894, 3p-2a	4	20
56	*Soruth, 1890-91, 1a & 4a	4	10
57	*Travancore, 1888	3	25
58	Italy, Newspaper, 1878	8	20
59	" Unpaid, 1c-10l	12	30
60	" " 1890, prov.	3	15
61	Jamaica	10	20
62	Japan	15	12
63	Labuan, 1894, lith.	7	75
64	" 1894, 1c-24c	9	75
65	Liberia, 1880, 1c-24c	5	90
66	Luxemburg	15	20
67	Mexico	25	40
68	Montenegro, 1874-94, 1n-50n	11	1 00
69	Montenegro, Jubilee	7	90
70	Natal, ½p to 1sh	8	40
71	*New Brunswick, 1c-17c	6	1 25
72	Newfoundland	8	20
72a	*New South Wales, 1888-92	7	15
73	*New South Wales, off., 1880-90, 3p-1sh	6	1 90
74	*New South Wales, off., 1889-95, ½p-1sh	5	1 15
75	North Borneo, 1887-92	9	30
76	" 1893	9	75
77	Norway	25	40
78	Paraguay, 1892, 1c-30c	8	60
79	" Official, 1890	4	1 00
80	" " 1892	6	75
81	Perak, 1892, 1c-5c	3	15
82	Persia	15	50

83	Peru	10	20
83a	Porto Rico	25	40
84	Portugal	25	40
85	*Prince Edward Island	8	1 25
86	Prussia, 1861	5	50
87	Queensland, 1p-1sh	7	15
88	*Romagna, ½b-5b	5	75
89	*Roumania, 1865	3	40
90	* " 1866	3	50
91	" "	25	20
92	Russia	20	25
93	St. Lucia, ½p-4p	5	30
94	Samoa, 1887-92	8	50
95	Sarawak, 1872-75	5	75
96	*Saxony, 1863	6	50
97	Servia	14	30
98	*Shanghai, 1893, ½c-20c	7	75
99	* " Unpaid	7	75
100	Selangor, 1892, 1c-5c	3	15
101	South African Republic, 1885-87	9	75
101a	South Australia, ½p-6p	7	15
102	Spain	50	50
103	Sweden	50	45
104	*Switzerland, 1862-81	10	20
105	" 1882-89	12	15
106	" Unpd. 1878	9	40
107	" '84-90	7	20
108	Tonga, 1886	4	45
109	Trinidad, ½p-4p	4	12
110	*Turkey, 1867	8	50
111	*Two Sicilies, 1861	6	60
112	United States, 1850-93	30	30
113	Uruguay	16	30
114	Wurtemburg, official	7	12

This Stamp Gratis

With every number of this paper will be given away a British Colonial stamp worth 5 cents. If you are a subscriber, you will find the stamp pasted on the square below this paragraph.



Correspondents in Africa, Asia, Australia, South America and the West Indies are requested to send me stamps to the value of $1.00 or $2.00 of any new or provisional issues that may appear, and I will remit the amount by return mail, with 10 per cent. cash commission for ordinary issues and 20 per cent. cash commission for provisionals, if the stamps are sent within 30 days after their appearance.

Black List

The following parties have kept approval lots six months or over, and either take no notice of my requests for settlement or refuse to give satisfaction. Their names will appear in this list from time to time, until settlement is made. Dealers and collectors having had unsatisfactory dealings with them are requested to communicate with the publisher of this paper.

Chas. L. Wilcox, Hastings, Minn.
Dec. 6, 1895.—$15.35.

Harold E. Stewart, 115 E. Boulder St., Colorado Springs, Colo.
Feb. 5, 1896.—$8.23.

Arthur A. Taylor, 350 Columbus Ave., New York, N. Y.
Feb. 7, 1896.—$14.42.

Richard Goerke, 3631 Robert Ave. St. Louis, Mo.
Feb. 8, 1896.—$18.01.

A. B. Frantz, Lebanon Stove Works, Lebanon, Pa.
Mar. 10, 1896.—$7.91.

Geo. H. Warwick, 2312 Park Ave. Kansas City, Mo.
April 24, 1896.—$74.36.

Important Notice

The following parties have kept approval lots three months or over. The initials only are now given, but if settlement is not made in the meantime, the full names will be added to the Black List in next issue of this paper.

C. S. L., Rochester, N. Y.—$10.26; J. M. C., E. Pittsburgh, Pa.—$14.74; C. H., Waterport, N. Y.,—$3.01; W. C. W., Washington, Ind.—$5.62; S. R. H., Bay City, Mich.—$8.36; A. S. S., Corvallis, Oregon, $6.06.

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Those who find a pencil mark opposite this paragraph are reminded that they have kept approval lots one month or over, and they are requested to make immediate returns.

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The Philatelic Messenger

VOL. I April 1st, 1897. No. 3.

The Philatelic Messenger is published quarterly, and contains reading matter and advertisements of interest to stamp collectors. It will be sent regularly for one year to any address in Canada or United States upon receipt of 12 cents, in current unused stamps. A stamp catalogued at 5 cents or more is given away with every number.

CHRONICLE

Of Newly Issued British Colonial Adhesives.

Gleaned from the stamp papers for January, February and March. Type References are to Scott's 1897 catalogue. The color of surcharge is printed in Italics.

British Central Africa.—The £1 stamp has been printed in blue and surcharged "1 shilling" in red.

1s on £1, blue, *red.*

Stamps of 2s and 10s have been added to current series.

2s, black, green and rose.
10s, green, carmine and rose.

The colors of some of the series have been changed.

2s 6p, brown, violet and yellow.
3s, green, lilac and blue.
4s, red, blue and green.
5s, red and green.
£1, black and blue.

British East Africa.—Several of the Zanzibar stamps have been surcharged "British—East—Africa" in 3 lines.

½a, green and red, *black.*
2a, chocolate, "
4½a, orange, "
5a, olive-brown, "
7½a, mauve, "

The 1a and 3a have received the same surcharge with an additional "2½" in brown.

2½ on 1a, dark blue and red, *black and brown.*
2½ on 3a, gray and red, *black and brown.*

British South Africa.—The following values of current set have been re-engraved.

½p, olive-black and violet.
1p, scarlet and emerald.
2p, gray-brown and mauve.
3p, brown-red and ultramarine.
4p, ultramarine and mauve.
6p, purple and pink.
8p, olive-green and violet on buff.
£1, black and red-brown on green.

Cape of Good Hope.—The ½p stamp has appeared in a new color. Wmkd. and perf. as before.

½p, green.

Cochin.—The 1 puttau stamp has been re-engraved, and is now of larger size. Perf. 12.

1 puttau, mauve.

Deccan.—The current ½a has appeared in a new shade.

½a, vermilion.

Fiji.—The current 1p, 2p and 2½p stamps, types A16 and A21, are chronicled with perf. 11 all around.

1p, black, perf 11.
2p, green, "
2½p, brown, "

Negri Sembilan.—The following values have been issued in the new type, wmk., crown and cc.

2d, green and carmine.
3d, " " olive.
10d, " " violet.
25d, " " yellow.

Pahang.—Additional values in the new type. The 25c. is watermarked, crown and ca, the others crown and cc.

25a, green and carmine.
2d, " "
3d, " " olive.
10d, " " violet.
25d, " " yellow.

Perak.—The current 5c has been surcharged "service.

Official.

5c, lilac and yellow, *black.*

St. Helena.—The ½p stamp of new series has appeared.

½p, green.

Samoa.—The color of the 2½p stamp has been changed.

2½p, brown.

South Australia.—The current ½p, with narrow "o.s." surcharge, is chronicled with perf. 10. The 2½p has been surcharged for official use.

Official.

½p, brown, perf 10.
2½p, violet-blue, perf 13.

Sungei Ujong.—Additional values in the new type. Wmk. of 25c is ca : of the rest, cc.

25c, green and carmine.
2d, " " "
3d, " " olive.
10d, " " violet.
26d, " " yellow.

Tobago.—The 4d revenue stamp has been surcharged "½d" and "POSTAGE." It is said only 2000 were so treated.

½p on 4p, lilac and pink, *black*.

Uganda.—Some type-written labels come from this country, and seem to have been used principally between the mission stations. The upper corners of a rectangle of dashes contain the letters "U." and "G.", while the centre contains the numerals of value. Lately the service has been taken over by the military representatives of Great Britain, and the stamps now have "V. 96. R." at the top and "UGANDA" at bottom.

First Type.

5 (cowries), black.
10 " "
20 " "
30 " "
40 " "
50 " "
60 " "
10 " violet.
20 " "
50 " "
100 " "

Second Type.

20 (cowries), violet.
100 " "

Zanzibar.—The *permanent* issue of this sultanate bears a portrait of his dusky majesty in an oval, with palm-trees and Arabic inscriptions at sides, and crossed flags, in red, above. The rupee values are larger, and without flags. There is a ground of red lines between the stamps. Perf. 13½.

½a, yellow-green and red.
1a, dark blue and red.
2a, red-brown "
2½a, ultramarine and red.
3a, gray and red.
4a, green-black and red.
4½a, orange and red.
5a, bistre and red.
7½a, purple and red.
8a, bronze "
1r, ultramarine.
2r, deep green.

The 1a 6p of India has been surcharged "Zanzibar" in black and "2½" in red.

2½a on 1a 6p, brown, *black and red*.

The new 1a and 4a stamps have been surcharged "2½" in red.

2½a on 1a, dark blue, *red*.
2½a on 4a, green-black, *red*.

Of all methods of purchasing stamps the cheapest and most satisfactory is to buy them in sets. A collection which consists of complete sets is pleasant to look at and will command a better price when you want to sell it.

The best countries to collect now are South and Central America and Oriental. These stamps are underpriced and nine collectors out of ten cannot afford to buy the stamps that are over-priced.

Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son have compressed a great deal of useful information into a small space in the little pamphlet which describes the contents of their 'Rowland Hill' packet. This is a hint that other dealers might profit by. A pamphlet descriptive of the New Mekeel $30 packet, for example, would be a very storehouse of knowledge.

Wholesale dealers are requested to send lists of sets to the publisher of this paper, as well as any special bargains they may have to offer from time to time.

It is a mistake to price stamps away above their value and then offer to sell them at 50 to 75 per cent. below catalogue. If the Scott catalogue is to maintain its position as the standard, it must lower instead of raising its prices in the next edition.

Publications Received.

Allegheny Philatelist, American Boys, Am. Collector, Am. Stamp, Bristol Co. Philatelist, Columbian Philatelist, Eastern Philatelist, Evergreen State Philatelist, Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, Halifax Phil. Magazine, Herald-Exchange, Home-Worker, International Philatelist, Internat. Stamp, Lone Star State Philatelist, Michigan Philatelist, Monthly Observer, New York Philatelist, Official Bulletin Tex. Phil. Ass., Omaha Philatelist, Ontario Philatelist, Our Philatelia, Pennsylvania Philatelist, Perforator, Philatelic Advocate, Phil. Californian, Phil. Canadian, Phil. Journal of G. B., Phil. Literature, Phil. Literature Collector, Phil. Literaturist, Phil. Monthly, Phil. News-letter, Phil. Tribune, Phil. West, Post, Stamp Lore, Texan Philatelist, Young Collector, Welt-Post.

We have received also the Annual Report of the Birmingham Philatelic Society; Edwards' Philatelic Press List, No. 4; a pamphlet descriptive of Alfred Smith & Son's "Rowland Hill" Packet; and new wholesale lists of G. B. Calman, Wm. v.d. Wettern, jun., and R. R. Brown.

The telegraph stamps of Canada are little known. The C. P. R. Company's stamp contains a map of North America, in a circle around which are the words "Canadian Pacific Railway" above and "Telegraph" below. Half of the date is at each side of the map. At the top is the word "Frank" and the number (in red.) At the bottom is the manager's signature and the word "Complimentary." There are nine varieties, all printed in black, the date being the only point of difference. The first stamp was issued in 1887, the next in 1889, and one each year from that date.

The Mekeel Co. recently obtained a copy of the Canada 3c on laid paper, on the original cover. The postmark was dated Aug. 31, 1868.

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT'S

Quarterly Price List

Of Postage Stamps for Collections.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Which Should be Carefully Read Before Ordering from this List.

(This List annuls all previous quotations.)

Terms: Net cash in advance. NO DISCOUNT WHATEVER. Remittance must in every case accompany order, together with sufficient for return postage if order amounts to less than $2.00.

I pay registration on orders amounting to $5.00 or over. I cannot, however, under any circumstances, be responsible for letters lost in transit.

Remittances should be made by Post Office Order, American Express Order, or Bank Notes at current rates of exchange. Private cheques will not be accepted.

Fractions of a dollar may be remitted in current unused stamps of any country. Values not commonly used are preferred.

Money orders should be made payable at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, or Calais, Maine.

Every communication should bear the sender's address in full, to avoid all possibility of mistake.

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The Philatelic Messenger.

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ADVERTISING RATES.—Eighth column, ten lines nonpareil, 50 cents; quarter column, 90 cents; half column, $1.70; one column, $3.30; one page, $6.50. Two insertions, 10 per cent. discount; three insertions, 15 per cent. discount; four insertions, 20 per cent. discount. Advertisements must be paid for in advance.

REMITTANCES.—Unused current stamps of any country are taken in payment for subscriptions and advertisements to the amount of $1.00. Larger amounts may be remitted in bank notes at current rates of exchange, or by post office order payable at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, or Calais, Maine.

Address all letters plainly to

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT,
Oak Hill, Charlotte County,
New Brunswick, Canada.

Circulation of this issue, 1500.

Notes.

On dit that the first postage album was published in 1863, by D. Appleton & Co. of New York.

Canada has six stamp papers besides the *Philatelic Messenger*. They are the Canadian Philatelic Magazine, Halifax Philatelic Magazine, Ontario Philatelist, Philatelic Advocate, Philatelic Canadian, and Stamp Lore. They are all good papers and seem to be flourishing.

The most complete collection of Tahiti stamps is said to be in San Francisco, and is worth $1100.

It is said that a large joint stock company may be established in Toronto for the purpose of dealing in stamps and philatelic supplies.

We are sorry to note that the Mekeel Co., of St. Louis, has become involved in difficulties, and a receiver has been appointed. It is thought that all creditors will ultimately be paid in full.

The Weekly Stamp News will be continued by Mr. I. A. Mekeel. As an advertising medium it leads them all.

A double strike, similar to that in the 5c, 1859, has been discovered, it seems, in the Canada 3d imperforate.

Mr. B. S. Ross, of Chicago, has exchanged his stock of stamps for a hotel at Hurley, Wisc.

We have received the February and March numbers of the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, and it is the most interesting of the English papers. The Review of Reviews alone is well worth the subscription price.

The 1863 issue of France was a commemorative one. The laurel wreath was added to the head of Napoleon because of his victories in Italy.

The prominent part taken by Greece just now in European affairs has increased the interest of collectors in the beautiful stamps of that country. Some varieties can be picked up now at small cost which before long will be almost unobtainable.

The G. N. W. Company's stamp was not issued until 1890, and there are now six varieties, the 1890 stamp being blue, the 1891 carmine, the 1892 olive-green, the 1893 chocolate, the 1894 dark green and the 1895 pale violet. The design, not so elaborate as that of the C. P. R. Company's stamp, is the same throughout.

Some may have thought it strange that the memorial issue of Japan should consist of four stamps and only two portraits. The explanation has been ventured that the post office department did not wish to honor one prince above another by engraving his picture on a stamp of a higher denomination.

In 1857 letter postage in Canada was pretty high. It varied with the distance. To 50 miles, 4d; to 150, 8d; to 300, 10d; to 400, 1s; to 500, 1s 5d; over 500, 1s, 6d. The shilling equalled 20 cents.

A German classification of collectors regards as serious collectors those whose collections are worth from $10,000 to $25,000, while all between that mark and beginners are only average collectors.

The Philatelic Monthly says that the bill providing for the loss of registered mail matter has received the president's signature.

We hear that Canada is to have a new 3c. stamp to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The design is in preparation.

The Philatelic Tribune claims to be the oldest Philatelic paper in America.

The Philatelic West is running a series of articles on Canadian revenues.

It is difficult to get sets of the new Belgium Packet stamps, as the old ones, of which there is a large stock on hand, are being used up first. So says a correspondent in Brussels.

The publisher of this paper can make use of large quantities of common Canadian stamps, except 1c and 3c, and those who have small or large lots to dispose of will do well to write for prices. Entire envelopes and wrappers are wanted also.

This Stamp Gratis.

With every number of this paper will be given away a stamp catalogued at 5 cents. If you are a subscriber, you will find the stamp pasted on the square below this paragraph.



The publisher of this paper proposes to make a specialty of cheap sets and the particular attention of collectors is invited to the extraordinary cheapness of the series he now advertises.

If any collector should receive more than one copy of this number he will confer a favor upon the publisher by sending it to some friend.

Matthew R. Knight's Quarterly Price List

New Issues, 1898

The following stamps are all unused. Orders under 25c respectfully declined. Postage extra.

Barbadoes, ½p gray and carmine	12
British South Africa, ½p	2
" " 1p	4
" " 2p	8
Bulgaria, Boris, 1s green	2
" unpaid, 5s	3
Cape of Good Hope, 2½p blue	10
Chamba, 1½a brown	6
2½a green	12
Cuba, 1c lilac-brown	2
2c claret	4
2½c rose	5
5c slate-blue	10
10c emerald-green	18
20c violet	35
Cyprus, 30pa mauve and green	5
½pia green and red	3
1pia rose and blue	6
2pia blue and maroon	12
4pia olive and purple	20
Falkland Islands, 2p red-lilac	10
Fiji Islands, 1p red-lilac	4
Gibraltar, 20c olive	10
Grenada, 1p lilac and carmine	4
Gwalior, 2½a green	12
Hayti, 2c brown-carmine	5
Italy, 1c dark brown	1
2c red-brown	2
10c carmine	5
Japan, 2s, No. 108	5
2s, No. 110	5
Johore, surcharged, 1c	2
" 2c	3
" 3c	2
" new type, 1c	3
" 2c	5
" 3c	6
" 4c	8
" 5c	8
" 6c	10
Peru, 1c ultramarine	2
2c Prussian blue	3
St. Helena, 1p carmine	4
2p yellow	8
2½p blue	10
5p violet	18
Servia, 1pa red	1
Sierra Leone, ½p	3
Shanghai, 4c on 15c yellow	5
Siam, 4a on 32a	5
Transvaal, ½p	2
" 1p	4
Trinidad, ½p lilac and green	3
" 1p lilac and carmine	4
" 2½p lilac and blue	10
Uruguay, Jubilee, 1c	3

Matthew R. Knight's Quarterly Price List

Single Unused Stamps.

Orders under 25c. respectfully declined. Postage extra. Read special notices on page 23. Nos. refer to Scott's 57th.

No.		Price.
67	Austria, 5kr	$0.04
68	" 10kr	8
103	Azores, 2½r	3
52	Barbadoes, ½p on 4p	14
108	British Guiana, 6c	15
113	" " 3c	10
143	" " 1c on 4d	15
46	Bulgaria, 1s on 2s	2
501	Ceylon, 12c rose, entire, size K	25
18	Cyprus, ½pi	4
14	Danish West Indies, 1c	3
13	Falkland Islands, 1p	4
803	French Levant, 2pi on 50c	15
26	Grenada, 1p	4
51	Gwalior, ½a	3
52	" 1a	6
73	Mauritius, 4c	4
88	" 15c	15
90	" 3c	3
10	New Brunswick, 17c	15
31	Newfoundland, 24c	35
338	New South Wales, ½p	3
16	Pahang, 3c	5
15	Santander, 5c	8
21	Sarawak, 1c on 3c	2
28	Selangor, 3c on 5a	6
18	Siam, 1a on 3a	8
68	Straits Settlements, 3c on 32c	6
37	Tasmania, 6p	30
239	U. S., 1c ult.	8
1178	U. S., 1c blue on fawn, entire	35
105	Uruguay, 1c	3

Crown Packets.

The following packets contain no locals, revenues, cards or telegraphs. They invite comparison with any other packets on the market:

No.		Price.
1	contains 100 varieties	$0.15
2	" 200 "	40
3	" 300 "	1.00
4	" 400 "	1.50
5	" 500 "	2.00
6	" 600 "	2.75
7	" 700 "	3.60
8	" 800 "	4.55
9	" 900 "	5.60
10	" 1000 "	6.75
11	" 1250 "	12.00
12	" 1500 "	17.50
13	" 1750 "	23.00
14	" 2000 "	30.00
15	" 100 " Br. Colonials	1.25
16	" 100 " Orientals	1.25

All packets are sent postpaid, and Nos. 11, 12, 13 and 14 postpaid and registered, in Canada and the United States. To other countries the postage is extra.

Stamps on Approval.

To responsible parties who are prepared to purchase at least $1.00 worth each time, I am always pleased to send stamps on approval, arranged according to countries, priced in general by Scott's 57th, and I allow a discount of 33⅓ to 50 per cent. References or deposit required. If you have not tried my approval lots, TRY THEM.

Black List

The following parties have kept approval lots six months or over, and either take no notice of my requests for settlement, or refuse to give satisfaction. Their names will appear in this list from time to time, until settlement is made. Dealers and collectors having had unsatisfactory dealings with them are requested to communicate with the publisher of this paper.

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Mar. 10, 1896.—$7.91.

Geo. H. Warwick, 2312 Park Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
April 24, 1896.—$74.36.

Correspondents in Africa, Asia, Australia, South America and the West Indies are requested to send me stamps to the value of $1.00 or $2.00 of any new or provisional issues that may appear, and I will remit the amount by return mail, with 10 per cent. cash commission for ordinary issues and 20 per cent. cash commission for provisionals, if the stamps are sent within 30 days after their appearance.

Matthew R. Knight's Quarterly Price-List

Wholesale Offers.

The following are some special lines on hand at present. Other offers will from time to time be sent *to dealers only* on application. For terms see special notices on page 23. Postage on entires is 3c extra per 10, without regard to amount of order. Nos. in brackets refer to Scott's 57th. *Unused.

Postage.	Per 10.	100
Canada, '59, 1c pink	60	
" " 5c vermillion	20	
" '68, 3c red	20	
" '69, 1c yellow, (51)	1.50	
" '82-90, ½c black	5	45
" " 2c green	2	10
" " 5c gray	4	30
" " 6c brown	10	
" " 10c carmine-red	12	
" '92, 8c, blue-gray	12	
" '95, 8c slate-black	5	30
" reg., 2c orange	12	
" " 5c green	8	60
" env., 3c. entire	10	75
" postcard, 1c blue (402)	10	75
Confederate States, '63, *10c dark blue	15	1.25
Greece, '62-71, 1 l brown (11)	50	4.00
" " 5 l green (17)	25	
" " 10 l orange (19)	25	
" " 20 l blue (21)	10	75
" '72-76, 5 l green (29)	30	
" " 20 l blue (31)	20	
" '76, *1 l brown (38)	20	
" " 1 l brown (38)	6	50
" " 5 l green (39)	50	
" " 10 l vermillion (41)	15	1.25
" " 20 l blue (42)	15	
" " 20 l ult. (43)	12	
" '77-80, 30 l brown (48)	40	
" '80-82, 1 l gray-brown (51)	8	60
" " 5 l green (53)	4	35
" " 10 l yellow (55)	4	35
" " 20 l rose (64)	3	20
" " 20 l carmine (65)	50	
Newfoundland, '80, 1c violet-brown	40	
" " 1c gray-brown	40	
" " 3c blue	30	
" '87, ½c red	30	
" " 1c green	12	1.10
" " 2c orange	18	1.75
" " 3c brown	20	
" " 5c blue	20	
" '90-95, ½c black	8	75
" " 3c slate	10	85
" " 6c deep pink	60	
U. S., '51-56, 3c	8	
" '55-60, 3c	5	
" '82, 6c red	35	
" '90-93, 3c purple	12	
" " 6c brown-red	35	
" " 8c lilac	30	
" " 15c dark blue	50	
" Columbian, 5c	18	
" " 8c	35	
" " 10c	20	
" '94, *1c ult	50	
" '94-'95, 8c puce	20	
" unpaid, 1c claret (722)	10	
" env., '75-'79, *1c brown on fawn (1178) entire	2.50	
Sarawak, '92, *1 on 3c (21)	25	
Selangor, '95, *3 on 5c	45	
Siam, '89-91, *1 on 3a	60	
Straits Settlement, '87-91, *3 on 32c, violet-rose	45	
Ceylon, Reg. env., 12c rose (501) entire, size K	2.00	

Revenues.

Canada Bill, '65, 3c	15	
" " '69, 1, 2, 3, 6, 9c eq. asst	5	45
" " '69, 3c	3	25
" " " 5c	15	
" " " 6c	4	30
" " " 9c	4	30
" " " 10c	6	50
" " " 20c	10	
" " " 30c	10	
" " " 50c	10	
Ontario Law, C. F., 10c	15	
" " " 20c	25	
" " " 30c	30	
" " " 50c	20	
" " F. F., 10c	15	
" " " 30c	20	
" " L. S., 50c	40	
U. S., 1st issue, 2c Bank Check blue	5	35
" 2c, Bank Check, orange	8	
" 2c, Express, blue	25	
" 2c, U. S. I. R., orange	3	20
" 5th issue, 2c blue	4	30

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Cheap Sets.

This list has been carefully revised. Every set is now in stock. Comparison is invited with prices of other dealers. Orders under 25c respectfully declined. Postage extra. Read special notices on page 28.

*Unused.

15 Argentine '80-'95 .15
4 Austria, '91, 30-50kr .8
10 Austria, '90, 1-50kr .30
*6 Bavaria, '70-75, 1-18kr .20
*3 Belgium Brussels exh. 5, 10, 40c .9
12 Belgium, packet, '79-94 .35
6 " " '95 .10
7 Bolivia, '94, 1-100c .5
8 Bosnia, 1-25n .12
20 Brazil .75
9 Bulgaria, '82-'88, 1-50s .15
10 " '84, 1s-1l .3
12 Canada, '50-'93, inc. reg. .45
11 " '70-'95, ½-50c 1.75
9 Cape of Good Hope, '81-91, ½p-1s .25
10 Ceylon .10
6 Congo, '94-'95, 2-50c .7
3 Constantinople .3
*5 Cuba, '96, ½-4m .95
*6 " '96, 1-20c .60
25 Denmark .25
14 Dutch Indies, '70-89 .30
8 Egypt .8
8 Gold Coast, ½p-1s .50
*4 Greece, Olympian games .10
15 Greece, '62-82 .25
*5 Guanacaste, '89, 1-20c .25
5 Guanacaste, '90, small surch. .20
4 " '90, large " .10
*2 Honduras, '65 .5
8 Hungary, '88, 1kr-1l .6
10 Iceland .50
20 India .20
13 Italy, '63-67 .15
15 Japan .12
*6 Johore, '95, 1-6c .30
7 Labuan, '94, 2-40c .15
15 Luxemburg .20
8 Newfoundland .20
*8 " '87-'95, ½-12c .40
9 North Borneo, '87-'92 .25
*3 Nowanuggur, '93 .08
*4 Nowanuggur, '80-'89 .15
*3 Paraguay, '84 .10
3 Peru, '95, 1, 2, 5c .10
5 Peru, unpaid, surcharged triangle, 1-50c .50
*4 Philippines, '96, ½c, 1, 2, 5m .65
*5 Poonch, ½-4a .30
*4 Porto Rico, '96, ½-4m .04
8 Queensland, '82-'04, ½p-1s .20
25 Roumania .20
*5 Saxony, '63, arms .07
6 Servia, '81, 5p-1d .12
*4 Sirmoor, '94, ½p-2a .20
*9 Switzerland, '81 .8
7 Switzerland, unpaid, 5-40c .20
4 Trinidad, '80-'94 .12
6 U. S., Columbian, 1-10c .25

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The Philatelic Messenger

VOL. I July 1st, 1897. No. 4.

The Philatelic Messenger is published quarterly, and contains reading matter and advertisements of interest to stamp collectors. It will be sent regularly for one year to any address in Canada or United States upon receipt of 12 cents, in current unused stamps. A stamp catalogued at 5 cents or more is given away with every number.

Notice.

With this number closes the first volume of the Philatelic Messenger. With the next issue, to appear October 1st, it will be changed to a monthly. The subscription price will be 25 cents a year; and no stamps will be given with the paper. Advertisers should engage space in the October number as soon as possible. Terms will be found on page 32.

Our Jubilee Stamps.

(By the Editor.)

No one can find fault with the Postmaster General for issuing a set of stamps to express the loyal devotion which we cherish to our beloved Sovereign and to celebrate the unexampled length and prosperity of her reign. Canada has been using the same stamps now for twenty-seven years, while other countries have been issuing new sets almost yearly. It is time for us to have some new stamps, and no time could be more opportune than the present joyful occasion.

The stamps themselves are beautiful to look at, and will add very much to the attractiveness of the many albums in which they will be placed. The colors are well chosen, but not sufficiently varied, considering the vast field of color-shades to be drawn upon.

But while the idea of the Postmaster General, if it originated with him, is a good one, and the stamps themselves are satisfactory, the manner in which they have been sold to the public is open to the severest criticism.

In the first place, there was no excuse for the issue of the $2, $3, $4 and $5 values. The postal service does not require them, and their issue was a transparent and petty artifice to draw money from the pockets of wealthy stamp collectors.

But this pleasant little artifice of the P. G. has defeated itself. He could never have consulted with philatelists or he would not have supposed that there were only 25,000 stamp collectors in the world. By a little enquiry he might have elicited the fact that where one set would sell at $16.22, a hundred would sell at $2.15, the face value of a complete set of the Newfoundland jubilee issue. The P. G. of Newfoundland knew what he was about, as the sales will prove.

Let us see what the P. G. of Canada expects to realize from his little game.

150,000	½c.	$750 00
8,000,000	1c.	80,000 00
2,500,000	2c.	50,000 00
20,000,000	3c.	600,000 00
750,000	5c.	37,500 00
200,000	8c.	16,000 00
150,000	10c.	15,000 00
100,000	15c.	15,000 00
100,000	20c.	20,000 00
100,000	50c.	50,000 00
25,000	$1.00	25,000 00
25,000	2.00	50,000 00
25,000	3.00	75,000 00
25,000	4.00	100,000 00
25,000	5.00	125,000 00
		$1,259,250 00

Now if the P. G. had consulted the veriest tyro in philately, he would have assured him that 500,000 sets at say $5.00 would sell more easily than 25,000 at $16.00.

Suppose the P. G. had issued 16 stamps of the following values: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75c. and $1.00. The set would cost $3.83.

Suppose he had issued 500,000 of these sets, and the needed supply of 1, 2, 3 and 5c. besides. He would have as follows :

500,000 sets at $3.83,	1,915,000 00
8,000,000 1c.	80,000 00
2,500,000 2c.	50,000 00
20,000,000 3c.	600,000 00
750,000 5c.	37,500 00
	$2,682,000 00

Instead of $1,259,250, the sale of the stamps would bring in $2,682,000, the people would be better pleased, the treasury bags would be considerably heavier, the government would be clear from the reproach of foisting high value stamps upon the public, the P. G. would sit more securely in his easy chair, and a disgraceful page of Canadian history would be unwritten.

But now that the stamps have been issued in certain given numbers and in the P. G.'s peculiar way, *where are they?* That is what a great many want to know and that is a question that *must be answered.* I know where some of them are. I had a letter from a postmaster's son at a small office in Quebec, asking me what I would give for 45 8c. jubilee stamps. I had a letter from an office in P. E. Island, asking my prices for ½, 6 and 8c. jubilee stamps. Collectors in the principal cities of the Dominion have seen whole sheets of ½c. stamps in the possession of post office employees. These little incidents may give one some idea where the stamps are.

I also have a pretty good idea where the stamps are not. A prominent Toronto dealer laid $100.00 on the stamp counter the first day of sale, and was tendered two specimens of the ½c. and 6c. stamps. At Montreal, Toronto, St. John, Halifax and all the principal cities, not more than two specimens of the ½, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c. stamps were sold to the same person, that is, of course, outside of the post office staff. I have it on good authority that there is not a stamp dealer in Canada who has 100 of the ½c. value, unless he happens to be a post office employee also. The stamps are not in the dealers' stock books then, for they have not been able to get them. I wrote to Fredericton the other day for a few 10, 15, 20 and 50c. stamps and the postmaster returned the money, and said they could be supplied only in complete sets. One meets with the same reception at nearly every office. What were the stamps made for if not to be sold to the public as the public wants them? What would be thought of a furniture store where one could not purchase a table or a chair, but must take a whole set? The thing is ridiculous.

If all the post offices had been supplied with some of every value, there would not be so much to complain of. But numbers of offices in this county of Charlotte applied again and again when the stamps were first issued, for ½, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c. stamps, and received none but 1, 2, 3 and 5c. The postmaster at St. Stephen, one of the most important offices in New Brunswick, informs me that, although he sent orders to Ottawa some time before the stamps were issued, that important office never received a single specimen of the ½, 6, 15, 20 and 50c. stamps except in complete sets of ½c. to $5.00.

In addition to the 25,000 of the ½, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c. required to work off the high values, there were the following quantities printed :

125,000	½c.
50,000	6c.
175,000	8c.
125,000	10c.
75,000	15c.
75,000	20c.
75,000	50c.

Where are they? Stamp dealers did not get them. Comparatively few were sold over the stamp counters. Where are the rest of them? That is what the public want to know. Is the P. G. reserving the most of them until he has compelled an unwilling public

to purchase 25,000 $5.00 stamps? Or have they been cornered by post office employees?

The way in which the issue and sale of the stamps have been managed is very discreditable to the Postmaster General, and may have the effect of lessening the interest in them. But this effect will be temporary, and very few collectors will want to be without at least a partial set of these beautiful stamps.

I understand that New York dealers who tried hard to corner some of the values, are condemning the issue as speculative. Remember the fox and the grapes. No doubt the issue was speculative in part, but not as much so as the U. S. Columbian issue, and that is responsible for the pernicious example of containing the high value stamps. The present $5.00 United States stamp is purely speculative. The postal service has no use for it. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

Perhaps, after this gentle criticism, it will be of no use for me to make any suggestions to the P. G. I understand from the parliamentary reports that he does not take criticism very well. At any rate, when he gives us another issue I hope there will be no stamps of a higher denomination than the postal service requires.

I suppose the jubilee plates are now destroyed, and the P. G. cannot have another edition run off. But he can do the public the justice of letting the $1.00, $2.00, $3.00, $4.00 and $5.00 stamps sell themselves (and the P. G.), and selling the balance of the stamps now on hand in sets of ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c. and card, at $1.22 per set. There are lots of Canadians who would like to be loyal and get a few sets, but who are too poor to pay so high for them.

I expect to have more to say about these stamps in next Messenger and shall be thankful for fresh information.

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT'S

Quarterly Price List

Of Postage Stamps for Collections.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Which Should be Carefully Read Before Ordering from this List.

(This List annuls all previous quotations.)

Terms: Net cash in advance. No DISCOUNT WHATEVER. Remittance must in every case accompany order, together with sufficient for return postage if order amounts to less than $2.00.

Letters of value should be registered, as I cannot, under any circumstances, be responsible for letters lost in transit.

Remittances should be made by Post Office Order, American Express Order, or Bank Notes at current rates of exchange. Private cheques will not be accepted.

Fractions of a dollar may be remitted in current unused stamps of any country. These should be folded so that they will not stick together. Stamps stuck together will be returned at sender's expense.

Money orders should be made payable at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, or Calais, Maine.

Every communication should bear the sender's address in full, to avoid all possibility of mistake.

Correspondence in English, French and German.

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Circulation of this issue, 1,000.

Notes.

This number of the Messenger being wholly given up to Jubilee stamp matters, the features of the paper which are now omitted will be given greater prominence in the October issue.

In the October number of this paper will be commenced a Descriptive Catalogue of the postage and revenue stamps of British North America, illustrated with cuts of the different types. This will be more complete than any yet issued, and will be worth ten times the annual subscription, 25c. a year.

