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TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL

DEVOTED TO THE INTEREST OF STAMP COLLECTORS.

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TO OUR READERS.

There being few stamp papers of any importance published in Canada, we have started this paper, THE TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL, as a means of advancing our science in this country. There are numerous stamp publications in the United States, but none that have ever started in Canada seem to have survived the first year, whether we shall do so or not, remains to be seen. In this paper which we now publish we shall keep a BLACK LIST, under which heading we shall give the names and addresses of stamp frauds. In general we shall make it as interesting as possible for collectors, regardless of expense.

We beg to express our thanks to those gentlemen who have favored us with their advertisements, and hope they will help us in future as they have done.

NEW ISSUES

That have appeared, or are about to appear:

Argentine Republic.—The ½ centavo of the 1884 issue is nearly the same as that of 1882, but lighter, while the 1 centavo is brighter than that of the former issue; the 5 centavo is surcharged "4c."

Bermuda.—This colony has issued a 2½ penny stamp, the color is blue.

British Honduras.—The 1 penny stamp has been changed from blue to rose.

Cundinamarca.—A new type, 5 centavo is said to have been issued.

Dutch Indies.—A 2½c. stamp has been issued, same design as 2c., the color is grey.

Egypt.—The colors have been changed in these stamps, 10 pa. green; 20 pa. red; 1 pi. blue, and 5 pi. grey.

Gold Coast.—The ½ penny bistre has been changed to green.

Levant.—The color of the 7 kopec is now dark blue.

Nevis.—This colony has issued a 6 penny stamp, the color is green.

Paraguay.—The 1 centavo, green, will shortly appear.

Russia.—A 1 kopec stamp has been issued, the color is orange.

St. Vincent.—The ½ penny stamp has been changed from orange to green.

St. Christopher.—The 4 penny stamp has been changed from blue to slate.

St. Helena.—A ½ penny stamp has been issued, surcharged on the 6 penny, the color is green.

St. Domingo.—Will issue a new set of stamps shortly, they are being prepared in New York.

Urugay.—All the new sets have been surcharged for official use.

Virgin Islands.—The 2½ penny stamp is changed from claret to blue.

PRIZES.

We offer the following prizes for philatelic articles:

For the best article of 200 words or more, we will give 50 cents worth of stamps, the winner's selection from our approval sheets.

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Conditions:—All articles must be original that have never been printed before, and must contain at least the specified number of words. It is the author's privilege to select his own subject, write on one side of the paper and write plainly, giving your full name and address.

All articles must be sent in before 1st May, so that we can publish the winning articles in our May number.

UNUSED STAMPS.

Some collectors imagine that because a stamp is unused it must be bogus, they never think that it is as easy to counterfeit used as it is unused stamps; for this reason many collectors do not collect the latter, but collectors, with common sense, collect both. It can easily be seen by the engraving, whether a stamp is genuine or not. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it will be found that it is used stamps which are counterfeited. If a collector is determined to have nothing but used stamp in his collection, of course, it will not be a very large one, as there are many stamps which can be obtained unused, where they cannot be had, used. In some instances, to suit their customers, dealers will deface unused stamps, so as to appear that they have been used on postal service, the collector is r one the wiser, it is a used stamp and must be genuine.

Mr. W. G. Whilden, Jr., of Pelzer, S. C., is our authorized agent to receive both subscriptions and advertisements.

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TORONTO, MARCH, 1885.

NOTES.

We hear that Sweden has issued new postage stamps, we have not seen them as yet.

We have received specimens of the 2 penny (stamp duty) Victoria used as postage.

There is said to be a factory in Switzerland where they manufacture old stamps.

We want agents in every city and town in the world to get subscribers for this paper.

Numismatics will find Mr. Lyman H. Low, of New York, a reliable man to deal with.

We send you a copy of this paper as an inducement to subscribe if you have not already done so.

We are unavoidably late in presenting this number to the public, but shall endeavour to be on time in future.

Can any of our readers inform us who are the proprietors of the Excelsior Stamp Co. of Middlebury, Vermont?

Why is a postage stamp like a schoolmaster? Because one sticks with a lick, and the other licks with a stick.

If the philatelic public will help us in the way of subscription, we shall then be in a position to enlarge our paper.

During the past month we have purchased the entire stock of Mr. F. F. Peard, and a large portion of Mr. Henry Morell's.

Mr. A. N. Ridgely is about to retire from the stamp business.

The stamp business has been very dull this season, but it has picked up considerably during the last few weeks.

Last week the number of letters delivered by the city carriers were 157,543, out of these 4,803 were registered and 44,924 newspapers.

The following are the officers of the Fitchburg Philatelic Society: W. L. Emory, President; W. K. Jewett, Secretary; W. A. Browne, Treasurer; L. H. Sherwin, Librarian.

We learn from the *Hermes* that Dr. Stephen is going to issue new stamps for the African Colonies after the Congo Congress is over. These will be the first colonial stamps of Germany.

We have received a catalogue of Botanical specimens from Mr. James Galen, of Rawlinsville. All those interested in the above will find it to their interest to correspond with him.

The Treasury Department at Washington have received specimens of counterfeit one cent pieces, believed to be extensively in circulation in New York and vicinity. The counterfeit is made entirely of copper.

We have received the following papers during the past month: *The Hermes, Canadian Philatelist, Foreign Stamp Collectors' News, Collectors' Companion, Empire State Philatelist, Philatelic Advertiser, General-Anzeiger fur Philatelie, New England Philatelist, The Gem, Pine and Palmetto, The Collector, Erdball and Mercur, Philatelic Herald.*

A PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

The following advertisement appeared in a London paper a few months ago:

"All those sending us seventeen penny stamps will receive, by return mail, a finely engraved picture of Queen Victoria, securely packed.

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Many of our friends answered the above advertisement, and received in reply, an engraved picture of the Queen, but not so large as they had expected, being only a half penny stamp, bearing the profile of the Queen. The above firm must have made its fortune and retired, as we have not seen the advertisement since.

OUR RAREST STAMP.

New Brunswick has the honor of having produced the rarest stamp in the world, viz: The "Connell," as it is universally called. Now, this stamp is not an essay in any sense of that much-abused word; the circumstances are as follows: In the year 1861, the Hon. Charles Connell, a gentleman renowned alike for his integrity, genius and benovelence, was the Postmaster-General of the province of New Brunswick. Soon after entering on his official duties, Mr. Connell discovered that the postage stamps of the province were susceptible of improvement, and to that end, employed the famous American Bank Note Company to execute a set of stamps in lieu of the labels hitherto used. Mr. Connell furnished the designs, the idea of which was certainly original, and which speaks for the excellent taste of that gentleman to the present day; for the stamps of New Brunswick are unsurpassed in point of elegance and neatness by any stamp in Christendom. Mr. Connell's idea was the sensible one of putting a different design on each stamp, and to that end, a steam-engine on the 1c., a head of Her Majesty of England on the 10c., a steamboat (indicating European postage) on the 12½c., a portrait of the possible future monarch of England on the 17c., and his own portrait on the 5c.

The stamps arrived, and were issued to the public; but, alas! unfortunate Mr. Connell had, in the eyes of Her Majesty's lieges of New Brunswick, committed a frightful crime. That he, a mortal created man, a descendant of Adam and Eve, should dare to engrave his honest countenance on a similar piece of paper to that on which the majesty of that broad domain, on which the sun never sets, was depicted! A mass-meeting presided over by a political opponent of Connell was instantly called, and it was resolved to request Mr. Connell to resign, but Mr. Connell dashed the reins of the post-office department back in the face of the governor, and retired at once and forever, from the political arena.

The stamp was only used one day and a number having passed through the post-office, it therefore could not be an essay.

RESULTS OF LYMAN H. LOW'S AUCTION SALE.

The collection of Canadian coins, medals and tokens, catalogued by Mr. Lyman H. Low, 838 Broadway, New York, and sold at auction by Messrs. Bangs & Co., February 3rd and 4th, is by far the most extensive in the series that has ever been brought under the hammer in America. The catalogue, which was very generally distributed a month before the sale, embodied a good arrangement, and the fullest description of the pieces, both as to type and preservation. The leading and well-known rarities were nearly all represented. We quote as follows: Indian Peace Medal, Geo. II., 1757, $11.25, and four of Geo. III. brought respectively $14.50, $13.25, $9.00 and $12.60, all in silver; Fort Erie Medal, given to members of Welland Battery for assisting in repelling Fenian invasion, June 2nd, 1866, $5.25; the large Confederation Medal, $12.00; Glorium Regni, 5 Sou piece of Louis XIV., 1670, $9.25; Dexaton Canadinsis, $2.00; Montreal side view, half-penny, 1839, $6.00; Montreal Sou (McLachlan 65, Le Roux 154) in German silver, $4.50, and a set of 42 Sous brought 25c. each; six Montreal Bridge tokens sold from $3 to $5.80 each; Devins & Bolton's card of 1867, $1.55; R. Sharpley's token, $1.80; Half-penny Copper Company, Upper Canada, $22.50; Colonial quarter dollar of the year 1820, $4.00; Leslie & Son's two-penny, $15.75; New Brunswick half-cent, 1861, $1.50; Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Success, $8.10; three varieties of Barry's Halifax tokens, 42c. each; White's farthing, $4.50. I shall also sell at auction during the last week in March an extensive collection of confederate paper money, together with a few coins. Catalogues are now ready and will be furnished to collectors on application.

PHILATELY AS A SCIENCE.

BY T. COKE.

Postage stamp collecting is a pursuit that has exercised its charm over persons of both sexes and in every class of life, ever since the mania—as it was then called—commenced about 1863. No doubt, stamp collecting, as a *mania* has to a great extent died out, but the collecting of stamps as a *science* has probably taken a firmer hold than ever among that class of persons most suited for its propagation. Now that the time has come when gentlemen are willing to travel miles to attend an auction sale or to inspect a choice assortment of stamps and who are eager to give from fifty to a hundred dollars or more for some great rarity, one has no right to complain of the decline of Philately, at least considered as a science and not as merely the frivolous pastime of schoolboys.

Philately, as I understand it, does not mean merely the accumulation of a number of pieces of paper of different colors and designs, and issued by various countries and towns, sticking them into an album and then boasting over the large number you possess, but it implies a careful and accurate *study* of the postage stamps of all nations, *in all their phases and varieties.—Granite State Philatelist.*

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All articles must be sent in before 1st May, so that we can publish the winning articles in our May number.

NEW ISSUES

That have appeared, or are about to appear:

Antioquia.—The 1 centavo is now violet.

Bahamas.—Four new stamps have appeared: 1 penny, rose; 4 penny, yellow; 5 shillings, green, and £1, brown. They are similar in design to the 1 shilling.

Barbados.—Is about to issue new registration envelopes.

Belgium.—A 25 centime, blue, has been issued. The color of the 5 centimes has been changed to green.

Brazil.—Has issued a 50 reis postal card.

Canada.—The reply post card now has the stamp impressed on the left hand corner.

Ceylon.—The 2 cent stamp is now green, and the 24 cent, brown.

Chili.—A 3c. postal card has been issued, red on grey.

Cyprus.—We have received specimens of the 1 piastre revenue stamp used as postage.

Cuba.—The 2½c. has been changed to bistre.

Gambia.—The *Monthly* states that a ½ penny reply card has been issued.

Gold Coast.—The 2 penny stamp has been changed from green to grey.

Great Britain.—We hear that the ½ penny stamp is to be reduced in size.

Malta.—The new stamps are as follows: ½ penny, green; 1 penny, carmine; 2 penny, grey; 2½ penny, blue; 4 penny, brown, and 1 shilling, violet.

Natal.—Has issued a ½ penny postal card.

Norway.—The color of the 5 ore has been changed to sea-green.

Shanghai.—The 20 cash is now green, and the 60 violet.

St. Kitts.—Has issued a provisional 4 penny on 6 penny.

Sweden.—We have received one of the new issue, viz.: the 10 ore, bearing the profile of the King to left; the color is carmine.

Trinidad.—The 4 penny stamp has been changed to grey.

United States of Colombia.—A 50 centavo stamp has been issued, the color is claret.

Victoria.—The 2 shilling stamp-duty is being used for postage.

A MANITOBA POSTMASTER.

From a Lake Winnipeg Letter.

The population around us chiefly consists of half-breeds and Indians, with a sprinkling of English settlers. They are most hospitable, but extremely rough, dirty and uncivilized. Our post-office is four miles away, and we can send off and also fetch letters once a week. Let me describe the interior of this postoffice one day when I had occasion to call there. The postmaster is a very rough Canadian; his wife is a half-breed, a tall, handsome woman. When we drove up she was out of doors in the snow chopping firewood. Her lord and master was sitting in his only down stairs room, with his feet on the stove and a pipe in his mouth. In the same room, which was bare of carpet or curtain, and contained the family bed, were three children, a boy aged 7, swearing lustily; a girl about 5, sucking her fingers, who began to howl as soon as I spoke, and a baby of 2 years, seated in a frying pan on the floor, engaged in carefully wrapping up his bare feet in a dish cloth. Their mother followed us into the house and, promptly seizing the handle of the pan, proceeded to eject the baby and to wipe out the pan with the afore-mentioned cloth. Next she broke about a dozen eggs into the pan, fried them and, having made tea and produced her solitary teaspoon, she invited my husband and myself to partake, or as she phrased it, to "sit in" with the family. It is needless to add that, after what I had just witnessed, I declined the hospitality as graciously as I knew how. This is my nearest female neighbor.