Now that Canada has descended to the level of the United States, the Central American Republics and other countries guilty of speculative issues, we are no longer eligible for membership in the S. S. S. S. How can we hope to retain even our self respect outside of that high toned association? Cannot the Postmaster General be persuaded to change his mind, even at this late hour, and make the jubilee issue a permanent one? What undisguised jubilation it would create among the post-office clerks! Greater men than the Postmaster General have changed their minds with beneficial results.

We would strongly advise our readers not to pay any fancy prices for ½, 6 and 8c. jubilee stamps. We believe that most of the post-office clerks who have bought them will be compelled to unload before long, and 150,000 ½c., 75,000 6c. and 200,000 8c. will go a long way.

If our publisher charges $4.75 for ½c. to 8c. Canada jubilee stamps, it is not because he thinks they are worth it, but because he has to purchase a whole set up to $5.00 in order to get one each of the ½, 6 and 8c. But he would much rather sell complete sets at $17.50.

25c. for the ½c. jubilee stamp, 50c. for the 6c. and 25c. for the 8c. are the highest prices that anyone ought to pay for these stamps. The probability is they will be sold cheaper when the post-office fraternity begins to sell out.

15c. each for the ½c. or 8c. jubilee, and 25c. each for the 6c., are the highest prices that the publisher of this paper will pay, and it is no use for post-office clerks to offer them to him at higher quotations.

All the ½c., 6c. and 8c. jubilee stamps which our publisher is able to purchase from post-office clerks who have held them, he will sell to his customers, one specimen of each value to each customer, at a slight advance over cost. Let not our readers be impatient. Everything comes to him that waits.

My Advertisement in Weekly Stamp News.

My advertisement in this excellent weekly brought me so many orders for jubilee stamps that I could not possibly fill them on the day when received. It would have been a pleasure to me to fill them as requested if the stamps had been obtainable. I was

compelled, however, to omit the ½, 6 and 8c and $1.00 values, simply because these could not be obtained separately, and I could not purchase a $16.00 set to fill a 25c. order.

If it had been possible, I would have filled orders for partial sets even at a sacrifice, coming, as many of them did, from those who could not understand why the ½, 6 and 8c. could not be furnished. As it was, I sent out the 10, 15, 20 and 50c. as long as I could procure them, at 10 per cent. premium as advertised. Only at the last when order after order sent to different post offices came back unfilled, and my stock was almost gone, did I raise my premium on the 10, 15, 20 and 50c. to 50 per cent.

I sympathize with my customers in their disappointment, but I wish them to understand that I did the best I could.

Of orders which came from Canadian dealers and collectors for 50 or 100 sets of the ½c. to 6c. at 25c. a set, perhaps I had better not say what I think.

Some few customers wanted me to pay the postage of letter in ½c. jubilee stamps, and one wanted to know if I would use ½c. jubilee to pay the postage on the July number of the Messenger, but in general I thank my correspondents for their courtesy and sweet reasonableness.

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT.

This Stamp Gratis.

With every number of this paper is given away a stamp catalogued at 5 cents. If you are a subscriber, you will find the stamp pasted on the square below this paragraph.



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Canada Jubilee.

A beautiful and interesting set. Will be sure to increase rapidly in value. Only 25,000 complete sets issued. Unused and in mint condition. Postage, 3c. extra.

1, 2, 3 and 5c.	$0 18
10, 15, 20 and 50c.	1 40
½, 6 and 8c.	4 75
$1.00,	4 00
$2.00 to 5.00, 4 var	14 25
$1.00 to 5.00, 5 "	15 50
½c. to $5.00, 16 "	17 50

Card free with each set.

SINGLY.

The ½, 6 and 8c. stamps cannot be purchased except in complete sets of ½c. to $5.00. The following are the lowest prices at which I can sell them :

½c. black,	$1.25
6c. brown,	2.50
8c. slate-violet,	1.00

These prices are provisional. I am compelled to charge them now, because I cannot obtain the stamps at a reasonable price except in complete sets. But if customers buying ½, 6 and 8c. stamps from me at these prices desire to return them at any time within two years, the amount paid will be refunded.

I have a small quantity of the 10, 15, 20 and 50c. on hand, and may not be able to get any more. While they last the prices will be :

10c. puce	15
15c. slate blue,	25
20c. vermilion,	30
50c. bright blue,	75

Newfoundland Jubilee.

Another beautiful set. Unused and in mint condition. Postage, 3c. extra.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6c.	$0 35
1c. to 8c., 8 var.	0 60
1c. to 15c., 10 "	1 00
1c. to 30c., 12 "	1 85
1c. to 60c., 14 "	3 25

Used Jubilee Stamps.

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Feb. 7, 1896.—$14.42.

Richard Goerke, 3631 Robert Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Feb. 8, 1896.—$18.01.

A. B. Frantz, Lebanon Stove Works, Lebanon, Pa.
March 10, 1896.—$7.91.

Geo. H. Warwick, 2312 Park Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
April 24, 1896.—$74.36.

Clarence Handy, Waterport, N. Y.
July 2, 1896.—$6.02.

Chas. S. Lewis, 765 E. Main St., Rochester, N. Y.
Aug. 5, 1896.—$15.32.

Willie C. Wagoner, Washington, Ind.
Aug. 14, 1896.—$8.43.

S. Rolla Hurston, Bay City, Mich.
Aug. 19, 1896.—$12.53.

Alex. S. Schmidt, Box 316, Corvallis, Oregon.
Sept. 17, 1896.—$9.08.

A. J. Clifford, 210 S. Division St., Buffalo, N. Y.
Oct. 26, 1896.—$8.50.

Clarence A. Pore, Rogers, Arkansas.
Nov. 20, 1896.—$15.60.

Bargains for Dealers.

CANADA POSTCARDS.

I have now in stock a large quantity of the first and second issues of Canada postcards, used. To close them out, I offer them at the following remarkably low prices. Carriage to be paid by purchaser.

	Per 10.	100.	1000.
Scott No. 401,	$0.15	$1.25	$10.00
" " 402,	8	60	5.00
" " 405,	8	60	5.00

Matthew R. Knight's Quarterly Price List

Obsolete Greece.

I have also a large quantity of the first type of Greece, 1880-82, 1, 1, 5, 10 and 20 lepta, five varieties, cat. value 11c. per set. I offer 100 sets for $2.00; 250 sets for $4.50; 100 sets of 5, 10 and 20 lepta, three varities, for $1.50; 500 sets for $6.25. I offer 20 lepta, rose, 1882, for $1.00 per 1000. Postage extra.

Adams' Catalogue of Canadian Revenues, 1897.

Subscribers to the Messenger may have this catalogue, the Standard, for 12 cents in stamps. Regular price, 25 cents.

Crown Packets.

The following packets contain no locals, revenues, cards or telegraphs. They invite comparison with any other packets on the market:

No.				Price.
1	contains	100	varieties	$0.15
2	"	150	"	25
3	"	200	"	45
4	"	400	"	1.60
5	"	500	"	2.00
6	"	750	"	5.25
7	"	1000	"	7.50
8	"	1500	"	21.00
9	"	2000	"	37.50
10	"	3000	"	100.00
11	"	100	" Br. Colonials	1.25
12	"	100	" Orientals	1.25

All packets are sent postpaid, and Nos. 7, 8, 9, & 10 postpaid and registered, in Canada and the United States. To other countries the postage is extra.

Cheap Sets.

This list has been carefully revised. Every set is now in stock. Comparison is invited with prices of other dealers. Orders under 25c. respectfully declined. Postage extra. Read special notices on page 31.

*Unused.

15	Argentine	$0.20
11	Austria, '90, 1-50kr	20
4	Austria, '91, 30-50kr	8
*3	Baden, Land Post	12
*6	Bavaria, '70-'75, 1-18kr	20
*3	Belgium Brussels exh, 5, 10, 10c.	10
12	Belgium, packet, '79-94	25
6	" " '95	30
7	Bolivia, '94, 1-100c.	25
8	Bosnia, ½-25n	12
20	Brazil	25
4	British Guiana, '90, 1c on 1, 2, 3, & 4d	45
9	Bulgaria, '82-'88, 1-50s	15
10	" '89, 1s-1l	30
12	Canada, '59-'93, inc. reg.	15
*11	" '70-95, ½-50c	1.35
4	Canada, '97, 1, 2, 3, & 5c.	10
*4	Canada, cards, cat. value 42c. post free	20
7	Canada, cards "	12
9	Cape of Good Hope, '81-'94, ½p-1s	15
10	Cape of Good Hope, '81-'94, ½p-5s	30
10	Ceylon	30
*6	Congo, '94-'96, 5c-1fr	60
*3	Constantinople	3
*7	Costa Rica, '89, 1c-1p	20
*6	Cuba, '88, ½-8m	10
*6	" '92, ½-8m	10
*6	" '94, ½-8m	6
*6	Cuba, '96, ½-8m	6
*6	" '96, 1-20c	60
*5	Curacao, '89, 1-5c	12
25	Denmark	25
14	Dutch Indies, '70-'89	30
*7	Ecuador, '81-'87	8
8	" revs. used postally	25
8	Egypt	8
*2	German Empire, '71, 10 & 30gc	12
8	Gold Coast, ½p-1s	50
7	Greece, '62, 1-80l	25
15	Greece, '62-82	25
*4	" Olympian games	10
*5	Guanacaste, '89, 1-20c	25
5	Guanacaste, '90, small surch.	20
4	" '90, large "	10
*5	Guatemala, '82, 1-20c	20
6	" '87-'95 inc. provs.	12
*4	Holkar, '92, ¼-2a	18
*2	Honduras, '65	6
8	Hungary, '88, 1kr-1fl	6
10	Iceland	40
20	India	25
13	Italy, '63-'67	15
8	Italy, newspaper, '78	12
*6	" " '91	10
3	Italy, unpaid, '90	10
3	Jamaica, official	4
13	Japan, 76-92, 1r-1y	15
15	" "	12
2	" '94, 2 and 5s	10
4	" '96, 2, 2, 5, 5s	15
*6	Johore, '96, 1-6c	30
7	Labuan, '94, 2-40c	45

Matthew R. Knight's Quarterly Price List

Cheap Sets.

15	Luxemburg	20
8	Newfoundland	20
*5	Nicaragua, '69-71, 1-25c	25
*5	" '78-80, 1-25c	25
9	North Borneo, '87-'92	25
*4	Nowanuggur, '80-'88	15
*3	" '93	8
*3	Paraguay, '84	10
3	Peru, '95, 1, 2, 5c	10
5	Peru, unpaid, surcharged triangle, 1-50c	45
*4	Philippines, '86, ½c, 1, 2, 5m	12
*4	" '94, ½c, 1, 2, 5m	5
*4	" '96, ½c, 1, 2, 5m	5
*5	Port. Indies, crown	12
*6	Porto Rico, '82, ½-8m	12
*6	" " '92, ½-8m	10
*4	" " '94, ½-4m	5
*4	" " '96, ½-4m	4
*8	Queensland, '82-'94, ½p-1s	25
*3	Roumania, '66, 2, 5, 20p	50
25	" '72-94	25
7	" '91, 1-50b	10
*5	Saxony, '63, arms	06
6	Servia, '81, 5p-1d	12
*4	Sirmoor, '94, 3p-2a	20
*9	Switzerland, '81	8
7	Switzerland, unpaid, '84-'90	20
*10	Thurn and Taxis, inc. 5, 10sq, 30kr	30
4	Trinidad, '80-'84	12
7	Tunis, '88-'95, 1-40c	15
18	Turkey	25
2	" Mt. Athos, cat. value, $1.00	25
8	U. S., Columbian, 1-10c	25
*5	Venezuela, '93, prov., Correos	15
8	Wurtemburg, official,	6

To subscribers to this paper, who order sets to the amount of $2.00 or over before Sept. 1st, I will allow a special summer discount of 10 per cent. Unused sets of Canada and Newfoundland jubilee stamps are not included in this offer. If you want to take advantage of this liberal offer, see that your subscription is paid for one year in advance.

Before ordering from the foregoing Price List, on pages 33-36, please read carefully the special notices on page 31.

Address all letters plainly to
MATTHEW R. KNIGHT,
Oak Hill, Charlotte Co.,
New Brunswick, Canada.

Where the Stamps are.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.,
July 6th, 1897.

Are you buying Jubilee stamps? If so, what can you give for ½, 6, and 8c., used and unused? S.

Sutton, Quebec,
July 6th, 1897.

I have about 45 8c. jubilee stamps for sale. Please make me an offer. G.

Halifax, N. S.,
July 12th, 1897.

Not a ½c. or 6c. has been on sale here. And it is rather tantalizing to have certain post-office clerks here show up *sheets* of 6c. and hear of ½c. ones in their possession. Certainly at this end of the Dominion there has been a wretched lot of trouble to pick up even the other values. It is a piece of sharp practice, to say the least, the way things have been run. Somebody must have the inside track. S.

London, Ont.,
July 16th, 1897.

Do you want to buy any jubilee ½, 6 or 8c. stamps, unused, o. g., fine condition? If so, please quote me your best cash price for same. An early answer will oblige. D.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

BEARDSLEY'S
Philatelic Directory
AND ADDRESS BOOK.

JUST OUT OF PRESS.

Contains over 15,000 names and addresses, which is 5,000 more than ever published before in any philatelic Directory. Thoroughly up to date and reliable.

Besides containing fine lists of names in out of the way places, such as Falkland Islands, Zanzibar, Tahiti, Fiji, and all other South Sea Islands, and all new African Settlements, it contains

OVER 7,000 DOMESTIC NAMES.

Besides the directory part, it contains a fine lot of advertisement and exchange notices.

The price is very low, $1 post paid. You should have a copy. Special prices on quantities.

HERBERT C. BEARDSLEY,
Publisher,
Box 216 - - St. Joseph, Mo.

N. B.—Bear in mind that this is the only Directory published at the present time that contains ANY domestic names.

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A Monthly Journal for Stamp Collectors.

Published by
MATTHEW R. KNIGHT



At Saint Stephen, N. B.
Canada.

ARTHUR L. AUSTIN,

"Stamp Dealer and Importer, and Agent for the All Round Stamp Advertiser and Philatelic Messenger in South Africa,"

Durban,
Natal,
South Africa,

Has for sale good packets of 50 South Africans for 1s. (25c.) postage extra. Unused stamps accepted.

Apply early.

Yours faithfully,
A. L. AUSTIN.

P. S.—Kindly mention this paper.

Jubilees at a Discount.

Canada Jubilee, $2, 3, 4 and 5, face value $14, mint state, $13.60
" Jubilee, set, ½c to 50c, mint state, 2.00
" " " ½c to $1, inclusive, mint state, 3.25
" " ½c, 60c; pairs or blocks, per stamp, .65
" " entire sheet of ½c, 65.00
" " 6c, 1.00
" " 8c, .20

Hall's Catalogue of Canadian Revenues, latest and best, 36 pages and cover, only 15c.
Adams' Canadian Revenue Catalogue, 8 pages and cover, 10c.
Cash with order. Stamps on approval at 50 to 75% discount. I buy, too.

W. KELSEY HALL,
Peterboro, Ont.

Everybody's List.

Large number of approval books ready to send to buyers. Canada revenues my specialty—finest stock in the Dominion, at very low rates. Remit in bills, money order or stamps. Get a copy of The Collector, our weekly.

Canada Jubilee, ½c to 50c, $2 25; Canada Jubilee, ½c to $1, $3 50; Canada Jubilee, ½c, 40c; 6c, 75c; 8c, 20c; Canada Jubilee, 8c variety, sure to rise, 75c; Canada Revenues, 15 var., 10c; Canada Jubilee, 1, 2, 3, 5c.—10c; Canada, 23 var., 15c; Adams' Canada Revenue Catalogue, 10c; Canada Revenues, per 100, assorted, 30c; Nova Scotia, 5c, 18c; 12½c, $1; 10c, $1; 8½c.—$1 25; Persia, 7 var., 35c; Labuan Jubilee, 6 var., 45c; Canada Jubilee, ½c to $5, 16.90; Newfoundland, 5 var., used, 10c; Newfoundland, ½, 1, 3, 5c, unused, old, 20c; 50 different stamps, 8c; 100 different stamps, 15c; Borneo, 4c on $1, 8c; Oil Rivers, ½p vermilion, 1892, 13c; Great Britain, Army Official, ½, 1, 2½d.—15c; Canadian Philatelic Magazine, 1 year, 25c; Interior, 2c, unused, cat. 30c, —8c; Registered Canada, vermilion, 2c, (cat. 25c.) 10c.

WM. R. ADAMS,
Ann Street, Toronto, Ont.

Scientists . .

Claim a stork's bill is one long nerve. This might be applied to some Stamp Dealers' bills, judging from their "ads." Here's a little of my nerve.

UNITED STATES.

	Cat. price	My price		Cat. price	My price
1855—10c	50c	27c	Navy 1c used	1.50	79c
1861—10c	15c	8c	State 15c "	4.50	2.23
1869—12c	75c	35c	War 15c unused	30c	13c
1872—30c	20c	11c	" 24c "	75c	35c
1888—30c	50c	27c	" 30c "	35c	17c
1890—50c	85c	37c	" 90c "	1.50	69c
2c P. Cards	40c	19c	25c Life Ins.	40c	17c
2c Proprietory			50c For. Exchange	60c	29c
3c Express			$1.00 Conveyanc	25c	11c
5c For. Exchange			$2.50 In Exch'ge	10c	6c

YOUR MONEY BACK IF YOU WANT IT.

Should be pleased to receive a list of your *Wants*, either U. S. or Foreign. Can quote you low prices, if I have the stamps.

MEMBER A. P. A., C. P. S., N. E. P. A., ETC.

GEORGE M. FRAME,
38 Lindel Street,
P. O. BOX 656 Haverhill, Mass.

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT'S

Cheap and Popular Sets of Genuine Postage Stamps.

This list has been carefully revised. It contains no reprints. Every set is now in stock. Comparison is invited with prices of other dealers. Orders under 25c respectfully declined. Postage 3c extra.

Sets marked * contain unused stamps only. Those marked † are absolutely *net*. On other sets a discount of 5 per cent. is allowed when 25 different sets are ordered at one time or 10 per cent. discount on 50 sets ordered at one time.

SERIES A

8	Antioquia	30
15	Argentine	20
5	Austria, '50, 1-9k	15
4	" '58, 2, 5, 10, 15k	12
5	" '61, 2-15k	10
5	" '64, 2-15k	8
8	" '67, 2-50k	35
6	" '83, 2-50k	8
11	" '90, 1-50k	25
4	" '91, 30-50k	8
8	Austrian Italy, '50-63	15
10	" Levant, '67-92	25
*5	" " envs., '67	65
*6	Baden, '63-68, 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 30k	40
*3	" land post	12
7	Barbados, '82-96	18
10	Bavaria, '49-73	18
*6	" '75, 1-18k	20
20	" '76-90	18
30	Belgium, '51-94	25
*3	" Brussels exh., 5, 10, 10c	10
12	" packet, '79-94	25
6	" " '95	30
7	Bolivia, '94, 1-100c	25
8	Bosnia, ½-25u	12
20	Brazil	25
*9	British East Africa, '90-91	1 25
8	" Guiana, '82-91	20
4	" " '89, prov.	35
4	" " '90, "	45
*6	" Honduras, "	65
9	Bulgaria, '82-88, 1-50s	15
10	" '89, 1s-1l	30
18	Canada, '59-93, inc. reg.	45
*†16	" '97, ½c-5.00	16 75
7	" cards, post free	12
*5	" " cat. value 62c post free	30
10	Cape of Good Hope, '81-94, ½p-5s	30
10	Ceylon	30
*3	Cochin, '92	20
*4	Congo, '86, 5-50c	75
*4	" '87-89, 5-50c	45
*†6	" '94-96, 5c-1f	60
*3	Corea, '86	10
*4	" '95	30
*3	Constantinople	3
*7	Costa Rica, '89, 1c-1p	20
*6	" official, '89	30
*30	Cuba, '57-83	75
*6	" '88, ½-8m	10
"	" '92, "	10
"	" '94, "	6
"	" '96, "	6
"	" '96, 1-20c	60
*†2	" '97, 40 and 80c	1 50
*5	Curacao, '89, 1-5c	12
3	Cyprus, '81-96	5
2	Deccan	5
25	Denmark	25
*4	Dom. Republic, '79	75
6	" '80, 1-25c	45
7	" env., 5-45c	75
14	Dutch Indies, '70-89	30
*7	Ecuador, '81-87	8
8	" revs. used postally	25
3	" tels. "	35
8	Egypt	8
*16	Faridkot, native, 1f and 1 p	50
*8	" " ½a	50
15	Finland, inc. two 1m	25
40	France	25
25	German Empire	25
*2	" '71, 10 and 30g	12
30	Great Britain, inc. 2s 6p and 5s	50
8	Gold Coast, ½p-1s	50
15	Greece, '62-82	25
10	" '86-92	12
*9	" '96, 11-1d	75
3	Grenada, '83-87	10
3	" unpaid	38
5	Guanacaste, '90, small surch.	20
4	" '90, large "	10
*4	Guatemala, '71	60
"	" '75	25
"	" '78	50
*5	" '82, 1-20c	20
"	" '86, prov.	50
6	" '87-95, inc. provs.	12
*4	Hawaii, envs., '93, prov.	90
"	Holkar, '92, ½-2a	18
*2	Honduras, '65	6
*7	" '78, 1c-1p	50
6	Hong Kong	12
3	" '90, prov.	35
13	Hungary, '81-88	10
10	Iceland	45
20	India	25
5	Italy, '56-63	10
13	" '63-67	15
11	" '79-91	8
8	" newspaper, '78	12
*6	" " '91	10
12	" unpaid, 1c-10l	30
3	" " '90	10
*7	" official, '74	65
10	Jamaica	20
15	Japan, '76-92	12

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Important Announcement to Advertisers.

Advertisements will be inserted in the November and December numbers of this paper at a *special rate* of 25c. per inch each insertion. ½ column (about 3½ inches) 75c. Cash in advance. Copy for November number should be in hand not later than November 20th. Copy first received will secure best positions.

After December 20th regular rates will be charged as per schedule, but *contracts for one year*, if received before December 20th, together with cash remittance for first quarter, will be conceded the reduced rate. There will be no departure from above terms under any circumstances.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

OF THE

Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes, Postal Cards, Etc., of British North America.

BY ARTEMAS.

CANADA.

Historical.—Canada was discovered by Jacques Cartier in 1535. By the Treaty of Paris, in 1763, it was ceded to Great Britain. Quebec was organized into a province in 1764, including a part of what is now the province of Ontario. Canada was divided into the two provinces of Upper and Lower Canada in 1791. In February, 1841, the two Canadas were united in one province. The province of Canada then comprised, roughly speaking, what is comprehended now in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Currency.—240 pence = 20 shillings = 1 pound = $4.00, present currency. From 1859, 100 cents = 1 dollar.

Adhesive Stamps.

1851-58. Various types, (see cuts.) Engraved in *taille douce* on white paper.



THREE PENCE (Beaver.)

April, 1851. Thin white paper, horizontally laid; imperforate.

1. 3p vermilion.

1852. Thin wove soft paper.

2. 3p vermilion.

Thin wove hard paper.

3. 3p vermilion.
4. 3p brown red.

Thick wove paper.

5. 3p vermilion.
6. 3p brown red.

Thin ribbed paper.

7. 3p vermilion.

1858. Perforated 12; laid paper.

8. 3p vermillion.

White wove.

9. 3p vermilion.

Ribbed paper.

10. 3p vermilion.

Perforated 13; wove paper.

11. 3p vermilion.

Perforated 14; wove paper.

12. 3p vermilion.

The last two perforations are probably unofficial.



SIX PENCE (Prince Albert.)

April, 1851. Thin white paper, vertically laid; imperforate.

13. 6p violet.
14. 6p violet black.

1852. Thin wove hard paper.

15. 6p violet.
16. 6p violet black.
17. 6p greenish violet.

Thick wove paper.

18. 6p violet.
19. 6p violet black.

Thin ribbed paper.

20. 6p violet.

1858. Perforated 12; wove paper

21. 6p violet.

Ribbed paper.

22. 6p violet.



TWELVE PENCE (Queen Victoria.)

April, 1851. Thin white paper, vertically laid; imperforate.

23. 12p black.

1852. Thin wove paper.

24. 12p black.

It seems doubtful whether the 12p on wove paper was ever issued. The specimens known are possibly proofs that have escaped having "specimen" printed on them.

August 1, 1855. Portrait of Jacques Cartier in oval, see cut. Engraved in *taille douce* on white paper; imperforate.



TEN PENCE (Jacques Cartier.)

Thin wove paper.

25. 10p blue.

Thick wove paper.

26. 10p blue.

(To be continued.)

Nestle's Food and Jubilee Stamps

The following letter and comment from Art in Advertising speak for themselves. We do not know which denomination of the Jubilee stamp is referred to, but probably the 2 or 5c.

Editor Art in Advertising:

DEAR SIR:—I read with much interest an article in a recent issue of yours (?) of postage stamps in this connection is Suchard, Neuchatel, Switzerland, who puts different stamps on one of his most salable packages of chocolate, sample of which I mail you tonight. Suchard makes contracts for these stamps for delivery of one million at a time. We have had a large sale in this country for this package of Chocolat Suchard, and, while the quality of the chocolate cannot be excelled, we attribute the sale, to a considerable extent, to the stamps on each package, which elicit the interest of the children.

The Canadian government, as you probably know, has recently issued a series of jubilee stamps, and I think it may interest you to know that we control fifty thousand of one of the rarer denominations, which will be used on the letters which, during the next five or six weeks, we shall send to mothers in the United States in connection with our advertising of Nestle's Food. In each envelope that we address to the mother we enclose the slip which we send you herewith.

It is just as easy for us to send our advertising matter from Canada as from New York, and we have received so many letters thanking us for the jubilee stamps that I think this item might prove of interest to you.

I am yours very truly,
JOSEPH LEEMING,
Of Thomas Leeming & Co.

(The chocolate samples Mr. Leeming refers to are of Chocolat Suchard, and each package has two cancelled foreign stamps attached. The scheme is similar to that described in our article. On behalf of Nestle's Food the package is mailed in the regular way from Montreal, and the jubilee stamp is used as postage. Inclosed in the envelope are advertising matter and a printed slip calling attention to the new stamp. This is also an excellent scheme.—ED.)

20 different U. S. stamps, 10 cents silver

30 different, 20 cents.

(6 Columbians in the first, 8 in second, no revenues or cards) or would exchange for equal numbers Canadian or Province stamps.

H. H. HARDY,
698 Main street,
Bangor, Maine,
U. S.

A Tilt at Discounts.

One of the greatest enemies of philately is *discounts*. This advertising of stamps at 50 and 75 per cent. off catalogue discredits the stamp business. It gives the inexperienced the impression that the demand for stamps is dying out, that they are a poor investment and can soon be bought for about nothing. It destroys confidence even among philatelists. The sooner the system of discounts is discarded the better for the future of philately.

The system is not altogether due to the inflated prices in the catalogues, although partially so. The average prices in the standard catalogues are probably too high. Some are five times too high. I could quote some that are five times too low. But on the whole there has been a tendency on the part of the catalogues to inflate prices, and this is a mistake. But the dealer is under no obligation to price his stamps according to the catalogues. Such a system is not pursued in any other business under the sun. Stamps which can be bought for $3.00 per 100 should not be priced at 25c each because the catalogue says so. But stamps *are* priced in that way, and when a customer gets the stamps at 75 per cent. below catalogue, the dealer is making 100 per cent. on his investment.

In any other business a merchant marks his goods according to what they cost him, giving himself sufficient margin to cover expenses, risks and a fair profit. This is the only reasonable and just method to employ in the stamp business also. If the expenses and risks in a mail and approval business are so great that nothing less than 50 per cent. above cost is enough, let the dealer mark his goods at 50 per cent. above cost price and not charge his customers two prices while pretending to give them bargains. Barnum said that people like to be fooled, but when they find that they are being fooled at the expense of their pockets they do not enjoy it so much.

Another evil which has fostered discounts is the agency business. Sufficient care is not taken to discriminate between agents and single buyers. A collector sends for stamps on approval and sells to himself, for his own collection. He does no work to earn his commission and yet he asks and gets the same discount as is allowed to a hard working agent. In this way it has come to pass that every collector is an agent, and every agent is a dealer, with a few exceptions. In order to get a commission, an agent ought to be required to prove that he does some work for it, if not to report the names of the parties to whom he sells and the amount of his sale to each. If the stamps are marked at net prices, 10 per cent. would be a sufficient commission to pay to any agent.

Another cause of these extravagant discounts is the habit which dealers have of cutting prices. One dealer advertises a bargain, and a score of other dealers think they must advertise the same thing at a lower price, which destroys the profit for both him and his rivals. This is another mistake. The philatelic field is wide, and becomes wider every day. When possible advertise what others do not, and you do not need to cut prices in order to make sales.

These large discounts are not fair to the trade and are no benefit to the collector. Whatever lessens the prices of the stamps the collector buys, lessens the value of them after he has bought them. When a dealer makes up a sheet of stamps at 50 per cent. discount, he knows that if he puts a few stamps on the sheet that cost him more than half catalogue, the shrewd collector may select those only and the dealer will be out of pocket. But in general the dealer puts upon his discount sheets stamps that are overpriced in the catalogues, and he would be a fool to put any others on them. There are hundreds of common stamps that are never seen on discount sheets, simply because dealers cannot *buy* them at 50 per cent. discount. Some few collectors have had their eyes opened and they always buy from net sheets. Dealer and collector, for their mutual interest, should do what they can to abolish the discount nuisance.

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Notes.

It seems that we are to have a new permanent issue of postage stamps in the course of two or three months and that the design has already been approved by the Postmaster General.

If our stamped envelopes were sold at a lower price, they would be more generally used. $3.00 per thousand is a high figure for envelopes of the quality employed. Why should we not have envelopes of different grades, sizes and colors? A cheap manilla envelope would be useful for circulars, statements, &c. A blue, amber or white envelope would be in demand for business correspondence. And a square envelope of good quality would please the ladies.

A few further additions to our postal conveniences are recommended to the favorable consideration of our esteemed Postmaster General. We have no postal union reply cards. Five, eight and ten cent envelopes, the use of which is obvious, would be appreciated by many. A set of unpaid letter stamps would ensure greater correctness in the collection of deficient postage. The employment of official stamps would be a check upon the abuse of the franking privilege.

The ½, 6 and 8c, and double values of the jubilee issue are not priced in the advance sheets of Scott's 58th. Perhaps the omission may be rectified before the full catalogue is given to the public. We can understand how difficult it must be to decide upon just prices.

The 1c and 2c Cabot issue cannot now be obtained at the post-office in St. Johns, Newfoundland. The stock of these values still on hand will be sold only in complete sets.

Good manuscript, containing matter of real interest and profit is always acceptable to the editor of this paper. Correspondents in Toronto, Montreal and Halifax are required.

We learn that the U. S. Postal Department is about to introduce a linen-lined stamped envelope for registered letters. Let Canada follow the example.

The Philatelic Era and the Herald Exchange give very full instalments of prices from the advance sheets of Scott's 58th.

It is announced that the new Canadian stamp will contain a portrait of the Queen taken at the time of the Jubilee, approved and signed by Her Majesty, and the corner of the stamp will be filled with maple leaves.

'Canadian,' writing in the Virginia Philatelist, says the ½c Jubilee stamps can now be purchased for 20 cents each. We would like to receive a few at that price. We will gladly pay him 25 cts. each for good, well-centred specimens.

The Philatelic Advocate is the only

Canadian stamp paper that has reached us for a long time. We hear of several new ones, but have not seen them yet.

The handsome appearance of the Virginia Philatelist is deserving of special mention. We trust that it will receive sufficient support to maintain so high a standard.

The 1c Jubilee stamp is found in two shades, yellow and orange, the 2c in green and blue green, the 3c in a light pink on spongy paper, the 8c in a variety with period between 'eight' and 'cents,' and the 50c in pale and bright ultramarine.

The Perforator is a bright little paper, and is presenting its readers with quite a gallery of portraits of good-looking philatelists.

E. A. M., in the Perforator, says the 8c jubilee bids fair to be very scarce, and whoever owns one is lucky. We have a few, but we would rather own a Nova Scotia shilling.

The 10, 15, 20 and 50c Jubilee ought to be better stamps to buy than the 8c and as good as the ½c. They are less in demand because they have been more evenly distributed. But wait.

The Columbian Philatelist, September, contains an interesting contribution 'On the value of English stamps.' Among the stamps mentioned as under-priced in the catalogues are: 1840, 1d black; 1856, 6d and 1s; 1870, 1½d; 1880, 1½d and 1s.

Several writers have been exercising their wits lately describing the features of an ideal stamp paper. Let us also give our opinion. The paper which comes nearest to our ideal is full of information about stamps rather than stamp collectors; it does not devote more than half its space to admiration of itself and censure of its fellows; and the other half is not altogether filled up with pictures of collectors, and biographical sketches of its advertisers.

The advertising pages of the *Messenger* have until now been almost wholly taken up with the publisher's own announcements. With this issue a new departure is inaugurated. Fourteen leading dealers have advertisements in the present number, and we hope to have twice as many with us next month. We shall not mind it if the publisher's ads are crowded out altogether. The Standard Stamp Co., of St. Louis, has spoken for a half page. Look out for their advt. in November. We ask intending advertisers to kindly send in their copy before the 20th. Remember, 25c per inch, cash in advance; 75c per half column.

'Burnham,' under which pen-name a well-known philatelist contributes interesting notes from Boston to this number, will be a regular contributor to the *Messenger*. Another contributor, 'Karl Kramer,' writes forcibly of a practical question affecting philately.

An International Stamp.

Mr. Maury, in the July number of his excellent journal *Le Collectionneur de Timbres-poste*, which, by the way, was founded 33 years ago, suggests a new scheme to obviate some of the difficulties connected with an international postage stamp. His first proposition is that the alternate horizontal lines of perforation be omitted in a sheet of the 5c. stamps, or their equivalent in other countries, as 25 centimes, 20 pfennig and 2½ pence. This will give vertical strips of two stamps, imperforate between. The double stamp is to be lapped over the fold of a letter-card leaving a single stamp on each side of the card. One side only is to be obliterated and the double stamp is to be detached (cut out or soaked off,) and is then to be used for return postage. The objection is raised, however, by the postal authorities of several countries, to whom Mr. Maury's scheme was submitted, that it would be difficult to furnish all post offices with letter-cards of this description since demand for them is very limited and that on account of the expense of manufacturing them they are not in use in many countries.

Mr. Maury acknowledges the force of this objection and proposes that a horizontal double stamp, imperforate between should be used on an ordinary envelope, and that through a slit cut in the envelope one stamp should be slipped inside and so protected from obliteration and the other stamp will adhere to the envelope in the usual way. When the letter reaches the addressee, the double stamp can be detached and used for return postage.

The scheme is ingenious, to say the least of it, and the principle involved in it is already admitted in the use of Postal Union reply cards.

Massachusetts Items.

The Boston Philatelic Society, after adjourning over the summer months, has resumed its meetings. The September meeting was marked by an excellent attendance of members though most of the officers were absent. There were several propositions for membership, one that of C. F. Rothfuchs, formerly of Washington, now located at 66 Huntington Avenue, Boston. Rev. J. L. Kilbon read a paper relating to certain unpaid letter stamps of Uruguay. There was no auction sale.

W. H. Suydam, a New York collector, was a recent visitor to the Hub; also C. A. Needham of Hamilton, Can.

Considering that the book was only about 5 x 9 inches in size, the writer felt considerable interest in examining the more than $30,000 worth of stamps contained therein, and found at the office of the New England Stamp Co. Mr. Carpenter exhibits the rarities with a keen sense of the pleasure they awaken. On one cover are two St. Louis, priced at $3000. Mr. Batchelder reports his New York, Philadelphia and Washington trip as very successful.

The Old Colony Philatelic Society held its fiftieth meeting October 6th, and took steps toward the formation of an insurance fund for the exchange department. Fred Perry, Attleboro, was listed in membership and J. W. Chadderton, Mansfield, and B. P. Thomas, Pemberton, N. J., resigned.

Massachusetts has several candidates for official recognition at the annual convention of the S. of P. to be held at Nashville, Tenn., this month. For treasurer, Geo. M. Frame; for superintendent of sales, Charles E. Shaw; for attorney, I. A. Wainwright; for purchasing agent, Gardner R. Kennedy. They may not all be elected.

The first auction sale of the season was held in Elk's hall, Tuesday, September 28th. Four hundred lots were disposed of by the Colonial Stamp Co. in less than two hours, the sale being very successful from the buyers' standpoint. There were no stamps that brought catalogue price. We don't think much of auction sales as giving a fair estimate of the value of stamps, yet the craze for prices is so great, that we append a few comparisons:

		Cat. price.	Sold for.
1861	U. S. 3c, pink, fine copy, used	$8 00	$1 75
1869	do 10c, reprint, unused	12 50	2 00
1870	do 6c, fine used copy	4 00	1 50
1870	do 10c, national, unused	20 00	3 50
1875	do 6c, used, ribbed paper	5 00	1 25
1894	do $1.00, unw'm'ked, used (four)	8 00	2 00
U. S. carrier, Scott's No. 423, unused		7 00	1 40
do	justice 3c, unused, o g	2 00	90
do	do 12c, do	3 50	1 50
do	navy, 12c, used	2 00	0 65
do	do 12c, unused, o g	2 50	1 10
do	do 15c, do	3 50	1 60
do	agriculture, 12c, used	8 00	2 00
do	do 24c, do	4 00	1 60
do	do 1c, nnused, o g	4 00	1 75
do	do 12c, do	10 00	4 00
do	do 15c, do	4 00	1 60
Prince Edward Island 4c, green		8 00	1 10
British Bechuanaland, 2sh, unused, o g		4 00	1 10
do	do 2sh 6p, do	4 00	1 05

Between five and six hundred dollars were realized from the sale. The second sale will take place Tuesday, October 26th.

A new stamp paper has appeared from Salem and is called the Philatelic Bulletin. It is published by the Naumkeag Stamp Company, and C. A. Hall is editor.

B. L. Drew & Co. will hold their nineteenth auction sale of stamps October 18th. There are in all 330 lots of which about 200 are United States. This firm held ten sales last season.

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UNUSED STAMPS.

	Cat. Price.	My Price.
Brit. Hondurus, '88, 20c (24)	$2 00	$1 25
" '91, 6 on 10c (24)	20	12
Bulgaria, unpaid, '95, 30 on 50s, imp.	25	18
" same, perf.	25	18
Confed. States, '63, 10c (103) $1.00 per 100	3	2
Cuba, '75, 50c (20c per 10)	5	3
" '76, 50c (60c per 10)	15	8
" '77, 25c (35c per 10)	10	5
" '79, 50c (20c per 10)	5	3
" '80, 25c (12c per 10)	3	2
" '82, 10c (40c per 10)	10	5
Mauritius, '91-92, 1 on 2c	6	4
" '91-92, 1 on 16c	12	8
" '93-94, 15c brown	50	15
New Brunswick, 2c orange (25c per 10)	8	3
P. E. Island, 4c green	25	12
" 6c black	25	12
" 12c mauve	20	10
Queensland, '82-86, 2s	1 50	75
" '82-86, 2s 6p	2 50	1 00
" '82-86, 5s	2 25	1 75
Sarawak, '92, 1 on 3c (21)	10	3
" '92, 2 on 3c (22)	10	5
Selangor, '94-95, 3 on 5c	15	6
Seychelles, '90, 13c	35	15
Siam, '89-91, 1 on 3a	20	10
" '93, 4 on 24a (22)	15	8
" '94, 1 on 64a	5	3
" '94, 2 on 64a	8	5
Straits Sett., 3 on 32c (68)	25	10
" 3 on 32c (80)	10	5
Tasmania, '64, 1s	1 25	60
Turkey, '84, 5pa lilac (76)	1 00	50
U. S., '93, 3c green	8	6
" '94, 1c ult. (239) blocks at same rate.	15	6
" newspaper, 5c (594)	20	12
" " 10c (595) blocks at same rate.	25	15
" unpaid, 1c brown blocks at same rate.	12	6
" unpaid, 3c brown	20	10
" " '91, 1c claret	5	3

USED STAMPS.

Bermuda, '73, 3p buff (6)	2 50	1 50
Brit. Guiana, '89, 1c (111)	18	8
" '89, 2c (112)	25	12
" '89, 3c (113)	18	10
Brit. Honduras, '88 50c on 1s (31)	2 00	1 25
Bulgaria, '82, 30s	5	3
" '82, 50s	6	4
" '89, 30s	6	3
" '89, 50s	10	6
" '92, 15 on 30s	8	4
Canada, '57, ½p	4 00	2 50
" '59, 1c	12	8
" '59, 5c	6	3
" '69, 1c (51)	30	18
" Quebec Law, '64 $5.00 green		1 00
Great Britain, '62, 9p bistre	1 00	75
" '83-84, 4p	25	15
" '83-84, 5p	15	8
Greece, Paris print, 1l	4 00	3 00
" '61-62, 20l (10)	1 00	50
" '80, 10l vermilion without control figures		25
Greece, '82, 20l carmine	15	6
" '91, 40l (84)		1 75
Gold Coast, '84-91, 6p	15	10
" '84-91, 1s	25	18
Hong Kong, '90, 20 on 30c	8	5
" '90, 50 on 48c	15	10
" '90, $1 on 96c	35	25
India, '66, 6a lilac (32)	1 50	1 00
Mauritius, '91, 2 on 38c (83)	35	25
" '93-94, 15c brown	25	10
New Brunswick, 1c lilac		75
" 2c orange	30	25
" 10c	60	45
Newfoundland, '76, 3c blue	1 00	50
" '95, 6c	12	8
Perak, '83, 2c rose (6)	8	5
Peru, '94, 10c green (135)	10	4
" '95, 5c rose (20c per 10)	5	3
Portugal, '71, 240r violet	7 00	3 00
P. E. Island, '61, 2p rose, on cover	2 00	1 50
" '65, 2p rose, on cover	50	35
" '72, 3c rose	2 50	1 50
same on cover		2 00
" '72, 6c black	5 00	2 50
same on cover		3 00
Roumania, '69, 25b	35	25
" '69, 50b	1 25	75
" 79, 5b rose, priced $75 in senf		35 00
" '89, 50b	8	3
" '91, 50b	10	3
Trinidad, '54, red	2 50	1 50
Turkey, '75, 10pa violet, imp.		75
" surch., 1pi (701)	15	8
" " 1pi (704)	15	8
" Mt. Athos (808)	50	15
" " (809)	50	15
U. S., '67, 30c orange (96)	5 00	2 50
" Treasury, 7c brown	1 50	85

Remit in bank bills or money order payable at St. Stephen, N. B., or Calais, Maine. Under $1.00 in current unused stamps of any country.

Publications Received.

All exchanges and other publications received will be mentioned under this heading. Title, publisher, address and annual subscription will be quoted, and if the publication seems to demand a more extended notice, such notice will be found in the editorial notes.

Bric-a-brac, mo., J. W. Palmer, 281 Strand, W. C., London, G. B., 32c.

Columbian Philatelist, mo., J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa., 15c.

Eastern Philatelist, mo., F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N. H., 25c.

Evergreen State Philatelist, mo., R. W. French, The Dalles, Or., 25c.

Herald Exchange, mo., H. E. Pub. Co., 9 E. 108th st., New York, 25c.

Home Worker, mo., Ray Fenton, Knoxville, Tenn., 25c.

Lone Star State Philatelist, mo., Roy B. Bradley, Abilene, Tex., 25c.

Perforator, mo., H. A. & W. A. Chapman, B. 18, Hartford, Conn., 20c.

Philatelic Advocate, mo., Starnaman Bros., Berlin, Ont., 25c.

Texan Philatelist, mo., Walter C. Lowry, Abilene, Tex., 15c.

Virginia Philatelist, mo., Va. Phil. Pub. Co., 13 N. 11th st., Richmond, Va., 30c.

Weekly Philatelic Era, W. W. Jewett, 502 Congress st., Portland, Me., 50c.

We have also received the Briefmarkenhaendler Edwards' Philatelic Press List, the Internationales Offertenblatt fuer Philatelie, the P. J. G. B. Advertiser, the Monthly Bulletin of the P. C. S. A., and auction catalogues of Bogert & Durbin's 89th and 90th sales, B. L. Drew & Co.'s 19th sale and Geo. R. Tuttle's 7th sale.

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2 Japan, '94, 2 and 5s 10
4 " '96, 2, 2, 5, 5s 15
*6 Johore, '96, 1-6c 30
7 Labuan, '94, 2-40c 40
6 " '94, 1-8c 25
15 Luxemburg, 20
6 Mauritius 12
25 Mexico 40
4 Montenegro, '74-93 12
7 " '93, surch. 1 00
8 Natal, ½p-1s 38
*6 New Brunswick, 1-17c 1 25
8 Newfoundland, '87-95, ½-6c 25
*†14 " '97, 1-60c 2 75
8 N. S. Wales, '82-88 25
10 " '88-91 12
9 New Zealand, ½p-1s 15
*5 Nicaragua, '69-71, 1-25c 25
" " '78-80, 1-25c 25
*7 " '82, 1-50 50
9 North Borneo, '87-92 25
6 " '93, 1-8c 25
25 Norway, 38
*4 Nowanuggur, '80-88 15
*3 " '93 8
*3 Paraguay, '84 10
*7 " '87, 1-20c 60
6 " '92, 1-14c 25
3 Perak, '92, 1, 2 and 5c 15
15 Persia 45
10 Peru 20
*6 " '82, surch., Chilian arms, 1-50c 75
3 " '95, 1, 2, 5c 10
5 " unpaid, surch., triangle, 1-50 45
*7 " envs., 2-50c 75
*5 Philippines, '80-87 25
*4 " '86, ½c, 1, 2, 5m 12
" " '94, ½c, 1, 2, 5m 5
" " '96, ½c, 1, 2, 5m 5
12 Porto Rico, '73-96 18
*6 " '82, ½-8m 12
" " '92, ½-8m 10
*4 " '94, ½-4m 5
" " '96, ½-4m 4
25 Portugal 40
*5 Portuguese Indies, crown 12
*8 Prince Edward Island 1 25
*5 Prussia, '61 45
8 Queensland, '82-94, ½p-1s 25
*3 Roumania, '65, 2, 5, 20p 35
*3 " '66, 2, 5, 20p 50
25 " '72-94 25
6 " unpaid, '80, 2-60b 45
4 " " '90-93, 2, 5, 10, 30b 12
20 Russia 25
5 St. Lucia, ½-4p 30
3 St. Vincent 10
*7 Salvador, '87-89, 1-10c 35
5 " '95, prov 45
*5 Sarawak, '72-75, 3-12c 70
*5 Saxony, '63, arms 6
3 Selangor, '92, 1, 2, 5c 15
*7 Servia, '69-79 25
6 " '81, 5p-1d 12
*10 Seychelles, '90-93, 2-45a 1 50
*4 Sirmoor, '94, 3p-2a 20
7 So. African Rep., '85-87, ½p-1s 12
*9 Spain, '76, 5c-10p 1 25
5 Straits Settlements, '83-91 12
4 " prov 18
*5 Surinam, '91-93, 1-5c 15
50 Sweden 45
18 Switzerland, '54-92 25
*9 " '81 8
7 " unpaid, '84-90 20
*20 Thurn and Taxis, inc. 5, 10s, 15, 30k 1 00
4 Tonga, '86, 1p-1s 40
*3 Travancore, '88 25
4 Trinidad, '80-84 12
7 Tunis, '88-95, 1-40c 15
*8 Turkey, '67 50
18 " 25
2 " Mt. Athos cat. value 1.00 25
*8 Two Sicilies, '61, ½-50g 1 25
9 U. S., '70-75, 1-30c 35
10 " '90, 1-30c 30
8 " '93, 1-10c 20
10 " '94-95, 1-50c 25
7 " unpaid, '79-89, 1-50c 1 75
*5 Venezuela, Correos, '83, 5c-1b 10
*8 " Escuelos, '83, 5c-20b 35
*5 " Correos, '93, surch., 5c-1b 15
*4 " Escuelos, '93, surch. 15
8 Victoria, ½p-6p 12
15 Wurtemburg, '51-94 20
8 " official 6

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5 Bolivia, '94, 1-20c 6
*†6 Canada, '97, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 10c 50
*†8 " same, with 15 and 20c 95
*†9 " same, with 50c 1 60
*†10 " same, with 1.00 3 00
*†11 " '97, ½-50c 2 25
*†12 " '97, ½-1.00 3 75
9 Cape of Good Hope, '81-94, ½p-1s 15
*4 Greece, '96, 1-10 l 10
8 Hungary, '88, 1k-1f 6
3 Jamaica, official 4
*†5 Newfoundland, '97, 2-6c 33
*†7 " '97, 2-10c 58
*†9 " '97, 2-15c 98
12 Roumania 6

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" '82-90, 10c (208)	35	25
" " 12c	35	25
" " 5c (211)	12	8
" " 10c (212)	50	35
" " 15c	50	35
" '90, 5c	15	12
" '92, 5c	10	8
Ceylon, 5c on 4c (418)	12	8
" 12c (501), 6x12 inches	60	20
Danish West Indies, 2c	10	8
" 3c	12	10
Denmark, '65, 2s	2 00	1 25
" '65, 4s	10 00	6 00
" '69, 2s	35	25
" '71, 4s (82)	1 00	60
Hawaii, '83, 4c	1 00	60
" '83, 5c	20	15
" '83, 10	40	30
Peru, '75, 20c	25	15
Poland, '60, 3k blue	2 00	1 25
Turkey, 1pi yellow	50	35
" 1½pi brown	50	35
" 3pia orange	50	35
U. S., '70, 1c blue (1096)	75	40
" '74, 5c blue (1120)	50	30
" '75, 5c blue (1147)	50	30
" '75, 1c blue (1178)	75	25
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" '85, 2c red (1204)	1 00	60

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Canada, '92-96, 1x1c (417)	30	12
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U. S. A.

NOVEMBER 1897.

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A Monthly Journal for Stamp Collectors.

Published by
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At Saint Stephen, N. B.
Canada.

COMPARISONS . . . . .

May be odious, and so are skunks (odorous), but as we prefer the former (odors) to the latter, kindly run your eye over the following prices:

UNITED STATES.

	Cat. price	My price		Cat. price	My price
1861—1c used	06	03	REVENUES		
1869—1c "	75	38	1c Proprietory	07	03
1872—24c "	2 00	93	2c Exp orange	10	04
1890—90c "	85	37	2c Prop "	3 00	98
Any used "spec'l del."	06		5c Express	10	04
*10c org. "spe."	20	14	20c For. Express	1 25	53
30c rd-brn dl.	1 00	48	25c Bond	20	08
50c claret dl.	2 00	93	25c Li e Ins.	40	17
2c Interior	10	04	50c Foreign Ex	60	27
90c p.office	2 50	1 10	1.00 Conveyance	25	08
*War 10c, 12c,			2.50 In. Express	10	05
15c, each	30	12	2c 2nd issue	05	02
*24c War	75	25	20c "	35	13
*30c "	35	15	1.50 "	40	17
90c " used	1 25	50	2.50 3rd issue	75	33
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ARTHUR S. KNIGHT,
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VOL. II. ST. STEPHEN, N. B., NOVEMBER, 1897. No. 2.

Important Announcement to Advertisers.

Advertisements will be inserted in the December number of this paper at a *special rate* of 25c. per inch; half column (about 3½ inches) 75c. Cash in advance. Copy for December number should be in hand not later than December 20th.

After December 20th regular rates will be charged as per schedule, but *contracts for one year*, if received before January 20th, together with cash remittance for first quarter, will be conceded the reduced rate. There will be no departure from above terms under any circumstances.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

OF THE

Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes, Postal Cards, Etc., of British North America.

BY ARTEMAS.

CANADA.

Adhesive Stamps.

[Continued]

June 2d, 1857. Portrait of Queen Victoria in oval, value in English and Canadian currency, see cut. Engraved in *taille douce* on white wove paper.; imperforate.



SEVEN PENCE HALFPENNY (Queen Victoria.)

27. 7½p green.

1857-58. Portrait of Queen Victoria to left in oval, corners filled with network, see cut. Engraved in *taille douce* on white paper.



ONE HALFPENNY (Queen Victoria.)

July 18th, 1857. Thin wove paper; imperforate.

28. ½p rose.

Thick wove paper.

29. ½p rose.

30. ½p rose-red.

Ribbed paper.

31. ½p rose.

1858. Perforated 12; wove paper

32. ½p rose.

Ribbed paper.

33. ½p rose.

July 1st, 1859. Types similar to the foregoing issues, but with altered values (see cuts.) Engraved in *taille douce* on thick white paper; perforated 12.



ONE CENT (Queen Victoria.)

Wove paper.

34. 1c rose.

35. 1c rose-red.

Variety, imperforate.

36. 1c rose.

Ribbed paper.

37. 1c rose.



FIVE CENTS (Beaver.)

Wove paper.

38. 5c vermilion.
39. 5c deep vermilion.

Variety, double strike.

40. 5c vermilion.

This peculiarity will be observed more readily on the left side of the stamp.

Variety imperforate.

41. 5c vermilion.

Ribbed paper.

42. 5c vermilion.



TEN CENTS (Prince Albert.)

Wove paper.

43. 10c violet black.
44. 10c brown.
45. 10c violet.
46. 10c greenish violet.
47. 10c red-lilac.

Variety, imperforate.

48. 10c violet.

It is probable that the 10, 12½ and 17c of this issue exist on ribbed paper, but we have not seen them.



TWELVE AND A HALF CENTS (Queen Victoria.)

Wove paper.

49. 12½c yellow-green.
50. 12½c blue-green.

Variety, imperforate.

51. 12½c green.

The 1, 10, 12½ and 17c undoubtedly exist imperforate. A few sheets may have escaped perforation and have been issued by mistake.



SEVENTEEN CENTS (Jacques Cartier.)

Wove paper.

52. 17c blue.
53. 17c dark blue.

Variety, imperforate.

54. 17c blue.

August, 1864. Same print, paper and perforation as before. New design and new value.



TWO CENTS (Queen Victoria.)

Wove paper.

55. 2c dull rose.
56. 2c bright rose.

Ribbed paper.

57. 2c rose.

We have seen a fine specimen of the 2c on ribbed paper.

(To be continued.)

Advertisers often make a mistake in crowding too much into their announcements. An advertisement can seldom be properly displayed when it contains more than sixty words to the inch.

An advertiser does not understand his business who expects one insertion of his advertisement to bring him satisfactory returns. An announcement must be repeated at least six times to make a fair trial of any monthly publication. One inch for twelve months is better than twelve inches for one month. One announcement is better than none, but it is not good advertising.

Our list of advertisers is growing, but we look for a considerable increase next month. Next issue will be our holiday number, and will appear right in the midst of the holidays, not a month before. The biggest trade in stamps is *after the holidays*, so it will pay advertisers to use our December number. Copy must be in by December 20th.

Massachusetts Items.

Edmund L. Smiley, Boston, spent over a week in New York, during October, in the interests of the special New York edition of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

Our correspondent in Kewkiang, China, sends us a set of the current issue surcharged 'postage due.' This is unchronicled in Scott's or Smiley's supplementary catalogue in the Stamp Book. It is certainly to be classed with unnecessary issues and will no doubt find its way there in Scott's 58th. These issues for the treaty ports of China have by this time been superseded by the imperial postage.

Ohman, St. Johns, Newfoundland, in mailing his price list to Boston dealers, has introduced a new surcharge to them, ONE CENT upon the 3c. slate brown, of the 1890-97 issue. Other surcharges are expected ere the new set becomes a reality.

In referring to the Nashville convention of the Sons of Philatelia last issue we suggested that all the Massachusetts candidates for office might not be elected, but they were! Gardner R. Kennedy was elected vice-president and purchasing agent; Geo. M. Frame, treasurer; Chas. E. Shaw, supt. of sales, and J. A. Wainwright, attorney.

The meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society on Oct. 19 was one of unusual interest, being marked by an informal address by Howard K. Sanderson of Lynn upon 'Philately in Europe,' special attention being paid the London exhibition. The attendance was large and Mr. Sanderson held the attention of his auditors to the end. Four new members were elected. There was an auction sale of little note.

Every week finds a new candidate for honors as a dealer springing into view. A list of the so-called dealers in Boston and vicinity would startle a casual observer. A few approval sheets, a job lot of stamps and the die is cast.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s auction sale of Oct. 18 offers a few prices of interest. Quotations are given upon perfect stamps only.

	Cat. price.	Sold for.
U. S. issue of 1855-60, 24c, unused, o g	$7 50	$3 75
do do 30c, do do	12 50	5 87
do 1868, 90c, used, very fine	18 00	10 25
do 1869, 90c, lightly cancelled	20 00	13 50
do 1872, 24c, used	2 00	1 00
do 1893, $1, Columbian, unused, o g	6 00	2 40
do 1893, set, do do do	26 42	14 40
do Justice, 2c, unused, o g	4 00	1 87
do do 30c, used, fine	25 00	8 50
Hawaii, 1853. 13c, unused, o g	12 00	3 50
New Brunswick, 1851, 3d, fine copy	4 50	2 35
St. Christopher, 1879, 6d, perf 14, o g	4 00	1 38

A complete set of Newfoundland, Cabot issue, realized $2.94. It would pay the buyer of this set to read the *Messenger*. Drew's next sale takes place Dec. 9, when the entire stock of the Granite State Stamp Co. will be offered for sale. Editor Pinkham will devote his time in the future to journalism and job printing.

H. F. Dunkhorst of Washington, D. C., made a flying trip to Boston early in November. Stone of Concord, N. H., whose specialty is entire U. S. envelopes, was an October visitor.

A sheet of 100 Newfoundland, Cabot issue, 1c, sold for $8.00 at the auction sale of Colonial Stamp Co. last month. Holders of this denomination have an article as good as wheat.

The editor hinted last month that his ideal stamp paper was one filled with information about stamps and not stamp collectors. A few prices from the auction sale of the Colonial Stamp Co. held Oct. 26 in Boston may prove of interest. All stamps in first class condition :

	Cat. price.	Sold for.
U. S., 1861, 24c, lilac, unused, o g	$10 00	$3 25
do 1869, 24c, fine used copy	7 50	3 10
do 1893, $1, Columbian, used,	5 00	2 00
do do $1, do unused, o g	6 00	2 50
do Agriculture, 10c, used, good copy	6 00	1 25
do State, 1c, unused, o g	3 50	1 50
do War, complete set, o g		2 50
do Treasury, 24c, used	5 00	2 20
Nova Scotia, 8½c, used, fine	12 00	1 75
France, 1853. 1 franc, used	5 00	90
New Foundland, 1857, 3d, used	1 00	50
do do 5d, used	6 00	1 25
U. S., Navy, 7c, used	10 00	2 00
do State, 15c, unused	5 00	1 13

Willard O. Wylie of the Boston Philatelic Society was prohibition candidate for lieutenant governor in the recent state election.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 10, 1897.

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For advertisements of a half column or more, at regular schedule rates, we will accept in half payment used foreign stamps at half catalogue (Scott's 58th). Stamps must be catalogued at 10c. each or over, in perfect condition and all different, and we reserve the right of returning those which we do not want.

Address all letters plainly to

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT,
Oak Hill, Charlotte Co., N. B., Can

If this paragraph is marked, it means that your subscription to this paper has expired, and no more copies will be sent you until it is renewed. Read premium list on 3rd page of cover.

Notes.

From Mr. Soost, of Berlin, we received the first specimen of the new German letter card, which was mailed to us the day they were issued.

We are indebted to some kind friend in St. Johns, Nfld., for several specimens of the new provisional, 1c on 3c, lilac-grey.

One who professes to know says that a new set of United States postage stamps will be issued about July 1st, 1898.

The Perforator is a bright, chatty, beautifully printed paper, and excels itself in its commemorative number.

The leading article in the Eastern Philatelist is from the pen of Rev. Hobert Clark, and describes very interestingly some of the features of a *good* collection as compared with a mere accumulation of stamps.

Under our system of liberal premiums, we are almost giving the *Messenger* away to subscribers. But as this ensures a rapidly growing circulation, it will recommend the paper still further to Advertisers.

The past year's business of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., of London, has amounted to about $300,000.

The special New York number of the Weekly Stamp News is a marvel of philatelic enterprise and skill.

The first of the new ½c stamps to reach us were on a letter received from the Mark's Stamp Co., of Toronto, on Nov. 11th. The other values will be issued as the supply of the old stamps is exhausted.

The Philatelic Advocate for November appears in a new form and new cover design. Its bargain pages are as interesting as advertisements can be made. The editor discusses the question, 'Will a philatelic paper pay?' and thinks it will if conducted wisely.

We wish to organize a system of stamp exchange in connection with the P. M. Club, to apply to stamps catalogued at from 2c to 50c each. We ask our readers to favor us with their suggestions, and we will publish them in the *Messenger*.

We wish to secure regular correspondents in Montreal, Winnipeg, British Columbia, St. John, (N. B.), St. Johns, (Nfld.) and London, (England.)

Mr. Jas. A. Knight, of Halifax, informs us that there are three types of surcharge of the Newfoundland provisional. We have two types before us, one in Roman and the other in Old English. The latter seems to be the scarcer of the two.

As we go to press the following item is received from our Boston correspondent:

The November meeting of the Boston P. S. was marked by a large attendance and a great deal of business. Vice President Woodward presided. Two new members were elected, Frank Tent, Newton Centre, and M. H. Lombard, Winchester. Report of committee on revenues was one of unusual interest and showed marked progress. A second appropriation of $100 was voted the committee. Committee on anniversary was appointed. Rev. J. L. Kilbon read a paper 'A philatelic dream,' and an auction sale of Blots closed the evening's entertainment.

We shall be glad to receive contributions for our Holiday Number. Manuscripts should be sent in by Dec. 15th and prices stated plainly. Rejected manuscripts will not be returned unless stamp is enclosed.

Mr. Maury's journal last received contains a very interesting account of his experiences during the preparation of his first catalogue and album.

Letters from Boston, Detroit, Toronto and Halifax will be a regular feature of the *Messenger*. The letters this month are newsy and genial as letters should be. Our correspondents are gentlemen, not snarling critics and mud-throwers. We do not want our paper to contain an unjust or ungenerous word.

An International Parade

If all the philatelists of the world could be brought together somewhere and called upon to elect someone as their patron saint, I suppose that the good Queen Victoria, of Great Britain and of countless colonies, would easily be elected by a large majority. If I were present I would, as an American, move to make the vote unanimous, and I am confident that the veteran stamp collectors of Germany, and France, and other countries would heartily support the motion. Our Washington, and Franklin, and General Bolivar of South America, would, it seems to me, be her only possible rivals, and neither of these distinguished gentlemen, whom you and I know so well, ever saw a postage stamp. There are other great rulers, princes, presidents and statesmen, with whose faces or profiles we are all somewhat acquainted, and whom we respect, but to the stamp collectors of every land Queen Victoria is an old and familiar friend. What a multitude of portraits of her they have seen and handled! How many have been bought and sold by them; sometimes at a great price, especially some of the poorest and more ancient, such as that of Mauritius, 1847, for instance. Who would attempt to count the number and variety of these postal portraits, or imaginary portraits of England's Queen, that we have seen, or wished in vain to see? Some of them very beautiful indeed, others not so. It would be strange if, to those of us who have been collectors from boyhood—looking so often upon that changing face, which has grown older as we have grown older—it were not dear. She has been, perhaps, without knowing it, a philatelic mother to us all. I wish that I had time to-day to talk about some of those many portraits of her that are in all our collections, beginning with the penny black of 1840, and coming down to the recent portrait, on the stamps of Newfoundland, the Niger Coast Protectorate and India, and the latest of all, facing one of the earliest, on the beautiful jubilee issue of Canada; but I must not do so. I was simply reminded of them by a recent event of which we have all read a great deal in the newspapers and elsewhere: that is, the celebration of the completion of the sixtieth year of the good Queen's reign, in which celebration not only all the British colonies, but all the nations of the earth have taken part. It was, as we have learned, an international event of its kind unparalleled in the world's history.—Eastern Philatelist.

Halifax Notes.

On the second of September a club was formed in this city devoted to the interests of stamp collectors, entitled 'The Halifax Philatelic Club.' The president is Mr. A. M. Muirhead, also president of the Dominion Philatelic Association, and Mr. J. Foster Rood, the well known specialist in Newfoundland stamps, is vice-president. Up to present writing about a dozen collectors have joined the ranks, but more are expected. The official organ is the 'Halifax Philatelic Magazine' and membership in the club is limited to Nova Scotia.

The exchange branch of the D. P. A., located in this city, does not appear to be particularly successful. Mr. James N. Peckman, the exchange superintendent, says that there are very few books in circulation this month, but as this is a comparatively new branch of the association the reason is apparent.

A few copies of the Newfoundland 3 cent, surcharged one cent, in black, have been seen here, but it is evidently the intention of the government to make this issue a strictly local one. The Cabot sets must be nearly if not quite sold out, and as the lower denominations have been sold some time ago, the prices have advanced considerably.

'Halifax for 1898,' is the cry of the Halifax Philatelic Magazine, and, as becomes a loyal citizen, I have to echo it. Of course it is only natural for us to lose some interest in these conventions when they are held so far away as Ontario, and let us hope that the Ontario members will see the wisdom of Halifax for the convention city.

The last few sets of Canada Jubilee, up to $1.00, have been sold out at this office. A few copies of higher denomination, from twenty cents up, are still to be obtained. The half cent of the present issue are not to be obtained, the issue being nearly exhausted.

Edward A. Whalen, the well known collector and associate editor of the Halifax Philatelic Magazine, has left for the land of the free, where he will devote himself to study. In him the city looses an ardent philatelist and the Halifax Philatelic club, an energetic secretary.

Detroit Letter.

Philatelic societies are having a hard time of it in the United States. The A. P. A. is barely holding its ground and the P. S. of A. and S. of P. are retrogressing.

The American Collectors' Company is making good progress and has a large number of influential agents. The plans of the company are excellent and if they only carry out their system of doing business on the co-operative plan we think their success is assured. No better manager than Mr. Crawford Capen could have been secured.

The Detroit Philatelist had the misfortune to be burned out in a large fire some time ago, but Mr. Kessler informs us that they are now doing business again.

The auction sales held thus far have proved that good stamps will always bring good prices. The catalogue will, we understand, be gradually revised until it will be as near net prices as it is possible to issue a catalogue. At the same time net prices for a catalogue are a thing impossible, for some dealers would cut prices merely to draw trade.

A certain eastern dealer recently located a large stock of unused orange special delivery stamps and instead of purchasing them outright would take them as he wanted them for use. However a travelling collector happened to inquire for old stamps at this post-office and took all the special deliveries left.

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We purpose adding other features to those outlined above, and invite suggestions from our readers.

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT.

Toronto Letter.

The ½c value of our new issue of postage stamps was placed on sale here about the middle of the month. The portrait of Her Majesty as she appeared during the jubilee festivities appears in an oval. The Queen seems to have lost a good deal of that facial rotundity and expression so noticeable in the jubilee stamps, the nose and chin inclining to be pointed and the eyes being hardly discernible. The crown is absent altogether, and in its place is a tiara which has the appearance of sliding off the far side of her head. In the four corners are maple leaves, and surrounding the whole is a border. The engraving is coarser than that of previous issues, and the lettering is very common-place.

A society has been organized lately in the interest of beginners and junior collectors. It is called the Boys' Own Philatelic Association and will no doubt be a success. All interested and wishing to become members should write the secretary (*pro tem*) W. A. Lydiatt, 229 Davenport Road, Toronto, for application blanks and further particulars.

A new paper is announced by the Ontario Philatelic Co., of Berlin, to be called the Boys' Own Philatelist.

There is some talk of organizing a local junior stamp club in Toronto. No doubt this is what is wanted. In union there is strength. Why should there not be a philatelic club in every city, town or village where six or more enthusiastic philatelists are to be found?

The Ont. Phil. Co. has in preparation The Canadian Philatelic Annual, which will be published some time in December. It will consist of from 40 to 50 pages of literature and advertisements interesting to philatelists.

UNCLE ZEB.

If the S. S. S. S. undertakes to suppress the Canada Jubilee and Newfoundland Cabot stamps, its own brave labors will suppress the S. S. S. S.

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Publications Received.

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Bric-a-brac, mo., J. W. Palmer, 281 Strand, W. C., London, G. B., 32c.

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Also: Birmingham Phil. Soc. Annual Report, P. C. S. A. Monthly Bulletin, P. J. G. B. Advertiser, Stewart's Color Guide, Auction Catalogue of Bogert & Durbin Co., Geo. R. Tuttle and P. M. Wolsieffer, and Price Lists of C. H. Mekeel and Whitfield King & Co.

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DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

OF THE

Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes, Postal Cards, Etc., of British North America.

BY ARTEMAS.

CANADA.

Adhesive Stamps.

[Continued.]

Variety, imperforate.

58. 2c rose.

Stamped Envelopes.

1860. Head of Queen Victoria to left in plain oval frame inscribed 'Canada Postage" above and value in words below; stamp embossed in upper right-hand corner; white laid paper, watermarked "Ca.—P.O.D." in two lines; size of envelope 140 x 83 mm.

Yellowish white paper.

101. 5c vermilion.
102. 10c brown.
103. 10c vermilion (error.)

The 10c vermilion has but lately come to light, and we believe that the only known copy is in the collection of a Montreal philatelist.

Bluish white paper.

104. 5c vermilion.
105. 10c brown.

In 1868 these envelope stamps were reprinted on pieces of white wove and buff laid paper and on envelopes, white and buff laid, watermarked "U. S. P. O. D." These reprints were made by Mr. Nesbitt, who at first manufactured the envelopes for the Canadian Government. Among these reprints a second type of the 5c is found. This seems to be from a die which was prepared but rejected. The stamp is larger and the head smaller than on the die which was approved.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Adhesive Stamps.

1868-69. Head of Queen Victoria to right in a circle; "Canada Postage" above and value in words below; numerals of value in lower corners, except on ½c stamp which has "½" between "Half and "Cent" below circle; the 1c stamp has an extra figure "1" between "Canada" and "Postage" above circle; the 3c stamp has numerals in all four corners; details of scroll work, etc., differ for each value. Engraved in *taille douce* on various papers; perforated 12. The size of the ½c is 17½ x 21½ mm., of the other values 20 x 24½ mm.

White wove paper.

1. ½c black.
2. 1c brown-red.
3. 2c green.
4. 2c deep green.
5. 3c red.
6. 3c rose-red.

7. 6c yellow-brown.
8. 6c dark brown.
9. 12½c blue.
10. 12½c dark blue,
11. 15c red-lilac.
12. 15c lilac.

Thin grayish white wove paper.

13. ½c black.
14. 1c brown-red.
15. 2c green.
16. 3c red.
17. 6c brown.
18. 12½c blue.
19. 15c lilac.

Bluish wove paper.

20. ½c black.

Paper watermarked with makers name, "E. & C. BOTHWELL, CLUTHA MILLS," about 20 stamps in each sheet showing part of watermark.

21. 1c brown red.
22. 2c green.
23 3c red.
24. 6c brown.
25. 12½c blue.
26. 15c lilac.

We believe the ½c stamp does not exist with above watermark.

Laid paper.

27. 1c brown-red.
28. 3c red.
29. 15c lilac.

1869. A change of color in the 1c value.

30. 1c yellow.
31. 1c. orange.

Variety, imperforate.

32. 1c yellow.

(To be continued.)

Detroit Notes.

The Detroit Philatelist has not been heard from for some time and the probabilities point to a change in ownership.

Mr. Howard C. Beek, deputy city controller of Detroit, is now doing business as "The Michigan Stamp Co."

The annual meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Association was held at its rooms in the Cowie building Monday, December 6th. About thirty were present and much interest was manifested. The secretary's report showed an increase in membership, making a total membership of forty-seven. The treasurer's report showed a good balance in the treasury. The annual election resulted in the following officers being chosen:—President, Freemont Woodruff; vice-president, Thos. Farmer; jr.; secretary-treasurer, Howard C. Beek: executive committee, Messrs. Bates, Porte, Aikman and Begg. Mr. Lewis Rice then gave a very interesting talk on fractional currency and its connection with stamps, illustrating the talk with his own magnificent collection. Few have the pleasure of listening to such an instructive address as that given by Mr. Rice and we regret that we are not able to reproduce it in full for the benefit of our P. M. readers.