Counterfeit silver dollars of 1882 are circulating largely in Boston.

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NOTES.

Mr. H. Morell has resumed the stamp business at 76 Baldwin street.

Any one sending us four subscriptions will receive this JOURNAL free for one year.

There are 150 tradesmen in Paris who deal in nothing but old postage stamps.

The number of letters posted in the world every year is said to be 52,000,000,000.

We want agents in every city and town in the world to get subscribers for this paper.

The British government has provided £25,000 for extra mail faculties across the Atlantic.

We send you a copy of this paper as an inducement to subscribe if you have not already done so.

A meeting of the stamp collectors of this city will be held on Friday, the 24th inst., at the office of the Toronto Philatelic Co., 18 Orde street, for the purpose of forming a Philatelic Society.

In a Trenton store window there is on exhibition a revenue stamp of the $5,000 denomination. According to an inscription on the frame it is "the largest and highest value adhesive stamp ever issued by any government in the world." Its size is 4½x2¾ inches.

Quite a number of the stamp collectors of this city are deaf-mutes.

The schools of British Guiana are supported entirely by the profits arising from the postal department.

If the philatelic public will help us in the way of subscription, we shall then be in a position to enlarge our paper.

An old stamp dealer of this city prophesies that the stamp business will not thoroughly revive until the winter after next.

A machine for moistening postage stamps is the latest. Some happy day we shall be able to worry along without the office boy altogether.

We have received a copy of Mr. Lyman H. Low's catalogue of confederate issues. It is one of the best, if not the best, that has come under our notice.

The first number of the *American Journal of Philately* is to hand. It presents a fine appearance, being a large 16-page journal; well printed and on good paper. We wish it success.

We have received the following stamp papers up to date:—The Hermes, The Collector, Canadian Philatelist, Dealers' Advertiser and Collectors' Exchange, Philatelic Advertiser, Collectors' Companion, Empire State Philatelist, Capital City Philatelist, Philatelic Courier, Philatelic Monthly, Philatelic Journal of America, Philatelic Herald, Chair City Collector, Philatelic Star, The Gem, Philatelic World, Illustrated Monthly.

*** Publishers of philatelic papers will confer a favor on us by sending two copies of each issue, and we shall be happy to do so in return.

There were 28,090,000 silver dollars made in 1883, and but 300 in 1839. The most ancient date is 1794. From then until 1804 they were coined continuously. Then a skip of thirty two years occurred. The trade dollar is the only thing that has marred the issue since 1836, with the exception of 1837, when none were coined. The silver dollar of 1804 is the rarest American coin. But two genuine ones are believed to exist, and their owners have refused $1,000 each for them. The 1794 dollar brings $40. Those between 1795 and 1863, $3 each; 1836, $4; 1839, with flying eagle, $25 each; 1851 and 1852, $35 and $40 respectively; 1858, $36. The trade dollars issued from 1873 to 1878 are destined to become rare.

To the Editor of the T. P. J.:

Toronto, 11th April, 1885.

Dear Sir—Those interested in the collection of postage stamps, cards, envelopes, etc., in this city and vicinity would find it much to their advantage to form themselves into a society whose objects would be the diffusion of knowledge on philatelic subjects, the exchanging of specimens, etc., etc. If you will bring this matter before the collectors of Toronto through the medium of your paper, I have no doubt that you will have a response. There need be no large expense connected with the society. The meetings could be held at the houses of different members once a month, or oftener as agreed upon. If you will call a meeting for a certain evening all details could be arranged.

I am, sir, your truly,

T. J. MCMINN.

To the Editor of the T. P. J.:

Toronto, 3rd April, 1885.

Sir—In my collection are two stamps which are not described in any standard catalogue, and I have never seen them in any other collection. A brief description may, therefore, be of interest to your readers.

The 2 k. of the Hungarian emission of 1874 is described as violet in color, and is perforated 14x15. I have a specimen, used, perforated 11x15, and of a dark blue color, similar to that of the 10 k. of the same issue.

I have also the 2 d., 1873 issue, of Victoria, violet on *yellow* paper, perforated 12x15. I am unable to ascertain the date of issue, but conclude that it was probably in 1878, at the time of the emission of the 1 d. on yellow paper.

The color of the 2 p. is a greenish-yellow, much lighter than the manilla-yellow of the 1 p.

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THE ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF THE POSTAL SERVICE.

BY C. E. SWOPE.

According to the most authentic information obtainable by the most careful and accurate research in history, the first postal service was invented by Cyrus, King of Persia, on his Scythian expedition; he establishing one hundred and eleven posts from the shore of the Ægean Sea to Susa, the capital; each a day's journey from the preceding. Though, generally conceded by historians that posts were well-known among the Romans, it has been too difficult to trace with any degree of certainty, the exact period of their introduction. It is a well-known fact, however, that Augustus instituted them along all the large roads of the empire, and hired young men to deliver his dispatches from post to post until the place of destination was reached. Shortly afterward, the same Emperor changed this method of delivery to that of sending all his messages and dispatches by means of charioteers, in regular chariots, with relays of horses at each post. This was kept up by his successors for a number of years, although slight information can be obtained concerning them up to about the year 807 A.D., when the Emperor Charlemagne established three public posts—one each in Italy, Germany and Spain—in order to facilitate his communication with those three countries, which he had placed in a state of subjection to his dominion. With his death, however, these were soon dropped, and no further traces of them can be discovered up to about 1470, when Louis XI., King of France, owing to his suspicious and restless nature, and also to his eagerness for a quick and certain knowledge of what was transpiring within his kingdom, established them throughout the whole civilized portion of France.

From France, his method gradually spread to other portions of Europe; Count Taxis settling them at his own expense in Germany, for which the Emperor Matthias, in 1616, gave the position of postmaster to him and his descendants. In England, the earliest accounts indicate that Edward III. set up some species of posts, but nothing definite has ever been ascertained concerning them. In 1548, during the reign of Edward VI., an Act of Parliament was passed, making the rate of post-horses at one penny per mile.

The first chief postmaster of England was Thomas Randolph, appointed by Queen Elizabeth in 1581. James I. appointed Matthew De L'Equester, postmaster for the control of correspondence to and from foreign parts, about the time of his accession to the throne in 1603. This office was afterward claimed by Lord Stanhope, but Charles I. continued it to William Frizel and Thomas Witherings in 1632. Witherings, [illegible] 1640, su[illegible] control of his office, [illegible]achy, unde[illegible]perseded by Philip Burlaof the K[illegible]r the direct supervision [illegible]ate. Ir[illegible]ng's principal Secretary of S[illegible]ffice w[illegible] 1656, a new and general post[illegible]f th[illegible]as established by the authority o[illegible]th[illegible] Parliament, and very nearly upon[illegible]e same model as has been since adop[illegible]te Ralph Allen, about 1720, instit[illegible]d a series of cross-posts, which were found to be of great convenience to the public, as also to the government; and in 1782, a plan was suggested by John Palmer, by which the mails were to be carried in stage-coaches under guard. This plan met with a great deal of opposition at the start, but gradually overcame it, until about 1784, when it came into very general use. The penny post was first started in London by Mr. Robert Murray, an upholsterer, about the year 1681, who assigned his interest in it to Mr. Dockwra in 1683.

This causing a confliction with the government, it was, on a trial at the King's Bench Bar, adjudged to belong to the Duke of York as a branch of the general service, and was, therefore, annexed to the Crown in 1690.

This was made a two-penny post in 1794. Mails were first carried on railroad trains in 1830 by the overland route to India, which method was found to be a much cheaper way of transporting them.

In 1837, Sir Rowland Hill offered his plan of penny postage, which was adopted in 1839 by the House of Commons after a full thorough investigation.

In December, 1839, the four penny, uniform rate per letter, came into operation as an experiment; and in January, 1840, the uniform rate of one penny per letter of half an ounce weight was adopted; and finally, in May, 1840, the widely celebrated stamped envelopes, designed by Mr. W. Mulready, first came into existence. From this time on the postal service made rapid strides toward perfection. To show with what rapidity it progressed, a few figures will not be amiss.

The number of letters delivered in 1839 was 82,470,596; in 1840, 168,768,344; in 1851, 360,651,187; in 1856, 478,000,000; in 1859, 545,000,000; in 1860, 564,000,000; in 1861, 593,000,000; in 1862, 605,000,000, and in 1864, 679,000,000.

In 1855, the English Treasury issued a warrant, providing for the carriage of books, pamphlets, etc., by post under certain restrictions—four ounces for one penny, eight ounces for two pence, etc.; and in the same year street letter-boxes were instituted, the first one being placed at the corner of Fleet and Farringdon streets, London.

The postal guide first appeared in 1856, and during the same year London and vicinity was divided into districts for the convenience of the postal department, viz.: east, west, etc. The money order service was originally started in 1792, but was comparitively little used until 1839 when 188,291 money orders were issued, amounting to £313,124.

In 1861, this branch of the service alone issued 7,580,455 orders, amounting to £14,616,348.

The above facts show with what great rapidity the postal service has progressed, and it has, at the present time, reached about as high a degree of perfection as can possibly be attained. We

now have simply to stamp our letter, drop it into some street corner letter-box, and after that our great postal system takes control of it, and it is forwarded with the quickest possible dispatch until it is finally delivered either into the hands of or to the house of the party to whom it is directed. It is truly wonderful to note what a great system our postal service is, and how accurately and correctly all letters are delivered. Time certainly works wonders, and we may yet see many more astonishing improvements made in this already great system.

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The Spanish stamps, with round holes punched through them, indicate that they have been used on telegraph service.

The next meeting of the Toronto Philatelic Society will be held at 76 Baldwin street on Friday, May 22nd, at 8 p.m.

The United States superintendent of foreign mails has decided that the department cannot enter into the parcel post arrangement proposed by England and Germany in the absence of legislative authority.

Great Britain buys her postal card supply from Germany, the last order given the successful bidder being 150,000,000 cards.

Mr. Lyman H. Low has sent us a catalogue of the Balmanno Collection. The sale of this collection will take place on 10th and 11th June.

There were only 200 of the 2c. brown Canada bill stamps struck off, and only about three-fourths of this number were used; this accounts for their rarity.

Mr. Henry Hechler, publisher of the *Philatelic Courier*, and Captain of the 63rd Rifles of Halifax, has gone to the Northwest Territory to assist in suppressing the rebellion.

One of the greatest curiosities in Japan is the wonderful and almost indiscribable variety of coins that are used daily, it requiring in some instances 1,000 pieces to make a dollar.

The new English postmaster-general, having gone down to his office and let himself in with a latchkey, was promptly arrested by a detective and held until identified as a non-dynamiter.

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We have received the following stamp papers up to date:—New England Philatelist, El Filotelico (San Domingo), Philatelista (Brazil), Pine and Palmetto, Philatelic Monthly, Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, Philatelic Herald, Our American Youth, Tidings from Nature, Capital City Philatelist, Collectors' Companion, American Journal of Philately, The Philatelist, The Museum, The Collector, The Exchange, Craugton's Occasional, Philatelic Observer, Philatelic Globe, The Hermes, California Philatelist.

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The *World* suggests that soldiers at the front be allowed to send their letters east free of postage provided the envelopes be franked by their commanding officer. This is a small boon, but the convenience in camp will be great, and our volunteers who sacrifice so much for the country deserve every consideration. We are satisfied that Mr. Carling will adopt the idea the moment he reads this paragraph.

The stamp collectors of this city held a meeting at the office of the Toronto Philatelic Co. on the 24th ulto. for the purpose of forming a Philatelic Society. The meeting, after being addressed by Mr. McMinn, Mr. Best, and several other prominent men of this city, adjourned until 8th May, when the following officers were duly elected:—Captain Gamble Geddes, A.D.C., President; Mr. F. H. Best, Vice-President; Mr. H. Morell, Secretary; Mr. T. J. McMinn, Treasurer.

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Ceylon.—Has issued a large number of provisionals.

Italy.—Is about to issue four new stamps for parcels post.

Lagos.—The 1 penny is now rose; the 2 penny, grey; the 4 penny, lilac, and the 6 penny, olive.

Montserrat.—The 2½ penny is blue, and the 4 penny, mauve.

Persia.—Is about to issue new stamps.

Portugal.—The 20 reis is now carmine.

Sweden.—The following stamps have appeared: 10 ore, official, red, same type as others; 10 ore envelope, red on white; and two post-cards, green, one for the public, and the other official. Two more are expected: 5 ore, green, and 20 ore, blue.

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THE UNITED STATES STAMPS.

BY H. A. MALIN.