Two well known Detroit collectors intend entering the dealers' ranks in a short time.

Although auction sales are held in nearly all of our large cities, Detroit has had none yet to our knowledge, except the impromptu ones held at the society meetings. There are plenty of stamps and plenty of buyers in Detroit and we fail to see why a well conducted auction should not be a success.

The new Detroit post office is at last opened to the public. It has been under way for ten years and is a beautiful stone structure occupying an entire block and is elegantly fitted up. The new office is not quite so central as the old one, but it would have been an impossibility to have secured enough ground where the old office stands, as it is on the Wall street of Detroit.

We recently received a postal from a youthful Detroiter offering for sale a magnificent collection of 450 varieties, including a complete set of Ecuador, many from Spain, Italy, Africa, South America and others equally rare. If I were in the market for good collections he solicited an offer on the above. Needless to say we were not in the market. AMERICAN.

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Halifax Notes.

The stamp business is dull here at present. This is not unusual at this season of the year, as collectors usually engage their attention with other matters until after the festive season.

The fate of "The Halifax Magazine," published by A. M. Muirhead of this city, is uncertain. Neither the November nor the December number has appeared, and it is not likely that they will. I quote the following from the "Weekly Era:" "Among twenty papers of Canada until now enjoying second class mailing rates and which the postmaster thought we could do without and accordingly withdrew the mailing privilege, I find the name of the Halifax Philatelic Magazine."

We have had quite a large number of new issues in North America lately. First came Canada with her Jubilee issue, then Newfoundland with the Cabot set (also the recent surcharge of that colony) and finally the new Canadian issue which as yet has not been placed on sale at the post office. The United States is also contemplating a new issue.

That worthy and astute man Mr. Mulock is contemplating another idea for raising the postal revenue of the country. He intends instead of allowing merchants to put an advertisement of their business on private post cards free of charge as before, to charge them for the privilege. Whether this will come into force or not is a matter of question.

Meekeel's Weekly of the ninth inst., contains the following clipping from Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Circular, part of which I reproduce.

"For it seems that $3.59 is the highest amount that can possibly be paid upon a packet in Canada under existing regulations." Postmaster Blackadar when interviewed in the interest of the *Messenger* said that he has known packets bearing stamps to the value of $12.00 to be forwarded from this office and that a packet bearing five dollars worth of stamps is an occasional if not frequent occurrence.

It is reported that two post office officials while destroying some old documents dated back as far as 1859 found pasted on a legal document 20 old Nova Scotian shilling stamps. As Scotts 57th catalogues them at $140.00 each it is a find of no small importance. F. B. REYNOLDS.

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Notes.

We have been notified by the postmaster general that we cannot be permitted to publish representations of Canadian or British stamps. We are therefore obliged to omit the cuts in our B. N. A. catalogue.

The 1, 2, 5 and 6c stamps of the new Canadian issue have made their appearance since our last number was printed. The colors are: 1c green, 2c purple, 5c dark blue on bluish, 6c brown. They are all of the same design as the ½c black.

Owing to the illness of the publisher and other circumstances which we could not control, this number of the *Messenger* is behind time, but we hope to have future numbers out in better season, and trust that correspondents and advertisers will send copy as soon as possible after receipt of this issue.

Advertisements and premium offers have taken up so much space this month that we are compelled to omit several of the usual features of the paper. We will try to make up for the omissions next time.



Newfoundland Provisional

A good deal has been written concerning this now celebrated stamp. We give our readers a cut of it this month. As far as we have been able to ascertain from Newfoundland correspondents, and those who have seen sheets, or rather half-sheets, about 1000 half sheets of 50 stamps each have been surcharged. Four rows in each sheet, or 40 stamps, were surcharged in Rom. Antique type—**"ONE CENT."** Eight stamps in the bottom row were surcharged in Old Style Antique, "ONE CENT." The remaining two stamps, to the right of the bottom row, were surcharged in Gothic—**"ONE CENT."** This would give 40,000 stamps of the commoner type, 8,000 stamps of the second type and 2,000 stamps of the rarest type. From these figures it will be readily seen that the second and third types are desirable stamps to have.

Since writing the above, we find that 10 stamps were surcharged in *red*, and 35 in *black and red*.

Massachusetts Items.

The American Collector's Company has secured the services of Geo. L. Toppan, secretary of the Boston Philatelic Society, as its Boston representative. Other Massachusetts agents are Lowell, Samuel Burbank, Haverhill, Herbert A. Chase and Springfield, F. Newell Chapin.

We have been greatly interested in the rivalry manifested by Boston dealers as to who will first place new issues upon sale. The first week in this month was marked by the appearance of two new issues from Newfoundland, and Frank P. Brown seems entitled to the honor of the first exhibit. The new six cent Canada has also appeared.

The two values from Newfoundland are one cent red, Queen Victoria, and two cent orange, Prince of Wales. The latter forcibly emphasizes upon one's mind the fact that very many years will not elapse ere that likeness will be frequently met with. Mr. J. A. Lyons informs us that in all probability no further new issues will be permitted by the powers that be, but that, with the exception of these issues, the old set in use prior to the jubilee issue will be resumed.

The following applications for membership in the New England association have been posted: Fred S. Smith, 98 Milk street, Boston; J. Favrel Capron, 43 Milk St. Boston, and Chas. H. Smith, Dedham, Mass. Mr. Capron is the genial manager of the Boston Stamp Co. The association now numbers 74 members in good standing.

A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Company has recently made a trip to Montreal by way of Portland, returning through New York state and stopping at various philatelic centres. It is almost needless to add that he took a few treasures along with him.

The auction sale of B. L. Drew & Co. on December 9th was largely attended, dealers as well as collectors being represented. The large stock of the Granite State Stamp Company of Newmarket, N. H., was among the attractions of the evening. Prices as a whole were low, many desirable lots selling way below wholesale figures. A few prices follow:

	Cat. price.	Sold for.
U. S., New York, 5c.	$8 00	$1 00
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do 1856, 24c	5 00	1 75
do 1856, 90c, o g	27 50	11 50
do 1861, 90c	4 00	1 75
do 1869, 24c, unused	20 00	4 75
do Interior Dept., complete set used	7 22	1 30
do Justice, 24c, used	20 00	5 25
do Navy, 7c, used	10 00	1 50
Canada, Jubilee, unused, o g face, value	16 22	15 50
Canada, 1882, 15c, o g, block of 16	4 80	2 40
Mauritius, 1849, 6d, used	10 00	2 30
New Brunswick, 5c, sheet of 100	5 00	1 00
do do 10c, sheet of 100	10 00	7 50
do do 17c, sheet of 100	25 00	5 00

The price paid for the New Brunswick will be interesting reading for *Messenger* subscribers.

Franklin E. Smith, the Newton dealer, is publishing in the Eastern Philatelist a very interesting series of articles relating to his trip abroad last summer.

The Colonial Stamp Company will hold an auction sale on Tuesday evening, Dec. 21st, in Elk's hall, Boston. Two 'gilt edge' sales are contemplated for January, one by the above mentioned firm, and one by B. L. Drew & Company. Mr. Drew is very enthusiastic. Said he: — 'We have $10,000 worth of stamps and not a damaged one in the lot.'

The Old Colony Philatelic society has elected these officers for 1898: — President, David Smiley; Vice President, Melvin T. Estey; Secretary, S. W. Shephard and Treasurer, Wilfred W. Skinner.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15th.

BURNHAM.

Scott's 58th.

Our review of this standard Catalogue must be kept over for next month, when we propose devoting considerable space to it. Enough to say here that the catalogue improves with every edition.

Montreal Notes.

The announcements made by the Hon. Mr. Patterson, that after 1st January next the postage on letters from Canada to any part of the British Empire will be three cents an ounce, is another intimation to the British people in all parts of the empire that the Dominion of Canada is not ouly desirous of cultivating the most friendly relations, but that in order to do so she is prepared to make sacrifices. This action on the part of Canada will, no doubt, lead to reciprocal concessions from the British Government and colonial governments as well. The action of Canada's Government will be an addition to the events of the Jubilee which cannot fail to deeply impress the Canadian people as well as those of the Empire.

At a meeting of La Chambre de Commerce of this city, a resolution was unanimously adopted thanking the Postmaster General for having taken the initiative of reducing the postage to the whole British Empire.

There appears to be a boom in stamp business here. The dealers seem well pleased. Perhaps this is due to the approach of Christmas.

The two cents and five cents new issue came out on the 13th inst. in the rural post offices. I enclose an envelope received that day by one of my friends, with the 2c stamp on it. You will notice the design is the same as the ½ cents, the color being dark violet; the 5 cents being dark blue on bluish paper.

1897. ½c black.
2c dark violet.
5c dark blue (bluish.)

The six cents rich brown chronicled, in Mekeel's Weekly 363, has not yet made its appearance here, though it is expected some time next week.

A notice was posted at the post office on the 10th inst. in regard to the advertising on the front of the post card. This privilege will be highly appreciated by all commercial people and should result in the increased popularity of post cards. ATLAS.

That Stamped Envelope.

Some of our subscribers have not received their premiums because they have neglected to send a stamped and addressed envelope. Without this no premium will be sent. Subscribers in the United States and Newfoundland should send an addressed envelope with a 3c stamp *in* it instead of *on* it. Subscribers in other countries may send 40c, which pays for subscription, premium and exchange notice.

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Toronto Notes.

Among the visitors to Toronto during the past month were E. A. Marris and P. K. Moore, they both having accompanied the 13th Battalion of Hamilton on their recent visit to the city. Edmund L. Smiley of Boston and Captain E. F. Wurtele, president of Canadian Philatelic Association, were also among the philatelic visitors.

The Colonial Stamp & Publishing Co. has opened up offices here at 24 Louisa street. They will publish The Colonial Stamp some time in January.

The Boys' Own Philatelist has made its appearance from Berlin, Ont., by the Ontario Philatelic Co. It's not so bad.

Wm. R. Adams has moved his quarters from Ann and Adelaide streets to 401 Yonge street where he will carry on the stamp dealing and publishing, printing and stationery business.

The Postmaster General has made arrangements whereby Canadians will be able to send a letter to any part of the British Empire at the uniform rate of three cents per ounce instead of 5 cents per ½ ounce as heretofore.

A deputation of Toronto business men will wait upon the Postmaster General with a proposal to reduce the rate of postage within the city limits from 2c. to 1c. per ounce. A turn for the better.

It is also stated that a proposition will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next session to reduce the rate of postage within the Dominion from 3 to 2 cents per ounce. We hope this reduction will be made as it has been advocated for several years.

A privilege has been granted advertisers of printing on the face of post cards such things as they may choose so long as reasonable space is left for writing the address. Mr. Mulock thinks that this will be beneficial both to the country and to the advertiser, adding to its revenue and advertising it through pictures of some of its beautiful scenes. Why not put some of the scenes on the stamps? Next they will be having advertisements printed on the stamps. This change will add another class of collectors to our ranks, namely, collecting different varieties of Canadian post cards.

At time of writing the following varieties Canada's new issue have been placed on sale: ½ black, 2c. purple, 5c. blue, 6c. brown, 8c. slate. The colors are ½c. biack, 1c. green, 2c. purple, 3c. red, 5 blue, 6c. brown, 8c. slate, 10c. carmine.

Newfoundland has another new issue. I have seen 1, 2 and 4c. 1c. red with Queen's profile, 2c. yellow, Prince of Wales profile. Next.

A local stamp club has been organized in Hamilton under the name of the Hamilton Stamp Club. The following are the officers: President, F. M. Robinson; secretary treasurer, R. S. Mason; librarian, C. S. Applegath; auction manager, E. A. Marris; superintendent information bureau, W. B. Grant. The club starts with 10 members.

Business has been so brisk in the Toronto General Post Office it has been found necessary to increase the staff. Twelve have recently been added to the already large number employed.

Hamilton has got the 1898 convention seat of the D. P. A. (Halifax got the bone.) We are glad Hamilton got it and sorry there were not more votes cast. A good attendance is expected.

WALDO.

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MRS. PATCH, Chestnut Hall, Liverpool, N. S., will be pleased to exchange with any provincial or foreign collector, and to receive approval sheets for selection and purchase.

GOOD British Colonials and United States to exchange for British North Americas. H. S. Seaman, Brockville, Ont., Canada.

EXCHANGE wanted with stamp collectors in any foreign country. Basis of exchange Scott's 58th catalogue. Address, A. Knowles, Palmerston, Ont., Canada.

FOREIGN collectors sending me about 300 common stamps of their country will receive in exchange same amount of Canadas, etc. J. Lehuquet, 8 Irwin Ave., Toronto, Canada.

SEND me 100 to 1000 British North American stamps and I will send equal value in U. S. All letters answered. A. Anderson, Luray, Kansas, U. S. A.

SEND me Canadian Revenues catalogued at $5.00 or more and I will send in exchange foreign stamps catalogued at the same amount. Duplicates taken in any quantity. F. P. Gibbs, Olean, N. Y.

EXCHANGE wanted. Stamp collectors of the Dominion of Canada, send 100 common cancelled stamps and get 20 varieties of U. S. stamps, no two alike. James W. Sells, 6703 Old Manchester Rd., St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A.

WHOEVER sends me good stamps of his country will receive equal catalogue value in good U. S. stamps. No trash. I. D. Kohns, care of Joel Gutman & Co., Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

IF you wish to exchange stamps and get what you want, send a postal for particulars to The Syracuse Exchange, C. W. Brown, Mgr., 516 Irving Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

WANT following magazines for cash or exchange:—"Cosmopolitan," Sept., 1893; "McClure's," June and July, 1893; "New England," Sept., 1889. Address, F. W. Coning, Maryville, Tenn., U. S. A.

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Special Rates.

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Until further notice, we will insert transient advertisements at the special rate of 30c per inch, or 50c per ¼ column. A quarter column contains 14⅓ inches. As the *Messenger* is published about the last of the month, copy should be in hand by the 20th.

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DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

OF THE

Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes, Postal Cards, Etc., of British North America.

BY ARTEMAS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Adhesive Stamps.

[Continued.]

1870-73. Designs similar to the last issue, but stamps smaller, size 17½ x 21½ mm. Impression, etc., as before.

33. 1c yellow.
34. 1c orange.
35. 2c green (1872).
36. 3c rose.
37. 3c vermilion.
38. 6c brown (1872).
39. 10c pale rose lilac (1873).
40. 10c rose lilac (1873).

Varieties, imperforate.

41. 2c green.
42. 3c vermilion.

October, 1875. Similar design, larger size, 20 x 24½ mm.

43. 5c olive green.

May, 1876. Similar design. Same size as issue of 1870-73. Impression, etc., as before.

44. 5c slate green.

1877. 15c of 1868 in new color.

45. 15c blue gray.

1880. Change of color.

46. 15c slate.

July, 1882. Similar in design, but very small, 15 x 18mm.

47. ½c black.
48. ½c black.

Variety, imperforate.

1885. Stamps of 1870-76, but on ribbed paper.

49. 1c yellow.
50. 2c green.
51. 3c vermilion.
52. 5c slate green (No. 44).

53. 6c brown.
54. 10c rose lilac.

1888-90. Design of 1870-76, in new shades.

55. 2c blue green.
56. 3c lake red.
57. 5c gray.
58. 6c rich brown.
59. 10c carmine red.

1892. New design. Head of Queen (in widow's cap) to left in circle, with 'Canada Postage' above and value in numerals and words below. Size 19 x 25mm. Impression and perforation as before.

60. 20c vermilion.
61. 50c deep blue.

1893. New value in design similar to stamps of 1870-73, but head to left.

62. 8c slate.

1894-95, 8c and 15c, in new shades.

63. 8c black gray.
64. 15c gray violet.

1896-97. The ½c on thicker paper and the 8c in a new shade.

65. ½c black, thick paper.
66. 8c violet black.

1897. New design commemorative of the Diamond Jubilee of the Empress Queen. Large oblong stamp, size 31 x 21½mm. Two ovals, the one to the left containing portrait of Queen Victoria as taken at the time of her coronation, that to the right containing her portrait of 1897. Crown between 'Canada' and 'Postage' above; V R I between ovals; dates '1837,' '1897' and values below. Impression, perforation, etc., as in former issue.

67. ½c black.
68. 1c orange.
69. 2c green.
70. 2c blue green.
71. 3c bright rose.
72. 5c deep blue.
73. 6c brown.
74. 8c gray violet.
75. 10c brown violet.
76. 15c steel blue.
77. 20c vermilion.
78. 50c pale ultra marine.
79. 50c bright do
80. $1.00 claret.
81. $2.00 dark purple.
82. $3.00 yellow brown.
83. $4.00 purple.
84. $5.00 olive.

The above was a limited issue. The plates were destroyed after the following quantities were printed:—

½c	150,000	15c	100,000
1c	8,000,000	20c	100,000
2c	2,500,000	50c	100,000
3c	20,000,000	$1.00	25,000
5c	750,000	$2.00	25,000
6c	75,000	$3.00	25,000
8c	200,000	$4.00	25,000
10c	150,000	$5.00	25,000

The so-called variety of the 8c contains two tiny dots between the 'Eight' and 'Cents.' These dots are found (with a microscope) in the ten stamps of the top row in each sheet.

1897-98. Head of Queen Victoria (with widow's veil and imperial crown) to left within oval band containing 'Canada Postage' above and value below; maple leaves in corners; the whole inclosed by rectangular frame; white design on colored ground. Engraved in *taille douce* on white wove paper; perforated 12.

85. ½c black.
86. 1c green.
87. 2c deep purple.
88. 3c rose red.
89. 5c deep blue.
90. 6c brown.
91. 8c orange vermilion.
92. 10c plum.

(To be continued.)

That Stamped Envelope.

Some of our subscribers have not received their premiums because they have neglected to send a stamped and addressed envelope. Without this no premium will be sent. Subscribers in the United States and Newfoundland should send an addressed envelope with a 3c stamp *in* it instead of *on* it. Subscribers in other countries may send 40c, which pays for subscription, premium and exchange notice.

Scott's 58th.

Last month we promised to devote considerable space in this number to the new catalogue. We now take up our pen to fulfil the promise. That the catalogue is one of the best half dozen that are published no philatelist will dispute. That the 58th is better than any former edition will be generally granted. That the catalogue is perfect in every respect not even its warmest friends will claim. So that while on the one hand we want to be ungrudging in our commendation of it, we want on the other hand to be conscientious in our censure.

We think it an improvement to have relegated the postal cards to another volume. We think it would be a further improvement to do the same with the United States locals, telegraphs and revenue stamps, and with the Chinese locals. We like consistency in a catalogue as well as in a man. The title of the catalogue does not truthfully represent the contents. There is no hint of revenue stamps upon the title page. The long lists of United States revenues and locals in the Scott catalogues are as much of a nuisance as the long lists of Russian locals are in those of Stanley Gibbons.

We like the alphabetical arrangement of the catalogue. It is the most convenient for reference. But we wish it were adhered to more closely. Senf's catalogue is far more convenient to refer to than either Scott's or Stanley Gibbons'. Senf's does not begin with the German Empire. A catalogue that aspires to be a standard for the philatelic world should not give the first place to the country in which it is issued. Stanley Gibbons' catalogue has only lately fallen into this error. We think it a mistake to group the Indian native states, but would prefer to see the alphabetical order adhered to without exception.

Some have found fault with the 58th because of the multitude of shades and minute varieties listed. We cannot wholly agree with them. We do not think a standard catalogue can be too complete. But we could wish that more of the minor varieties were *priced*. And here we would like to see consistency too. Some countries are much more minutely catalogued than others. The varieties of perforation are given *ad nauseam* in Brazil, 1890-97. They are ignored in Roumania. The list of Canadian stamps is incomplete. The differences between Die A and Die B of the British Colonial stamps cannot be seen without 'a double million magnifying microscope.' The list of Greek stamps from 1862 to 1882 is a medley without any attempt at arrangement. Some of the most important varieties are omitted. But nothing is easier than finding fault. We might note omissions here and there in countries whose stamps we are most familiar with. The fact, however, remains that Scott's 58th is a marvel of research, completeness and accuracy, and that no better guide for the general collector is to be found among priced catalogues.

The paper, form and illustrations are everything that can be desired. The prices do not seem to be excessive when compared with English, German and French catalogues, but they are certainly too high for the present state of the American market. We trust that the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. will long be spared to issue many more of their indispensable annual standard catalogues.

The new Canadian stamps are neat, and the colors are well chosen. But postmasters complain that some of the colors are too dark, so that it is difficult at night to tell whether the stamps have been cancelled. They complain, too, of the absence of figures of value. This necessitates a close look at some of the stamps to discover the denomination. The gum is abominable—*it will not stick.*

Massachusetts Items.

Gardner R. Kennedy, formerly with Frank P. Brown, informs the writer that he will probably locate in Worcester, Mass. He hopes to open business with a fine stock in a down town store, making a specialty of United States issues.

President Weaver of the Sons of Philatelia has appointed E. B. Horn, jr., resident vice president of the society for Mass.

A fraud by the name of Lyman J. Hastings and giving reference to the Suffolk National bank has furnished Boston with considerable free advertising during the past month.

The regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, held January 18th, was marked by a splendid attendance. Over fifty were present, including such old timers as Messrs. Trifet and Holton. Pres. Van Derlip presided. The reports of the officers showed a splendid financial condition and numerically over two hundred and fifty members. The treasury is strong to the extent of $400. A. W. Dunning, Cambridge, was elected to membership and G. A. Flagg, manager of the Liberty Stamp Co., was proposed for membership. The newly elected officers for 1898 are: Pres., W. C. Van Derlip; vice president, H. E. Woodward; secretary, Geo. L. Toppan; treasurer, L. L. Green; superintendent of auction sales, E. L. Smiley; exchange manager, J. F. Johnson; board of directors, Edward A. Stevens, H. Corbett, M. H. Lombard, S. R. Sircom and E. P. Sturgis.

The next meeting of the B. P. S. will observe the anniversary of the society and a very interesting programme has been prepared. Mr. John N. Luff, New York, and Mr. Francis Foster, Boston, are to take the prominent parts in the evening's entertainment. The members will be prominent when the refreshments are served.

Willard O. Wylie, Boston, is now manager of the Boston Stamp Book. The February number is to appear February 15th and March number on time.

New England is favored with five handsome representatives of the philatelic press. We refer to the Eastern Philatelist, Weekly Era, Perforator, Philatelic Bulletin and the Stamp Book.

Drew's gilt-edged sale on the evenings of January 19 and 20 was eminently successful. Our department will not give us space to make extended quotations. His twenty second auction sale will be held Monday evening, January 31st, in Elks' hall, Boston.

The Springfield society has about fifty members in good standing. It is one of the best local societies in the state.

J. Francis Bowen, 39 St. James Avenue, Boston, has been posted for membership in the S. of P.

Howard Paine has been elected secretary of the O. C. P. S. and Otto C. Cliff exchange superintendent.

Boston, January 20th, 1898.

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A List of British West Indian Stamps.

(Issued during 1897.)

Barbados.—The American Journal of Philately (Dec.) chronicles a Jubilee set issued by this colony in November. The stamps will be in use for a considerable time and no restrictions are placed upon their sale. In the farthing, 6, 8, 10 pence and 2 shillings 6 pence, the value is in a different color from the rest of the design. Wmk. Crown and C. C. Perf. 14.

1f gray and carmine.
½p gray green.
1p rose.
2½p ultramarine.
5p dark olive brown.
6p violet and carmine.
8p orange and ultramarine.
10p blue green and carmine.
2s 6p slate and orange.

Leeward Islands.—These islands celebrated the Diamond Jubilee by surcharging the whole series of current adhesives with a buckled garter inscribed 'Sexagenary 1897' and 'V. R. I.' in monogram in the centre.



½p green and mauve.
1p carmine and mauve.
2½p blue and mauve.
4p orange and mauve.
6p brown and mauve.
7p slate and mauve.
1s rose and green.
5s blue and green.

Jamaica.—The 1, 2 and 5 shilling stamps were issued with C. A. wmk.

1s brown.
2s claret.
5s mauve.

St. Vincent.—On July 13th new 2½ and 5 penny stamps were issued to take the place of provisional stamps of those values. Wmk. Crown and C. A. Perf. 14.

2½p milky blue.
5p slate brown.

The 1 penny light lilac Revenue has been surcharged '3 PENCE' and it is said will pay postage and registration fee to Grenada and St. Lucia. Wmk. Crown and C. A. Perf. 14.

3p on 1p light lilac, black s.

The 1 shilling stamp has appeared in a new shade, salmon instead of vermilion.

1s salmon.

Tobago.—The 4 penny Revenue was surcharged '½d. POSTAGE' in two lines. These stamps were not sold but affixed to letters at the post office. Wmk. Crown and C. A. Perf. 14.

½p on 4p lilac, black s.

Halifax Notes.

The annual meeting of the Halifax Philatelic Club was held at the rooms on Friday Jan. 7th. The following officers were elected for the year:

President, A. M. Muirhead
Vice-president, F. B. Reynolds
Secy. Treas. Edward A. Whalen
Exchange Supt. Jas. A. Peckham
Counterfeit detector, J. Foster Rood
Auction manager, W. F. Van Malden.

It was resolved to extend the scope of the club to the Maritime Provinces instead of Nova Scotia as formerly.

The 3ct. stamp of the new Canadian issue closely resembles the United State 2ct. in color, size and general appearance. Many people consider this new issue inferior to the old in design, and perhaps with some show of reason.

Your correspondent had an opportunity of interviewing Mr. Muirhead, President of the Dominion Philatelic Association, regarding the future of that organization in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Muirhead does not conceal his disappointment at the result of the late convention vote, and fears that but little progress will be made by the D. P. A. in Eastern Canada during the present year.

A few copies of the new Canadian post-card have been seen here. They are of the same color and design as the 1ct. stamp of the new issue.

Quite a number of soldiers and sailors take an interest in Philately. They have small collections gathered during service in foreign countries and occasionally purchase stamps from the dealer in "the city by the sea."

F. B. Reynolds.

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Notes.

We have applied repeatedly to the postmaster general for second class privileges, but have not been able to secure them. It will make no difference in the publication of the *Messenger* and will not affect its circulation. But it amounts to this, that we are being robbed by a piece of official stupidity or malice of $5.00 to $10.00 per month. It is some consolation to see in the signs of the times pretty certain evidence of the speedy dissolution of the present government and the restoration to office of men who are sane and sensible, none of whom could ever have been little-minded enough to be guilty of the Jubilee stamp fiasco.

We would not for a moment say or do anything which might affect injuriously the brothers Starnaman. We admire their pluck and rejoice in their success. May it ever continue and grow without limit. But it is the duty of a servant of the people, and that is what the postmaster general is, to deal out even-handed justice to all. We ask our readers if there is reason or justice in according second class rates to the Philatelic Advocate and denying them to the *Philatelic Messenger*.

We have been forbidden by the postmaster general to publish illustrations of foreign stamps. After the matter was ready for this issue, we were obliged to omit several cuts. Being ignorant of the law in the matter we wish to be technically in the right. We shall get legal advice before the next *Messenger* appears. We think it very likely that this prohibition is simply another example of meddlesome officiousness on the part of the post office department. It is strange if we have a law that prohibits what is lawful in every other civilized or semi-civilized country under the sun.

We have thought best to publish the documents we have received from the postmaster general. The full text of them will be found elsewhere in this issue of the *Messenger*. We shall send a copy of this number to the members of parliament and the principal newspapers of the Dominion, and we appeal to them against the decision of the post office department.

Judgments From Ottawa.

Post Office Department, Canada,
Ottawa, 30th November, 1897.

SIR,—A copy of the October number of *The Philatelic Messenger*, published by you, has reached the Department, and I am directed to inform you that the publication of representations of Canadian or British postage stamps is against the law and cannot be permitted, and to reqaest that you withdraw any such from your journal.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. D. LESUEUR,
Secretary.

Ottawa, 11th December, 1897.

SIR,—With reference to your further communication of the 5th instant asking that postal privileges be extended to *The Philatelic Messenger*, I have to say that as the paper in question does not appear to be a newspaper in the sense understood by the statute, the Postmaster General is unable to comply with your request.

As regards the publication of representations of Canadian or British postage stamps, even of reduced size, I am to inform you that it is against the law and cannot be permitted.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. D LESUEUR,
Secretary.

Ottawa, 22nd Dec., 1897.

SIR,—Referring to your communication of the 16th instant, further upon the subject of transmission by post of *The Philatelic Messenger*, I have to say that the Department has always held that the statutory privilege of free transmission does not apply to any publication which is issued as an adjunct to another business in which its owner is engaged.

The regulations of the United States post office department are similar in this respect to those of the Canadian post office.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. D. LESUEUR,
Secretary.

Ottawa, 26th January, 1898.

SIR,—Referring to your communication of the 13th instant, further upon the subject of free transmission by post of *The Philatelic Messenger*, published by you at St. Stephen, I have to say that the Department is still of the opinion that your publication cannot be recognized as a periodical in the sense understood by the statute.

The Department must be governed in such a case by what appears on the face of the paper, and the fact that you offer as premiums so extensive an assortment of stamps must be regarded as an indication that the paper is connected with a stamp business.

I am to say further that the law prohibits the imitation not only of Canadian, but also of foreign stamps and that it will be therefore necessary for you to discontinue entirely the reproduction of postage stamps.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. D. LESUEUR,
Secretary.

Hamilton Notes.

The newly organized local stamp club, branch No. 4 of the D. P. A., held a social evening on the eleventh of this month at the home of the secretary, Mrs. R. S. Mason. The president gave a short but instructive talk on "Paper" (laid, wove, etc.) and explained many things that the members were in doubt about. A number of papers were donated to the library, which by the report of the librarian shows the number of magazines, etc., on hand to be about one hundred, which is a first class showing for so young a society. During the evening the auction manager held a sale of a few stamps which were eagerly bought and fairly good prices paid for them. Mr. Harris is proving himself to be a good auctioneer and is just the right man in the right place.

Leading dealers here report business very brisk at present and we hope to see things continue to be so.

Robert Knox, one of Hamilton's best best known collectors and an active member of the local stamp club, has left Hamilton for Grimsby, Ont., where he will be engaged in the "Bank of Hamilton" of that place.

Ed. A. Marris has been appointed Canadian correspondent for the "Herald Exchange" and the "California Stamp."

C. S. APPLEGATH.

Detroit Notes.

The article on "Entire or Cut Square Envelopes," by S. A. D. Cox, in the last number of the Columbian Philatelist was the best article of the kind that we have ever read. The point made by Mr. Cox that a cut square specimen is not available for postal duty is a good one. We cry about collecting labels not good for actual postal use and at the same time calmly collect cut square envelopes. Is this consistent? Not at all, and the fact is becoming more apparent every day. A cut square envelope is of as much philatelic value, or should be, as an adhesive with all but the main design cut away. One is of as much intrinsic value as the other. In envelope stamps cutting a stamp square mars the beauty of it, as an envelope stamp always looks best when entire as it was intended to be. The cut round envelopes have given way to the cut square specimens and these are slowly retiring in favor of the entire envelopes.

We are glad to see the Messenger so favorably commented on by papers on this side of the line. It shows that quality and not quantity counts.

Being so near the Dominion we have naturally received the new Canadian issue nearly as soon as sent out and it seems to be the general trend of opinion here that, with the exception of the half cent, the issue is remarkably pretty.

Quite a number of the Newfoundland surcharges have been offered for for sale here of late, and the majority of collectors are extremely wary about purchasing.

Mr. T. L. W. Porte has one of the first collections of Philatelic literature in the western states. His library is nearly complete and by a system of filing and indexing that is entirely his own he can refer in a moment's notice to almost any article wanted.

Mr. I. E. Paterson has just returned from a month's trip through Canada. Mr. Patterson reports business there as being fairly good.

Detroit has been very dull philatellically for the past two months. We hope to chronicle an improvement next month.

AMERICAN.

Toronto Notes.

Chas. A. Needham of Hamilton and H. C. Stork of Brampton have been in town during the past month. Both report business prospects as very good in their respective towns.

All the values of the new issue are now for sale at the Toronto general post-office, post cards and letter cards included. A very poor specimen of the printer's art is the new one-cent post card. It is a disgrace to the country.

Canada is to have a new money order system. Postal notes will shortly be issued for amounts under $5, payable to bearer without identification. This will be much more convenient and less expensive than the present system.

Business has been fair during the past month, considering the holiday season, and it continues to increase. Canadian revenues are in great demand at present and bid fair to continue so.

The Canadian Philatelic Advertiser is announced to appear from this city about the 1st March as an advertiser of philatelic publications and supplies.

Some of the values of the old issue (1869) promise to be scarce. Collectors having any of the ½, 6, 10, 15, 20, 50c., should keep them for future use.

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain has remonstrated with the Canadian government for infringing the laws of the Universal Postal Union by undertaking to reduce the postage on letters from Canada to the United Kingdom without consulting the other members of the Union. As I intimated in my notes last month the announcement had been made that after January 1st the letter rate to Foreign countries would be three cents per ounce instead of five cents per half ounce as before. This announcement (made no doubt as a political "bluff") has caused considerable difficulty in the post office department. When the new year came parties writing to England took advantage of the reduced rate and only put on three cents postage. Orders were then given the postmasters to supply the extra postage and notices have been posted in the general post office to the effect that the postage is five cents per ½ounce instead of three cents as announced.

WALDO.

Our Premium List

FOR 1897-98.

For 25 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year, and give you FREE a 20 word exchange notice, not counting the address. If you send a stamped and addressed envelope, we will send you one of the following premiums—*your own choice*. Remember, you get the exchange notice too.

1. A nice collection of 100 different foreign stamps.
3. Brit. Honduras, 6c on 10c, violet, red surcharge, unused, cat. value 20c.
4. A set of 4 Canada Jubilee, 1, 2, 3 and 5c.
5. A set of 7 Canada postal cards, 1871-97, cat. value 30c.
6. A Canada postal card, unused, catalogued at 30c, Scott's 57th, No. 417.
9. A set of 10 Greece, 1862-82, cat. value 26c.
10. A Mount Athos stamp, catalogued at 50c.
11. A set of 6 Newfoundland, obsolete, cat. value 24c.
13. Sarawak, 1892, 1c on 3c brown, and Siam, 1889-91, 1a on 3a, both unused, cat. value 30c.
14. A set of 6 Servia, 1881, 5p to 1d, cat. value 26c.
15. Straits Settlements, 3c on 32c violet rose, and Selangor, 3c on 5c rose, both unused, cat. value 27c.
16. A set of 9 Switzerland, 1881, unused, 2c to 1 fr, cat. value 36c.
17. A set of 10 Turkey, cat. value 25c.
18. Adams' Catalogue of Canadian Revenues. (The stamped envelope need not be sent for this premium.)
33. Canada Jubilee, 10c., brown violet, unused.
34. Set of Guatemala, 1887-95, cat. value 25c.
35. Set of 10 Jamaica.
36. Set of 4 Japan, 1896, Memorial, cat. value 30c.
37. Set of 9 Mexico, 1895, 1c to 20c, cat. value 34c.
38. Set of 3 Newfoundland postal cards, 1c 2c and 2 & 2c, unused.
39. Set of 8 New South Wales, 1882-91, inc., 3p and 5p, cat. value 20c.
40. Set of 8 Tunis, 1888-93, 1c to 40c, cat. value 29c.

For 35 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year, and one of the following premiums. Send us a stamped and addressed envelope, and tell us which one you want. You get an exchange notice, also.

19. A set of 9 Cape of Good Hope, 1881-94, ½p to 1s, cat. value 29c.
20. A set of 7 Costa Rica, 1889, 1c to 1p, unused, cat. value 41c.
41. Canada Jubilee, 8c, violet, unused.
42. Canada Jubilee, 15c, steel blue, unused.
43. Confederate States, 1863, 2c, red, unused, catalogued at 35c.
44. Set of 5 Newfoundland, 1897, inc., the scarce 1c and 2c Cabbot issue.