The United States was one of the first countries to issue postage stamps. In 1842 the postmaster at New York, authorized by the government, issued two three-cent stamps; one was buff, and the other was brown. In 1845 he also issued a five-cent stamp, which was black. In 1846 Providence issued two stamps, oblong in shape, and both black. They were the five and ten cent denomination. About this time the famous Brattleboro stamp was issued by the postmaster at Brattleboro, Vt. It was a five-cent stamp, oblong in shape, and had Brattleboro above, P. O. on sides, and 5 cents underneath, while the initials of the postmaster were in the centre. Baltimore then issued an oblong stamp, with the name of the President across the face. In the following year New Haven, Conn., and St. Louis, Mo., issued stamps. The first issued a five-cent stamp, red, and the latter issued three varieties; the three, ten and twenty cents, all black. Then came the carriers' stamps issued by the government, the first of which were issued in 1849. They were round in shape, having U. S. Mail above, one cent in centre, and prepaid below; all of which was inside the circle. There were three colors: rose, yellow and buff. In 1845 three more varieties were issued, all of one cent denomination. The first two were black, and the third red. The general issue was issued. The first was issued in 1847. It composed a set of two varieties, a five and ten cent; the five-cent was brown, while the ten was black. In the issues of 1850 to 1860, there were eight kinds: the one, blue; three, red; five, brown; ten, green; twelve, black; twenty-four, lilac; thirty, orange, and ninety, blue. In 1861 there was another set of eight kind issue, nearly like the last issue except in design. In 1863 a two-cent, black, was issued, and in 1866 a five-cent was issued with the head of Lincoln. In 1869 another set was put in circulation, which was composed of ten varieties. The first had a head of Franklin, and was brown in color; the two-cent had a man on horseback, and was also brown, but of a darker shade; the three-cent was blue in color, and had a locomotive on it. The fourth or six-cent had a head of Washington on it. The ten had an eagle and a shield, while on the twelve-cent could be seen a ship at sea. The fifteen had a picture of the landing of Columbus, and the twenty-four had an engraving of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The thirty-cent was similar to the ten-cent, and the ninety-cent was adorned with a head Lincoln. Then came the issue of 1870-1, part of which was withdrawn, when the postage was reduced. It was composed of the one-cent, blue; two, brown; three green; six, brown; seven, red; ten, brown; twelve, dark purple; fifteen, orange; twenty-four, purple; thirty, black, and ninety, carmine. In 1875 the two-cent was changed from brown to vermillion, and a five-cent, blue, was also issued. In 1879 a set of Unpaid Letter stamps were issued. It was composed of a one, two, three, five, ten, thirty and fifty-cent stamp; all of which were brown. In 1882 the Garfield stamp was issued. It was a five-cent, very dark brown, and was noted for its poor engraving; and in 1883, when the postage was reduced, the two-cent, brown, and the four-cent, green, were issued and are still in use. In all probabilities the newspaper and department stamps are the hardest to get, as there is a law prohibiting the sale of them. In 1879 there were three large stamps issued for newspaper postage. There was a five, ten and twenty-five; and they were blue, green and red in color. With them also were issued a set of twenty-four varieties of a smaller kind and ranging in price from two cents to sixty dollars. The first seven were black, and the rest were of different colors. There were nine Departments; the first was the Agricultural, having nine stamps of a straw color; second was the Executive, with five, all carmine; third, State, with fifteen, ranging from one cent to twenty dollars. Next was the Navy Department, and it had eleven; and the Treasury Department had also the same number, and were brown in color. Departments of Justice and Interior each had ten stamps, and were the same in denominations. The first was purple, and the last vermillion in color. The Post Office and War Departments each have ten stamps, not including the envelopes, of which the first has six, while the last has eighteen of two different issues. Of the Locals, the principles are Allens, Boyds, Bloods, and Wells, Fargo & Co.'s, while the others are too numerous to mention. The United States was the second to adopt the postal card, Germany being the first. In all the United States has issued about five hundred stamps, and on 1st July, 1885, two more will be circulated. One a ten-cent, green, for speedy delivery in the large cities, and the other will be a one-cent newspaper, and the same color as the smaller denominations as the 1879 issue.

AUTOGRAPHS.

There is hardly any calculating the extent of the autograph business. President Cleveland receives books every day with applications for his signature. Some of the books that are received already contain hundreds of pages of autographs. One of them received last week contains the autographs of every administration since Buchanan's. Besides this, the book contained the name of almost every man who has served in Congress in either branch since that time, as well as hundreds of prominent State politicians, literary men, preachers and actors. The book is valued at $3,000 and represents nearly twenty years of work. It has been sent to Europe several times for autographs.

It is stated that the Postal, Bankers' and Merchants' Telegraph Companies have been consolidated.

The original manuscript of Byron's farewell lines to his wife was sold at a recent sale in London for $85.

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Mr. Lyman H. Low announces for sale a very rare Cabinet, known as the Athole Collection. The sale will take place on 18th June.

Mr. W. G. Whilden, jr., has favored us with a copy of the "International Collectors' Guide." We commend it to the study of collectors.

Every day the London postmen walk a distance equal to twice the circumfrance of the earth. There are 4,030 of them, and they average 12 miles a day each.

The total number of letters delivered in this city by carriers during the week ending 30th May, 1885, was 126,068. Of these 3,981 were registered. Total number of newspapers, 39,266.

In many of the railway stations in England boxes are placed, acting automatically, to supply travellers with a postal card, or envelope and sheet of paper. Drop a penny into an aperture on the top of the box, and open a little drawer and there is the postal card, drop in two pennies you get the envelope and paper. It is so nicely adjusted that it will not respond to a bad coin. Such a convenience shames Yankee invention.

The hoard of 800 Roman coins unearthed in Cobham Park, England, in the spring of 1883 is supposed to be part of the treasure sent from Gaul by Magnentius shortly before his overthrow in A.D. 353. They belong to him and to the Emperors Constantius II. and Constantius Gallus. The argument rests on the unworn condition of the coins.

The oldest bank note probably in existence in Europe is one preserved in the Asiatic museum at St. Petersburg. It dates from the year 1399 B.C., and was issued by the Chinese Government. It can be proved from Chinese chroniclers that as early as 2697 B.C. bank notes were current in China under the name of "flying money." The bank note preserved at St. Petersburg bears the name of the Imperial bank, date and number of issue, signature of a mandarin, and contains even a list of the punishments inflicted for forgery of notes. This relic of 4,000 years ago is probably written, for printing from wooden tablets is said to have been introduced in China only in the year 160 A.D.

An extraordinary capture of coiners took place at Birmingham, England, recently, two convicted thieves, named George Davis and William Bermingham, were charged with manufacturing spurious coin. For some time past the prisoners had been suspected of making counterfeit coin, and one day Detective Garfield and another officer went to the place and found both men busily at work in the manufacture of half-crowns, florins, and shillings. The battery and a large number of unfinished coins were seized, and the prisoners taken into custody. They both admitted the offence, and Bermingham added that he understood Mr. Gladstone wanted to raise 14,000,000 of money, and they thought they could help him out. Prisoners were remanded.

British postal savings banks have $223,868,865 on deposit.

The Toronto Philatelic Society held a meeting on 29th May at 76 Baldwin street. The President in the Chair; Mr. H. Morell, Secretary, and Mr. T. J. McMinn, Treasurer, were appointed to write up a constitution and submit it at the next general meeting.

The London *Lancet* warns people against the danger of licking adhesive stamps and envelopes, adding that it is a most perilous practice, producing local irritation and sore tongues, whilst occasionally other diseases are propagated by the habit. It gives the following instance of the danger it points out:—An envelope was received from a person who habitually took large quantities of morphia hypodermically; the receiver of it reclosed the envelope by licking the adhesive surface. He became violently sick, the mere touch of the tongue of the taker of morphia having rendered the gum intensely nauseous. Though one may reasonably doubt whether many people would choose this way of reclosing an envelope, it is clear that even with new stamps and new envelopes it is better to wet them in some other way than by licking them.

A "newspaper dog" of a very remarkable character flourishes in one of the suburbs of London. It is a greyhound, and its habit is to follow a particular postman on his rounds with the object of stealing one or more of the newspapers he has to deliver. It tries door after door through which the postman in question has pushed a paper, until it finds one that yields to pressure, when it seizes the paper lying on the floor inside, and darts off with it at a rate rendering pursuit hopeless. It would be very interesting to know ow this trick was acquired, and what the greyhound does with the papers it takes so much trouble to obtain.

We have received the following stamp papers up to date:—American Journal of Philately, The Philatelist, Canadian Philatelist, The Museum, The Collector, Tidings from Nature, Capital City Philatelist, Collectors' Companion, Philatelic Herald, Our American Youth, Pine and Palmetto, Philatelic Monthly, Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, Stamp Collec-

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NEW ISSUES

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Azores.—The new 20 reis, carmine, has the small surcharge; also the 30 reis card.

Barbados.—The new type has appeared, 3d. violet.

Corea.—Issued five new stamps: 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 M.

Dominican Republic.—Five new stamps are as follows: 1c. green, 2c. carmine, 5c. blue, 10c. orange, 20c. brown.

Jamaica.—The 1d. has changed color as well as the ½d. and 2d.; the color is now carmine.

Paraguay.—The 1c. is green, 5c. vermillion, and 10c. blue.

St. Christopher.—The 1d., rose, cut diagonally and surcharged "Halfpenny."

Surinam.—The new stamps are as follows: 1c. lilac, 2c. yellow, and 12½c. blue.

Victoria.—Bearing the inscription, Stamp Duty: ½d. green, 1d. red, 2d. violet, 3d. bistre, 4d. carmine, 6d. blue and 8d. carmine.

NEWS OF INTEREST.

To write in haste and repent at leisure is the experience of many an impetuous correspondent, who is ignorant or oblivious of the rule that a letter once posted can never be taken out of the box, that it becomes the property of the postmaster-general until it is delivered. The reports give many instances of the painful results of haste and carelessness: "On one occasion a gentlemanly-looking person called and expressed a fear that he had enclosed two letters in wrong envelopes, and that all his prospects in life depended on his having his letters back, and correcting the mistake; inasmuch as they revealed plans which he had adopted to save two mercantile houses in the same line of business, whose interests clashed at every point." A similar blunder occurred in a more delicate affair, when a young lady was most urgent to have her letters returned, as she had accepted the wrong offer of marriage. The local postmaster was unable to resist her earnest entreaties, and thus prevented a painful catastrophe. But a whole romance might be written on the following incident:—A young lady, who had been engaged to a prosperous young manufacturer, was informed, a few days before the marriage was fixed for, that the firm was insolvent. Not a moment was to be lost, and a letter was written and posted, breaking the engagement; when, within two hours, it was discovered that the report was entirely unfounded. The report continues: "The daughter with her parents rushed to the post-office, and no words can describe the scene—the appeals, the tears, the wringing of hands, the united entreaties of the family, to have the fatal letter restored, but, alas! all was vain, the rule admitted of no exception."—From *The Royal Mail.*

Payments are made in Madagascar generally in money, though I have found some tribes still using the primitive method of barter. The only coin at present recognized as currency is the dollar either of France (the 5-franc piece in silver), of Germany, Holland, Italy, Russia, or Spain. For smaller payments than 4s., these coins are broken up and weighed. They are cut into all sizes and shapes, having no distinctive value attached to each piece, and the worth is only ascertained by careful weighing. For this purpose everyone carries a pair of native scales and weights. These are made with so great exactitude that the variation of the 720th part of a dollar can be detected. Buying is a tedious process, rendered more so by the fact that a single weighing is seldom accepted by the native, who almost invariably puts the money first in one pan of the scales and then into the other, to be quite certain that the balance is perfectly true. But such a cumbersome method, reminding us of the time when Abraham weighed his pieces of silver, must disappear before the onrush of civilization and commerce. At least one offer has already been made to the Prime Minister by an English firm to supply the country with a coinage of its own. But before this can be accomplished many conservative prejudices have to be overcome, and the suspicious distrust of the people to be surmounted. After having been accustomed to weigh every piece of silver, and to reject every smooth dollar, it will not be easy to induce these people to accept coins of a nominal value only; more especially as with them time is not an article of very great value, and the haggling a long while over the just balancing of a pennyworth of silver is a daily amusement.—From *Madagascar and France*, by Geo. A. Shaw.

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PROVISIONAL STAMPS.

BY F. H. BEST.

There is possibly no branch of stamp collecting which affords more interest and study as provisional stamps do, and collectors having specimens of this class generally look upon them as being a special novelty of their collections, and are themselves entitled to be considered energetic and quick-sighted collectors. It is particularly necessary with a provisional stamp to seize the earliest of obtaining it, for to pass a specimen frequently results either in failure to get it at all, or in having to pay a price which, during its brief currency, would have purchased maybe a hundred. Provisional stamps can be divided into probably a dozen classes, a number of the most prominent causes for their existence may be given here, viz.:— 1. Stamps issued by a provisional government. 2. Stamps issued in time of war. 3. Stamps issued during a temporary failure of supplies of the kind generally used. 4. Stamps temporarily issued on the first introduction of a new or independent postal system. 5. Stamps issued owing to a previously current series, or value having been forged. 6. Temporary stamps having been issued on a change of postal rates. 7. Stamps issued on the absolute transfer of the ownership of a country. 8. Stamps employed from motives of economy, that is to use up an old stock.

1. Stamps issued by a provisional government.—These are very numerous, more so than any of the other classes. Chief among them are the various series used in the Italian States, namely, Naples, Sardinia and Sicily; the HABILITADO stamps of Spain, Porto Rico, and the Philippine Islands, issued in 1868-9; the resuscitated early Mexican with gothic surcharge which were used in 1867 after Maximilian's death, the stamp of Guadalajaia also came under this class. Many stamps that come under this class are very scarce, especially obliterated specimens of Mexico and Guadalajaia.