For 40 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year, and one of the following premiums. Send us a stamped and addressed envelope, and tell us which one you want. You get an exchange notice also.

21. A set of 7 Bolivia, 1894, 1c to 100c, cat. value 51c.
22. A set of 10 Bulgaria, 1889, 1s to 1 lev., cat. value 50c.
23. Ceylon registration envelope, 1885, 12c, rose, size 6 by 11 inches, unused and entire, cat. value 50c.
24. A set of 8 Ecuador revenues, used postally, cat. value $1.95.
25. A set of 20 India, 1865-92, cat. value 63c.
26. A set of 9 North Borneo, 1887-92, ½c to 10c, cat. value 43c.
27. A set of 8 Queensland, 1882-94, ½p to 1s, cat. value 44c.
28. A set of 10 Thurn & Taxis, including 5 and 10 sgr. and 30 kr., unused, cat. value 49c.
29. United States envelope, 1875-79, 1c blue on fawn paper, unused and entire, catalogued at 75c.

For 50 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year and one of the following premiums. Send us a stamped and addressed envelope and tell us which one you want. You get an exchange notice too.

30. A set of 4 British Guiana provisionals, 1890, 1c on 1, 2, 3 and 4d, cat. value 63c.
31. A set of 7 Labuan, 1894, lithographed, 2c to 40c, cat. value $1.10.
32. A set of 5 Peru, unpaid letter, 1883, 1c to 50c, surcharged with triangle, cat. value 80c.
45. Canada Jubilee, ½c, black, unused.
46. Set of 6 Cuba, 1896, 1c to 20c, unused, cat. value 65c.
47. Cuba, 1897, 40c, orange brown, catalogued at 60c.
48. Set of 4 Newfoundland Cabot, 5, 6, 8 and 10c, unused, cat. value 55c.

Remit in current unused stamps of any country. Subscribers in Canada are requested to remit, when convenient, in ½, 2, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c stamps. The 10, 15, 20 and 50c stamps must be well centered and with full gum.

Subscribers in the United States will please enclose a 3c. stamp in the directed envelope. Attention to this will prevent delay in the forwarding of premiums.

Subscribers outside of Canada, the United States and Newfoundland must add 15c to each of the above offers, and are requested to remit in well-centred stamps of as many values as possible.

It will be sufficient to give the number of the premium you want.

Address all letters plainly to

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT,
Oak Hill, Charlotte County,
New Brunswick, Canada.

The Postage Stamp King.

The Hachette firm has just placed on sale a volume which, under the title, The Postage Stamp King, by Gerard de Beauregard and H. de Gorse, is destined to kindle the enthusiasm of young collectors as the Robinson books have exalted the imagination of botanists. It is a story in the style of Jules Verne. The hero, William Keniss, the Postage Stamp King, (as we have railway kings and oil kings,) and Miss Betty Scott, are Americans. He is twenty-five years old, forty times a millionaire: she is twenty-two years of age and sixty times a millionaire. Both are members of the American Philatelic Club, which none can hope to connect himself with if not a 20-millionaire and possessing a collection in keeping with his fortune. This, if we may be permitted to disenchant the admirers of great fortunes, belongs only to the domain of fancy. It perhaps will yet be true, if stamps continue to increase extravagantly in value. The whole of this philatelic romance consists in the pursuit of a unique stamp of Brahmapootra, which William Kennis and Betty Scott desire, to make their collection absolutely complete. The turns of the story are extremely curious, and the reader is transported, after an animated voyage by sea, to England, France and Italy. The story ends with the marriage of the two collectors, and their collections become one.

The illustrations are numerous and such as the Hachette firm knows how to produce. They are signed by E. Vuilliemin.

In sending us this work, the authors, whom we have not the honor to know, have afforded us personally a surprise. In fact, in their passing through Paris the Postage Stamp King and Miss Betty Scott make us a visit, because the famous stamp of Brahmapootra has been sold by our firm for—can you guess how much?—100,000 francs! This visit introduces a description of our store and offices, and under the name of M. Moulineau our portrait is given. The authors, very skilfully, exaggerate the details somewhat. For example, they accord to this worthy M. Moulineau the respectable age of 65 years.—Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste.

The new 1c. postal card is plain but neat. The stamp, in the right upper corner, is of same design and color as the 1c. adhesive. The legend CANADA POST CARD is 12-point Gothic extended type, and underneath, in 6-point Gothic, are the words, THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

In the near distant future we expect to issue a special illuminated and illustrated hand number containing portraits and biographical sketches of a number of philatelic gentlemen by whom we have been victimized in sums ranging from $3.00 to $75.00.

Now that our friends over the border are to have an inexcusable-from-any-standpoint issue of stamps to advertise the Omaha exhibition, we shall probably have a let-up with reference to the Canadian Jubilees.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of auction catalogues from the Bogert & Durbin Co., Messrs. B. L. Drew & Co., Mr. Raymond Lee Perry, the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. and Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer; also Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s special catalogue, No. 4.

We have received from Messrs. J. M. Bartels & Co. the third edition of their Plate Number Catalogue. It is a neat little work of 37 pages, and gives the prices of strips of five of all the U. S. stamps issued from 1890-98.

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Press Review.

The January American Journal of Philately is largely devoted to U. S. stamps. The Catalogue for Advanced Collectors has reached the United States and treats of the general issues down to 1875. An instalment of Mr. Luff's valuable work on U. S. stamps deals with the issues of 1861-66. The beautifully clear illustrations give a good idea of the *premieres gravures*.

With the December number of the Collectionneur de Timbres Poste appears a supplement containing a catalogue of all the adhesives, envelopes and cards issued during 1897. The list covers 32 double column 8vo pages. At this rate fifty years more will add 1600 pages to our already rather bulky catalogues. We pity the general collector in 1948. Canada and Newfoundland have not made the largest contribution to the total issue. China may be credited with 29 new adhesives, Ecuador with 35, Salvador with 41 and Zanzibar with 36.

We always find something interesting in Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. An article in the December number exposes about two dozen approval sheet frauds. We notice two whose acquaintance we have made to our sorrow. These are S. H. Rosenfield and Robert T. Harris.

The Herald Exchange for January does not contain as much reading matter as usual. The Chicago notes contain an interesting sketch of the late Mr. Hesing.

The interesting contents of the Home Worker are presented in a very attractive form.

The December Lone Star State Philatelist opens with Historical, Pastalic and Philatelic notes about Cyprus. It promises a surprise in next number.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News is unreviewable in our limited space, it contains so much and of so good a kind. Mr. Hopkins' Review is sprightly and just. The notes from the centres are a strong feature. Mr. Severn's criticisms on the advertisements keep the advertisers stirred up to try their best. And solid articles are interspersed among the lighter matter.

We have received No. 1 of the Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, from Valetta, Malta. It is quite creditable for a first number.

The Monthly Bulletin of the Postal Card Society of America is small, but good, and of considerable value to those who make a specialty of postal cards.

The National Stamp Collector is the organ of the National Stamp Exchange. The January number contains some short articles of value.

We must confess to not having read the December issue of the Nederlandisch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde, as our knowledge of Dutch is, to say the least, limited. We are afraid the editor of the N. T. v. P. is not much better versed in English. He reads "Halfpenny" on our new ½c stamp. The journal contains 17 large 7½ x 10 inch pages of reading matter, well printed and freely illustrated with good cuts. The only pity is it is—Dutch.

The January New York Philatelist contains two noticeable articles, the best being on "The Historical Associations of French Stamps."

The Perforator is unique. When it comes we sit down for an enjoyable half hour. Mr. Chapman has succeeded in giving it a character distinctly its own. It is full of news and full of sunshine.

The Philatelic Advocate for January is the best number yet. The Inside History of the Advocate reveals energy and perseverance that demand the highest praise.

We think the Philatelic Bulletin improves steadily. The issue for January contains matter of considerable interest.

Messrs. Baumbach's paper, Die Post, contains at least one valuable article

each month, besides the Chronicle. The January article is on the stamps of Colombia.

The December number of Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Journal has a fuller table of contents even than usual. An article on the surcharges of the Zanzibar stamps (French office) is illustrated with full plates. A new department, Notes and Queries, promises to be a valuable feature.

The Stamp Reporter is a bright paper. It improves with every issue.

An excellent paper in every way is the Virginia Philatelist. Its contents have been above the average from the start five months ago, and in typographical appearance it beats them all.

One of the few philatelic journals that collectors find almost indispensible is the Weekly Philatelic Era. In No. 243 Mr. E. L. Smiley writes trenchantly against the high prices of stamps in the standard catalogue and his points are well made.

In this month's review we have made mention of almost all our exchanges. We cannot afford the space to do this every month, but in the course of each quarter at least we shall try to notice them all.

The second edition of the Ontario Philatelic Directory shows considerable improvement. It is a little book that both collectors and dealers will find very useful.

A very useful little manual is Stewart's Guide to the Color of Postage Stamps. The first part consists of an alphabetical list of colors, and under each color are grouped several common stamps to be found in almost every collection. The second part consists of a small album containing a space for one stamp of each color. This album can easily be filled, and the color guide is complete. We would suggest as an improvement that in future editions of this unique and handy work the alphabetical arrangement be sufficiently departed from to bring all the related colors together.

Philatelic Journal Directory.

Exchanges which come to us regularly will be entered under this head once every year.

Allegheny Philatelist, mo., Emil W. Kiefer, B. 75, Allegheny, Pa., 25c.

Bric-a-brac, mo., J. W. Palmer, 281 Strand, W. C., London, G. B., 32c.

California Stamp, mo., Chas. D. Lowe, 2977 21 st., San Francisco, Cal., 25c.

Canadian Philatelic Magazine, mo., 9 Adelaide st. E., Toronto, Ont., 25c.

Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste, mo., A. Maury, 6 Boulevard Montmartre, Paris, France, 30c.

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The New Hebrides.

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Between 13 deg. 4 min. and 20 deg. 15 min. south latitude and 164 deg. 10 min. and 167 deg. 50 min. east longitude lies the New Hebrides archipelago. It was discovered by Quiros in 1606, and visited by Bougainville in 1768 and by Cook in 1773. Christened Espiritu Santo by the first and the Cyclades by the second, it has finally preserved the name given it by the great English navigator.

This archipelago comprises a considerable number of islands forming two groups and named as follows: Annatum, Erroman, Tanna, Aniwa and Erromango, which make the first group, nearest to New Caledonia; and Sandwich, Maiwo, Api, Lopevi, Ambrym, Aurora, Espiritu Santo, Aoba, Malikolo and others, which compose the second group.

To the north of these are the Torres Islands and Banks Islands, and, at a short distance, Vanikoro, sadly memorable for the wreck of *La Perouse.*

It may be said that geographically these islands are an unique group, so great is the surface over which they are spread. The archipelago properly called the New Hebrides embraces about the same area as the whole of New Caledonia, about 7500 square miles.

As to population, it can only be indicated approximately, the interior being very little known and the estimates of travellers being very far from the same. It may be said that the population is from 60,000 to 100,000 and is becoming smaller every day.

The formation is madreporic (coral) and volcanic. Accordingly the existence of several volcanoes has been proved, three of which are active, those of Tanna, Lopevi and Ambrym.

The soil is most fertile, streams are numerous and vast forests cover the mountains to the edge of the sea. There are the same forms of vegetation which are met with in New Caledonia. The animals are not very numerous, and as indigenous to the islands may be mentioned the duck, the pigeon, several species of parrot, some small birds and the serpent.

The bad season commences in the month of November and ends in April. This is the hot season, during which abundant rains fall and when almost every year, at least for many years past, the region is devastated by violent cyclones.

The good season lasts from April to November. The fevers which strike Europeans during the bad season, without however causing death, are much less violent during the cool season.

The inhabitants of these islands are cannibals and live in a state of constant warfare among themselves. The tribes are unimportant, and a deep hostility exists between the people of the interior and those of the sea-coast. The Neo-Hebrideans are indolent, and exert themselves only so far as is necessary to obtain certain vegetables upon which they live, as the yam, the taro and the sugar-cane, which with fish, shell fish, the bread-fruit, the banana, the cocoa-nut, the Spanish potato and pork, constitute their diet.

Coffee does very well in this archipelago, and tobacco gives surprising results. The leaf is tough and resembles much the finest product of Havana. It is reported that gold, copper and nickel have been found.

The principal ports in which ships can find a shelter, are Port Sandwich (Malicolo), Port Villa and Port Havannah (Sandwich Island) and Port Olry (Santo).

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We regret our space will not permit us to give all the good things said at the anniversary celebration of the Boston Philatelic Society held on Tuesday eve, Feb. 15, in Elks Hall. The night was a very stormy one, yet the hall was filled with philatelists and their friends who had assembled to enjoy the good things that were planned for them, as already

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NOTES.

We greet our readers again after an interval of about three months, during which we were waiting for second-class rates to be granted us. Having been conceded these, we expect the Messenger to be issued regularly in the future.

Want of suitable type has obliged us to omit the exchange notices and several other features of the paper. These omissions will be corrected next month.

We acknowledge the receipt of the first number of the Metropolitan Philatelist in its new weekly form, and all we can say is that if it fulfils the promise of the number before us, it will run a close race with the Stamp News and the Era.

We hope to notice in our May issue many other excellent stamp journals which brighten our sanctum by their visits.

A FEW BARGAINS.

200 var., 100 diff. countries	$1 00
100 " no common cont'ls	12
1000 Foreign 200 var	30
1000 " 300 "	75
1000 Mixture	17
1000 U. S. 30 var gtd.	50

Approval sheets 50 and 33⅓ off. Applicants for sheets taking 25c werth of stamps will recieve free 25 var United States.

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WHY THROW AWAY

GOOD STAMPS at Auctions when you can get a fair price for them in our monthly "P. M. Special Sales."

These sales are open to subscribers only. The first sale will be advertised in next Messenger, and the lots unsold will be withdrawn and returned to the owners on Aug. 1st.

We make no charge for advertising the sales in the Messenger, but our commission on lots sold will be 10 per cent. Lots will be advertised in Mekeel's Weekly if desired, provided 10 cents in stamps is sent us with each lot and each lot can be described in one nonpareil line.

Lots, which may consist of single stamps or several grouped together, must be sent to us neatly mounted on sheets or in books. Lots must catalogue at least two dollars each and must be offered for not less than $1.00. We cannot accept for sale less than 5 lots at a time.

Address, Matthew R. Knight,
Oak Hill, N. B., Canada.

Massachusetts Items.

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outlined in the Messenger. There were some half dozen propositions for membership. The evening was spent in a very social manner and was greatly enjoyed.

The writer was made happy the same evening by the presentation in a neighbouring hall of a handsome gold watch, the gift of friends who are associated with him in the Good Templar order. His notes to the Messenger should in the future be always "on time."

Geo. B. Toppan, secretary of the Boston Philatelic Society spent the major part of February in Buffalo, N. Y. A. W. Batchelder will reach home March 1st.

Edmund L. Smiley, so well and favorably known in the philatelic press, has established himself in business at Milford. His training should fit him admirably for the business and he ought to have no difficulty in building up a good trade.

David Smiley, Mansfield, is happy in a find of two one cent albino envelopes gummed.

There are forty-one active members in the Springfield Philatelic Society, five of whom are members of the A. P. A. — BURNHAM.

Halifax Notes.

A number of ½ cent jubilees were on sale at this post office during the past month, but are now exhausted. Only one stamp was sold to each applicant, owing to the small number on hand.

The fact that the new Canadian stamps have no numerals has already caused some trouble in foreign countries. This was the case with our Jubilee issue, and our government does not seem to have profited by the experience. A change will probably be made in a short time, and collectors will do well to lay in a stock of the current issue.

A few Jubilee sets, up to and including the 30 cent stamp, were sold at the Halifax post office in February. — F. D. REYNOLDS.

A young correspondent in Winnipeg sends us the following:

Dr. James Potts, a well known collector who has been living in Chicago for some time, passed through here on his way to the Peace River district.

Winnipeg has no large philatelic club at present, but we may have one soon. The number of collectors keeps increasing.

Mr. W. J. Cuthbert is our only dealer.

100 VARIETIES, 4 CENTS.

Contains stamps from Honduras, unused, Egypt, Argentine, Mexico, etc. Only one to a customer. Postage 2c extra.

25 blank approval sheets 7c
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Postage 2c extra.

LUCAS STAMP CO., 226 FLOYD ST.,
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WANTED — COLLECTORS

In all countries, to send your name and address on a post card for insertion in the Philatelic Collectors Address List. Mention what specialties you are collecting and in which languages you receive and answer correspondence, and if collector or dealer.

A. C. DERL M, (21) Tramhall Avenue,
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5 CENT SPECIALS. All Different.

20 U. S. Postage..... 5c
10 Japan..... 5c
10 Italy..... 5c
8 Argentine Republic..... 5c
12 France..... 5c
6 French Colonies, unused..... 5c

The lot for 25c, post free.

A. A. Van Wie & Co.,
250 Green St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Detroit Notes.

Mr. Howard C. Beck is the Detroit representative of the American Collectors' Co. Mr. Beck is well known as manager of the Michigan Stamp Co. and Secy.-Treas. of the Detroit Philatelic Association. By the way, we understood the American Collectors Co. were to purchase the stock of the late Henry Gremmel and were quite surprised when we read of its transferral to J. C. Morgenthau & Co. The one cent green stamps were late in reaching Detroit and some very laughable incidents occurred when the first lot was placed on sale as very few, outside of the collectors, knew of this issue.

The Detroit Philatelic Association protested vigorously against the issuance of the Omaha Exhibition stamps and we believe that if others had followed their policy of protesting through their senators and representatives the issue might have been stopped.

A certain Detroit collector who held a sheet of half cent Canadians, and refused to sell when the market was highest, is now wondering how much he lost by keeping them.

The scheme of putting in street railway mail cars is now being considered in Detroit. We think this inovation would be very beneficial and hope to see it in operation soon. Gov. Pingree, however, and the labour unions of Detroit are firmly opposed to the idea. They are afraid it would affect the wages of the railway employees and in case of a strike make them responsible for obstructing and delaying the U. S. mail. — AMERICAN.

Stamp Papers.

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An 8 page and handsome cover monthly, filled with the choicest and latest news. Sample copy free. Valuable premiums to all subscribers wanting them.

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Now going on in The Philatelic Bulletin, the *handsomest* 25c stamp journal published. Drop us a postal for a free sample copy and learn particulars.

Naumkeag Stamp & Pub. Co.,
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WITH OUR ADVERTISERS.

We are obliged to omit several advertisements which ought to have appeared this month. Our small advertising type has not arrived and the ads. referred to could not be set up without it. These ads. will be given best positions next month.

Messrs. Baumbach & Co., of Leipzig, Germany, have engaged the last cover page for two issues, to advertise their valuable monthly stamp journal, "Die Post." Our large circulation among German-speaking Americans will make the ad. a profitable one.

The Standard Stamp Company's ½ page ad. is among those omitted for want of type. We direct attention to their smaller ad. on second page of cover.

The plan of Lindsay, the exchange man, is well worth inquiring about, but when writing him address your letters to L. V. Lindsay and do not be misled by our compositor's unfortunate error on second cover page. Remember "L. V."

We are very grateful to our advertisers for their liberal patronage. We know that they will overlook the shortcomings of this number of the Messenger. Before the next number appears we shall have received the rest of our type and shall be in a position to render better service than ever.

We cannot accept advertisements of anything but stamps and goods of special interest to philatelists. To patent medicines, etc., we are "not at home."

We must request advertisers to send in their copy for next issue as soon as possible. Please do not send more than 50 words to the inch if you want your ad. to look well.

Stamps on Approval.

50 & 60 per cent. Discount.

Every stamp is good enough for anyone's collection. Approval sheets for beginners a specialty.

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Postage extra under 15c.

1c Specials.	2c Specials.
2 Cape Good H.	10 Austria
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Remit in unused 2c stamps.

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20c FREE. 5 stamps, worth 20c, free to each applicant for my approval sheets, who encloses 4c in stamps and gives good references. 50 Foreign (4 worth 25c) only 12c p'paid. Sheets at 50 per cent. discount.

C. B. Sawyer, 332 Evergreen Ave., Kankakee, Illinois.

100 var. Costa Rica, etc.	10c
25 " U. S. Revenues	25c
Set of 9 North Borneo	25c

Fine approvals at 50 per cent.

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Points for Advertisers.

1. Advertise in those journals whose contents are of sufficient interest to be read and of sufficient value to be preserved.

2. Give the preference to the papers which are neatly printed and in which the ads. are artistically displayed.

3. Shun the journals which offer advertising at too low a rate. In all such cases the circulation is misrepresented.

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TO COLLECTORS.

Good Packet For Beginners.

Don't buy cheap stamps. Send fifty cents (money order) and receive by return mail a packet of 50 GOOD FOREIGN STAMPS all different. With every fifteenth packet I will give away free a good unused 30 or 50 cent stamp catalogued at $1.50.

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*Cuba, new issue, 9 var.	$0.40
*Congo Free State, 5-10-15c.	15
Calif. State Revs., 7 var., cat. $1.15	35
U. S., 100 varieties, good stamps	48
War Department, 30c unused	25
500 mixed U. S. Revenues	50

Knickerbocker Stamp Co.,
1419 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Special Notices.

Short advertisements will be inserted under this head at the very low rate of three (3) cents per line, Eight words average one line. Name and address are counted. Minimum charge is twelve cents. Ads. are set in solid nonpareil, no display.

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RARE CURIO. A large specimen of Redwood from the famous "Big Trees" of California only eight cents postfree. W. A. Tebow, 1630 Q st., Sacramento, Calif.

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FREE! Stamps given free to every applicant for our fine approval sheets at 33 1-3 per cent. discount. Agents, take advantage. J. & F. Kreissl, 524 S. Robey st., Chicago, Ill.

FIVE unused stamps to all who agree to sell twenty-five cents worth from my sheets at 33 1-3 or 50 per cent. commission. Address, J.M. Chandler, Forest Hills st., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

HI! THERE.

Send us your orders for U. S. stamps. Have a few sets of Department. Can furnish almost anything at lowest price.

Try our Packet No. 18 - - 25 varieties of U. S. stamps, with at least one catalogue 5c., for only 10c. Watch our Ads.

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To exchange with some collector, at face value, United States current plates for Canadian new issue. Will sell current U. S. plates [strip of 3], 1c for 6c and 2c for 9c. Postage extra. SUMNER GARY, Lock Box 935, Cambridge, Ohio.



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Our Premium List

FOR 1897-98.

For 25 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year, and give you FREE a 20 word exchange notice, not counting the address. If you send a stamped and addressed envelope, we will send you one of the following premiums—*your own choice.* Remember, you get the exchange notice too.

1. A nice collection of 100 different foreign stamps.
3. Brit. Honduras, 6c on 10c, violet, red surcharge, unused, cat. value 20c.
4. A set of 4 Canada Jubilee, 1, 2, 3 and 5c.
5. A set of 7 Canada postal cards, 1871-97, cat. value 30c.
6. A Canada postal card, unused, catalogued at 30c, Scott's 57th, No. 417.
9. A set of 10 Greece, 1862-82, cat. value 26c.
10. A Mount Athos stamp, catalogued at 50c.
11. A set of 6 Newfoundland, obsolete, cat. value 24c.
13. Sarawak, 1892, 1c on 3c brown, and Siam, 1889-91, 1a on 3a, both unused, cat. value 30c.
14. A set of 6 Servia, 1881, 5p to 1d, cat. value 26c.
15. Straits Settlements, 3c on 32c violet rose, and Selangor, 3c on 5c rose, both unused, cat. value 27c.
16. A set of 9 Switzerland, 1881, unused, 2c to 1 fr, cat. value 36c.
17. A set of 10 Turkey, cat. value 25c.
18. Adams' Catalogue of Canadian Revenues. (The stamped envelope need not be sent for this premium.)
33. Canada Jubilee, 10c., brown violet, unused.
34. Set of Guatemala, 1887-95, cat. value 25c.
35. Set of 10 Jamaica.
36. Set of 4 Japan, 1896, Memorial, cat. value 30c.
37. Set of 9 Mexico, 1895, 1c to 20c, cat. value 34c.
38. Set of 3 Newfoundland postal cards, 1c 2c and 2 & 2c, unused.
39. Set of 8 New South Wales, 1882-91, inc., 3p and 5p, cat. value 29c.
40. Set of 8 Tunis, 1888-93, 1c to 40c, cat. value 29c.

For 35 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year, and one of the following premiums. Send us a stamped and addressed envelope, and tell us which one you want. You get an exchange notice, also.

19. A set of 9 Cape of Good Hope, 1881-94, ½p to 1s, cat. value 29c.
20. A set of 7 Costa Rica, 1889, 1c to 1p, unused, cat. value 41c.
41. Canada Jubilee, 8c, violet, unused.
42. Canada Jubilee, 15c, steel blue, unused.
43. Confederate States, 1863, 2c, red, unused, catalogued at 35c.
44. Set of 5 Newfoundland, 1897, inc., the scarce 1c and 2c Cabbot issue.

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21. A set of 7 Bolivia, 1894, 1c to 100c, cat. value 51c.
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23. Ceylon registration envelope, 1885, 12c, rose, size 6 by 11 inches, unused and entire, cat. value 60c.
24. A set of 8 Ecuador revenues, used postally, cat. value $1.95.
25. A set of 20 India, 1865-92, cat. value 63c.
26. A set of 9 North Borneo, 1887-92, ½c to 10c, cat. value 43c.
27. A set of 8 Queensland, 1882-94, ½p to 1s, cat. value 44c.
28. A set of 10 Thurn & Taxis, including 5 and 10 sgr. and 30 kr., unused, cat. value 49c.
29. United States envelope, 1875-79, 1c blue on fawn paper, unused and entire, catalogued at 75c.

For 50 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year and one of the following premiums. Send us a stamped and addressed envelope and tell us which one you want. You get an exchange notice too.

30. A set of 4 British Guiana provisionals, 1890, 1c on 1, 2, 3 and 4d, cat. value 63c.
31. A set of 7 Labuan, 1894, lithographed, 2c to 40c, cat. value $1.10.
32. A set of 5 Peru, unpaid letter, 1883, 1c to 50c, surcharged with triangle, cat. value 80c.
45. Canada Jubilee, ½c, black, unused.
46. Set of 6 Cuba, 1896, 1c to 20c, unused, cat. value 65c.
47. Cuba, 1897, 40c, orange brown, catalogued at 60c.
48. Set of 4 Newfoundland Cabot, 5, 6, 8 and 10c, unused, cat. value 55c.

Remit in current unused stamps of any country. Subscribers in Canada are requested to remit, when convenient, in ½, 2, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c stamps. The 10, 15, 20 and 50c stamps must be well centered and with full gum.

Subscribers in the United States will please enclose a 3c. stamp in the directed envelope. Attention to this will prevent delay in the forwarding of premiums.

Subscribers outside of Canada, the United States and Newfoundland must add 15c to each of the above offers, and are requested to remit in well-centred stamps of as many values as possible.

It will be sufficient to give the number of the premium you want.

Address all letters plainly to

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TESTIMONIALS.

Have had more answers from your paper than any other we have used so far.

Lucas Stamp Company.

I am so well pleased with the results of my inch ad. in your paper, that I have decided to enlarge space to quarter column,

F. B. Reynolds.

If possible give me same position in February issue. By the looks of my mail the ad. was read. The space is good enough for me.

W. C. Estes.

As an advertising medium your paper is not excelled. It is the first philatelic magazine we have advertised in, that gave us good results from the first number.

Star Stamp Company.

My advertisement in your paper has brought me so many answers that I must ask you not to insert it again, since I am not in a position at present to furnish any more old German stamps.

C. P. R. Soost, Berlin, Germany.

PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

Second-Class Rates Secured.

The publication of the *Messenger* has been interrupted by the action of the P. O. Department in refusing to grant us second-class rates. These rates have now been conceded, and our paper will be issued regularly hereafter on the first day of each month. Matter intended for insertion in the May number should reach us by the 25th inst. at the latest.

A New Departure.

On account of both the inconvenience and expence of having our paper printed away from the office of publication, we have purchased from Mr. J. C. Pankhurst, of St. John, a Golding Official Press and an outfit of Miller & Richard's celebrated Scotch body type and Barnhart Bros. & Spindler's display type. To this outfit additions will be made from time to time, especially with a view to making our advertising columns attractive and effective. Our full stock of type has not been received yet, so our readers are requested to overlook any deficiencies in this emergency issue of the *Messenger*.

Come to Stay.

Philatelic papers in general have not been blessed with long and prosperous lives. We wish to impress upon readers that the *Messenger* is not an ephemeral publication, but now has a printing plant of its own, a steadily growing list of subscribers in all parts of the world and an advertising patronage which is unexampled, we think, among Canadian stamp papers of the same age. We are come to stay, and it will be our aim to make this paper a still greater favourite with collectors and dealers.

Important to Advertisers.

Until further notice transient advertisements will be inserted at annual contract rates, 30c. per inch or 50c. per quarter column. We cannot continue this offer much longer, and advertisers will do well to secure space by contract. Forms in duplicate furnished on application. Special position is accorded only by annual contract to advertisements of a quarter column or more. On front page of cover extra.

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MAY 1, 1898.
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The Philatelic Messenger

A Monthly Journal for Stamp Collectors.

Matthew R. Knight, ...Editor and Publisher.

OAK HILL, CHARLOTTE COUNTY, N. B., CANADA.

STAMPS FOR THESSALY.

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The Turkish Government, wishing to establish a control of the postal revenues in the districts occupied by its armies in Thessaly, has just prepared a special series of stamps, which will be issued immediately and will be employed exclusively by the post offices in Thessaly.

The stamps are of a new type, eight-cornered in shape. Above is the inscription (in Turkish): Ottoman Empire Postage; in the centre is a view of the bridge at Larissa (Greece); below is the inscription (also in Turkish): Special for Thessaly, part of the conquered country.

Besides the originality of design of these stamps, they will have an historical value which will be readily understood, and will be much sought after, as the issue will be a limited one. Moreover, to guard against speculation, the post offices in Thessaly will not deliver the stamps to the public but will affix the stamps to the letters themselves.

Having been successful in obtaining a certain number of sets of these stamps before their despatch to Thessaly, we will sell them (while our stock holds out) to regular customers of ours ***and to all readers of the Messenger*** at ***40 cents per set,*** which is just about face value.

The set is composed of 5 stamps: 10, 20 paras, 1, 2, 5 piastres, with a total face value of P. OR 8.75. which represents about 2 FRANCS in foreign money. Only 2 per cent. has been added to defray cost of return postage, registration, insurance, etc.

1 piastre OR ***40 paras = 23 centimes = 19 pfennigs.***

We can only promise to fill the orders which are first received, for as soon as our present stock, which is not large, is exhausted, we cannot furnish these stamps on the above terms.

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J. Tchakidji & Co.,

5 ZINDJIRLI HAN, CONSTANTINOPLE.

REFERENCES: All the principal stamp merchants in the world.

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is the time to buy U. S. revenues.

	Cat. price.	My price.
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2c " " " part perf	50	15
2c Proprietary " imp	6 00	1 85
5c Certificate imp	35	12
5c " perf silk paper	25	08
5c Express imp	50	15
5c Inld Exchange imp	20	07
5c " " part perf	35	12
10c Certificate imp	2 50	85
10c " part perf	1 50	50
10c Contract " "	1 00	40
10c Inld Exchange part perf	20	08
25c Certificate imp	50	18
50c Conveyance imp	1 75	60
50c " part perf	50	18
50c Entry of G'ds part perf	3 00	1 10
50c Original Process imp	50	20
50c Passage Tick. imp dam	5 00	1 25
50c " " part perf	2 50	85
1 00 Inld Exchange " "	5 00	1 75
1 00 " " perf silk	25	08
2c Fifth Issue blue roul	75	30
1c Proprietary green	1 25	50

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Jerome H. Rupert,

Augusta, Georgia.

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5 " Bolivia	10c
8 " Egypt	7c

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I will send a selection of my duplicates and collection, mounted on sheets, cataloguing at over $2 50. They contain no duplicates or cheap continentals and are equal to any dealers' sheets.

FRED. S. RAFF, 62 Sherman St., Chicago.

IF YOU HAVE

any money to spend for stamps send for my approval sheets of foreign stamps. Discount 50 per cent. Beginners will find a good value in my packet of 100 varieties. Price only 10cts.

H. L. HINES, Marshall, Michigan.

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Agent for the Philatelic Messenger in South Africa, begs to offer to Dealers and Collectors his packet No. 3, containing 50 South African stamps for 1s 6d. Unused stamps of Canada and United States accepted if order does not exceed 2 packets; otherwise by P. O. O. Apply early to Box 334, Durban, Natal. 12

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Cheapest approval sheets in Canada will be sent to any boy furnishing good references to — The Chatham Stamp Co., — P. O. Box 398, Chatham, Ontario.

Would like to exchange good foreign stamps for old issues of Canada, and any kind of Newfoundland and United States. A. Grigg, 352 Aberdeen avenue, Hamilton, Ontario.

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I want to exchange U. S. and foreign stamps for all kinds of Canada stamps, Canada Jubilee especially. Joseph L. Franz, 616 River ave., E. E. Pittsburg, Pa.

I will gladly exchange sheets with collectors for exchange at even prices. Reference — Am. Trust and Savings Bank. Jno. K. Allen, 798 Monroe st., Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.

A collector wishes to make the acquaintance of several collectors in the Dominion of Canada for the purpose of exchanging stamps. Satisfaction is guaranteed in all cases. O. M. Risser, c/o the Hesperian, corner 17th and Morrison, Portland, Or. 12

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EXCHANGE wanted with stamp collectors in any foreign country. Basis of exchange Scott's 58th catalogue. — A. Knowles, Palmerston, Ontario. 13

I would like to exchange stamps on approval sheets with medium collectors. I do not send first. Basis Scott's 58th. Rev. M. Busack, Marquette, Michigan.

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The Philatelic Messenger

A Monthly Journal for Stamp Collectors.

VOL. II. ST. STEPHEN, N. B., MAY 16, 1898. No. 6.

We have held this number over until it was definitely settled where our publication office is to be located during the next three or four years. Be sure to read the announcements with reference to this and other important matters, on page 49.

Massachusetts Items.

Wm. C. Stone, in the Era, wonders how we are so well posted in Springfield philatelic news. The only way news can be obtained is by keeping one's ears and eyes open, and that is our method.

By the way, one of our Springfield correspondents pays Mr. Stone quite a compliment. In deploring the generally bad condition of affairs in his city, he remarks that "the only real philatelist in the city is Mr. Stone." The Springfield club has adjourned over the summer months; and we predict a serious blow to its welfare in the removal of Mr. Ireland to Cambridge, we presume for a course at Harvard University.

Massachusetts now has three regularly published philatelic journals, the Stamp Book, Postal Card Bulletin and Philatelic Bulletin. The Philatelic Review recently appeared from East Boston and we hope is to remain with us. We must not forget that Taunton too sounds out occasionally a philatelic blast on the printed page.

The *Stamp Book* has lost the services of the ablest auction reporter America can boast of, Geo. L. Toppan, whose business activities preclude further work in that direction. The business manager, Willard O. Wylie, will hereafter conduct the department.

We forbear inflicting a report of the Boston Philatelic Society's last meeting upon the readers of the MESSENGER. It would be indeed ancient history. The June meeting—the programme for which has been in the hands of Messrs. Richardson, Harris and Lombard—will have been held by the time this department has been digested. The meetings of the society are being well attended, due unquestionably to the fact that each meeting finds a varied entertainment open to the members. The Boston society will compare very favourably as to stability with any local society in the U. S.

By this time the Omaha Exposition issue, so eagerly looked for, must be a reality. Boston dealers have been booking orders for several weeks, and will no doubt handle their share of the trade. Our dealers have been reporting business dull except in a few special lines such as Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippine Islands. The new set for New Zealand has met with a kind reception.

We believe Mr. Lyons, of the Era, is entitled to the credit of heralding to the fraternity the error of spelling in the name of the lake on the 2½d New Zealand issue. Mr. Lyons is the head and front of the Colonial Stamp Co. and a shrewd student of stamp lore.