2. Stamps issued in time of war.—The chief representatives of this class are, of course, what are commonly called Alsace and Lorraine stamps; and to the best of my collection the 1864 Holstein or some of them were issued under similar circumstances. Some of the stamps issued by Confederate postmasters, prior to the general issue authorized by the Confederate government, may also perhaps be included under this head, and these are all more or less rare. The Alsace stamps are still, and are likely to be for some years to come, very common, and the Holstein are catalogued at a low price.

3. Stamps issued during a temporarily failure of supplies of the kind generally used.—This is a very extensive class. The British colonies alone offer a fair variety. Beginning with the rare provisionals of British Guiana, 1856 and 1862; those of the Cape of Good Hope (wood blocks and surcharged), Trinidad (wood blocks), Shanghai, Bermuda, Western Australia (surcharged), and the "Service" stamps of India, formed out of revenue labels, may be instanced. The necessity for the issue of these stamps appears to have arisen from the colonies in question obtaining their supplies from the mother country. The 1865 Brazil (figure, perforated) comes under this head. The rarity of stamps of this class depends to a great extent on the length of time they were in use, and of course on the number prepared for use. In several cases the supplies printed were very small.

4. Stamps temporarily issued on the first introduction of a new or independent postal system.—It has occasionally happened that, when a country adopts the system of prepayment by stamps, it is desired to bring it into operation without delay, and pending the preparation of stamps of a suitable design, some temporary label has to be used, as the postoffices of New York, Providence and St. Louis.

5. Stamps issued owing to a previously current series or value having been forged.—Spain stands nearly alon in having been obliged to issue stamps of this class; for, notwithstanding the almost annual emission from that country, the 20 centimos, 1866, and 10 centimos, 1874, had to be specially issued to counteract forgery. The COUNTER SEAL on the 1872 Salvador stamps is surcharged for a similar purpose, though a person would have thought that, if a really dangerous forgery of such well engraved stamps had been concocted, it would have been easy also to copy the surcharge, which is frequently so badly struck on the genuine stamps as to be illegible.

6. Stamps issued on a change of postal rates.—The Buenos Ayres (steamship, 4 reales and 1 peso) and Uruquay, 1866, surcharged, are examples of this class.

7. Stamps issued on the absolute transfer of the ownership of a country.—There is only one marked case of this kind, and that is the double surcharged stamps of Fiji, another example cannot very well be cited unless we take the Peruivan stamps, surcharged with the Arms of Chili.

8. Stamps employed from motives of economy.—The Argentine Republic, 5 cent surcharged ½, 1 and 2 cent; the 10 cent surcharged 8, are examples of this class, and are generally scarce in an obliterated form. These stamps are perhaps not admissible as forming a class of provisionals, as they could be also placed under class 3; but, as they can come under two different classes, there is no reason why they cannot be admitted as provisionals. There may be some other classes of provisional stamps, such as LOCALS, which, a few collectors maintain, are provisional until superseded by an authorized government issue. But we cover that point under class 4 as regards strictly provisional stamps.

In conclusion I would recommend all collectors, and more especially those who have only recently started, to loose no opportunity of acquiring provisionals of all kinds, for they may not be equal in design and execution to some of the more permanent issues, yet they often afford curious examples of native workmanship, and of the straits to which postoffice may be reduced.

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NEW ISSUES

That have appeared, or are about to appear:

Angola.—Postal cards of the value of 20 and 30 reis are in use.

Bermuda.—A stamped ½ penny card has been issued, so it is said.

Cape Verde Islands.—Two other postal cards are announced, viz: 20 and 30 reis.

Finland.—The stamp on the 20 penni envelopes is now printed in orange, and that on the 25 penni blue. The stamp on the postal card has been changed to red.

Guniea.—The set has been seen surcharged in small type.

Luxemburg.—The 10 centime card comes printed carmine on buff.

Macao.—Another provisional has been received, 20 reis on 50 reis, green. There are also a couple of postal cards, 20 and 30 reis.

Mozambique.—This colony also rejoices in a couple more postal cards of the value of 20 and 30 reis.

Peru.—There are said to be two other values of the provisional stamp with the date (1883-1884) at the sides, viz: 25 centavos, blue, and 1 sol., brown.

Sirmoor.—A series of stamps, bearing the head of the native prince, has been issued. They are as follows:—3 pies, brown; 6 pies, green; 1 anna, blue; 2 annas, rose.

Sorouth.—There is a 1 anna red of the first issue which somehow we have never mentioned, and it is also missing from our catalogue. It is of the same design as the 1 anna blue.

St. Christopher.—A 1 shil ing orange has been added to the current set.

St. Domingo.—The 5 cent envelope has appeared on amber paper.

St. Thomas & Prince.—This colony has also been supplied with 20 and 30 reis cards.

St. Vincent.—The colors of the 1 and 4d. have been changed to lake and claret respectively.

Timor.—The complete set of Timor stamps is as follows:—5 reis, black; 10 reis, green; 20 reis, red; 25 reis, violet; 40 reis, yellow; 50 reis, blue; 80 reis, gray; 100 reis, lilac; 200 reis, orange; 300 reis, brown. Post cards: 10, 20, 30 reis.

Trinidad.—The penny news bands have been surcharged "Half Penny" and used for the lower value.

SOMETHING ABOUT STAMP COLLECTINGS—FANCY PRICES PAID FOR OLD STAMPS.

Some time ago the following interesting but somewhat doubtful item went the rounds of the associated press:

"Yesterday a rag-picker, Joseph N. Harkins, found an old letter containing a cancelled stamp of the Brattleboro, Vermont, Postoffice. A stranger immediately offered him three hundred dollars for it. Believing him insane Harkins took the money and suddenly decamped. There are eight Brattleboro stamps extant, and these are uncancelled. A gentleman here who owns one values it at one thousand dollars. The only one cancelled was that found by Harkins, and it is held to be of great value."

This now turns out to be nothing more than a hoax and a contrived scheme on the part of some enterprising New York stamp dealer, who received an ingenious and gratuitous advertisement, his name having been mentioned in nearly all the stamp and coin publications. It was proved the other day and exposed, as he was unable to show up the rare Brattleboro stamp when asked by the editor of a philatelic journal. There is such a stamp in the possession of a San Francisco collector, however, not on the original envelope, but nevertheless a genuine original for which the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars has been frequently refused. There are a number of very large collections of stamps in San Francisco; one of these owned by a gentleman containing 8,500 varieties, which, besides containing a very rare

fancy border Sandwich Island first issue valued at two hundred dollars or more, has an almost complete collection of Australian, Central American and Provincial stamps; another containing 6,000 adhesive and envelope stamps; still another consisting of 4,750 kinds; while collections ranging from 2,000 to 4,000 varieties are quite numerous. A leading San Francisco dealer has a sufficiently large enough number of varieties to supply any one who may wish them, with some 5,000 different kinds at any moment. His importations of stamps from foreign countries would count into the millions, and no less than half a million "continentals" or mixed European stamps have been received by him in one single instance from London. The growth of "philately" has grown to vast proportions on the Pacific Coast, and is constantly on the increase. Within a year or two past there has also sprung up various journals devoted entirely to the science of stamp collecting. The first stamp publication was published in Boston, Mass., in 1866.

It is estimated also that there are at least three hundred thousand active postage stamp collectors in America, who collect for their own amusement, and an immense number who collect Match Medicine, Document, Tobacco stamps, etc.

A new rage, and the latest is the collecting of unused entire United States stamped envelopes, some of which are sold at fabulous prices. In New York, Philadelphia and Boston monthly auction sales of stamps take place which are well attended by stamp buyers and are very popular.

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SWINDLING THE LITTLE ONES.

Rather an odd question has been raised in the Postoffice Department growing out of the rapid increase among the young folks of this country of philatelism, or the desire to collect postage stamps in albums. A prominent New York journalist has written to the department that he has discovered 12,000 stamp collectors among the children in the New York public schools, and that these children are imposed upon by firms who manufacture fac-similes of postage stamps and sell them as genuine cancelled stamps, thus swindling the little ones. He has requested that these firms be proceeded against by the Post-office Department for counterfeiting foreign stamps. Inspectors have been directed to report upon the matter, and a thorough investigation will be made by the department.—*Phila. Press.*

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" " 10 reis, green	1 3	10 0	
Bahamas, 1884, 1d, rose	1 4	10 6	100 0
Bangkok, 2c, rose	2 6	20 0	
" 4c, brown	4 0		
Bhopal, 1884, ¼ anna, blue-green	0 9	5 0	
" " ½ anna, black	1 3	9 6	
British Honduras, 1884, 1d, rose	1 4	10 6	100 0
Egypt, 1884, 20 paras, provisional	2 6	17 6	
German Levant, 1884, 10 paras	1 0	7 0	70 0
" " 20 "	1 9	13 0	
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Macao, 1884, 5 reis, black	1 0	7 6	
" " 10 " yellow	2 0	14 0	
" " 20 " bistre	3 0		
" " 25 " rose	4 0		
" " 80 " grey	10 0		
" 5 reis on 25 reis, provisional	2 6	20 0	
" 10 " 25 " "	5 0		
" 20 " 50 " "	10 0		
" 80 " 100 " "	25 0		
Malta, 1885, ½d, green	0 9	5 6	54 6
" " 1d, rose	1 4	10 6	
" " 2d, grey	2 8		
Mexico, 1884, 1c, green	1 0	7 0	
" " 2c, "	1 9	14 0	
Montserrat, 1884, ½d, green	0 10	6 0	
Nevis, 1883, ½d, green	1 0	6 6	
" 1884, 1d, rose	1 6	11 6	
" " 2½d, blue	3 9		
" " 4d, grey	5 6		
North Borneo, 2c, brown	2 0	15 0	
Paraguay, 1884, 1c, green	1 0	7 6	72 6
" 2c, red	2 0	15 0	
Perak, 1885, 2c, rose	3 6		
Philippine Islands, 5 cuartos, 1863	20 0		
Portugal, 1884, 2 reis, black	0 3	1 8	15 6
" " 5 " grey	0 9	5 0	
Puttialla, 1885, 1-2 anna	2 0	15 0	
" " 1 "	3 0		
" " 7/6 per set of 6.			
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" " " 1-2 "	4 6		
" " envelopes, 1-2 "	3 0		
" " " 1 "	5 0		
Roumelia, 1884, 5 paras, violet	0 9	5 0	
" " 10 " green	1 3	9 6	
Selangor, 1881, 2c, brown	3 6		
" 1883, 2c, rose	2 6	20 0	
" 1884, 2c, rose	2 0	15 0	
" 1885, 2c, rose	2 0	15 0	
Siam, 1883, 1-2 att, blue	0 10	6 6	
" " 1 " carmine	1 0	7 0	
Sierra Leone, 1884, 1-2d, green	0 10	6 0	59 0
South Australia, 1-2d, provisional	1 0	7 0	
" 1883, 1-2d, brown.	0 10	6 6	
St. Helena, 1884, 1-2d, green	0 10	6 0	59 0
St. Vincent, 1-2d, orange	2 0	14 6	
" 2 1-2d, surcharged	4 6		
" 1884, 1-2d, green	1 0	7 6	
Stellaland, 1d, red	2 0	16 0	
" 3d, yellow	5 6		
Straits Settlement, provl., 2c. on 5c.	4 0	30 0	
Sungei Ujong, 1881, 2c, "S. U."	3 0		
" 1882, 2c, brown	2 6	20 0	
" 1884, 2c, rose	2 0	15 0	
" " 4c, brown	4 0	30 0	
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POSTAGE STAMPS

AND HOW THEY ARE MADE.

By J. M. T. Partello.