Mr. E. L. Smiley, of Milford, has displayed more philatelic zeal by contributing the matter used in getting out the New England special of the *Metropolitan Philatelist.*

Frank M. Forbush, Natick, and Willard O. Wylie, Beverly, were delegates to the Prohibition State Convention held in Worcester, June 9.

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From the Land of Steady Habits.

From my first entrance into the philatelic world, it has been my lot to become acquainted with many gentlemen, and ladies, who have been in it for some time. and I am pleased to remark that none of them has been more courteous than the publisher of the PHILATELIC MESSENGER. He has requested me to contribute to his journal, and I have consented.

The heading of my article has been applied to Connecticut. While I do not consider that we are steadier than people in other parts of the world, we think we are just as steady and just as good as the rest.

I will say, by way of introduction, that I am located in the town of Rocky Hill, which is about eight miles from Hartford, where I lived from Jan. 16, 1862, to April 28, 1893. It is also about the same distance from Middletown, and all three places front on the Connecticut River. Hartford is the capital of Connecticut, with 75,000 inhabitants. Middletown has 20,000 population, but was once—a good while ago—larger than Hartford. Rocky Hill has about 1100 inhabitants. There are three churches here, four schools, and a post office which, although it has a small business, is in receipt of four daily mails, barring Sunday.

The road-bed from Hartford to Middletown is fine, and in consequence bicyclers patronise it liberally. As my library faces on the main street, I am never lonesome; and quite often, as I sit at my desk or at the window, reading, I get a friendly nod from the wheelmen and wheelwomen of my acquaintance, who go by from either city. Within five minutes' walk from my pleasant cottage is a high point of ground, called "Shipman's Hill," from which the view is charming; and in addition to the natural scenery, including the tortuous winding of the Connecticut River, one can see the capitol at Hartford and its many church steeples. Next year the electric railway will run through here, and it will be a popular resort.

Naturally, I looked around the place for philatelic novelties or anything of value. The house was built in 1861 and my father came here in 1871, so I did not expect to find many stamps not in my collection. The stamps found were mostly the common red 3c of 1861. A batch of letters was fished out from under an old kerosene tank. The letters had a very musty smell as well as being thoroughly scented with oil. They were written mostly between 1862 and 1867. I found one or two where the sender had trimmed off the perforations, and two or three envelope stamps which I did not have before were grabbed with eagerness.

WANTED

To buy for CASH—or exchange for other stamps —used Canada Jubilee and Newf'dl'd Cabot stamps.

Send on approval.

T. F. KNIGHT, BOX 258, YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA.

If I did not succeed, however, in finding rare stamps, there were other things which were interesting. A portion of the first story of the barn was used for storing. There I came across an atlas of 1822, which was a welcome sight. The maps were bright. The map of the United States showed that Louisiana and Missouri were the farthest western states, while the Arkansas Territory was sandwiched between. The Northwest Territory comprised the present states of Wisconsin and Minnesota and a part of Michigan. The great Missouri Territory is now divided into eight or nine large states. And where now are seven or eight states, —California, Nevada, Texas, Colorado, Utah, etc.—was then under either Spanish or Mexican rule. Napoleon had been dead a year. General Sherman was three years old, and Generals Grant and Hayes were in their cradles.

I found letters written from Ohio to my father, who came to Yale College in 1824 by stage-coach and canal, before the time of railroads. There were no envelopes, the missives being stuck with wafers, and, in addition to the written dates, "Paid 25 cents" appeared. An old New England primer turned up, in which we are told that

In Adam's fall
We sinned all,

and there is a picture of the burning of John Rogers, a British minister, at the stake in Smithfield, England, in 1554, during Bloody Mary's reign; and his wife and ten young children are looking on.

In future I shall devote the space allotted to me to matters philatelic, but will allude in closing to a story I read in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* for May 16. At a certain village, where there was a store connected with the post office, a particular family traded. On one occasion an order was given, but one article, a ham, was lacking. Inquiry was made as to the omission, and the proprietor said: "O, me and my wife read the postcard addressed to you, saying that the friends you expected to tea couldn't come. We thought you wouldn't want the ham, so we didn't send it." This reminds us of the curiosity of a certain postmistress in the United States, who resigned her position after postal cards came into use. Her reason was that she couldn't find time to read all the postals and do all the other work, and she *wouldn't* miss any.

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Our Monthly Chat.

Although this number of the Messenger is dated May 1st, it is published well on in the month of June. We hope, however, to get back soon to the printed date and appear on time.

We are to have a special delivery service in the Canadian cities and a 10c stamp will be issued for the purpose.

Collectors and dealers will hail with satisfaction the intended reduction of domestic postage to 2c per oz.

The Dominion Philatelic Association will soon hold its Annual convention. Perhaps that is why so many stamp papers have been started or revived in Canada of late. There can be but one official organ.

It appears that Mr. Samuel W. Carter, of Georgetown, British Guiana, whose advertisements have been prominent in some of the stamp papers, was lately an office-boy in the employ of a Georgetown solicitor. He has swindled Mr. Scheindling, of Libau, Russia, out of $400 worth of stamps. His successors in his peculiar business appear to be Messrs. Cyril Brewster & Sons, established 1882, exporters of sugar, coffee, cocoa, hides, gold, &c.; importers of every variety of gold and silver jewelry, electroplate, ladies' and gents' dress materials, boots, books, music, machinery, tools, patent medicines, perfumery, soaps, &c. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

In Tonga every person who sells goods to the amount of $10 or over must give a statement and receipt to the buyer, even in cash transactions. To every receipt a stamp must be attached. On a $10 to $50 transaction the tax is one penny; on $5000 to $10,000 it is five shillings.

The design has been prepared, it seems, for the new Canadian issue, and we may look for some of the denominations very soon. The type is the same as before except that large numerals of value are added in the lower corners.

Massachusetts Items.

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We go to press too early to give any account of the O. C. P. S. meeting to be held at Providence, R. I., June 15, but an occasion of unusual interest is anticipated. Supper will be followed by an informal auction sale.

The first list of candidates for Board of Directors of A. P. A. filed with the Sec., Wm. N. Howe, indicates the retirement of Rev. John Luther Kilbon, whose place will be filled by E. M. Carpenter, viz. if the slate wins, which is probable. Mr. Kilbon is a signer to the list.

Mr. E. M. Carpenter, of the New England Stamp Co., is to make a vacation trip to Denver, Colo., the latter part of June.

BURNHAM.

Important Notices.

The June number of the MESSENGER is already partly printed and will be issued almost immediately, and the July number will follow closely. Copy for ads. in both these numbers should be sent in at once. Space in OUR SUMMER THREE, the June, July and August numbers, without change of copy, will be 60c per inch and $1.00 per quarter column (1¾ inches) for the three insertions.

As this number is so late in appearing, orders for stamps advertised in our Special Sale No. 1 will be received up to Sept. 1st.

On July 11th the MESSENGER Office will be removed to OUR NEW ADDRESS, BOIESTOWN, N. B. After July 4th all communications intended for the editor or publisher of this journal should be addressed to BOIESTOWN, N. B., CANADA.

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FREE a stamp catalogued at 15c with every packet of 500 mixed U. S. stamps containing dues, special deliveries, Columbians and others from 1851-94. Price 15c. 100 foreign 5c. Rare stamp to first answer.
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In all countries, to send your name and address on a postal card for insertion in the Philatelic Collectors' Address List. Mention what specialties you are collecting and in which languages you receive and answer correspondence, and if collector or dealer.
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Williams & Co., Casilla 989, Lima, Peru.

WHOLESALE DEPARTMENT DISCONTINUED.

The best plan for accumulating a stock of stamps is by exchanging, because the most PRACTICABLE and CHEAPEST. We instance the case of the late Henry Gremmel who built up his business by importations made principally by exchanging. To a dealer who is unacquainted with the exceedingly rich opportunities for buying stamps at LOW PRICES in a country like Peru (where there is no opposition of consequence) by our methods, the RESULTS WILL BE SURPRISING. For example, we paid $1.25 (5 sh.) for 1000 Peru put up in bundles of 100, which, upon subsequent examination, we found to contain about 100 of the 1858-60 issue, including TWO MEDIO PESO yellow, and the balance was well worth $20 to any dealer. This was exceptional, but the more ordinary varieties are generally well mixed in average lots.

Dealers desiring to enlarge their stocks at a minimum outlay, CANNOT DO BETTER than have a REGULAR supply for exchanging with local dealers and those in other parts, in addition to the question of wholesale and retail CASH sales. As a desirable country Peru fills all requirements, because of the GREAT VARIETY and because there is NOT an abundance on the market (except surchanged, of which the remainders principally consisted), more especially of late issues, as will be seen by glancing through the majority of price-lists. FURTHERMORE, we are BOOMING Peruvian stamps, and, with the issue of our catalogue and a monthly philatelic journal, there will be a great demand for them.

Our stamp business — on which we are not in the least dependent — is reaching such large proportions that it is absolutely NECESSARY for us to discontinue wholesaling — occupying as it does the bulk of our spare time for sorting, etc. — and to confine our attention to retail and commission sales, which are much less trouble and so better serve the purpose of enlarging our collections.

For this reason we have decided to offer our services for the purchase of Peruvian stamps in quantity, at 10% commission, to any person who will place the necessary purchasing money with us to the amount of not less than $60 (£12) annually. The common Peru we can buy at the rate of 60c to $1 per 1000; and the better assortments — good mixtures of common and scarce, including unpaid, official, old and new issues and high values, in bundles as they come, UNSORTED, — at $1 to $2 per 1000, the scale reckoned by cost. After being properly sorted and classified, these mixtures can easily be disposed of for CASH at several times cost. This we can GUARANTEE FROM OUR ACTUAL EXPERIENCE.

Any business man understanding stamps, can at once begin a very profitable business with these alone. It is not necessary to enter into a general wholesale or retail business in order to reap the benefits of our offer, as dealers will be only too glad to supply quantity and quality desired in exchange, or to pay cash when price is reasonable. We can supply addresses of several well known wholesale dealers in Europe who have lately written to us offering to take LARGE quantities of the common assortments at $2 to $3 per 1000. These orders we WILL NOT FILL as they do not send cash in advance, and all our FUTURE wholesale purchases will be made only on commission and against cash deposit.

On receipt of any sum from $20 (a third of the minimum annual purchasing money and which can be used to try our plan) upwards, we will at once proceed to fulfil our agreement, and will forward a box of stamps by parcel express as soon as purchases justify it.

Under this minimum purchasing deposit we cannot limit our services to any one person, but our well known reputation should be sufficient guarantee that we will not undertake more than we can fulfil to the satisfaction of all concerned. We shall be pleased, however, to hear from any person wishing the exclusive supply and who can back it up with sufficient funds, about $250 quarterly. In conclusion: We have ex-

plained all pertinent points and it will be useless to ask us to deviate from these terms. Under no circumstances will we buy for any dealer's account until we receive the purchasing money or equivalent in approved rare stamps. On our part we assure GOOD and RELIABLE services.

WILLIAMS & CO., Philatelists,
CASILLA 989, LIMA, PERU.

Certain unused stamps of Peru are on the market in large quantities as the government recently sold the balance of the obsolete stamps on hand (certain values of 1870 to 1895) and prices on these have dropped; but our correspondents must not think that all or even a large proportion of Peruvian stamps can or will be sold at such greatly reduced prices. As a matter of fact only 26 varieties were in this remainder in large quantities and these, with 6 exceptions, are surcharged stamps. It will cause a "boom" in other varieties as a great many collectors will buy these remainders at the new prices, and will afterwards naturally desire to obtain the many other varieties; thus creating an extensive demand. We hold quite a large stock of nearly all the varieties in this remainder, and will not be undersold by any dealer. We will give our clients the benefit of any reduction which may be made at any time on any stamps we sell. Be sure and obtain our price-list (see advt. on 2nd page of cover) and SAVE MONEY.

Guatemala Error.

Mr. Geo. F. Stein writes us that the A. J. of P. for June (page 250) is wrong as to the number and situation of the wrongly surcharged stamps in certain sheets of the 1895 1c on 5c Guatemala provisional. We quote from Mr. Stein's letter: There are eight rows on a sheet with the error—"1894"—and two rows with "1895" on. I enclose a pair with both dates. As only a dozen sheets containing the error were ever found, this interesting stamp will be good stuff in a short time.

Our Summer Three.

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Philatelic Press Review.

CANADA.

The Boys' Own Philatelist for May presents quite a neat appearance. It opens with an article on philatelic journals "Ten Years Ago." If it keeps up to the present standard, it will be popular with the boys.

The Canadian Philatelic Magazine is to the front again after a silence of many months. We have received the June number, which contains 12 pages of interesting matter and cover. The first article is an historical review of postal progress; a sketch of John Cabot is reprinted from the Canadian Magazine; and a catalogue ef Canada Revenue Stamps is begun. Tho paper is not paged and the contents are somewhat mixed up. The C. P. M. is an old favourite and we trust it will meet with unlimited success.

The May issue of the Montreal Philatelist is an improvement on the first number. Mr. Bach writes very sensibly in defence of "Condemned Stamps."

The Ontario Philatelist for May has nothing in it of much importance. Mr. Chapman, of Perforator fame, contributes some lively notes. The rest of the paper is barren. This is the more remarkable when the editor holds forth in the following bumptious manner: "The Ontario Philatelist is acknowledged by all (except the publishers of other journals) to be the leading philatelic magazine in Canada." The above statement would be in very bad taste if it were true. It is not good advertising.

The D. P. A. Convention number of the Philatelic Advocate is largely devoted to views of Hamilton and portraits of Hamilton collectors. The illustrations are spoiled by the poor quality of the paper used. If the publishers of the Advocate would use a better quality of paper, they would have the best stamp magazine published in Ontario. There has been a steady improvement in the P. A., and we trust it will long continue to be the organ of the D. P. A. and the leading stamp journal in Ontario. It would be a great mistake for the D. P. A. to make any change in its organ at the present time.

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Mr. Raymond S. Baker contributes some good literary notes to the May Advocate.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mr. Heygate's journal, Stamps, for April is full of good things. Its readers will welcome the first of a series of articles on the "Stamps of the United States," illustrated with cuts of the different types. Mr. Percy C. Bishop advocates the collecting of telegraph stamps. There is a careful review of the month's literature.

The notable feature in Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal for April is the first instalment of an essay by Mr. Donald A. King on "The Postage Stamps of the Dominion of Canada."

BRITISH COLONIES.

The Australian Philatelist is a very creditable journal. The March number contains, besides interesting notes, a comprehensive chronicle of new issues and an instalment of the valuable "Oceania Catalogue.

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4.	Antigua, 1873-9 6p (14) used	75
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7.	Austrian Italy, 1858-9 10s brown	1 00
8.	Austrian Levant, 10p (1013a) used	5 00
9.	Bahamas, 1p carmine (12) used	50
10.	" 4p rose (14) used	50
11.	" '75 4p rose used	75
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13.	" '83 4p on 6p violet used	2 50
14.	Barbados, '52 green on white us'd	1 25
15.	" '71 6p verm. (32) used	65
16.	" " green (40) used	90
17.	" '74 6p (49) used	2 50
18.	" " 1s (50) used	1 00
19.	Bavaria, '76 5pf dark green	50
20.	" '81 25pf pale brown	1 00
21.	" " 50pf deep brown	2 50
22.	Bermuda, 73 3p buff (6) used	1 00
23.	Bhopal, '86-9 4a yellow (31)	60
24.	Brazil, 66 20r dull violet used	50
25.	British Guiana, '75 8c (67) used	1 00
26.	British Honduras, '65 1p blue	50
27.	" '82 1p blue	1 25
28.	" '84-7 4p violet	75
29.	" 20c on 6p (24)	1 00
30.	" 50c (31) used	1 00
31.	Canada, '51 3p red used	75
32.	" '57 ½p pink used	2 00
33.	" '59 10c red lilac	2 50
34.	" '59-64 2c pink used	50
35.	" " 12½c yellow green	1 25
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37.	" " 15c lilac	75
38.	" '68-9 wmk. 1c used	1 00
39.	" " " 3c red used	75
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41.	" registration 8c blue	1 25
42.	Conf. States, '62 2c green used	1 50
43.	Costa Rica, 40c blue (223aa)	1 00
44.	Cuba, '55 2rp carmine	75
45.	" '66 5c lilac	50
46.	" '68 5c lilac [35]	1 00
47.	" " 20c green [37]	1 00
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49.	" 74 1p carmine	1 00
50.	" '79 10c orange	1 75
51.	" '80 10c rose	50
52.	Curacao, '73 3c bistre	75
53.	Cyprus, '80 ½p red used	1 00
54.	" '81 prov, [8] used	50
55.	" " 1p rose	65
56.	Denmark, envelope 4s red [83]	75
57.	" wrapper 2s blue	50
58.	Dominica, '74 6p green	3 00

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63. " '88 ½a orange (28) 60
64. Fiji, '76 1p ultramarine penm'k'd 1 50
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66. " '82 20p ultramarine 75
67. France, '53-60 80c rose [34c] us'd 1 00
68. " '70 20c blue [64] used 50
69. Gibraltar, '89 1p light brown 1 00
70. Great Britain, '55 2p [26] used 75
71. " '56 1p [27] 1 00
72. " '55 4p [34] used 60
73. " '56 4p [35] used 2 00
74. " '57 2p [42] used 1 00
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77. " '65 3p rose 1 75
78. " " 6p lilac 2 00
79. " '83 2s-6p [133] us'd 75
80. Greece, '61 1l dark brown used 2 75
81. " " 1l red brown used 3 00
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85. " " 20l pale blue used 50
86. " '62-71 5l green [19] used 60
87. " " 10l orange [23] 1 50
88. " '72-6 40l pale rose (41) 1 00
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90. " '75 60l green used 85
91. " '80-2 20l ultramarine us'd 60
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124. Nabha, '87-94 2a blue, red surch. 65
125. New Brunswick, '60 1c violet used 50
126. New Caledonia, '81-4 25c on 35c used 1 50
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132. " " 5p viol. br'n 1 00
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STAMPS FOR THESSALY.

The Turkish Government, wishing to establish a control of the postal revenues in the districts occupied by its armies in Thessaly, prepared a special series of postage stamps, now obsolete, which have been employed exclusively by the post offices in Thessaly, during its occupation by the Turkish armies.

These stamps are of a new type, eight-cornered in shape. Above is the inscription (in Turkish): Ottoman Empire Postage; in the centre is a view of the bridge at Larissa (Greece); below is the inscription (also in Turkish): "Special for Thessaly, part of the conquered country." The complete series is composed of five (5) stamps: 10, 20 paras, 1, 2 and 5 piastres.

Besides the originality of design of these stamps, they will have an historical value which will be readily understood, and will be much sought after, the number of sets being limited and their issue having been only provisional.

Last month we offered these stamps at 40 cents for the set; but, as Thessaly has been evacuated since early in June and as we have been overwhelmed with orders which have come in from all directions and which have greatly diminished our available stock, we cannot now furnish sets except at the following prices, POSTPAID:

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

Massachusetts Items.

Notwithstanding the amount of criticism that has been showered on the Omahas and new revenues, the public has taken kindly to both issues, the Omahas because of their variety and beauty and the revenues because—well because the people had to. Of course some people, for instance express companies, have tried to transfer revenue obligations from their shoulders to the pocket books of their patrons, but the courts have protested in an emphatic manner. Boston dealers assert that our new stamps are proving a blessing in these very dull times.

Several times since the Omahas appeared, the Boston Post-Office has exhausted its supply of the lower values, and this too in face of the fact that they are supplied only on demand.

An inverted surcharge has been discovered in this city, in fact both the 1c and 2c, surcharged in the same manner, have been unearthed by the New England Stamp Co. It seems that they were discovered in the stock assigned M. R. Warren & Co., stationers.

The convention of the A. P. A. to be held in New York in August will not prove a very great attraction to Boston philatelists. I learn that Mr. Batchelder will attend, but I have yet to find a second delegate.

Two new papers are reported. The Bay State Philatelist I have not seen. The New England Philatelist has appeared from Jamaica Plain and is a small eight page paper, one column to the page. The initial number is a typical first number and we shall expect rapid improvement.

Willard O. Wylie, who has been corresponding for the Metropolitan Philatelist, will report Boston news in the future for Mekeel's News.

Hon. F. F. Olney, Providence, R. I., visited the rooms of some of our dealers last month.

Ernest M. Carpenter has returned from a trip to the west, where he has been gone some four weeks.

Several of our dealers are laying in a stock of the Canadian maple leaf issue, with the idea that this issue will be good property in the near future.

Philatelic Literature announces a change in its management by which Lewis H. Benton retires. I understand Mr. Benton contemplates a literary venture of some kind.

The Lowell Philatelic Society is showing remarkable signs of activity, by holding regular monthly meetings during the summer.

At the meeting, July 6, while no new members were admitted a very enjoyable session was held. The secretary of the society, Charles E. Edson, is a very active and interested member.

My letter will not contain this month very much in the way of news. You know this is very "dry" weather. I will try to do better next time. Good luck and prosperity to the MESSENGER in its new home.

BURNHAM.

With the September number, the Pennsylvania Philatelist is to be incorporated with the Perforator.

Written for the Messenger.

D. P. A. Convention.

THE THIRD ANNUAL MEET; A GREAT SUCCESS; AN EASY VICTORY FOR THE "ADVOCATE" TICKET.

When the members of the Dominion Philatelic Association decided upon Hamilton as the 1898 convention seat, it was an assured fact that, should the Convention prove a failure, it would not be through the lack of interest displayed by the Hamilton members. As soon as it was made public that the "ambitious city" would claim the meet, its local members set themselves to work in earnest to plan for the greatest gathering of stampmen ever held on Canadian soil.

A preliminary meeting of the local collectors was held on the evening of June 30th to hear the final reports from the various committees; but, as everything was in readiness for the Convention, the meeting adjourned early.

The first indications of the coming meet were the arrivals of R. G. Widdicombe, of St. Catharines, and W. A. Lydiatt, of Toronto, on Thursday afternoon, both gentlemen wheeling to the city. Another delegation arrived about 8 a. m. Friday, it being composed of L. S. Graham, of Merriton, and W. A. Beatty and George Bradley, of St. Catharines.

About as soon as these gentlemen had begun to make the acquaintance of the local members, another crowd arrived, composed of G. W. Starnaman, F. I. Weaver and W. A. Starnaman, of Berlin, and John H. Lowe and C. B. Morden, of Toronto.

Shortly afterwards the members were agreeably surprised at meeting once again their old friend, Charles Bailey, of Kaukauna, Wisc., counterfeit detector of the Association.

About 11 o'clock, when a goodly number of delegates had assembled, Mr. F. M. Robinson, ex-president of the Hamilton Stamp Club, opened the Convention with an appropriate address of welcome, on behalf of the local members. Mr. Bailey gave a short address in reply, on behalf of the visiting members.

The members then unanimously elected Mr. Bailey chairman and Mr. N. Matches, of Hamilton, sec'y pro tem. of the Convention.

The chairman then read a congratulatory message from the president, A. M. Muirhead, of Halifax, who was unable to be present; in reply to which it was moved and resolved that the secretary be instructed to write Mr. Muirhead, thanking him for his interesting letter and suggestions.

The first real matter of business was that of re-instating Mr. I. E. Patterson, of Detroit, who has not been considered a member since the convention held at Toronto in 1896. After considerable discussion it was resolved, upon motion of Messrs. Widdicombe and Graham, that Mr. Patterson be re-instated upon receipt of dues in full to date. This matter having been disposed of, the meeting adjourned until 2 p. m.

The afternoon session was called to order shortly after 2 o'clock, and the members faced the camera and

ha l a convention group taken. The next item of business was that of selecting an official emblem. Mr. R. S. Mason brought a design before the meeting, which he requested the society to authorise. It was moved by Dr. Kittson and seconded by A. H. Ward that the design be accepted. It was moved in amendment that a committee, composed of C. S. Applegath, E. A Marris and W. B. Grant, be appointed for the purpose of securing an appropriate emblem. The amendment was carried.

At about 3.40 W. A. Starnaman, chairman of the Constitution Committee was called upon to present the report of that committee. The Constitution was then read for the first time. Upon motion of C. S. Applegath and W. A. Lydiatt, it was decided that all information asked for on the application be published with the name of each applicant for membership. It was moved by E. A. Marris and carried unanimously that the sec'y-treasurer be required to publish a financial statement each month.

After some discussion it was decided that hereafter each candidate for office at the annual elections shall have been a member for at least 3 months before the official nominations are declared. It was also decided to add an advertising and subscription department to the list of offices, and nominations were called for. The candidates nominated were R. G. Widdicombe and W. A. Lydiatt. After some discussion the above by-laws were added to the constitution and declared law. Upon motion of C. Bailey and F. M. Robinson a vote of thanks was tendered the Constitution Committee for its very efficient services.

The Credential Committee then retired to an ante-room to count the ballots, while a social gathering was held in the hall and the delegates were entertained with music. In the course of about an hour and a half the chairman of the Credential Committee, E. A. Marris, returned with the following report:

Number of votes polled 92, of which 3 or 4 were thrown out on account of the members not being paid up. The election returns are as follows (the numbers refer to votes received, the first in each case being elected):

PRESIDENT.

A. M. Muirhead, Halifax, N. S. accl.

VICE PRESIDENT.

C. S. Applegath, Hamilton, Ont. 60
A. H. Adams, Whitby, Ont. 18

VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNITED STATES.

Charles Bailey, Kaukauna, Wisc. accl.

SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Geo. W. Starnaman, Berlin, Ont. 51
Robt. G. Widdicombe, St. Catharines 24

COUNTERFEIT-DETECTOR.

F. J. Garraty, Richmond, Que. accl.

EXCHANGE-SUPERINTENDENT.

E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y. 53
F. B. Reynolds, Halifax, N. S. 24

AUCTION-MANAGER.

N. Matches, Hamilton, Ont. accl.

ATTORNEY.

J. A. Wainwright, Northampton, Mass. accl.

LIBRARIAN.

F. I. Weaver, Berlin, Ont. 55
W. B Grant, Hamilton, Ont. 20

OFFICIAL ORGAN.

Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont. 55
Ontario Philatelist, St. Catharines, O. 17
Stamp Reporter, St. Catharines, Ont. 3

TRUSTEES.

R. S. Mason, Hamilton, Ont. 55
George W. Hicks, Mitchell, Ont. 54

E. A. Marris, Hamilton, Ont.	44
James H, Slater, Hamilton, Ont.	38
W. A. Beatty, St. Catharines, Ont.	17

(Three trustees are elected.)

ADV. AND SUBSCRIPTION AGENT.

R. G. Widdicombe, St, Catharines	11
W. A. Lydiatt, Toronto, Ont.	4

1899 CONVENTION.

TORONTO. ONTARIO	65
Halifax, Nova Scotia	11

The official bulletin was then placed on the wall, and on motion the meeting adjourned.

The evening session was called to order about 8.30, shortly after which light refreshments were served by the Hamilton Stamp Club. About 9 o'clock the meeting was again called to order and an auction sale conducted by Mr. Widdicombe was proceeded with. Fifty-two lots were offered for sale and some of the prices realised were as follows:

Canada, 1868, 3c laid paper, on original cover, catalogued at $5.00, was sold for 50 cents. United States, 1875, 3c blue, re-issue, used, very good copy, but small corner missing, highest bid 25 cents. A fine library of about 800 different philatelic publications was sold for $3.05. A sheet of 100 8c Canada Jubilee, unused, was offered at face, as were also two half sheets.

At the conclusion of the sale refreshments were again served. The evening session adjourned about 10.30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

The morning session was opened about 9 o'clock, but, owing to the oppressive heat, no business of any importance was transacted. The morning was occupied chiefly in examining the magnificent collection of W. H. Thurston, of Flesherton, O.

The afternoon session was taken up in hearing the reports of the various officers. The Secretary reported 91 new members admitted during the year. 2 resignations were received. 2 deaths. The Auction Manager reported a percentage from the three sales of $1.36. Postage, etc., 44c. Balance on hand of 92c. The Counterfeit Detector reported having examined seven stamps only during the year. A charge of fraud was laid by one member against another, but as neither was paid up, the matter was dropped. Upon motion a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers.

As a number of the members went home Saturday afternoon, the evening session was made informal, and enlivened with music, speeches, etc.

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We greet our readers from Boiestown, where the MESSENGER is now established. As the present number has been prepared in the midst of packing and unpacking, we are sure our friends will not complain of the reduced size of the paper and the tardiness of its appearance. The reduction, however, is not so much in the amount of reading matter as in the advertising space. We have been obliged to omit the exchange notices and several advertisements last received. These will appear in next issue.

The outdoor life of the summer vacation is not favourable to philately. The interest in it wanes in the summer months, but waxes as warm as ever when the lengthening evenings woo to indoors pursuits. The collecting instinct is a part of the constitution of man and will never die. Of the many objects on which it exercises itself, few are more instructive and commendable than the collecting of postage stamps.

The next two issues of this paper will be eight-paged ones only, and all the available advertising space in those numbers is already engaged. The September number will be a season opener, and will contain about 20 pages. We can find room for a few more advertisements in the issue for September, although 8 pages are already engaged. Application for space must be made soon.

Our next number will contain an article from Mr. R. S. Baker, whom we hope to secure as a regular contributor. We have made arrangements with Mr. J. F. Farrell to furnish us with full reports of the New York Conventions in August and September. We have reduced our subscription, but we intend to publish a better paper than ever. We expect to add at least 750 names to our subscription list before another summer.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

From the Land of Steady Habits.

It is very amusing to read the tirades against certain issues about to appear, and no abuse is strong enough to characterise them to those who are so decidedly down on them. This feeling was shown out before the Vasco da Gama, New Zealand and Omaha issues appeared, but if you keep your eyes open, you will notice that the "holy horror" objectors in nine cases out of ten will grab them as quickly as those who are satisfied with anything. "They are so pretty," they haven't the heart to resist taking them, and this will be the case to the end of the chapter.

The Omahas have been pretty well circulated by this time, and it is amusing to read the remarks about them. Some think them very handsome, especially those parties who were particularly anxious to have them, while others run them down in a very decided way. Mr. Luff, in the American Journal of Philately for July, calls them miserable daubs, and describes each value in lampoonic style, with considerable reason. One journal cracks them up as "superior to the Columbians." Whew! This journal has called Mr. Luff an acknowledged expert, and future remarks will be watched for with interest. The colours of the stamps are pretty enough, but some of the pictures do look comical. The 4c is a rather light yellow affair, representing an Indian hunting a buffalo, Mr. Luff calls it a terrier, "or any other pup," chasing a pig. We are told that the 8c (which is about the handsomest one) is the design of Frederic Remington, and a masterpiece. A horse, which is a prominent figure in it, has a monstrous head and neck, more of the donkey order. One of his legs, which are very delicate, has a triangular crook, which reminds me of my broken arm as it looked when the plaster cast was removed, How any one, and some of them artists, can call them ahead of the Columbians, puzzles me, but perhaps I am no judge. I know what I like, and think there is a great difference between the Omahas and the Congos.

There is no doubt that in general the stamps with the speculative taint attached to them have the largest sale.

These stamps are more noted as a rule for their beauty, and beauty has the call over ugliness in most cases. The stamps of Mexico are probably freer from speculation than those of any country in existence, because nearly all of the stamps are plain looking, although very few can be called ugly. Most of the handsome stamps are used by countries having a small postal service comparatively, as for instance: Congo, North Borneo, Portugal, New Zealand and several of the African and Central American states. The stamps of Great Britain and her colonies, as well as those of the United States, are, however, generally neat stamps, and, in the main, less given to speculation, and the collector who does not want unnecessary issues can keep busy getting these particular stamps together.

The volunteer United States soldiers in the war of the Rebellion were allowed to send letters home without a stamp, and the mark on them of "three cents due" was collected from the recipient. The writer has a few of these letters still. One has on the envelope a picture of Col. Ellsworth's assassination by Jackson in the latter's hotel at Alexandria, Va., in colours. Another has a picture of General McClellan dashing along on horseback, like Sheridan's famous ride. And still another envelope is

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Williams & Co., Casilla 989, Lima, Peru.

WHOLESALE DEPARTMENT DISCONTINUED.

The best plan for accumulating a stock of stamps is by exchanging, because the most PRACTICABLE and CHEAPEST. We instance the case of the late Henry Gremmel who built up his business by importations made principally by exchanging. To a dealer who is unacquainted with the exceedingly rich opportunities for buying stamps at LOW PRICES in a country like Peru (where there is no opposition of consequence) by our methods, the RESULTS WILL BE SURPRISING. For example, we paid $1.25 (5 sh.) for 1000 Peru put up in bundles of 100, which, upon subsequent examination, we found to contain about 100 of the 1858-60 issue, including TWO MEDIO PESO yellow, and the balance was well worth $20 to any dealer. This was exceptional, but the more ordinary varieties are generally well mixed in average lots.

Dealers desiring to enlarge their stocks at a minimum outlay, CANNOT DO BETTER than have a REGULAR supply for exchanging with local dealers and those in other parts, in addition to the question of wholesale and retail CASH sales. As a desirable country Peru fills all requirements, because of the GREAT VARIETY and because there is NOT an abundance on the market (except surchanged, of which the remainders principally consisted), more especially of late issues, as will be seen by glancing through the majority of price-lists. FURTHERMORE, we are BOOMING Peruvian stamps, and, with the issue of our catalogue and a monthly philatelic journal, there will be a great demand for them.

Our stamp business — on which we are not in the least dependent — is reaching such large proportions that it is absolutely NECESSARY for us to discontinue wholesaling — occupying as it does the bulk of our spare time for sorting, etc. — and to confine our attention to retail and commission sales, which are much less trouble and so better serve the purpose of enlarging our collections.

For this reason we have decided to offer our services for the purchase of Peruvian stamps in quantity, at 10% commission, to any person who will place the necessary purchasing money with us to the amount of not less than $60 (£12) annually. The common Peru we can buy at the rate of 60c to $1 per 1000; and the better assortments — good mixtures of common and scarce, including unpaid, official, old and new issues and high values, in bundles as they come, UNSORTED, — at $1 to $2 per 1000, the scale reckoned by cost. After being properly sorted and classified, these mixtures can easily be disposed of for CASH at several times cost. This we can GUARANTEE FROM OUR ACTUAL EXPERIENCE.

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On receipt of any sum from $20 (a third of the minimum annual purchasing money and which can be used to try our plan) upwards, we will at once proceed to fulfil our agreement, and will forward a box of stamps by parcel express as soon as purchases justify it.

Under this minimum purchasing deposit we cannot limit our services to any one person, but our well known reputation should be sufficient guarantee that we will not undertake more than we can fulfil to the satisfaction of all concerned. We shall be pleased, however, to hear from any person wishing the exclusive supply and who can back it up with sufficient funds, about $250 quarterly. In conclusion: We have ex-

plained all pertinent points and it will be useless to ask us to deviate from these terms. Under no circumstances will we buy for any dealer's account until we receive the purchasing money or equivalent in approved rare stamps. On our part we assure GOOD and RELIABLE services.

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Certain unused stamps of Peru are on the market in large quantities as the government recently sold the balance of the obsolete stamps on hand (certain values of 1876 to 1895) and prices on these have dropped; but our correspondents must not think that all or even a large proportion of Peruvian stamps can or will be sold at such greatly reduced prices. As a matter of fact only 26 varieties were in this remainder in large quantities and these, with 6 exceptions, are surcharged stamps. It will cause a "boom" in other varieties as a great many collectors will buy these remainders at the new prices, and will afterwards naturally desire to obtain the many other varieties; thus creating an extensive demand. We hold quite a large stock of nearly all the varieties in this remainder, and will not be undersold by any dealer. We will give our clients the benefit of any reduction which may be made at any time on any stamps we sell. Be sure and obtain our price-list (see advt. on 2nd page of cover) and SAVE MONEY.

From the Land of Steady Habits.

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the counterpart of an American flag, with the blue square, white stars and the usual coloured stripes, the address being written on the white spaces.