Did any of the readers of the TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL ever see the process of manufacturing the little postage stamps we all take so much pleasure in collecting? Perhaps the greatest manufacturing firm of this kind on this side of the Atlantic, and possibly in the whole world, is located in the fifth storey of the Equitable Life Insurance Building, on the corner of Broadway and Cedar street, in New York City. A great many of the foreign stamps, we find so much trouble in securing for our albums, are born on this very spot in New York City. The American Bank Note Company hold the contract for the making of the United States postage stamps, and they have held it off and on ever since July 1st, 1861. The Continental Bank Note Company had it for awhile; but, I believe, the American Bank Note Co. have it at the present writing. They renew their contract every four years; and having the presses, inks, expert workmen, and everything else necessary to manufacture the stamps, they are able to underbid all competitors for the job, and thus secure a renewal of their contract at the expiration of every four years. It once fell to my lot to pay a visit to the top of the Equitable Building (which, by the way, is perfectly fire-proof), and you may be sure I enjoyed every moment of time in examining everything in this great postage stamp mill which I consider the greatest of the kind in existence. The first thing to do is to step on the elevator at the ground floor, when you are shot skyward with such tremendous velocity that you not only have every bit of breath taken out of your body, but you also imagine the machine is going straight up through the roof. This last catastrophe does not take place however, for the elevator box suddenly comes to a standstill, a little door slides back, and you step out in front of an iron-barred door which is constantly locked and guarded by a janitor, who sits within the bars. Our party "had a pass," and so the door was unlocked for our admittance. We met the government agent, who is always present to attend to the interests of the United States, also the superintendent of the Bank Note Company; both of whom were very courteous to us and showed us all the mysteries of stamp manufacturing. The whole upper floor is divided into a number of rooms apportioned out as office rooms, printing rooms, drying rooms, cancelling, cutting, perforating, and every other kind of room. In printing, steel plates are used, on which two hundred stamps are engraved, and that number printed at each impression. The stamps are entirely printed with large rolling-hand presses, each press having one man and a girl to do this work. Near by are two other men kept hard at work, covering the plates with colored inks and passing them to the man and girl who do the printing. I counted ten of these presses in the room, although less than half that number were in operation, as there was no particular rush for stamps at the time I visited the establishment. The paper used, as every one can see by examining the stamps, is of a peculiar texture, somewhat similar to that used for bank notes. After coming from the printing presses, the sheets of stamps are given a chance to dry, and then are sent into the next room to be gummed. This was the most interesting room of them all to me, as I was particularly anxious to see what manner of paste was used in gumming the sheets. I knew that gum arabic or simple mucilage cracks paper badly (see the last issue of Austria which, to my mind, takes the cake for miserable gumming), and so I walked into the next room and up to a large smooth table, where stood a pair of pasters with large calsomining brushes in their hands slapping on the gum with rapidity, care, and precision. I examined the brushes, and found them to be of the finest quality of camel's hair, as fine and as soft as silk. Next I examined the paste-pot, and was not long in discovering the odor of potatoes. Ah! there was the secret of such excellent paste, it was all due to the potatoes. One of the workmen informed me that the paste was a composition made of the powder of dried potatoes, starch, and other vegetables, mixed to the right proportion with warm water. The recipe is so simple and the composition so excellent, that I have half a mind writing it out and sending it to the Austrian government with my compliments. After covering with this paste, the sheets are placed on little racks to again dry, this time being fanned by steam power for an hour or more. Taken from the racks they are placed between sheets of pasteboard and pressed in hydraulic presses capable of applying between 225 and 250 tons. The next thing to do is to pass them

over to a number of young girls armed with shears almost as large as themselves, by whom the sheets are cut in half, each sheet then containing one hundred stamps. Cutting by hand is preferred to that of machinery, as the latter method, it has been found, destroys too many stamps. In the next room are a number of squads, to whom the sheets are passed for the perforating process. This is done by machinery, singly too, and with great care, lest some of the profiles should have their beauty spoiled by being cut full of holes. After being perforated, the job is finished and each sheet undergoes a careful scrutiny. If a single stamp is torn or mutilated, the whole sheet is condemned, then cancelled by cutting, and afterwards burned. If they pass the final test, the sheets are pressed once more, then packed and labeled, and stowed away in another room to await orders. I asked our guide how many stamps were destroyed by reason of some fault in their manufacture. He answered between 700 and 800 sheets a week, which would make between 70,000 and 80,000 individual stamps destroyed four times each month. I forgot to say there is a small room off to one-side where the final counting is done. During their manufacture the sheets are counted no less than eleven different times by girls, whose expertness in the business is only equalled by the lady counters in the Treasury Department at Washington; some of whom count more money in a single minute of time than most of us can hope to possess or even in a lifetime. So great is their accuracy and such care do these young ladies take in counting them, that not a single sheet of stamps has been lost during the past twenty-five years. We saw many other wonderful things in the building which would not be interesting to narrate. On one shelf I saw a plate with the profile of Don Pedro engraved thereon, which led me to believe that possibly the stamps of Brazil were manufactured in the very room. Having inspected everything worth seeing, the superintendent politely but expeditiously conducted us back to the iron-grated door, opened the same and showed us out, and turned the key on us. We stepped aboard the elevator once more and sped downward I thought with a speed more alarming than when we ascended, arriving at the bottom with just about as much breath as when we went up. An open doorway led us to the street, and we mingled with the crowd on busy Broadway, much pleased with our visit to the wonderful stamp factory above our heads.

LIST OF CANADA REVENUE STAMPS.

Canada used revenue stamps first in 1864, when bill and tobacco stamps were issued by the Dominion government. In 1876, when the Supreme Court was established, the general government assumed the supervision of gas administration and of the correctness of weights and measures, and issued Supreme Court, Weights and Measures and Gas Inspection stamps.

Besides these stamps of the Dominion government, the Quebec Provincial government issued two series of law and law registration stamps, and one series of assurance stamps; the Ontario government issued two series of law stamps, and the Manitoba government a series of law stamps.

We give this month a complete descriptive list which we are convinced will supply a long desired want.

BILL STAMPS.

Used exclusively for notes and drafts. 1864. First issue, profile of Victoria to left. Small rectangular, blue—1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c. Larger rect., blue—$1, $2, $3.

1865. Second issue, profile of Victoria to left. Small rect., scarlet—1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c; blue, 10c, 20c, 30c; scarlet, 30c; blue, 40, 50c. Red centre, larger rect., $1, green; green centre, $1, red; purple centre, $2, red; indigo centre, $3, red.

1869. Third issue, Queen to left in widow's cap. Small rect., brown, 1c, 2c; small rect. also vermilion, 2c orange, 3c green, 4c brown, 5c orange, 6c green, 7c orange, 8c brown, 9c green; 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, blue. Large rect., black centre, $1 blue, $2 orange, $3 green.

1869. Same design, surcharged N. S. for Nova Scotia. Small rect., 1c brown, 2c orange, 3c green, 4c brown, 5c orange, 6c green, 7c orange, 8c brown, 9c green; 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, blue. Larger rect., black centre, $1 blue, $2 orange, $3 green.

LAW STAMPS.

1864. First issue, large rect., figure of Justice, surcharged L. C. (Lower Canada) in red. Green—10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c. Black centre, green—$1, $2, $3, $4, $5.

1864. Same design, C. F. (Consolidated Fund) in blue. Green—5c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c. Black centre, green—$1, $2, $3, $4, $5.

1864. Same design, L. S. (Law Society) in red. Green—20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c. Black centre, green—$1, $2, $3, $4, $5 (never used).

1864. Same design, F. F. (Fee Fund) in yellow. Green—10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c. Black centre, green—$1, $2, $3, $4, $5 (never used).

The last three sets (C. F., L. S. and F. F.) have been reprinted and the plates destroyed.

1864. Second issue, smaller rect., "Quebec." Red—10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c. Blue—$1, $2, $3, $4, $5.

1870. Second issue, same size, "Ontario." Red—5c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c, $1, $2, $3, $4.

1877. Third issue, same design, "Ontario." To prevent confusion of values, a set has been adopted in the following colors: 5, 40, 70 cents, $1, red; 10, 30, 90 cents, $2, green; 20, 50 cents, $3, chocolate; 60, 80 cents, $4, blue, which will come into use as soon as the present stock is exhausted.

1877. Size of preceding, Justice in centre, "Manitoba." Surcharged C. F. in blue. Green—10c, 20c, 25c, 50c, $1, $2.

1877. Same design, surcharged L. S. in black. Green—10c, 20c, 25c, 50c, $1, $2.

REGISTRATION STAMPS.

1864. Square, value in centre, "Lower Canada." These stamps are used for law documents only. Red—5c, 15c, 30c.

1876. Rect. Beaver in centre, "Quebec." Green—5c, 15c, 30c.

SUPREME COURT STAMPS.

1876. Crowned head of Victoria to left, very large rect. Each stamp is registered by printed number. Blue—10c, 20c, 25c, 50c, $1, $5.

ASSURANCE STAMPS.

1876. Large rect., "License Stamp," "Quebec" in centre. Used on fire, marine and life insurance policies. Green—1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c; lilac—$1, $2, $3, $4, $5.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES STAMPS.

1876. Long rect., nationality omitted. Crown at top, value below, centre for inspector's initials and date. Registered by printed number. Black—5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 30c, 50c, $1, $1.50, $2.

GAS STAMPS.

1876. Similar design, "Gas Inspection." Blue—25c, 50c, $1, $1.50, $2, $3, $4.

It is contemplated to introduce the word "Canada" on the Gas and W. and M. stamps, either by surcharging them or making new plates.

TOBACCO STAMPS.

Duty on tobacco in Canada was first imposed in 1864, under Act of 27th and 28th Victoria, chapter 3. To designate the tobacco on hand at that time, which was exempt from tax, a provisional stamp was used, diamond-shaped, and printed in green, with D in angles for dutiable and M for manufactured tobacco. The first labels used to indicate the payment of tax on tobacco were similar to the above printed in black or red for Excise, or duty on home manufactured, and blue for Customs, or duty on imported tobacco; the colors of the stamps being a distinctive feature denoting the use to which they are applied.

The stamps in black are used on tobacco sold direct from the factory. When the manufacturer makes up a large stock for which there is no ready market, and does not wish to pay the duty long in advance of its sale, he is required to send it to the government warehouse, where it is stored at trifling cost, and may be removed whenever a market is found by paying the duty, the stamps for which are red. Following the above, which we call the garter series, came small lozenges, and ribbons with lozenges printed in centre, which appear to have been used contemporaneously with the garter series for several years.

These comprise the early issues of the Canada tobacco stamps, which are now very difficult to obtain in anything like fair condition, especially the ribbon stamps, as they were made of very thin paper, and glued on in a way evidently not intended to accommodate stamp collectors, and require patient soaking with warm water to get them off entire. The Canadians themselves seem to have entirely neglected until the past year, these interesting mementos of their own country, but through the enthusiastic efforts of a gentleman of this city, who has ransacked the Dominion to obtain a collection of them, we are able for the first time to give a description of these rarities, which, we are satisfied, is very nearly complete.

These early issues were followed by the more elaborately engraved stamps in present use, consisting of a set of diamond-shaped stamps with the Queen's profile at the top; a set of ribbons with the Queen's head over a central medallion; six oblong stamps with figures of weight at sides for packages up to 15 lbs. weight; rectangular stamps marked "caddy" for packages of from 15 to 60 lbs., and "boxes" for over 60 lbs., and a small "customs" stamp for parcels of imported tobacco.

Throughout the various series all stamps are found in red and black for Excise, and in blue for Customs, except that several of the styles used for Excise are not used for Customs, such as the "pounds" series, and the "caddy" and "boxes" stamps. In two or more instances an error has been produced by the engraver inserting "Excise" in a "Customs" stamp.

PROVISIONAL GARTER SERIES.

Excise: (Pattern No. 1) June 1st, 1864. Diamond-shaped, 4 inches square, crown above and beaver in small oval below encircling garter inscribed—"Tobacco – 27 & 27 Vic. cap. 3 – Excise, Canada;" within the garter "Stock on hand prior to August 1st, 1864, Inland Rev. of ... Date when stamped ... Description ... Gross weight lbs. Nett do. lbs... Coll. I. R." D in angles, green, water-lined bluish paper; D in angles, green, plain white paper; M in angles, green, plain white paper.

(No. 2) June 1st, 1864, the same, but instead of "Gross weight lbs."; "Cigars value per M." D in angles, green, water-lined bluish paper; D in angles, green, plain white paper; M in angles, green, plain white paper.

(No. 3) Jan. 7, 1868, like (No. 1), but instead of "August 1st, 1864;" "Dec. 12th, 1867," used in N. B.; N. S. and P. E. I. on their confederation with Canada. M in angles, green, thin watermarked paper.

(No. 4) the same, but instead of "Gross weight lbs. Nett do lbs."; "Cigars, value per M." M in angles, green, thin watermarked paper.

GARTER SERIES, DIAMOND-SHAPED.

Customs: (No. 5) 1865, same pattern as (No. 1), garter inscription "Tobacco –27 & 28 Vict. cap. 3–Customs, Canada;" within "Port of... Entry No. 18. Description.. Gross weight lbs... Nett do. lbs.. Coll. Cust." Blue on water-lined bluish paper, blue on salmon tinted paper, blue on plain white paper.

(No. 6) 1864, Error: the same, but "excise" instead of "customs," and "Coll. I. R." instead of "Coll. Cust." used as a customs stamp. Blue on water lined bluish paper.

(No. 7) *1865*, same as (No. 5), but within the garter, "Port of.. Entry No. *18*.. Cigars, value per M... Coll. Cust." Blue on water lined bluish paper, blue on rose tinted paper.

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EARLY FORGERIES.

Many collectors fondily imagine, especially those who have collected for many years, that certain specimens which they happen to possess must be genuine, because they obtained them before counterfeits were thought of. Now, a hand-book, published in 1863, probably the first in America, gives a description of stamps issued for Iceland and Paraguay. As the first genuine emission of these states came out several years later, does it not prove the existence of forgeries in the first days of philately?—*Ex.*

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It is with great reluctance that I have given up the publication of the *Canadian Philatelist* as a separate journal, but I am compelled to do so by the increased demand upon my time by my regular occupation. My paper has succeeded beyond my anticipation, and, I think I may say, has been received very favorably by stamp and coin collectors in this and other lands. I have thoroughly engaged the editing and publishing of the paper, and shall always look back with pleasure to my experience in this direction.

Besides, being as source of amusement, it has been fairly remunerative, and I must thank my many stamp dealing and collecting friends for the able support which I have received from them. If any of the publishers of stamp papers see fit to continue my name on their mailing lists, I shall be heartily obliged to them as I shall always retain my interest in philately.

Hoping that the new journal under the new management may have your hearty support.

I am, yours fraternally,

L. F. BARKER.

NOTES.

We want agents in every city and town in the world to get subscribers for this paper.

The Toronto Philatelic Society has postponed their regular meetings during the summer months.

Mr. W. G. Whilden, Jr., of Pelzer, S. C., is our authorized agent to receive both subscriptions and advertisements.

The author of "Silver Threads among the Gold" has been appointed a postmaster in Wisconsin with a salary of $242 per year.

We have come across some counterfeit triangular Cape of Good Hope. They are printed on very poor paper, and the impression is taken from a wood cut, very badly executed. Collectors, look out for them.

We have received the following papers up to date, publishers accept our thanks: Philatelic Monthly, Museum, Capital City Philatelist, Youth's Gazette, Collectors' Companion, Silent Nation, Stamp World.

The 30 sol. silver piece, issued in 1670 for the French-Canadian colonies, was sold for $300, in fine condition. Obverse, bust of Louis XIV., LVD. XIIII. D. G. FR. ET. NAV. REX. Reverse, crowned shield, GLORIAM REGNI TVI DICENT; size 18, milled edge. This same piece, the property of a gentleman, giving up collecting, was offered at auction, May 22, 1885, by Messrs. George A. Leavitt & Co., 787 Broadway, New York, U. S.

For some years past the Indian postoffice has successfully worked what is known as the "Value Payable Post;" that is, it not only carries parcels from tradesmen to their country customers but also undertakes to collect the prices. It has often been proposed to extend the system to the conveyance of parcels between England and India. It is now said that the project will be sanctioned shortly, as the English postal authorities are cordially in favor of it.

The paper lately issued by Mr. Batchelder, *Our American Youth*, has suspended.

We send you a copy of this paper as an inducement to subscribe if you have not already done so.

More than 60,000 stamps are found every year loose in the letter-boxes of the United Kingdom.

Since 1871 Japan has organized mail routes over 36,000 miles, and has established 3,927 postoffices and 7,439 letter-boxes. Seven thousand five hundred persons are employed in the regular service.

NEW ISSUES

That have appeared, or are about to appear:

Bahamas.—The color of the 1 shilling has been changed to violet, and a new value issued, viz., ½d. green.

Ceylon.—The 8 cent stamp has been printed in lilac, and surcharged "Revenue and Postage, 5 cents"; and the following also, "10 cents" on 16 cents; "28 cents" on 32 cents.

Hong Kong.—The following surcharges are announced: 20 cents on 30 cents, violet; 50 cents on 48 cents, brown; 100 cents on 96 cents, slate.

India.—The 4 annas with "India Postage" has been issued.

Macao.—These stamps are now in use in this principality. They bear the head of the prince: 5 centimes, blue; 15 centimes, rose; 25 centimes, green.

Mauritius.—Another provincial has been made by surcharging the 38 cents "cents" in black. Three new stamps have also been lately issued: 2c. green, 4c. rose, 16c. brown.

Senegal.—This French colony is said to be using stamps of the French Colonies surcharged with the name "SENEGAL."

Victoria.—The 2 shilling stamp has been surcharged "Stamp Duty."

NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

NOVA SCOTIA.

BY J. HOOPER.

(Continued from the Canadian Philatelist.)

9. Obverse, small bust of Geo. III., laureated to right, half-penny token, 1814. Reverse, government house, pay-

able by Hosterman & Etter, Halifax, size 18, plain edge, 2 varieties.

10. Obverse, large bust of Geo. III., laureated to right, half-penny token, 1815. Reverse, same as No. 9, size 17, plain edge.

11. Obverse, same as No. 10. Reverse, ship in full sail, success to navigation and trade in circle, size 17, plain edge.

12. Obverse, small bust of Geo. III. to right, laureated and draped, half-penny token, 1815. Reverse, ship in full sail to right, "payable by John Alex'r Barry, Halifax," in circle; size 16, plain edge, 4 different varieties.

13. Obverse, small bust of Geo. III. to right, laureated and draped, "Half-penny token, 1815," in circle. Reverse, ship in full sail to right, another ve sel in distance to left, "Halifax," size 16, milled edge.

14. Obverse, same as No. 13. Reverse, Britannia seated, "Genuine British Copper" in circle, size 16, plain edge.

15. Obverse, within a circle, a cask, marked spikes, nails, &c.; outside of circle "Half-penny token, 1815." Reverse, outer circle "Importers of Ironmongery, Hardware, &c."; inside of circle in 6 straight lines: payable—by—Miles W.—White—Halifax—N. S.; size 18, plain edge.

16. Obverse, large bust of Geo. III. to right, laureated and draped, "Half-penny token, 1814." Reverse, a frigate under sail to right, "payable by Garritt & Alport, Halifax," on circle; size 19, milled edge.

17. Obverse, same as 16. Reverse, a frigate under sail, "For the Convenience of Trade" on circle.

(To be continued.)

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A FOOLISH FRAUD.

"You would be surprised," said a post-office official recently, "if you could know how frequently stamps are used a second or even a third time. And what is the most surprising thing about it is, there is no profit for the person using a stamp the second time, as it requires more than 2 cents worth of application and ingenuity to cleanse a stamp; but the loss to the Government is very considerable. I would be content to receive a sum equivalent to that stolen from the department every year in this way for my salary. Post-office clerks by long practice become very familiar with the appearance of good and bad stamps.

They acquire perhaps the same degree of ability in the detection of the irregularities as do clerks who handle money, but in large offices there are so many letters and the work of cancelling is of necessity so rapid that few chances are offered for detection. It is only when letters are deposited in offices where the mail receipts are small that there is any considerable danger of detection in using stamps a second time. But the use cannot be profitable; packages or heavy-weight letters having sufficiently large postage stamps on them to justify their cleansing for a second use are subject to a somewhat rigid inspection and fraud can be detected. As I said, however, the use of smaller stamps a second time is large enough to make quite a hole in the department funds."

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*Suez Canal, 12 sets of 4	1 28	7 50
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130 "					
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132 Victoria, obsolete	9		6		5½
133 " 1884	4		3		3
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243	200	9	6	26 6
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246	6		3	8
247	12		8	1 9
248	20	1	6	4
249	30	2	9	7 6
250	50	5	6	15
251	100	15		42 6

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252	6		3	8
253	12		6	1 3
254	20	1	3	3 6
255	30	2	3	6
256	50	4	6	12 0
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" " 1-2 anna, black	1 3	9 6	
British Honduras, 1884, 1d, rose	1 4	10 6	100 0
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" " 1d, rose	1 4	10 6	
" " 2d, grey	2 8		
Mexico, 1884, 1c, green	1 0	7 0	
" " 2c, "	1 9	14 0	
Montserrat, 1884, 1-2d, green	0 10	6 0	
Nevis, 1883, 1-2d, green	1 0	6 6	
" 1884, 1d, rose	1 6	11 6	
" " 2 1-2d, blue	3 9		
" " 4d, grey	5 6		
North Borneo, 2c, brown	2 0	15 0	
Paraguay, 1884, 1c, green	1 0	7 6	72 6
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" 1885, 2c, rose	2 0	15 0	
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" 1884, 1-2d, green	1 0	7 6	
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" 3d, yellow	5 6		
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WHY SOME STAMPS WERE ISSUED.

BY F. H. BEST.

Most stamp collectors seem to have no knowledge of the reason for certain stamps having been issued, which should be one of the special studies of collecting. Of course every stamp was issued for a purpose, but some varieties may call for special mention. Canada has produced several oddities of this kind, notable among which are the 2 cents, issued in 1863, also the same denomination of New Brunswick, 1863, and Nova Scotia, 1863; all of which were struck off to pre-pay soldiers' letters to Great Britain (who had been sent to Canada in 1862 on the occasion of the Slidell-Mason affair). Another Canadian stamp was the twelve pence, black, which, as most collectors know in almost unique in rarity, was struck off to do duty for postage to India, is said by some officials in government circles to have been issued in error, as the postage at that time was only ten pence.

The seventeen-cent Canadian, 1860, was struck off for postage to India also. The 12½-cent of the same year was issued expressly for letters to Great Britain. The stamps of Prince Edward Island, for their odd denominations, might cause collectors to imagine that they were issued for some special service, but we have never heard of such.

The 8½-cent Nova Scotia was issued for letters to Newfoundland.

The 13-cent Newfoundland was issued for letters to Great Britain. These are the principal varieties issued in Canada for postage out of the usual run.

The United States have issued a few denominations for special service; the 24 and 90 cent of various issues are an odd figure; the 7 cent of 1872 was a value placed on postage to Germany for letters. The official stamps were issued for the use of the various departments they represented, and could not be used by any outside parties, which is the cause of the great rarity of some of the department denominations, such as Executive and high values of State, they being very seldom found in an obliterated condition, unless so marked by swindling dealers.

The Executive stamps were used solely by the President and Vice-President of the United States; therefore, philatelists having used specimens have not only a philatelic treasure, but have also a historical relic.

The Australian Colonies have issued very few stamps for any special duty, and with the exception of a very few European, very few exist outside of America.

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NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

NOVA SCOTIA.—*Continued.*

BY J. HOOPER.

18. Observe, around circle, payable at W. L. White's Halifax House, Halifax; inside circle in two straight lines, "one farthing." Reverse, around circle, W. L. White's Halifax House, Halifax; in 3 broken lines, "cheap dry goods store;" brass, size 14, plain edge, rare.

19. Obv. military bust to left, around circle, "Broke, Halifax, Nova Scotia." Rev. Britannia seated distance to left, two ships, around circle, Britannia, 1814; copper, size 16, milled edge, 3 varieties.

20. Obv. Indian with bow and arrow, dog by his side; around circle, Starr & Shannon, Halifax, 1815. Rev. ship under sail to right; around circle, half-penny token, Nova Scotia; copper, size 17, plain edge, 4 different varieties.

21. Obv. same as 20; around circle, "commercial change." Rev. same as 20, copper, size 17, plain edge.

22. Obv. cask marked "nails and spikes," between a scythe—blade and sickle; above, two spades crossed; around circle, "payable at W. A. & S. Black's, Halifax, N. S." Rev. front of house, around circle "wholesale and retail hardware store, 1816;" copper, size 16, plain edge.

23. Obv. same as 22, around circle "Halifax, Nova Scotia." Rev. same as 22, copper, aize 16, plain edge.

24. Obv. four leaved thistle, around circle "Nemo me Impune Lacessit." Rev. ship, around circle "payable at the store of J. Brown;" copper, no date, size 16, plain edge.

25. Obv. ship, full sail to right; around circle "Nova Scotia and New Brunswick success." Rev. female seated on bale of goods, in her right hand a pair of scales; in her left, a Cornucopia vessel in distance; around circle "Half-penny token;" bronze, size 16, milled edge, rare.

26. Obv. around circle "Robert Purves Wallace;" in centre, three straight lines, "cheap family store." Rev. in three straight lines, "encourage country importers;" copper, no date, size 16, plain edge.

Obv. in two elliptic lines, "Ferry token." Rev. steamship, around circle "Halifax Steamboat Company;" eight leaved patra at bottom; brass, no date, size 12, rare.