Recognising the fact that it is hard to please everybody in the matter of reviews, many of those journals called "leading" do not have a review department, but they are perfectly willing to be reviewed, and would probably feel sore if their merits were not set forth, showing that they have their weak spots and like to be flattered as well as anybody else. At the same time, it is much more sensible in a leading journal to dispense with this department than to make it a useless one by having a prejudiced and unfair critic at the head of it.

During the writer's publication of a philatelic journal, he was besieged with offers of contributions, and the compensation asked for varied from nothing to pay of good proportion. While many good contributors could be obtained for "ad space," it was noticeable that those who set a reasonable money figure gave the best satisfaction, and tried to earn it. It only took a short time to find out that the free contributors wanted a chance to air their personal prejudices. And if their stuff was modified, they very soon quitted boring you.

It doesn't always help a person's argument to swear by a catalogue. If a person will observe carefully from year to year, or look back over his old ones, he will notice some things that are left out subsequently, only to appear again still later. It is aggravating to have certain kinds of stamps which do not appear in the latest issues. You may find a place for them in the album, but stamps cannot be properly placed without a catalogue, there ore you have to hunt up the necessary information. These bothering omissions recruit the ranks of those who go in for blank albums.

In philately, as in other lines, a correct statement is soon spoiled by variations in quoting from the original article. A change of a word at first, with continued other changes, will make the truth-teller out a falsifier. Most people have read the story of a man who "ate something as black as a crow, and told his neighbour so," and the neighbour said it was a crow that was eaten, till finally some one said it was three. These twistings of the truth are common. You may say a thing happens in one month, and have it copied as happening in another, and, through changes of one figure, your statement is knocked into smithereens.

I should like to see a discussion of the question, "Does a published black-list in general do any good?" While it may make some sensitive crooks squirm a little, I have my doubts as to its making the publisher popular. And it is certain that some publishers who countenance it do not pay their own bills very promptly. If there was a philatelic mercantile agency, having what is usually designated a "dead-beat" list, some of the publishers would find their own names therein, and then it wouldn't be so funny, and some societies would be found there also.

HENRY A. CHAPMAN.

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6. A Canada postal card, unused, catalogued at 30c, Scott's 57th, No. 417.
9. A set of 10 Greece, 1862-82, cat. value 26c.
10. A Mount Athos stamp, catalogued at 50c.
11. A set of 6 Newfoundland, obsolete, cat. value 24c.
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15. Straits Settlements, 3c on 32c violet rose, and Selangor, 3c on 5c rose, both unused, cat. value 27c.
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23. Ceylon registration envelope, 1885, 12c, rose, size 6 by 11 inches, unused and entire, cat. value 60c.
24. A set of 8 Ecuador revenues, used postally, cat. value $1.95.
25. A set of 20 India, 1865-92, cat. value 63c.
26. A set of 9 North Borneo, 1887-92, ½c to 10c, cat. value 43c.
27. A set of 8 Queensland, 1882-94, ½p to 1s, cat. value 44c.
28. A set of 10 Thurn & Taxis, including 5 and 10 sgr. and 30 kr., unused, cat. value 40c.
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30. A set of 4 British Guiana provisionals, 1890, 1c on 1, 2, 3 and 4d, cat. value 63c.
31. A set of 7 Labuan, 1894, lithographed, 2c to 40c, cat. value $1.10.
32. A set of 5 Peru, unpaid letter, 1883, 1c to 50c, surcharged with triangle, cat. value 80c.
45. Canada Jubilee, 1c, black, unused.
46. Set of 6 Cuba, 1896, 1c to 20c, unused, cat. value 65c.
47. Cuba, 1897, 40c, orange brown, catalogued at 60c.
48. Set of 4 Newfoundland Cabot, 5, 6, 8 and 10c, unused, cat. value 55c.

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VOL. II. BOIESTOWN, N. B., JULY 15, 1898. No. 8.

Written for the Messenger.

Summer Summaries.

By RAYMOND S. BAKER.

An ancient anomaly. — The collector who writes a flattering testimonial for a certain paper and then declares to an ephemeral rival, "IT makes me sick." The reason—strong "drink."

There always has been a relaxation of stamp collecting during the summer months and there always will be. It is necessary for the existence of the hobby. While it is true that the last few years have seen a revival of interest in the hot season, yet this is probably only temporary, and at all events no radical changes will soon occur. There are good, substantial reasons for this fact. Collectors get tired of their stamps and require a philatelic vacation. We learn and appreciate the value of things oftentimes by their absence. After the holidays the collector who has been wholly engaged in boating, fishing, golf, bicycling and the like, will return to his album with renewed interest and increased stimulus.

Should the words "philately," "philatelist" and "philatelic" be spelled with capital letters? This is a problem we have been debating ever since it became necessary to make frequent use of the words. To most persons an apparently easy solution might be found in the dictionary. Approaching that never failing source of information, we find that the term used to designate the study of postage stamps is, along with the rest of the sciences, denied the honour of a capital letter. This surely ought to settle the matter, and it does. But stamp collectors are only too familiar with the sight of hobbies, arts and sciences dressed out in full capitals, and, being exceedingly proud and jealous of their own pursuit, they very naturally write themselves "Philatelists," with a big P. Of similar nature is the fact that the upstart who declares himself interested in Numismatics will be met with the counter reply that there is no science to be compared with Philately or perhaps even Timbrology. Turning to our own peculiar scholars and writers, the affair assuredly gets very perplexing. This is due to the variety of renderings and the tremendous authority at the back of each. We have seen some writers, and we are unable to plead "not guilty," use the words in question both ways in one sentence. Here, however, the printer comes forward, a scapegoat, obliging to some, deserving of severe reproof—to others, albeit they are few. Some day we take up our favourite magazine and find therein an article by a classical writer, one learned and wielding au-

thority. Eureka! He uses the big P's. With a grateful sigh we murmur, "at last!" "Example is better than precept;" we too will be classical. But alas! only a week elapses before to our amazed and faltering vision our learned friend appears denuded of his capitals and wearing the robe of small letters. It is then with a feeling of melancholy we remember that the *editor* has asserted himself. And so betwixt upstarts, printers, editors and scholars, driven here and there, and upset generally, we give up the struggle and await the advent of the philatelic Webster.

The saying "ill blows the wind that profits nobody" is true, from the stamp collector's standpoint, regarding the Spanish-American war. While the postal issues of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines have always been regarded as first class, yet their popularity at the present time is largely increased, and is likely to be of a lasting character. The writer has always had a fondness for the stamps of Spain and Cuba, and it is certainly a fact that in an unused state they form a pretty and historic portrait gallery, although there *is* quite a similarity in the features and the babies of the family are numerous. Mr. Stevens, an enterprising young Bostonian, has written a timely book on "The Philippines," which graphically describes the conditions of life in these eastern islands. It would not be a bad idea if one of our own pencil pushers should favour the collecting public with an exhaustive philatelic treatise on the subject. Collectors who have large collections of these three countries can congratulate themselves, while those who have only a few varieties have the opportunity of largely increasing the number as the low prices of these stamps place them within the reach of all. The early issues of the Philippines are of course expensive, several varieties listing from $20 to $50. The stamps of Cuba and Porto Rico however are comparatively cheap as both countries have only one specimen each cataloguing as high as $12. As a specialty these three Spanish colonies almost stand supreme. Approximately Cuba has 135 varieties, Porto Rico the same number, and the Philippines 200, making with the aid of the specialist a collection of 500.

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Philatelic journalism in the maritime provinces cannot be said to have had a great and glorious record. It is true that the *Halifax Philatelist* is fondly remembered by many old time collectors, but the recent philatelic emissions from that city have been received with anything but terms of love and endearment. The *Halifax Philatelic Magazine* was a fairly good paper from more than one standpoint but it lacked as usual the necessary amount of "sand." A journal which published a respectable amount of original and interesting matter was the *Nova Scotian Philatelist* hailing from the enterprising town of Amherst. The versatile John R. Hooper was a frequent contributor to this magazine and did much towards improving the quality of its literary contents. Its general and typographical appearance however resisted its success and this lively little paper followed in the long line of departed ventures. To the best of our knowledge New Brunswick has but one literary aspirant wholly devoted to philately, and this provincial champion is still battling with Father Time and the Postmaster General. That its glorious victory over the former will be as assured as its success with the latter is beginning to be the opinion of all collectors by the sea.

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U. S.—Philatelic West.

FOREIGN.—Post (Leipzig).

July Papers.

CANADA.—Can. Philatelic Magazine, Edwards' Philatelic Press List, Ontario Philatelist, Philatelic Advocate, Stamp Reporter.

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By RAYMOND S. BAKER.

Second only to the Columbian issue the Omaha stamps have caused more comment among American philatelic circles than any other postal emissions of recent years.

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The leading feature of the *American Philatelic Magazine* was however the editorial page. Our editors do not as a rule make as much of this department as they might. Outside of the news of the month and the comment on same there is very little more to be found. Mr. Brown however possessed a higher idea of an editor's prerogatives. His independent discussion of the questions of the time, written in a masterly and forcible manner, were always read with interest and pleasure by the collecting public. The fight against the cumulative ballot and the political manœuvres of Kissinger and ultimate victory over both are largely due to the A. P. M. It is a significant fact that thereafter the "Pennsy" when referring to the Magazine spoke of it as a "dirty sheet and collection of filth" which is a description at once so contrary to fact and so rankly low and coarse that it even provokes a smile on the lips of highest breeding.

As there was but one Gus Luhn so also the *Southern Philatelist* is alone in its glory. It was published in Charleston by the Southern Stamp and Publishing Company for the purpose of advertising their business. Its brilliant record began in 1890 and lasted for six years. With the great rank and file of collectors the *Southern* immediately became a favourite

and, while other papers thought themselves fortunate with a paid subscription list of 500 to 1000, this enterprising journal never catered to less than 3000 patrons, with occasional editions of 10,000 copies. It was sink or swim with the *Southern:* by live, well directed, persistent Yankee energy it swam and swam splendidly, bringing money to its subscribers, its advertisers and its publishers.

As it has been already intimated, this magazine bore the characteristic impress of its editor, Mr. Luhn. It always contained the latest news with pungent comment on same, intermingled with bright witticisms and terse remarks. The editorials were interesting and well written, generally receiving the first attention of the reader. The whole policy of the *Southern Philatelist* was to entertain, and success attended the object. The S. P. however was not unmindful of grave issues, and was the means of introducing one or two needed reforms in the journalism of philately. Prominent among these was the doing away with the wholesale advertising credit. Collectors of five years standing will remember that it is only a comparatively short time since any one, Tom, Dick or Harry, could get all the way from an inch to a column of advertising space merely upon the presentation of copy and a paltry promise to pay. Their papers were full of ads. but pay there was none. It was high revel however with cranks, crooks, frauds, dead-beats and swindlers. Gus Luhn contemplating his unutterable experiences declared this must stop, and made "cash with copy" the only entry to the advertising pages of the *Southern*. First the *Eastern*, then the *Era*, and other publications in rapid succession, followed his example; honest dealers accepted the inevitable and the frauds were checkmated. The American Philatelic Dealer's and Collector's Association was the outcome of the *Southern's* hostility to fraudulent parties, and its organisation was largely due to Luhn, who in more than one respect was a terror to evil-doers.

The reading matter of this magazine, although always of an interesting character, was not however of the highest quality. The bulk of the contents was supplied by the editor, who conducted an extremely popular if not elaborate department of review. Prominent among the regular contributors are the names of Crawford Capen, Roy F. Greene, H. H. Jobel and Fred W. Potter. Mr. Walter A. Withrow in his "Young Collector's Studies" gave an excellent training for amateurs which is of permanent value. The work of Clive Scott in the *Southern* is very poor indeed, and his short serial entitled "My Experience with a Public Crank" is utterly devoid of point and interest. Mr. Charles Jenney contributed some fairly good fiction, while Guy W. Green's poetry is of an average quality.

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From Our Regular Correspondent.

From the Land of Steady Habits.

In looking over the criticisms of my articles by different scribes, I find that some dilate on their not being dryly scientific, others on their not being philatelically interesting, etc.; but I am pleased to note that generally my contributions are classed as being "readable." I am therefore satisfied, for I have always claimed that it is not necessary to confine one's self strictly in a philatelic publication to matters pertaining to stamps, nor is there any law to that effect. It certainly is not philatelic to make a business of quibbling and singling out the philatelic from the unphilatelic, and flourishing the result of the investigation before the public with the undoubted purpose of holding the victim up as an object of derision, and with the intention of creating an uncomfortable sensation in the breast of one whose intentions are well meant.

The month of August was made memorable by the holding of conventions of four philatelic organisations in New York city, following each other either in close succession or in a sandwiched form, so to speak. It was the lot of the writer to belong to all four societies, and he was the only member who attended the entire proceedings. The weather was excessively warm during the nine days he was in the city, and he can easily forgive any one for not spending seven days in the heated convention halls, where starched linen soon became anything else.

It was my intention to leave Rocky Hill on Saturday, Aug. 20, on the steamer Middletown, which runs direct to New York; but, a day or two before, Mr. W. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., wrote me that on Monday, the 22nd, he and Mr. J. A. Wainwright, of Northampton, were to go by cars to New Haven, thence by boat to New York, and asked if I couldn't accompany them. As misery and stamp cranks love company, I easily acceded to the request. As I had never met Mr. Stone before, he told me to look for a little fellow with a ⅛c. proprietary on the lapel of his coat. On reaching Hartford, I easily distinguished his and Mr. Wainwright's characteristic faces, and they "spotted" me at the same time. By the way, one of these gentlemen measures 5 feet, 3 inches, and the other 6 feet, 1 inch, so I was neither the largest or smallest of the members of the A. P. A., to whose convention we were all bound; and in passing, I will here state that my very companionable friend, Mr. J. F. Johnson of Salem, Mass., had the honour of being the tallest man I saw at the conventions, or anywhere else, while I was gone; his anatomy extending 6 feet, 4¼ inches heavenward. The jolly trio reached New York Monday afternoon, and of course struck a bee line for a stamp dealer's den.

The American Philatelic Association held its sessions, with one exception, by invitation, at the rooms of the Collectors' Club, 351 Fourth Avenue, commencing Tuesday morning. The sessions extended into

Friday. In the absence of those higher in authority, Mr. G. L. Toppan presided in a masterly manner, and was ably assisted by the secretary, Mr. W. N. Howe, a worthy successor to the lamented Joe Beard. Mr. Howe is a jolly, painstaking official, who demoralised at least four collars daily, in his efforts to look neat. During the meet probably eighty members were present, and as during the different entertainments the wives, daughters and sweethearts of the members were on hand, the gatherings numbered often over a hundred. On Tuesday afternoon, the greater part went in carriages to Grant's tomb, going, through Central Park, by one route and returning by another; visiting a restaurant at one point and an art gallery at another. In the evening a vaudeville performance was given at the club house, which was much enjoyed. Wednesday afternoon a large party went to Coney island, a private car gaily decorated leaving the Brooklyn side of the great suspension bridge. At the island many witnessed sights they never saw before, and perhaps would not care to witness daily. Thursday was given up to a river and bay trip on the steamer William Fletcher, which took in both sides of the city, and made the circuit of the warships in the bay; landing finally at Staten Island, a business session being held en route. The whole trip was an enjoyable one. The programme projected an afternoon on the island, with an entertainment in the evening; under the auspices of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, who also gave a banquet to their visitors. On the landing of the steamer, the members and their friends scattered in different directions. Some visited the warships. A party of ten, including the writer, chartered a steamer, and proceeded to visit Admiral Schley's cruiser, the Brooklyn. The party were taken aboard from the launch in a row-boat, two trips being necessary. The first delegation of five shook hands with Admiral Schley, but the second boat-load missed seeing him. In our party there were two ladies and eight gentlemen. The landing was attendwith some excitement, owing to the somewhat "wavy" conditions, and three of the party looked very pale during the going and coming. Ensign Avery kindly piloted us over the cruiser, showing us where Spanish ammunition had performed deadly work. The entertainment in the evening consisted of music, vocal and instrumental, speech making and a very substantial banquet. The party returned to the city late at night on the ferry boat. The final session was held Friday morning. The entertainments were all furnished by resident members, visitors not being allowed to pay. The thirteenth annual convention of the A. P. A. will never be forgotten by those present. Members were present from Minnesota and Iowa in the west, and from Portland, Me. At least ten states were represented beside the District of Columbia. The local reception and entertainment committees were untiring in their efforts to

make a successful meet. To Mr. P. F. Brunar the credit of raising nearly $500 for the purpose is chiefly due. Mr. Alvah Davison was everywhere in his efforts to carry out the programme, and at the banquet he made the speech of the evening, while Messrs. Luff and Gregory did their part nobly. There were others who no doubt did their full share. The Collectors' Club deserved thanks for furnishing the place of meeting, and kept open house throughout. The official proceedings will be found in the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, which is still the organ of the association. The meet next year will be held at Detroit, Mich.

The Philatelic Sons of America held their convention at the Grand Union Hotel, on Friday, Aug. 26, President Aldrich being there to take charge. The gathering was small but enthusiastic, and was the only one which was distinguished by having lady members present, viz.: Mrs. C. W. Kissinger and Mrs. E. R. Aldrich. At the final session in the afternoon, every member present was called on to make a speech, and responded briefly. The convention next year will be held at Detroit.

The Sons of Philatelia held a three days' convention at Miller's Hotel, Aug. 29, 30 and 31. E. L. Shove presided except at the final session, when A. Herbst took his place. Secretary Dodge, the ruling spirit, was present, and took down the proceedings with his type-writer, in a business-like manner; and he exercised his powers of fascination in such a way as to gather in several brand new members. This society will also meet next year at Detroit.

The Empire State Philatelic Society also met at Miller's Hotel, Aug. 29 and 30; the final session being held at Terrace Garden, on the evening of the latter date, where a substantial banquet was furnished by the society. The convention was opened by President Herbst, and throughout was a very lively one, at times the proceedings being somewhat heated, but no very hard feelings were engendered. The scheme to change the official organ failed. The society will meet again next year in New York City. On the evening of August 29 every member present was called on to speak, and did so. The peroration of Mr. J. F. Farrell, a rising young lawyer, while somewhat high-flown in language, was, nevertheless, a masterly effort, and he is liable to be heard from hereafter.

Notwithstanding the intense heat, I spent nine days in the city in an enjoyable manner. Six days I stopped at Miller's Hotel, 39 West 26th street, a very home-like place; and for three days was the guest of Leopold Beringer, at 2964 Third avenue. Mr. Beringer is a member of three of the societies named, a dealer in stamps, and an insurance and advertising agent, etc.

One day I devoted to visiting stamp dealers and collectors, receiving the utmost courtesy in every instance. I believe that during the different meets I was introduced to every gentleman and lady present. The gentlemen were all affable and the ladies charming without exception. May I live to go again.

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The October number of the MESSENGER will contain the 12 page price list of Messrs. Williams & Company, of Lima, Peru. As a larger edition than usual will be printed, advertisements in October number will be charged *double rates*. Only contracts for six months or more will be excepted. Copy without double remittance will be reserved for November number.

The decision of the Scott Company not to publish a new edition of their catalogue this fall seems to be a wise one. A supplement, however, containing the new issues, will appear in November.

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An article on "Approval Sheet Numbers" in a recent issue of the *Weekly Era* will well repay an attentive consideration. It contains some very useful hints for collectors and dealers.

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The best plan for accumulating a stock of stamps is by exchanging, because the most *practicable* and *cheapest*. We instance the case of the late Henry Gremmel who built up his business by importations made principally by exchanging. To a dealer who is unacquainted with the exceedingly rich opportunities for buying stamps at LOW PRICES in a country like Peru (where there is no opposition of consequence) by our methods, the RESULTS WILL BE SURPRISING. For example, we paid $1.25 (5 sh.) for 1000 Peru put up in bundles of 100, which, upon subsequent examination, we found to contain about 100 of the 1858-60 issue, including *two medio peso* yellow, and the balance was well worth $20 to any dealer. This was exceptional, but the more ordinary varieties are generally well mixed in average lots.

Dealers desiring to enlarge their stocks at a minimum outlay, *cannot do better* than have a *regular* supply to exchange with local dealers and those in other parts, besides the question of wholesale and retail *cash* sales. As a desirable country Peru fills all requirements, because of the *great variety* and because there is *not* an abundance on the market (except surcharged, of which the remainders principally consisted), more especially of late issues, as will be seen by glancing through the majority of price-lists. *Furthermore*, we are *booming* Peruvian stamps, and, with the issue of our catalogue and a monthly philatelic journal, there will be a great demand for them.

Our stamp business—on which we are not in the least dependent—is reaching such large proportions that it is absolutely *necessary* for us to discontinue wholesaling—occupying as it does the bulk of our spare time for sorting, etc.—and to confine our attention to retail and commission sales, which are much less trouble and so better serve the purpose of enlarging our collections.

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Under this minimum purchasing deposit we cannot limit our services to any one person, but our well known reputation should be sufficient guarantee that we will not undertake more than we can fulfil to the satisfaction of all concerned. We shall be pleased, however, to hear from any person wishing the exclusive supply and who can back it up with sufficient funds, about $250 quarterly.

In conclusion: We have explained all pertinent points and it will be useless to ask us to deviate from these terms. Under no circumstances will we buy for any dealer's account until we receive the purchasing money or equivalent in approved rare stamps. On our part we assure *good* and *reliable* services.

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4 Guanacaste, '90, large surcharge	15	10
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4 Hayti, 1887, 1-5c.	45	30
2 Honduras, '65	60	25
5 Hong Kong, '82-90	14	8
10 Hungary, '88-91	32	20
13 Italy, '63-67, 1c.-1l.	30	15
8 Italy, newspaper, '78	28	15
12 Italy, unpaid, '69-74	49	30
3 Italy, unpaid, '90	13	8
13 Japan, '76-92, 5r.-1y.	26	15
2 Japan, '94	14	10
4 Japan, '96, memorial	30	15
7 Labuan, '94, 2-40c.	1 10	45
3 Leeward Islands	7	4
3 Malta, '85	9	4
9 Mexico, 1895, 1-20c.	34	18
6 Newfoundland, '87-92	24	15
8 New South Wales		15
9 New Zealand		15
3 Orange Free State	6	3
6 Peru, '86, 1-50c.	24	12
5 Peru, '94, Bermudez	40	20
3 Peru, '95, 1-5c.	20	10
5 Peru, unpaid, triangle	80	50
5 Peru, official, '89	90	45
9 North Borneo, '87-92	43	30
6 North Borneo, '93	40	30
8 Queensland, ½p.-1s.	43	25
6 Servia, 1881	26	15
12 Spain, 1879-82	57	30
6 Straits Settlements	21	12
12 Switzerland, 1882-89	25	15
7 Switzerland, unpaid	24	20
7 Transvaal, 1885-87	19	12
4 Trinidad, 1883-84	16	12
7 Tunis, 1888, 1-40c.	29	15
8 United States, '93	35	20
8 Victoria, ½-6p.		12
8 Wurtemburg, official	17	8

UNUSED SETS.

2 Alwur	14	10
13 Angola, 1894	1 90	1 25
6 Baden, 1864-68	61	40
3 Baden, land post	18	12
6 Bavaria, 1870-75	33	20
3 Belgium, 1896-97	12	8
4 Bolivar, 1879, 1-40c.	85	60
4 Bolivar, 1883, 1-40c.	85	60
4 Bolivar, 1885, 1-40c.	85	60
6 Br. Hond., 1888-92	94	60
8 Canada, 1869-93	61	40
8 Canada, 1897	1 09	85
8 Canada, 1897-98		60
8 Canada, 1898, figures at bottom		45
2 Chamba, 1896	20	12
3 Cochin, 1892	25	18
2 Confederate, States	38	20
4 Congo, 1887-89	60	50
6 Congo, 194-96	77	60
3 Constantinople,	6	3
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4 Corea, 1895, 5-50p.	38	30
7 Costa Rica, 1889	41	25
6 Costa Rica, off., 1889	52	30
4 Cuba, 1875	44	30
4 Cuba, 1876	68	45
6 Cuba, 1875-82	35	20
6 Cuba, 1896, 1-20c.	65	50
2 Cuba, 1897, 40 & 80c.	1 80	1 50
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6 Cuba, newspaper, '92	13	15
6 Cuba, newspaper, '94	11	12
6 Cuba, newspaper, '96	11	12
4 Cuba, newspaper, '98		10
5 Curacao, 1889	17	15
10 Ecuador, 1881-87	55	30
7 Ecuador, 1881-87	17	10
8 Ecuador, 1892	64	45
7 Ecuador, off., 1892	66	45
8 Eritrea, 1892	92	60
8 Faridkot, 1888, 1f.	59	25
8 Faridkot, 1888, 1p.	1 18	45
8 Faridkot, 1888, ½a.	60	40
5 Grenada, 1883-87	1 60	1 10
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PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

BY WM. A. MCDONNELL.

It seems strange but nevertheless it is absolutely true, that many philatelists fail to appreciate the existence of philatelic societies.

It is estimated that the philatelic population of United States and Canada is at least 50,000, and the vast majority of that number are not members of any society, either national, state or local. It is very true that societies of the latter class have many members, who are either totally ignorant of outside societies, or who fail to take advantage of such societies on the ground that such do not interest them, and they prefer to deal personally with collectors, and not with every Tom, Dick and Harry from all parts of the country.

At the most, the total membership of all known (in U. S. and Canada) societies combined, we will estimate at 15,000. What prevents the other 35,000—or 70 per cent. of the total philatelic population—from joining our ranks? Many suggestions could be advanced, but suggestions are not motive power. What we want is unceasing push. In every society just organised you will find many new names of collectors from all parts of the country. In the applications for the first few months this is noticeable also. But later the names of the applicants are more familiar. On rare occasions you will find an unknown collector applying for membership.

There are many collectors who have not the opportunities to join a local society. These collectors reside in remote places and in numerous instances are the only stampites in those localities.

This is the class of collectors who lack the knowledge that large philatelic societies exist, and to reach these collectors is a problem not yet solved. It is safe to wager that if one half of these "hermits" were given the intelligence of the existence of philatelic societies, fifty per cent. would join instantly and the balance inside of six months.

What philately does need is a band of missionaries, not to convert but to enroll, and bring forward the ignorant to see the brighter light of philately. I would suggest the following proceedings, and I believe if same were carried out, our ranks would be greatly augmented thereby.

In large cities organise local societies. Do not depend on friends for all the aid, but have secretary, or in in fact any member, address letters to all of the local newspapers, requesting the editors to have same published in their papers. This request is in most cases granted. The body of letter should read to invite all collectors of the city to attend the next meeting of your society. Great stress should be laid upon the provision that there is no age limit. These letters can be sent to the papers a few days before the date of the meeting each month. If an interested collector fails to see the notice the first time, he is apt to see it later; and he will, in all probability, accept the invitation to be a visitor at your

next meeting. From experience, it is known that philatelists become the most intimate friends after a few hours' acquaintance: and it is also known that, with a little persuasion, a collector can obtain from another friendly collector almost any service or favour in the philatelic line. This is impossible to accomplish in any other line of business or pastime. He's at your service and vice versa, and it is dollars to dough-nuts that he becomes an active member of your local society. It is very seldom a genuine philatelist will refuse to become a participant in an interesting conversation about stamps, and it is needless to say that such talks are in order at all meetings.

When visitors are present, it is best to make the meeting as lively as possible; this will create a deep impression, and at the same time remind the visitors that only serious and intelligent philatelists are preferred, and that the size of your collection or your age is no bar to active membership. Interesting talks, on different stamp subjects, to be contributed by some member for each meeting, will greatly increase the evening's pleasure.

All the officers should be active and wide awake philatelists, leaving personal prejudice aside. They should also be on the alert for new members, and be ready exponents of the science of philately among their less fortunate associates who are not philatelists.

Philatelic publications should be obtainable at all of these local societies, and the reports of the large state and international societies pointed out to the uninitiated, giving any information in your power in regard to such societies; stating plainly why organised and the benefits derived from each department; dwelling at much length on the small amount of dues and the working of the Sales Department; in fact giving a concise history, or as much as you are acquainted with, of the society in question, and don't be bashful about asking your listener to sign a blank. Nine cases out of ten your wish will be gratified, for as soon as a philatelist knows that large international philatelic societies exist, he will be only too glad to become a member.

As I stated in the former part of this article, some philatelists do not care to correspond with out of town collectors unless personally acquainted with them. This is an illusion, and to prejudge something which you never tried is unfair and unworthy of an intelligent philatelist.

A member of a society does not join just to correspond with his fellow members. If he wishes to dispose of any of his stamps, the Sales Department is one of the benefits fitted exactly for such emergencies. Perhaps this method or system is not prompt enough: then our advice would be to try the Auction Department. Our societies hold sales monthly or every other month.

All societies have an attorney who is at your service. When a collector applies for membership, his name and address published in the official journal, are read by every member of each society, and in many cases by non-members.

This precaution is taken to prevent frauds, thieves and the like from entering our ranks through the agency of a philatelic society; therefore it is impossible for such "bad eggs" to become members of any society, and a menace to philately, under the guise of society members or associates. Members can feel safe when corresponding with a fellow member, that he is thoroughly honest and reliable, and that there is no fear of any wrong-doing on his part. As soon as a member falls by the wayside he is immediately reported to

the trustees of the various societies to which he belongs. If the evidence is substantial, a decision is rendered necessary suspending or expelling the guilty member, according to the seriousness of the trouble or crime. If EXPELLED he can never become a member of another society or of the same society again. If he applies for membership in another society, the members will file objections against his acceptance. All philatelists are continually on the lookout for such characters.

(To be continued.)

From Our Regular Correspondent.

FROM THE LAND OF STEADY HABITS.

The writer of these notes has been quite ill the past month, but has managed to grind out the material required of him by his philatelic employers. If some of the articles furnished seem a little "sick," I trust the MESSENGER'S readers will be charitable.

The first part of the month of October was marked by a few exceptionally warm days for the time of year, and, sudden changes of temperature setting in, I was "caught on the hip," to use a slang phrase. Although I have never met my eminent friend from Colorado, D. W. Osgood, he professes to know all about me, and tells his readers I know nothing about bucolics. To be sure, my ranch is not as large as his, which it takes a week's time to go around. Still I have a little land and try to do a little work at times. The junior was away at school, and, instead of waiting for his usual Saturday holiday and having assistance, I undertook to do a little heavy work single-handed. I acquired a good sweat, then came a chill, and in consequence I had a first-class sore throat, so bad that I could swallow nothing, not even medicine, and (worst of all) couldn't lick stamps or hinges for a week.

I was informed some time ago that a new election was to take place for president and vice-president (for the United States) of the D. P. A., and was asked if I would not run for the latter position. I replied that I would if it was thought I could be of service in case of election. I did not seek the position, as the gentleman who asked me to run well knows. Therefor it was amusing to read in a Canadian letter to a United States journal that I was "battling for supremacy" with Mr. F. D. Sawyer for the position. Had I known in season that Mr. Sawyer was a candidate for the office, I should have declined, especially had I known that the official journal was to favour him or any one in preference to myself, for the said journal of late has things about its own way. Still I was only beaten by five votes, which was glory enough for yours truly against a seasoned philatelist. Mr. Sawyer has my best wishes. He is a worthy gentleman, I believe, and is a courteous correspondent. I cast my own vote and several proxies for him as exchange superintendent of the P. S. of A. at its recent election of officers. And I am not going to withdraw from the D. P. A. and join any new society because I didn't get elected. Not a bit of it!

I trust Mr. Sawyer will be able to add more members from the United States to the D. P. A. than I can. The D. P. A. is the second society I joined of those on my list, and I have always taken an interest in it. I have given its library more literature than all others put together, and shall do more in that line when I can. I do not believe this society is "going to die" because of differences among its members. The pres-

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OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

Real and Fictitious Values.

One of the most injurious features of the stamp market is the existence of so many fictitious values, which can only be temporary and whose frequent fluctuations weaken the collector's sense of security in his collection as an investment. It has always been the boast of philately that it combines pleasure with profit. This has induced many to become collectors and to buy largely who now begin to think that they have been made the victims of something akin to fraud. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that this disappointment is due in a great measure to wrong methods of cataloguing and to the want of a standard catalogue which is not a dealer's price list. All observing philatelists must have been impressed with the recent alarming fluctuations in values. All friends of our hobby must be interested in any suggestions which if carried out will help to make values more stable, or, in other words, to increase the proportion of real and permanent values. We will gladly publish a symposium upon this subject if our readers will send us their views and suggestions.

Values of Recent Canadian Issues.

We have been led to these reflections by the prices being asked and offered for recent Canadian issues. In the latest number of the *Montreal Philatelist* it is stated that a large lot of "maple leaf" and current Canadian stamps was sold to a New York house at the following prices per 100: maple leaf, 1c., 30c.; 2c., 35c.; 3c., 25c.; 5c., $1.50; 6c., $3,50; 8c., $2.50; 10c., $6.00; current issue, 1c, 25c.; 2c., 30c.; 3c., 20c. Whoever paid some of the prices quoted, if they were paid, knew very little as to the value of what he was buying. The prices paid for the current 1, 2 and 3c. stamps are at least five times too much. As to the first maple leaf issue, the values can be approximately ascertained from the quantities printed. From this point of view most of the Jubilee issue are

offered for sale away below their real value while the 1 and 3c. maple leaf are being sold at ridiculously high prices.

The 1897 Jubilee Issue. Of the Jubilee issue the following quantities were printed: ½ cent, 150,000; 1 cent, 8,000,000; 2 cents, 2,500,000; 3 cents, 20,000,000; 5 cents, 750,000; 6 cents, 75,000; 8 cents, 200,000; 10 cents, 150,000; 15, 20 and 50 cents, 100,000 of each; $1, $2, $3, $4 and $5, 25,000 of each. Comparatively few of the Jubilee stamps have been destroyed, the demand for them was so widely advertised. Supposing the greater part of the whole number printed to be still in existence, and basing our estimate on the pretty commonly accepted rule that a stamp of which about 50,000 specimens are known to exist is to be reckoned as worth $1.00, it is not difficult to set a fair value on these stamps. This method will give us the following values for the Jubilee stamps:

Jubilee Issue.	Per 1.	Per 10.	Per 100.
½c. black	$0 35	$2 75	$25 00
1c. orange	01	05	35
2c. green	02	15	1 00
3c. bright rose	01	02	15
5c. deep blue	07	50	3 50
6c. rich brown	70	5 50	50 00
8c. violet	25	2 00	1 50
10c. brown violet	35	2 75	25 00
15c. steel blue	45	3 50	30 00
20c. vermilion	50	4 00	35 00
50c. ultramarine	75	6 00	50 00
$1.00 wine-red	2 00	15 00	140 00

The two, three, four and five dollar stamps should be worth at least $1 each above face. The above prices are for used stamps, but unused they would be worth about the same, except the 1, 2, 3 and 5 cents. The 3c. and 5c. Jubilee in unused condition are likely to be scarce. The ½ cent and values above 5 cents are much more common unused than used; but, as the Jubilee stamps are still current, prices are the same.

The First Maple Leaf Issue. Of the first maple leaf issue there were printed, it seems: ½ cent, 2,000,000; 1 cent, 34,000,000; 2c., 12,000,000; 3c., 44,000,000; 5c., 3,500,000; 6c., 500,000; 8c., 1,400,000; 10c., 500,000. Fair prices then for these stamps would be about as follows;

Maple Leaf Issue.	Per 1.	Per 10.	Per 100.
½ cent, black	$0 03	$0 18	$1 25
1 cent, green	01	02	10
2 cents, purple	01	03	25
3 cents, bright rose	01	01	08
5 cents, dark blue	02	10	80
6 cents, brown	10	75	6 00
8 cents, orange	04	30	2 50
10 cents, plum	10	75	6 00

In proof of our sincerity and faith in the correctness of the above lists, we are willing to buy used stamps (in good wholesale condition) of the Jubilee and maple leaf issues at the prices quoted in the 3rd column, as far as our stock requires, or to receive an almost unlimited qnantity at same rate in exchange for goods advertised by us. Or if any of the prices are thought too high, we are willing to sell, until our stock is exhausted, at the prices quoted in the 1st and 2nd columns.