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Bhopal, 1884, ½ anna, blue-green	0 9	5 0	
" " 1-2 anna, black	1 3	9 6	
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German Levant, 1884, 10 paras	1 0	7 0	70 0
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Macao, 1884, 5 reis, black	1 0	7 6	
" " 10 " yellow	2 0	14 0	
" " 20 " bistre	3 0		
" " 25 " rose	4 0		
" " 80 " grey	10 0		
" 5 reis on 25 reis, provisional	2 6	20 0	
" 10 " 25 " "	5 0		
" 20 " 50 " "	10 0		
" 80 " 100 " "	25 0		
Malta, 1885, 1-2d, green	0 9	5 6	54 6
" " 1d, rose	1 4	10 6	
" " 2d, grey	2 8		
Mexico, 1884, 1c, green	1 0	7 0	
" " 2c, "	1 9	14 0	
Montserrat, 1884, 1-2d, green	0 10	6 0	
Nevis, 1883, 1-2d, green	1 0	6 6	
" 1884, 1d, rose	1 6	11 6	
" " 2½-2d, blue	3 9		
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Paraguay, 1884, 1c, green	1 0	7 6	72 6
" " 2c, red	2 0	15 0	
Perak, 1885, 2c, rose	3 6		
Philippine Islands, 5 cuartos, 1863-80	0		
Portugal, 1884, 2 reis, black	0 3	1 8	15 6
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Roumelia, 1884, 5 paras, violet	0 9	5 0	
" " 10 " green	1 3	9 6	
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" 1883, 2c, rose	2 6	20 0	
" 1884, 2c, rose	2 0	15 0	
" 1885, 2c, rose	2 0	15 0	
Siam, 1883, 1-2 att, blue	0 10	6 6	
" " 1 " carmine	1 0	7 0	
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South Australia, 1-2d, provisional	1 0	7 0	
" 1883, 1-2d, brown.	0 10	6 6	
St. Helena, 1884, 1-2d, green	0 10	6 0	59 0
St. Vincent, 1-2d, orange	2 0	14 6	
" 2 1-2d, surcharged	4 6		
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5 "	50...6	0...5	8
6 Antigua	4...0	7...0	6
7 " 1-2d to 6d	6...0	10...0	9
8 Angola	6...1	4...1	3
9 Argentine, several issues	8...1	0...0	11
10 Austria	10...0	5...0	4
11 Austrian Italy, 1850-61	6...0	5...0	4
12 *a* Baden, 1862, 1, 3, 6, 7, 9	5...0	8...0	8
13 *a* " landpost, complete	3...0	3...0	2½
14 Bavaria	8...0	4...0	3
15			
16 *a* " 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 18kr	7...0	9...0	8
17 *a* Bergedorf, 1-2, 1, 1 1-2, 3, 4	5...0	4...0	3½
18 Belgian, 1863-78	8...0	3...0	2½
19 *a* " 1c, 1c	2...0	2...0	1½
20 Bermuda, 1-2, 1, 2, 3, 6d	5...0	9...0	8
21 Bosnia	4...0	6...0	5½
22 Bulgaria	6...0	9...0	8
23 "	10...1	6...1	4
24 Brazil, 10 to 1000 rs	16...1	6...1	4
25 " 1866, 10 to 500 rs	10...0	10...0	9
26 *a* " 1884, 10, 10, 20, 20	4...0	6...0	5½
27 " 1884, 100 rs, 5 varieties	5...0	9...0	8
28 British Guiana	6...0	9...0	8
29 Canada, 1868, 1 to 10c	6...0	3...0	2½
30 " bill stamps	10...1	2...1	1
31 Cape of Good, 1-2d to 1s, including triangular	8...1	0...1	0
32 Ceylon, 1872	7...0	10...0	9
33 China, 1, 3, 5c, complete	3...0	9...0	8
34 Chili, 1 to 20c	9...1	0...0	11
35 *a* Constantinople, 5, 20, 40p. complete	3...0	4...0	4
36 Cuba	4...0	3...0	2½
37 " mostly obsolete	12...0	11...0	10
38 Costa Rica, new issue	4...0	11...0	10
39 Colonial	12...0	5...0	4½
40 "	25...0	8...0	7
41 "	50...1	3...1	2
42 "	100...2	9...2	6
43 "	150...6	6...6	3
44 "	200...10	6...10	4
45 *a* Danube Steam Navigation Co.	4...0	8...0	7
46 Denmark, 1864, 2, 3, 4, 8, 16 sk.	5...0	3...0	3
47 " 1875	8...0	3...0	2½
48 *a* Dominican Republic	2...0	5...0	4½
49 Dutch Indies, 1t to 50c	8...0	6...0	5½
50 Egypt, two issues	10...1	0...0	11
51 Finland, two issues	7...0	4...0	4
52 France, Empire, 1 to 80c	6...0	5...0	5
53 " Republic, 1c to 1f	14...0	7...0	6
54 *a* " 1, 2, 3c	3...0	2...0	1½
55 " Colonies, 2 issues	5...0	7...0	6
56 German Empire	11...0	7...0	6
57 Greece	9...0	4...0	3½
58 Gold Coast, 1-2 to 6d	5...0	8...0	7½
59 *a* " 1884, 1-2, 1-2d	2...0	3...0	2½
60 *a* Guatemala, 1871-75	7...1	8...1	6
61 *a* Hamburg	5...0	4...0	3½
62 *a* " envelopes	7...0	8...0	7½
63 *a* " locals	110...1	0...0	10
64 *a* Hayti	5...1	3...1	2
65 Heligoland, 1867	8...0	9...0	8
66 *a* " two issues	18...1	6...1	5
67 Hong Kong, includ. new issue.	10...0	9...0	8
68 Holland, 1-2c to 25c	11...0	3...0	2½
69 Hungary, including envelopes.	8...0	3...0	2½
70 " telegraph, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50	5...0	4...0	3½
71 India	10...0	3...0	2½
72 " OHMS, 1-2, 1 anna	2...0	1½...0	1
73 Italy	12...0	3...0	2½
74 " 2c surcharged on officials, complete	8...	7...	6½
75 Jamaica, 1-2, 1, 2, 4d	4...	2...	1½
76 " 1-2 to 1s	8...	4...	3½
77 Japan	5...	3...	2½
78 "	7...	9...	8
79 Lombardy, obsolete	5...	4...	3½
80 Luxemburg	5...	3...	2½
81 Mexico	5...	10...	9
82 Natal	4...	6...	5
83 Newfoundland, 3c, 3 issues	3...	4...	3½
84 "	5...	7...	6
85 New South Wales	5...	2...	2
86 " O. S. surcharged	2...	4...	3½
87 New Zealand, 1-2d to 1s	7...	6...	5
88 Orange Free States	4...	7...	6½
89 Peru	8...	7...	5½
90 Prussia, obsolete	7...	5...	4½
91 Porto Rico	5...	7...	6½
92 Portugal	5...	2...	1½
93 "	12...	11...	10
94 Queensland	6...	4...	3
95 "	10...	9...	8
96 Roumania	7...	3...	3
97 "	14...	8...	7
98 Russia, including new issue	7...	...4	3½
99 Spain, old issue, including pes	12...	3...	2½
100 " " "	20...	9...	8½
101 " " "	36...1	6...1	4
102 " 1 pes, 1873-78	5...	7...	6½
103 Sardinia, used	5...	6...	5½
104 " unused	9...	3...	3
105 " "	12...	4...	4
106 " "	14...	5...	5
107 *a* Saxony, arms	5...	4...	3
108 Sierre Leone, 1-2 to 6d	5...	9...	8
109 South Australia	5...	4...	3½
110 Straits Settlements	6...	8...	7
111 Sweden, 1872, 1 or. to 1 k.	8...	4...	3½
112 " 1874, official	7...	7...	6½
113 Switzerland	10...	3...	2½
114 Transvaal	5...	10...	9
115 Trinidad	5...	7...	6½
117 Thurn & Taxis, obsolete	7...	10...	9
118 Turkey	6...	3...	2½
119 *a* "	7...	8...	7½
120 Servia, obsolete	7...	7...	6½
121 " new issue	4...	6...	5½
122 St. Christopher	4...	6...	5½
123 St. Thomas	5...	6...	5½
124 St. Vincent	4...	6...	5½
125 St. Salvador, old issue	3...	11...	10
126 " present issue	4...	7...	6
127 United States, 1c to 90c	8...	5...	4½
128 " Treasury	8...	9...	8
129 " War	6...	9...	8
130 "	...	...	
131 Venezuela	7...1	...	11
132 Victoria, obsolete	9...	6...	5½
133 " 1884	4...	3...	3
134 Western Australia	4...	4...	3½
135 " 1d to 1s	6...	9...	8½
136 Wurtemburg, var. issues	10...	4...	3½
137 *a* " service	7...	9...	8½

No European, all different.

No.	1 packet s. d.	3 pkts s. d.
237	6.....	1..... 2
238	12.....	2..... 5
239	20.....	4..... 11
240	30.....	6.....1 5
241	50.....1	.....2 10
242	100.....2	6.....7
243	200.....9	6.....26 6
244	300.....26	75
245	400.....50	... 145

West Indian, all different, including unused.

246	6.....	3..... 8
247	12.....	8.....1 9
248	20.....1	6.....4
249	30.....2	9.....7 6
250	50.....5	6.....15
251	100.....15	.....42 6

South American, all different, including issues.

252	6.....	3..... 8
253	12.....	6.....1 3
254	20.....1	3.....3 6
255	30.....2	3.....6
256	50.....4	6.....12 0
257	100.....13	36

Collection of used and unused, all different.

304	100.....	9.....2
305	150.....1	6.....4
306	200.....2	3.....6
307	300.....4	6.....12
308	500.....7	6.....20
309	750.....15	.....42 6
310	1000.....37	6.....140s.
311	1500.....57	6.....165s.
312	2000.....140s.	.....400s.
313	3000.....£25	
314	4000.....£60	
315	5000.....£150	

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Why Some Stamps were Issued.

A reply to Mr. Best's article in the September issue of this journal

BY THEODORE SIDDALL.

Mr. Best's article on "Why some Stamps were Issued" covers the ground as far as Canadian and other British American possessions are concerned, but he gets out of his depth on the subject of United States stamps, whereas, he says, the 24c. stamp is an odd figure. So it is, but at the time the stamp was first issued, about 1856, the postage to Great Britain was 24 cents. The 30c. and 90c. values *are* odd values, and are now kept up, no doubt, because people are used to them; the reasons for their adoption are not now generally known. The carriers' stamps, which, by-the-way, are quite rare, were issued only in Philadelphia and Cincinnati, and were affixed to letters which were to be delivered by carriers, the carrier receiving one cent, the value of the stamp, for each letter so delivered. The stamps were not used on letters that were sent to other points, and may justly be called locals.

With the adoption of the free delivery system, in 1863, the carriers' stamps were abolished, and the rate on drop letters was fixed at 2 cents, which made it necessary to issue a two-cent stamp. In 1866, shortly after the death of President Lincoln, the ocean postage was reduced to 15 cents, and accordingly a new stamp was prepared, which bears a splendid likeness of President Lincoln.

In 1869, the first six-cent stamp was issued for double-rate letters, and the 12c. stamp (12 cents then being the letter-rate to Europe) bears an ocean steamship. The 3c. stamp, for inland postage, has a representation of a train of cars. The engine is of a pattern, which would be regarded as decidedly antique, if it should make an appearance on any railroad near Philadelphia now, such has been the progress of the railroad since 1869.

In or about 1870, ocean postage was again reduced this time to six cents, and, fancy designs not being popular, portraits were again used, that of Lincoln again gracing the stamp for foreign postage. To Germany and one or two other places, postage was 7 cents; England and others, 6 cents, while postage to other countries was fixed at various amounts, from 7 to 25 cents per half ounce. Postage being still further reduced to 5c., in 1875, a five-cent stamp was then issued. Our special delivery stamps are the first of the kind in the world, and should have been issued ten years ago.

In envelope stamps no values are used except the 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10 cent. I doubt if as many as two thousand a year of 30c. and 90c. envelopes are used in the United States. The many odd values, sizes, dies, colors, watermarks and papers make a study in themselves.

During Grant's administration, when raids on the treasury, land grabs and other jobbery was going on, there was a scheme started to take the printing from the government office, and give it to the New York com-companies, and in order to give them a good thing, about 90 kinds of official stamps were concocted. There was a separate plate of 200 stamps engraved for each value and kind, at a cost to the government of $5,000, and the bank note companies got besides, about 90 cents a 1000 for printing of the stamps. The high values of State Department were used to prepay books to foreign countries; these being always sent sealed, cost a great deal in postage. The stamps did not cost the departments anything; when they ran out, they would make a requisition on the postmaster for more, but they had to account for every stamp, so it will be seen why unused specimens could not be gotten at postoffices. The stamps were merely checks upon the employes of the government, to prevent them from using the mails under cover of official business. I have seen box-lids upon which were pasted as many as forty 90c. Treasury Department stamps. They were used on large packing-cases of revenue stamps which were sent to the Philadelphia office. The boxes measured 3 feet each way, and weighed when full one or two hundred pounds, postage upon which was paid at the rate of one cent an ounce. The boxes would be taken to the Washington office of Adams' Express, and a treasury official, armed with a few sheets of stamps and a bucket of paste, stood by while the box was being weighed, and then affixed stamps to the box, which was then forwarded by express, not having been in the post-office at all. The department would then pay the regular express rates on the box! Official stamps were abolished by an Act of Congress of June, 1884.

A set of Turkish paper money is among the most valuable possessions of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia. The particular value of this set arises from the fact that no bank notes are now used in Turkey, the many forgeries compelling the government to stop their circulation.

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Henry Coward.—We have not yet received payment for our two "ads.," the amount is $1.50.

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Edwin Healey & Co.—You promised to pay for "ads." on receipt of marked copies. Let us hear from you.

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We have received the following papers up to date, publishers please accept our thanks:—Philatelic Tribune, Philatelic Star, Exchange, Stamp World, Collector, Yankee Philatelist, Tidings from Nature, California Collector, Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, Southern Geologist, Youth's Advocate, Briefmarken-Zeitung, Stamp Collectors' Journal, Pine and Palmetto, Collector's Companion, Philatelic Journal of America, Philatelic Monthly, Philatelic World, The Orient, L'Union Timbrophiles, Stamp Dealers' Journal, Long Island Collector.

*** Publishers will confer a favor on us by sending two copies of their paper, and we shall be happy to do the same in return.

W. E. Skinner & Co., Lynn, Mass.—We warn publishers and others to have no dealings with this party, as they are frauds of the blackest type. In February last they wrote, stating that they would like to advertise with us, and would pay for same on receipt of copy containing their "ad.," we inserted their "ad." and copies were duly mailed, and although we wrote them several times in reference to the matter, they refused to reply. In September we wrote them a postal, stating that we would expose them unless they settled their account at once. Instead of settling their account, they wrote us as follows:

Oct. 1, 1885.

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NOTES.

The postage stamp has been known ever since 1840. The postage stamp is evidently determined to stick.

When a Massachusetts postmaster gets a letter addressed to somebody, "K pan," he at once chucks it into the mail bag for Cape Ann.

The £2 gold coin of the reign of George IV. is not rare, and may be obtained from almost any respectable jeweler. Its price varies from £3 10s. to £4, according to the state of preservation.

Last year there were 26,000 letters posted in England without any address upon them. In 1,600 of these, coins and money were enclosed.

The Berlin street letter-boxes have one feature worthy of imitation, namely: a list of the hours of collection, with a dial which shows the next hour of collection.

It is rumored that Postmaster-General Vilas is going to institute a reform in postage stamps, so that the twos can be distinguished from the ones even in the darkest night. The mucilage on the twos will be flavored with vanilla and that on the ones with lemon.