Our New Imperial 2c. Stamp. We have not seen the new two cent Imperial Stamp yet, but understand it is already being sold to the public. It will be accepted for postage, we presume, at once, and maps of the British Empire will soon be under the microscope all over the world. We may look for a revival in the optical instrument trade. But. seriously, the idea is a good one, and both the Jubilee and Imperial issues were called forth by events important enough not only to justify them but to make them almost obligatory. It is stated that the new stamp will beavailable to the extent of its value for use on any class of mail matter to all destinations.

PHILATELIC PRESS REVIEW.

This department is conducted by RAYMOND S. BAKER, "The University," Sackville, N. B., Canada, to whom publishers of philatelic papers will please send one copy of journal to insure occasional notice.

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The *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, formerly the *Boys' Own Philatelist*, presents a very good appearance (Nov. 2nd). If the public can be persuaded that it will be a permanency, the C. P. W. may look forward to a successful career.

The publishers of the *Philatelic Advocate*, for the benefit of their advertisers, give the number of copies circulated in each state and province. Ontario of course leads the list, with New York as a good second. The *Advocate* is bright and newsy, but for a monthly magazine is altogether too scrappy.

Canadian postage stamps are not redeemable now, according to the *Stamp Reporter*. This inconvenience is, however, counteracted by the new postal notes, of which Canada has long been in need. We regret to notice that the *Reporter* is assuming a decidedly political cast.

One is almost tempted to say that *Stamps* is the best philatelic magazine published. It is entirely devoted to the edification of the reader and advertisements are altogether a secondary matter. This is the true aim of the philatelic journal.

The October number of our English cotemporary contains a lengthy editorial on the value of reprints and an exhautive account of "Approval Sheet Frauds." Re-touching and re-engraving are dealt with in the junior department. Collectors are cautioned about the early stamps of Uruguay, which have been extensively forged, especially the three stamps of the first issue and the 100, 120 and 240c. of 1864. Mr. Robert Ehrenbach furnishes the description, from which the following excerpt is made:

"THE 100.—The dash after 'CORREOS' on the right is scarcely visible, and the word 'CORREO' slightly larger than in the originals. The colour of this stamp is too much of a brownish hue, and there are discrepancies in the position of the rays. This is the most dangerous of the three."

A short article on Samoan reprints, an excellent review of the month's literature and a continuation of the catalogue of Ceylon revenue stamps complete the balance of the number.

We quote the following from *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* regarding the collector who failed to pronounce the new name for philatelists—i. e. *philosemsiotisiscomistlographists.*

"Ah! cruel, cruel! Foiled again,
When I'd all but succeeded!
Can any mortal lungs contain
One half the breath that's needed?
If muses, gods, and d—— too,
Can get it no corrector,
I think 't would be as well, don't you,
To stick to 'stamp-collector.' "

The leading article in the *Weekly Philatelic Era* for Nov. 5th is "Plate Number Collecting," by Chas. A. Nast. Mr. Edgar Nelton has a very interesting paper on "The Dangerous New Issue," to which he ascribes the philatelic dullness of the past two years. Instructive notes on Canadian stamps are contributed by Geo. S. McKearin and the editorials are quite readable. The news items from all the philatelic centres and the press review conducted by Mr. Stone cannot be excelled.

The *Eastern Philatelist* contains a thoughtful and well written essay entitled "The Speculative Future of the Omaha Set." The writer argues very effectively that these stamps will prove a good investment and that there will be a brisk demand for both used and unused specimens during the coming years. Mr. B. L. Drew gives an interesting chat on new issues, while "Original Covers" by A. Roberts tells of many wonderful rarities. The editorials are terse and forcible and the literary critique does not belie its name.

"Cuba Libre" is an article published in the *Philatelic Bulletin* which cannot fail to interest all sorts and conditions of collectors. It is well written and deals in a fascinating way with the history of Spain and Cuba and their postal emissions as well. The *Bulletin* presents a very neat appearance indeed and with Everett B. Horn at the helm should look forward to a bright future.

The *Perforator* with its handsome cover is a very respectable magazine. The October leader is a sentimental article entitled "The Power of the Postage Stamp" by Amy L. Swift. While rather interesting, the idea is altogether too far drawn to be satisfactory. Miss Swift treats many stamp topics in an entertaining fashion, but caution should be taken regarding a besetting weakness. It is true that stamp collecting is largely a matter of sentiment, but it is not wholly so. It is just as sensible to talk about the power of the postmark as the power of the postage stamp. "From Woman's Standpoint" is as interesting as "A

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"Wanted—an Improvement in Our Literature" is the opening article in the *New York Philatelist.* It has thus fallen to the lot of Mr. J. F. Farrell to write the annual tirade against philatelic literature. Such expressions as "lack of grace, absence of organic symmetry or gross ignorance of the subjects discoursed upon * * * the very climax of absurdity and the most childish folly" form excellent word painting, but, to use the author's own words, are almost "entirely devoid of a suspicion of the element of truth."

FROM THE LAND OF STEADY HABITS.

(Continued from page 5.)

ent list of paid-up members comprehends some pretty good names, and it is matter for congratulation that the society has an official organ which comes out on time.

The writer has received letters the postage on which was prepaid with 2c. revenue stamps. The colour of the stamp is quite similar to the 2c. postage. There is no doubt that it is often done by mistake, and it is also evident that the writers do it sometimes to see if it will "go." I am certain that at least one of my correspondents posted a letter to me in the hope that I would have to pay for a 2c. due stamp and that my angelic disposition would keep me from—"sputtering." However, I have n't yet had to pay the two cents required by law, as the post office official at Rocky Hill has never "crossed sabres" with me and is a good fellow to deal with, whether he is doing government duty in the front or cutting up meat in the rear.

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We will not handle damaged or doubtful stamps, nor —except in a few cases— postcards, locals, fiscals or reprints.

The cold season has now begun here, and the best part of the year for stamps is approaching.

RARE SOUTH AMERICAN. We can obtain the highest price for Peru P. S. N. Co., especially used; Medio Peso, especially the rose; Bolivia 500c.; Mexico 1864 3c. brown; Argentine 20 pesos; rare old Brazil, Br. Guiana, Buenos Ayres, Colombia and Uruguay. We have constant calls for these from specialists in S. A., and are sure to make sales if they are submitted on approval with

moderate reserve prices.

Consignments for sale or exchange can be sent us every fortnight, month, or as often as desired. We make this suggestion because of the time required for the round trip—it usually takes about 28 days between Lima and the United States and Canada. By this plan not only can several times more business be accomplished in the course of a year, but, after returns commence to arrive regularly, THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE LARGE SALES, will more than counterbalance that unavoidable feature.

Furthermore, we do not expect you to mark your stamps on the same scale of prices at which you could promptly sell them in your own locality, as higher prices can be obtained here.

Those who send stamps to sell need feel under no obligation to give us a return order—that is entirely optional.

Lowest net price should always be quoted for each sheet, book and for the entire parcel, if ALL are taken.

OUR COMMISSION, ETC. Our charge is 10% on sales up to $25, and 5% on sales over that amount. This applies to first consignments only, after which we will be better able to judge if this arrangement can be continued. When selections are sent with larger discounts we always allow our clients within 10% of net prices.

We desire to handle only approval parcels on which our commission will amount to at least $1.

Unimportant consignments, either for cash or exchange, will be charged return postage.

HOW WE REMIT. We make fortnightly or monthly returns, together with unsold stamps, by remittance through our London or New York bankers (we have current accounts in both cities); or by bank notes.

☞ The following reprint of one of our advts. explains our TERMS FOR EXCHANGING, FILLNG "WANT LISTS", AND FOR THE REMAINDERS:—

IF YOU DESIRE TO EXCHANGE we will allow you DOUBLE value in Peru and neighbouring countries for those we keep. We are able to do this because, until last year, we made the purchasing of these in large quantities the principal department, and have obtained them (and can obtain more) at a nominal price.

We never send the first consignment, but, with return of yours, we will send an approval selection of CLASS DESIRED from which DOUBLE VALUE can be selected. Basis: Gibbons, Scott or Senf.

FOR CASH.

We cater solely to the wants of advanced and medium collectors on this coast, and common or imperfect stamps ARE USELESS to us. If you have no desirable stamps please do not send ANY. If you desire stamps from these countries, WE WILL SUPPLY YOU FOR CASH with perfect stamps, including all unused except current, at one-fourth of catalogue; those 60c. or under at one-fifth; those 5c. or under at one-eighth,— as far as our extensive stock (now valued at over £1200) and facilities will permit—PROVIDING order is accompanied by CASH, the ONLY terms under which we can sell at such low rates.

We cannot guarantee this offer to last more than a few months, as the good stamps will be rapidly cleared at this rate. No medio pesos or other rarities for sale, as local demand is greater than the supply.

☞ FALKLAND ISLANDS.— We carry quite a fair sized stock of these stamps —nearly all varieties, used and unused—which we will also exchange even or sell at 20% discount.

PERUVIAN REMAINDERS.

Certain unused stamps of Peru are on the market in large quantities, as the government recently sold the balance of the obsolete stamps on hand (certain values of 1876–1895), and prices on these have dropped; BUT our correspondents must not think that all or even a large proportion of Peruvian stamps can or will be sold at such greatly reduced prices. As a matter of fact, only 26 varieties were in the remainder in large quantities, and these, with 6 exceptions, are SURCHARGED stamps which are already so plentiful. It will cause a "BOOM" in OTHER varieties as a great many collectors will buy these remainders at the new prices, and will afterwards naturally desire to obtain the many other varieties—thus creating an extensive demand. We hold quite a large stock of nearly all the varieties in this remainder, and offer 26 varieties, unused and perfect, (catalogued at $7.50) for 50 cents; 41 varieties (catalogued about $15.00) for $1.80; and any larger or smaller sets or single stamps at least 20% below ANY other dealer. We will give our clients the benefit of any reduction which may be made at any time on any stamps we sell.

☞ You can absolutely depend on every statement in this booklet, and on us to follow your instructions to the letter. We are a Company of English and American cable operators, holding responsible positions and under long contracts—THEREFORE must give no occasion for complaint.

We presume the fact that we are owners of large collections and have spent MUCH time and money for several years establishing this business; that members of this Company are members of nearly all the principal dealers' and collectors' philatelic societies in Europe and America, and on the London "Bazaar, Exchange and Mart" reference register (publisher's requirement for this: "Entry.—Those who desire their names entered must supply us with first class references, either to a bank; two well known business firms in London; two lawyers, clergymen or doctors; or one London and one such country professional gentleman"); will be sufficient guarantee that we are trustworthy and that we will fulfil all our obligations in a satisfactory manner.

If it is desired we can refer, by permission, to a number of the principal dealers, to 6 banks, to consuls, commercial houses and professional gentlemen.

No person can prove that we have ever failed to give prompt and full satisfaction in ANY case.

CURRENT UNUSED PERU.

We will supply PERFECT unused copies of any of the following to our CUSTOMERS, singly, in blocks or any quantity, AT FACE VALUE plus postage, till current supply is exhausted. 100 centavos = 1 sol = 50c. (U. S. A.) = 2 sh. = 2 marks = 2½ francs. Letter postage 22 ctvos. each ½oz. (15 grs.); registration 15 ctvos.

POSTAGE STAMPS.

1896. 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 centavos, 1 and 2 soles
1897. 5 centavos, green
1897-98. 1, 2 and 5 centavos

ENTIRE STAMPED ENVELOPES.

1886. 50 centavos, oval surcharge in blue
1896. 5, 10 and 20 centavos

ENTIRE STAMPED WRAPPERS.

1896. 1, 2, 5 and 20 centavos

POSTCARDS (one of each 66 ctvos. = 33 cents North American).

1883. 5c. black
1885. 3c. blue
1885. 3c. dull blue
1885. 4c. vermilion
1893. 2c. blue on 5 c.
1893. 2 + 2c. blue on 5 + 5c.
1895. 4c. dark blue
1895. 4c. light blue
1896. 1c. vermilion on 5c.
1897. 2c. blue on 5c.
1897. 1c. green on 5c. (New Year)
1897. 2c. orange on 5c. (N. Year)
1898. 1c. vermilion on 5c.
1898. 2c. blue on 5c.
1898. 2 + 2c. blue on 5 + 5c.
1898. 3c. red-brown
1898. 3c. red-brown (reply)
1898. 4c. black
1898. 4c. black (reply)
LETTER CARD, 1896, 3c. vermilion

Postage and packing, 25c. per 100 on single cards, stamped envelopes and wrappers; 35c. on double cards. Registration extra. We can also obtain UNPAID (186 centavos); OFFICIAL (61 centavos); POSTAL PACKET (88 centavos); TELEGRAPH (144 centavos); *in complete sets*, if 5% is added for P. O. official's fee.

One of each of all of the above would be $5.80 (£1 3sh. 3d.) postpaid and registered; *all* sealed, 67 cents extra.

We are doing this merely to oblige *customers*, and though we will supply society purchasing agents at the same rate, others must pay 10% commission. Don't be backward in asking for what you want. We are always ready to do anything in reason to oblige a *customer*.

☞ Current unused stamps, etc., from Panama, Ecuador, Bolivia and Chile can be supplied to customers at 10% above face value to cover expenses.

TO THE BOYS. Do you want to have a good time Christmas? *Of course*, and here is your chance to make the money—and this will also apply to our older readers who wish to add to their collections without expense. *Stamps offered herein can easily be resold at two or three times our price*, to your collecting friends. Show your enterprise by taking their orders and sending same to us accompanied by the proper remittance. *This beats any Savings Bank in the world.*

TWO ERRORS. We purchased 15,000 of the emergency issue of the 1c. Unpaid surcharged "Franqueo" (Nov., 1897) and had the pick of the entire issue, 30,000. There were 4 sheets (400 stamps) with the surcharge reversed. We have placed a number of these among the leading dealers, and offer strips and blocks up to a sheet at the same rate, $12.50 per 100. A bargain.

We obtained one half of the only sheet of the 1c. of 1896 printed in Prussian blue, the colour of the 2c., and offer a part of them at $2.00 each or three for $5.00. According to a well known editor's estimation, these should be worth £100 each, as only 100 were so misprinted. These will be priced *high* in the next catalogues—if priced at all. *This is one of the rarest of Peruvian stamps.*

CONDITION. These prices are for *choice* copies picked from the largest stock in South America, if not in the world; so that they average much finer than ordinary condition as quoted for compilers of catalogues and others.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.

What other investment will pay you 100% interest quarterly? You *can* make this by handling these stamps. We fix our prices so that *any* dealer can *sell* them at *at least* 100% profit and make *large* sales promptly.

The only discounts we can allow are:

5% on orders of $10.00 or over; 10% on orders of $50.00 or over. This also applies to exchange orders, but not to current unused.

☞ *Prices are in U. S. A. currency.*

PERU.

	Price per 100
1859 1d blue and 1p red	$11 00
1860 1d blue, 1p red and 1858 1d blue	4 00
1862-72 1d green and 1d red	70
1866-67 5c green and 10c red	1 00
1874-79 5c, 10c, unused, used	25
— 20c, unused and used	1 50
1881-89 1, 2, 5 and 10c, surcharged	25
1886 1, 2, 5 and 10c (1000, $1.25; 10,000, $10.)	20
— 20c blue	50
— 50c red	1 80
— 1 sol brown	3 50
1894 Bermudez 1c orange	50
— — 1c green	40
error, head reversed, 10c each	
— — 2c, four colours.	50
— — 5c ultramarine	3 00
— — 5c blue	6 00
— — 10c green (1000, $2.00)	25
— — 50c green	10 00
1894 Bermudez and horse-shoe 5c blue	80
— — 50c rose (45c each)	45 00
1895 1, 2, 5, 10c Llamas (1000, $3.50)	40
— 20c ultramarine	2 50
1895 Commemorative *at face value.*	
1896 1, 2, 5c blue, '97 5c green (1000, $1.50; 10,000, $12.50)	20
— 10c yellow	25
— 20c orange	60
— 50c rose.	3 00
— 1 sol vermilion	6 00
— 2 soles carmine, each 25c	
1897 1c "Franqueo," unused and used (1000, $7)	80
1898 1, 2 and 5c (1000. $2)	25
1874-79 unpaid 5 and 10c, unused and used	1 00
1883 unpaid 1c, now obsolete 1000, $5.00	55
— — 5 and 10c, obsolete, used	1 20
— — 20c, obsolete	2 50
— — 50c	4 00
Present issue at 50% advance.	
1889 official 1, 2, 5 and 10c	2 50
1875 envelopes 10c cut close, half price	2 00
Fiscals, including surcharged and unused (1000, $1.50)	20

All are used unless otherwise stated.

Sets.

	No. in set.	Price by Scott's 58th.	Our price
1858 1d blue, 1p red	2	$1 50	$ 30
1859 1d blue, 1p red	2	1 10	22
1860 1d blue, 1p red	2	50	10
1862-67 1d green and 1d red	2	11	2
1866-67 (Llamas) 5 and 10c	2	20	3
— 5, 10 and 20c	3	45	8
1874-79 1c-1s compl.	9	1 47	32
1886 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c 100 sets, $1.25.	5	14	2
— 1-50c and 1 sol	7	49	8
1894 Bermudez 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 5, 10c	8	90	5
— — 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 5, 5, 5, 10c	10	1 50	15
— — 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 5, 5, 5, 10, 50c	11	3 00	25
1895 Llamas 1, 2, 5c	3	20	

Sets.

	No. in set.	Price by Scott's 58th.	Our price
1895 Llamas 1, 2, 5c	3	20	2
—— 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c	5	43	6
1896 1, 2 and 5c (500 sets, $2.00)	3	7	1
— 1, 2, 5, 10, 20c	5	14	2
— 1-50c and 1 sol	7	69	11
1897-98 5c green, 1c "Franqueo," 1c blue, 2c brown, 5c pink (100 sets, $1.80)	5	..	2
1874-79 unpaid 1-50c	5	73	14
1883 unpaid (now obsolete) 1, 5, 10, 20c	4	55	7
—— —— 1-50c .	5	80	12
1897-98 unpaid 1-20c	4	..	12
—— 1c-1s .	6	..	50

Single stamps, including shades, will be supplied at proportionate rates, or on the scale of ¼ of catalogue; those 60c. or under, at 1/5; those 5c. and under, at ⅛. This also includes all unused except current. Early issues UNUSED are usually without gum. This scale also applies to the stamps of adjacent countries except for rare.

Strips, blocks, on envelope, at 20% advance.

Variety Packets.

PERU.

Only used regular adhesive *postage* stamps, and all are unsurcharged (except 1894 Bermudez' head) unless otherwise stated.

15 different, 1868-96, catalogue value 54 cents. 100 packets, $3.60; 1000 packets, $35.

30 different, 1862-96, catalogue value $1.82. 10 packets, $1.35; 100 packets, $12.90.

60 different, 1858-96, catalogue value over $8. Sample packet, $1; 10 packets, $9.

No 1897-98 in the above three packets.

100 different, 1858-98, including used and unused surcharged and unpaid (no official or postal packet) and all of the above 60 varieties. Catalogue value over $20. Sample packet, $1.90; 10 packets, $18.50.

BOLIVIA.

Used regular adhesive *postage* only.

15 different, 1896-97 (no 1894 perforated 14), catalogue value over 50 cents. 10 packets, 60 cents; 100 packets, $5.50.

40 different, 1867-97, catalogue value over $5. Sample packet, 90 cents; 10 packets, $8.50.

ECUADOR.

Used regular adhesive *postage* only.

18 different, catalogue value 55 cents. 10 packets, 65 cents; 100 packets, $6.

30 different, catalogue value $1.85. Sample packet, 30 cents; 10 packets, $2.65.

CHILE.

Used regular adhesive *postage* only.

24 different, 1867-94, complete, no shades, catalogue value $1.78. Sample packet, 30 cents; 10 packets, $2.80.

South and Central America.

125 different, catalogue value about $9. Sample packet, $1; 10 packets, $9.

250 different, catalogue value about $20. Each packet, $2.50.

These two packets are not composed of all the most common kinds, but are made up from stamps in stock. *All are genuine used postage stamps.*

Mixed.

Peru.—1884-98, 20 kinds (catalogued $1 per set) to every 100.
1000, $2.40; 10,000, $22.

Common only, 10 kinds.
1000, $1.50; 10,000, $12.90.

50,000, mostly 1886 5 and 10c., $35.00.

Chile.—15 kinds, fairly well mixed. 1000, $1; 10,000, $9.

Bolivia.—15 kinds, many 1897.
100, 35 cents; 1000, $3.

Ecuador.—15 kinds, some surcharged.
100, 30 cents; 1000, $2.65.

Peruvian Catalogue.

For the past year we have had in preparation a catalogue and history of Peruvian stamps. It will illustrate and describe nearly 700 varieties. As we are in a position to glean official and other exact information and have the assistance of several specialists, it will be as comprehensive as it is possible to make it, and will contain plates of illustrations and many interesting notes.

It will be thoroughly reliable and a recognised *standard.*

We have received a number of letters on the subject from important philatelists. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., write: "We shall also be very glad to receive a copy of your proposed work on Peru, which is one that is badly wanted."

We will devote a few pages to advertisements at the following rates:

One page (5 × 8 inches) . .	$7 50
½ page	4 35
¼ page	2 50

Exchange notices or cards inserted at the rate of $1 for each 60 words or less.

A cloth-bound copy will presented (postfree) to each advertiser. The first edition will consist of at least 2000 copies, and, as it will be read and *preserved* by the principal philatelists throughout the world, especially in South America—including a number who have seen no other philatelic publication than a catalogue and Album—it will be of inestimable and permanent value to advertisers.

Early application will be sure of insertion and secure the choice cover positions.

No advt. is desired which will not be available for at least 6 months after its appearance.

When good stamps or sets are advertised, we are open to receive small stocks on sale from which to fill orders (at 10% com.) if we are mentioned as carrying a supply.

Intending advertisers who are unknown to us, should furnish references. We reserve the right to refuse any advt. without further explanation.

☞ *As a Xmas gift:*—Our catalogue will be ready in November, in time to be delivered before Xmas, and will be sent free to all sending us an order of $1.00 or over.

We will allow 10%, of orders over $10.00—paid for by cash or exchange, in advertising space (in addition to discount) in our coming monthly, the *Peruvian Philatelist;* No. 1 to be issued Jan. 1st, 1899.

JAPAN.

	Per 1	10	100
4 1896 Souvenir, compl.	$0 12	$1 00	$8
2 1894 Jubilee, complete	6	50	4
13 current, complete	16	1 00	7
1 Officially Sealed, 1885	80		
1 Officially Sealed, 1889	30	1 80	
2 Observatory bands	25	2 00	
6 1872-75, all different	40	3 00	18
4 Corea, complete	30	2 50	
2 Corea surcharged 1898	8		
8 Samoa Express, compl.	50		
9 Samoa current, compl.	75	6 50	
3 China, 1885, complete	20	1 80	
3 China, 1897 surcharges	20	1 50	

Current China and Corea stamps supplied at 25% commission in adv. Rare Japan, China and Hawaii stamps 30% under Scott. Common Japan, 8 var. ass'd, at $6 per 10,000. All postage extra. Cash in advance. [15

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I offer Mexican and U. S. A. stamps in exchange for those from Europe (except current issues) and any from Asia, Africa, South America and the West Indies; especially French and Portuguese colonies.

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Always register letters. Publishers, send me sample copies of your papers.

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25 Cents per Annum.

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Articles on Confederate States stamps a specialty. [17

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N. B.—I have removed from 1383 Fulton St. to above address.

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50 mixed, unused (o. g.) U. S.	$0 50
100 mixed, finely assorted U. S.	10

Unused and used U. S. on approval on deposit of 25 cents in stamps. This amount can be deducted from first order.

Please remit in ½ and 2 cent stamps.

Richard C. Pape,
417 Fourth St., Marietta, Ohio.

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Our packet of 1000 mixed stamps, catalogueing over $20.00, for only $1.50.

This packet contains no continentals, but consists of stamps from South and Central America, Africa and Asia.

Try a sample thousand, and you will want more. [13

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HAMPDEN STAMP COMPANY,
Box 29, Granby, Massachusetts.

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FOR 1899.

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No.	LIST OF PREMIUMS.	Catalogue Value.
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3.	*Canada, 1897, Jubilee, 8c.	—
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5.	Cape of Good Hope, 1885, 5sh.	25
6.	Cape of Good Hope, 1893, 1sh.	50
7.	*Confederate States, 1863, 2c.	35
8.	*Ceylon, reg. env., 1885, 12c.	25
9.	Greece, 1862-82, set of 10	43
10.	Guanacaste, 1890 (sm. s.), set of 5	70
11.	Guatemala, 1887-95, set of 6	28
12.	Japan, 1876-92, 5r.-1y., set of 13	26
13.	Japan, 1896, Memorial, set of 4	30
14.	Mexico, 1895, 1-20c., set of 9	34
15.	Mount Athos, 1876, 10pa. (822).	50
16.	Mount Athos, 1876, 1pi. (824)	50
17.	Newfoundland, 1887-92, set of 6	24
18.	*Newfoundland, 1897, set of 3	26
19.	*Newfoundland, 1898, set of 5	—
20.	North Borneo, 1887-92, set of 9	43
21.	*Switzerland, 1881, set of 9	36
22.	Tunis, 1888-93, 1-40c., set of 7	31
23.	Turkey, 1871-93, set of 12	30
24.	*U. S., env., 1875, 1c. blue (1478)	75
25.	*U. S., env., 1883, 4c. green (1494)	30
26.	*U. S., env., 1883, 4c. green (1496)	30
27.	100 varieties foreign, good value	—
28.	Ecuador, revs. used post., set of 8	1 95

* means unused. Subscribers outside of Canada, U. S. A. and Newfoundland must remit **12 cents extra.** Canadian subscribers will please remit **by postal note or in silver;** all others in current unused stamps, well centred and full gum.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICES.

Since the last MESSENGER appeared, we have been deluged with offers of Canadian stamps of the Jubilee and first maple leaf issues. Not being engaged in the wholesale business, we are already overstocked in some of the values and do not want any more of those values even in exchange.

We will, however, accept the stamps mentioned below, at the prices quoted, in payment for subscriptions and advertisements only, and only to the amount of $2 from one person. All stamps must be perfect, lightly cancelled and well centred.

Jubilee Issue.

½c. black, unused, 15 cents each;
2c. green, used. 10 cents per 10;
5c. deep blue, unused, 6 cents each;
5c. deep blue, used, 35 cents per 10;
6c. brown. used or unused, 40c. each;
8c. violet, used or unused, 10c. each,
10, 15, 20 50c. and $1.00 at face.

1st Maple Leaf Issue.

2c. purple, used, 25 cents per 100;
5c. dark blue, used, 6 cents per 10;
6c. brown, used, 5 cents each;
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Bolivia, 1897. 5, 10 20c, large size used (3)	15
China, 1897, 20c used	20
,, ,, 30c used	30
,, ,, 50c used	50
,, ,, 1.00 used, already obsolete	1 00
Bulgaria, 1896, Jubilee, set of 4	12
Equador, 1896, Jubilee, set of 7	50
Greece, 1896, Olymp. Games, 1l to 1 dr, set of 9	35
Guatemala, 1886, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200 cts.(5)	1.75
Hawaii Republic, 1894, complete (6).	50
Hawaii, 1896, Official, complete (6)*	1.75
New South Wales, unpaid, ½-4d (5), cat. 59c	25
Portugal, 1895, 9 different	03
,, ,, 80, 150, 200, the three	25
Portuguese Indies, 1898, 1½r-1t. (5 *	12
Macao & Timor, 1898, ½-4 avos (6)*	12
Angola, 1898, 2½-25 reis (6,*	12
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Trinidad, 1898, Jubilee, 2d*	08
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PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

BY WM. A. MCDONNELL.

(Continued from last month.)

Local societies can either be independent of or dependent on our state or national societies. Perhaps a branch of the latter would be preferable, but this is a matter by itself.

Turning our attention to state societies, these we must all admit are indispensable. These societies nbrig much new material forward and open up many obscure localities, which never could have been accomplished by any other means. A philatelist takes more pride in his own state society than in the national societies, therefore it is evident that he will work more diligently to procure members for the former. It is also evident that many unknown collectors are thus introduced to membership; but here again the majority of the members hail generally from the most important cities, and many are already members of other societies.

Branches of the state society are also suggested where four or more collectors are resident in one place. These will bring closer together the collectors residing in rural parts of the state. But these meetings are in most cases uninteresting. A little exchanging of both stamps and "yarns" is done, each member trying to outdo the rest in relating how his grandfather has an old trunk full of letters in the garret, and what he would do if he could only get permission to search the trunk, etc. This is a very good theme, but not the brand to keep life in a flourishing society. Stamp matters are of secondary importance with many of the members. But I am certain that if they had the same opportunities that our city collectors have to converse with many other collectors, our country adherents would be less backward and they would find philately much more interesting.

Local societies in country towns are a decided failure. They are inaccessible or uninteresting to a visitor. The members are reserved and not for advancement. Either all the members are in a trance, or some one member has a "clinch" on the other members and, to protect his interests, he guards against any intrusion from outside collectors; this is selfishness pure and simple, and any person that calls himself a philatelist, who would adopt these means to keep another collector in the dark, is damaging his own reputation. A collector's sense of duty

should prompt him to relieve his fellow collectors of any hardships they may experience and to do all in his power to enlighten them.

(To be continued.)

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

A correspondent writes from Trinidad under date of November 5th:

"The undermentioned single and double postal cards, having become obsolete, remaining unsold at the expiration of six weeks from this date, will, by direction of His Excellency the Governor, be forwarded to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, London, viz.: Single postcards, 1½d. and 2d.: double postcards, 3d. and 4d.—October 10, 1898."

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DECEMBER 15, 1898.

NOTES.

Want of space has obliged us to omit "Our Monthly Chat" this time.

The usual size of the MESSENGER is 12 pages. Last month it was 24 pages. Press of other work compels the publisher to reduce the size of this number and the next to 8 pages, but our average will always be 12 pages at least.

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PHILATELIC PRESS REVIEW.

This department is conducted by RAYMOND S. BAKER, "The University," Sackville, N. B., Canada, to whom publishers of philatelic papers will please send one copy of journal to insure occasional notice.

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The Christmas number of the *Montreal Philatelist* contains thirty-two pages and cover. While not a perfect example of the printer's art, it is nevertheless neatly printed and on good paper. The opening article, entitled "St. Helena and her Stamps" by C.T. Reno, is altogether too short and is simply not handled at all. Mr. Bach, the editor, writes entertainingly in "The Romance of a 12 Pence Canada" and also contributes some interesting notes. News items, portraits and sketches of two prominent dealers and sixteen pages of advertisements complete the issue. Altogether the M.P. for December is a creditable number, but the reiterated statement of its publisher that "it equals the best and excels the rest" will doubtless be accepted with some degree of moderation.

The *Eastern Philatelist* of November presents a rather meagre supply of reading matter for the oldest stamp magazine in America. Gardner R. Kennedy begins his series of "Models," the stamp dealer being considered in this number. The requisite qualifications for business perfection appear to be, neatness, good taste, knowledge of stamps, carefulness and accuracy, honesty, enterprise, sociality, and earnest promotion of the local society. "New Issues Month by Month" is conducted by Mr. Smiley and in the words of the small boy is "simply excellent." A long editorial is devoted to the colour question which is both readable and instructive.

Henry A. Chapman chats as interestingly as ever in the *Herald Exchange*. In his "Puritan Paragraphs" he makes it his task to entertain the reader and he generally succeeds. We would like to see Mr. Chapman try his hand at higher work, requiring greater art and constructive ability. The *Herald Exchange* consists largely of notes and comments of which B. A. Cottlow contributes a valuable share.

The *Virginia Philatelist* is the most beautiful magazine published and what is even better its literary contents correspond to the outward appearance. The holiday number is especially fine; clearly printed on excellent paper with artistic cover design in colour, it is a philatelic journal of which not only Southern but all collectors may well be proud. There is but one criticism we would make and that is that all comments, notes and news items be omitted or relegated to the back of the paper, and that their place be taken by the stable well written articles which editor Dietz knows how to secure. Thus the *Virginia Philatelist* will assume more of the characteristic of

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that which it purports to be, a magazine.

The most noticeable article for December is the first instalment of a series on "The Postage Stamps of Japan" by Larcus Viridis. This will in all probability be quite a valuable contribution to scientific philatelic literature. The article is well written and carries with it the aroma of personal investigation and research. Regarding the issue of 1871-72 we make the following excerpt:

"Various catalogues distinguish two complete sets of this issue: on *wove* and *laid* paper. The distinction is not justified, although specimens are found showing no trace of the laid lines, for at the time there was no native wove paper in Japan. The paper was largely made by small private manufactures and entirely by hand in forms with a bottom of thin bamboo strips, which produced the laid lines. The material of the paper consists of fibrous plant stems; it was not chopped or ground, but merely softened and mashed, hence its great strength in direction of the cellular tissue. As the texture is very porous and no sizing was used, the paper was unfit for writing with pens. One side of the paper is smooth, not by means of calendering, but by being brushed upon a smooth drying surface. All native Japanese paper of this early date shows a faint yellowish tinge, as no bleaches were used. It is important to remember the *laid* quality of the paper, as very good counterfeits exist on European tissue paper of wove texture. The paper will not tear in a straight line, while the native paper on account of its peculiar manufacture will always tear in a straight line."

A pleasing feature about the *Virginia Philatelist* is that it gives a half tone and sketch of a Southern collector every month. The editorials are bright and timely and the review forms not the least interesting part of the journal.

At ten cents a year the *International Philatelist* is grand value. But, with a circulation of 6000 and liberal advertising patronage, we doubt very seriously whether as a *magazine* it is living up to its possibilities. The I. P. does not *pose* as an advertiser pure and simple, although it affects to a tremendous degree the appearance of that class of periodicals. The November number contains "A Mooted Queston" by F. A. Lilly, in which the collectibility of United States newspaper, periodical and postage due stamps is established. A short article appears on "The Connel Essay," concerning which Mrs. A. G. Craig relates with indisputable emphasis: "When Mr. Connel received a sample of his venture he was in St. John, stopping at the Waverly Hotel on King Street, and it is a well known fact, there and elsewhere, that he wrote quite a number of letters and used his stamp. These letters passing through the mails gave the stamp all the eclat of the genuine article."

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PHILATELIC SOCIETIES.

BY WM. A. MCDONNELL.

(Continued from last month.)

The United States and Canada are represented to-day by six national societies, not including semi-national and other societies with a national tendency. The total membership of these six societies is estimated as follows: American Philatelic Association 700; Sons of Philatelia 500; Philatelic Sons of America 600; Columbian Philatelic Society 300; Southern Philatelic Association 200 and the Dominion Philatelic Association 200, making a total of 2,500 members. In comparison with the total population of stamp collectors in United States and Canada, this is indeed a poor showing.

The blame for these discouraging low membership lists can be laid at the door of politics. These nation-societies are being destroyed by the many political squabbles at each yearly election. Many of the members who adhere to the saying, "mare work and less play" become become disgusted with these yearly disgraces, and either resign and join some other society, or quit all of them for good. Philatelic societies have lost many a member just by this cause, and it is not a very easy matter to get these collectors to change their views regarding philatelic societies, and become one of us again. Important offices are given to political allies of the "boss", who may be utterly unfit for the position where another candidate, whose qualifications can be relied upon, is defeated, the primary reason having no recognition from the "boss". On several occasions unfair politics caused almost complete destruction of our societies. As I state this wrangling tends to decreae the membership, and it should be discontinued for the good of philately. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," is very true, and this saying can exually be applied to the situa-

tion we find our societies in to-day. Here's how we should reason it. The pudding is our total membership; and here's the the eating. The total membership of our societies five years ago, was as much, if not more than it is to-day. Is not this enough prof? The reason of this decrease is neither with the hard times nor the scarcity of collectors. Politics can shoulder the entire loss.

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Our sole reason for giving up the MESSENGER is that we have not time to attend to it properly. We have in preparation the most complete list of Cheap Sets for Beginners ever published. Exchange notices too late for this issue will be inserted in the Set List. We publish a small sample of the list on this page. If you want the complete list, send us your request on a postal card.

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