At the sale in London of English gold coins, belonging to the late Rev. Edward J. Shepherd, a gold penny of Henry III. realized $1,025; Henry VIII., half George noble, unique and unpublished, $1,275 (this coin was bought in Paris many years ago for 3s. 6d.); Mary, rial, 1553, Queen standing in ship, $400; George III., five-guinea piece, pattern by Tanner, $220; another pattern, by Pistrucci, with St. George and the Dragon, $240.

NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

NOVA SCOTIA.—*Continued.*

BY J. HOOPER.

28. Obv. head of liberty, surrounded by 13 stars, 1882. Rev. around circle, "Blakely & Co., cor. of Granville and Duke sts.;" inside circle (in semi) "Great Dry," (and in 4 straight lines) "Salt goods warehouse, Halifax, N. S." Brass, size 17, rare.

MAGDALEN ISLAND.

1. Obv. seal on rock; around circle, "Magdalen Island Token," "1815." Rev. opened codfish; around circle, "Success to the Fishery," "One penny." Copper, size 21.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

1. Obv. sheaf of wheat, with sickle thrust through; around circle, "Prince Edward's Island, half penny," "1840." Rev. a plough and $\frac{3}{4}$; around circle, "Commerce and trade," 6 leaved patra. Copper, size 16, plain edge; a rarity.

2. Obv. a plough across centre; on circle, "Speed the Plough." Rev. a codfish, and around circle, "Success to the Fisheries." 3 different dies have been used, and a difference in shape of ploughs is the result. (These pieces were struck in 1840.) Coppe., size 16, plain edge.

3. Obv. around circle "Prince Edward's Island," in the centre "1855." Rev. in 5 lines, "Self Government and Free Trade." Two different dies have been used. Copper, size 16, plain edge.

4. Obv. around circle "Prince Edward Island;" in the centre, 1857. Rev. same as No. 3; there are 2 dates of this piece, 1855 and 1857, and differ from No. 3 by not having 's after Edward; 3 different varieties of each date. Copper, size 16, plain edge.

5. Obv. around circle "One Cent;" in centre, 1855. Rev. "Fisheries and Agriculture." Copper, size 16, plain edge.

6. Obv. steamship; on upper and lower half of circle, Half-penny Token. Rev. "Fisheries and Agriculture." Copper, size 16, plain edge. Broken dies have been used on some of these pieces.

(To be continued.)

CANADA REVENUE STAMPS.

(Continued from August number.)

Excise: (No. 8) 1867, same pattern, garter inscription "Tobacco—27 & 28 Vict. cap. III.—Excise, Canada," within "License No... Inland Rev. Div. of... Date when excised. Warehouse Entry No. Description. Gross weight lbs. Nett do. lbs... Coll. I. R." Black on thin watermarked paper, black on salmon tinted paper, red on plain white, red on thin watermarked paper.

(No. 9) 1865, same as (No. 8), but within the garter "License No.. Inland Rev. Div. of. Date when excised. Cigars, value per M..Coll. I. R." Black on salmon tinted paper. black on plain white paper, red on plain white paper.

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" " 1c, red	1 0	7 0	68 6
Azores, 1884, 5 reis, grey	0 9	5 6	52 6
" " 10 reis, green	1 3	10 0	
Bahamas, 1884, 1d, rose	1 4	10 6	100 0
Bangkok, 2c, rose	2 6	20 0	
" 4c, brown	4 0		
Bhopal, 1884, ½ anna, blue-green	0 9	5 0	
" " 1-2 anna, black	1 3	9 6	
British Honduras, 1884, 1d, rose	1 4	10 6	100 0
Egypt, 1884, 20 paras, provisional	2 6	17 6	
German Levant, 1884, 10 paras	1 0	7 0	70 0
" " 20 "	1 9	13 0	
Johor, 2c, large surcharge	4 6		
" 2c, small "	3 0	22 6	
Johore, 2c, rose, with final "e"	5 0		
Macao, 1884, 5 reis, black	1 0	7 6	
" " 10 " yellow	2 0	14 0	
" " 20 " bistre	3 0		
" " 25 " rose	4 0		
" " 80 " grey	10 0		
" 5 reis on 25 reis, provisional	2 6	20 0	
" 10 " 25 " "	5 0		
" 20 " 50 " "	10 0		
" 80 " 100 " "	25 0		
Malta, 1885, 1-2d, green	0 9	5 6	54 6
" " 1d, rose	1 4	10 6	
" " 2d, grey	2 8		
Mexico, 1884, 1c, green	1 0	7 0	
" " 2c, "	1 9	14 0	
Montserrat, 1884, 1-2d, green	0 10	6 0	
[illegible]			
North Borneo, 2c, brown	2 0	15 0	
Paraguay, 1884, 1c, green	1 0	7 6	72 6
" " 2c, red	2 0	15 0	
Perak, 1885, 2c, rose	3 6		
Philippine Islands, 5 cuartos, 1863	20 0		
Portugal, 1884, 2 reis, black	0 3	1 8	15 6
" " 5 " grey	0 9	5 0	
Puttialla, 1885, 1-2 anna	2 0	15 0	
" " 1 "	3 0		
" " 7/6 per set of 6.			
" " post-cards, 1-4 anna.	2 6		
" " " 1-2 "	4 6		
" " envelopes, 1-2 "	3 0		
" " " 1 "	5 0		
Roumelia, 1884, 5 paras, violet	0 9	5 0	
" " 10 " green	1 3	9 6	
Selangor, 1881, 2c, brown	3 6		
" 1883, 2c, rose	2 6	20 0	
" 1884, 2c, rose	2 0	15 0	
" 1885, 2c, rose	2 0	15 0	
Siam, 1883, 1-2 att, blue	0 10	6 6	
" " 1 " carmine	1 0	7 0	
Sierra Leone, 1884, 1-2d, green	0 10	6 0	59 0
South Australia, 1-2d, provisional	1 0	7 0	
" 1883, 1-2d, brown.	0 10	6 6	
St. Helena, 1884, 1-2d, green	0 10	6 0	59 0
St. Vincent, 1-2d, orange	2 0	14 6	
" 2 1-2d, surcharged	4 6		
" 1884, 1-2d, green	1 0	7 6	
Stellaland, 1d, red	2 0	16 0	
" 3d, yellow	5 6		
Straits Settlement, provl., 2c. on 5c.	4 0	30 0	
Sungei Ujong, 1881, 2c, "S. U."	3 0		
" 1882, 2c, brown	2 6	20 0	
" 1884, 2c, rose	2 0	15 0	
" " 4c, brown	4 0	30 0	
" 2c, rose, *italics*	5 0		
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Post Office	5	15	5	15	1	5	1	8			35	50	6	15	6	25	8	30	5	30	10	1 00
State	20	20	15	20	15	20	15	20	20	25	20	25	50	65	30	65	50	75	35	75	1 15	1 50
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WHAT BECOMES OF OLD POSTAGE STAMPS?

A Parisian paper has set itself to discover what becomes of the old postage stamps—a question which has vexed the souls of many curious persons on this side of the Atlantic. It was alleged that they were collected for the defrauding of the revenue, the post-marks being obliterated, and the stamps re used. Obviously however the small scale upon which such a fraud could be conducted would not account for the millions of used stamps which were known to be collected by the convents. It appears that the convents convert their pupils and their pupils' parents into collectors, and, when a million stamps have been amassed and sorted as to countries and values, they are sold to the dealers in foreign stamps, who pay from fourteen pounds to sixteen pounds per million for them. It is calculated that their retail sale and export to other countries leaves the dealer an average profit of eighty-four pounds per million. Philatelists will be interesting in knowing, on the authority of our contemporary, that the one-franc stamps of the Republic of 1849 are now so scarce that they command about eight pounds each.

A French colonial fourth of crown, 1670, limited at $325; only two of these pieces are known on this continent, one is in the Dominion Government collection at Ottawa. The only two others known are in the cabinets of wealthy Frenchmen, who estimate their value at 5,000 francs each, and who, under no circumstances, would part with pieces which they consider to be the very gems of their cabinets.

To the Editor of the T. P. Journal:

SIR—The October No. of your interesting paper is to hand, and I am glad to see it again under the old management. I note in your columns a letter from W. E. Skinner, of Lynn, Mass., containing some statements which are calculated to mislead, as they are utterly without foundation and made with malicious intent. This party states that he had Mr. Emory, of this city, arrested for libel. It gives me great pleasure to be able to nail this as a deliberate falsehood as I am fully acquainted with all the facts of the case. Mr. Emory, in his paper, the New England *Philatelist*, exposed Skinner as a dealer in counterfeit stamps. Not long afterward a letter arrived from Skinner in which he threatened, unless a public retraction of the charges was made, to sue Mr. Emory for $1,000 damages in the Superior Court of Massachusetts. Also some bluster about "my attorneys" was included in this amiable epistle. Far from being terrified, Mr. Emory replied backing up his statements and defying Skinner to bring the case into court. About this time I saw Skinner in Boston, and he assured me that he bore no ill-will. He backed right down and wrote Mr. Emory in a most peaceable and wanted him to exchange an advertisement with his paper. Now Skinner tells behind his back how he "shut up Emory, of Fitchburg," or how he had him arrested. Skinner is a contemptible slanderer, and his statements in this connection are black lies. One word as to the clause that Mr. Emory has left the business in disgust. The gentleman has retired from the stamp trade for the time being, as he is away at present engaged in the prosecution of his studies. Skinner is hardly likely to arrest you as he is only a boy.

W. K. JEWETT.

Fitchburg, Mass., Oct. 24.

NEW ISSUES

That have appeared, or are about to appear:

Argentine Republic.—We have seen the 2, 4 and 8 cent stamps surcharged "official."

British Honduras.—The 6 penny is now green.

French Colonies.—Will issue hereafter and receive double or reply post cards. They will be impressed on each half with a stamp of the value of 1d., 1½d., or 2d., according to their destination.

Labuan.—Has issued a provisional stamp, 2 cents on the 16c.

Mauritius.—Has issued a new 16c. stamp; color, brown.

Mexico.—The "Ph. W." announce that the present set will be changed as follows: 1c. pale-green; 2c. carmine; 3c. ochre; 4c. red; 5c. blue; 6c. brown; 10c. orange; 12c. brown; 25c. blue.

Natal.—Half-penny is now yellow.

Norway.—The color of the 12 ore is now brown.

Transvaal.—The "Ph. M." chronicles the 3 penny, orange, surcharged "Halve Penny."

Austria employs 14,450 officials in her postal service, England 91,000, Germany 79,384, France 53,299, Italy 18,790, and Russia 15,557. During 1883 Germany showed the largest amount of business and England the largest surplus over expenses.

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Mr. George A. Lowe, chief editor of this journal, and manager of the Toronto Philatelic Co., sailed on the 24th ult. for England to purchase stock for his winter trade. He will return about December 21st with a stock equal to that of any dealer in America.

Our exchange column has been discontinued.

We have received No. 1 of the *Philatelic Magazine*. It presents a very good appearance.

We were obliged to leave out our list of new issues last month, owing to a rush of ads. on going to press.

We receive no stamps in exchange for ads. except current unused stamps of the lowest denomination, which we will accept at face value.

Mr. Ph. Heinsberger, 151 Franklin street and 89 Delancey street, New York, is our authorized agent to receive advertisements and subscriptions.

Mr. A. R. Stewart, of Derculich, Scotland, complains that Mr. M. D. Batchelder, of St. Louis, has swindled him out of stamps to the value of $20.08.

Stamp and coin dealers will find the "T. P. J." an excellent advertising medium. It is the only monthly stamp paper published in Canada, the circulation being 1,000 copies monthly, which is sent to hundreds of collectors that other papers fail to reach.

Through the kindness of the author, Dr. Joseph Leroux, we have received a copy of "The Collectors' Vade Mecum." This valuable work, printed in the English and French languages, is a book which has long been need by collectors and dealers of stamps and coins.

We have received the following papers up to date, publishers please accept our thanks:—The Hermes, Gem, Alert, Orient, Ornithologist, Philatelic World, Philatelic Tribune, Foreign Stamp Collector's News, Curiosity News, Collectors' Library Table, New England Philatelist, Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, New York Collector, Southern Geologist, Capital City Philatelist, Butler's Philatelic Observer, Carson Philatelist, Tidings from Nature, Collectors' Companion, Empire State Philatelist, Agassiz Journal, Michigan Philatelist, Philatelic Monthly, Philatelic Journal of America, Philatelic Magazine.

*** Publishers will confer a favor on us by sending two copies of their paper, and we shall be happy to do the same in return.

NOTES.

More than 60,000 stamps are found every year loose in the letter-boxes of the United Kingdom.

According to a New York coin collector a complete collection of American cents is cheap at $500.

The silver United States dollar of 1804 has realized the following prices: $2,000, $1,500 and $1,000.

Some people think the injunction on the face of the postal card should be "postmasters will read only this side."

Some person dropped a check in a letter box in London without an envelope, while another wrote a letter on the back of a postage stamp and posted it.

To keep postage-stamps in the pocket or memorandum book without sticking, a post-office clerk advises people to rub the sticky side over the hair two or three times. The oil of the hair coats the mucilage and prevents it from sticking.

The ex-postmaster of Baltimore has been presented with a bronze clock, a punch bowl and ladle, and a gold-headed cane. A valuable coincidence, as he can tell by the clock when he is tarrying too long at the punch bowl, and the cane may be useful if he forgets to look at the clock.

Letters bearing several stamps are most easily robbed of valuables. The stamps are removed, a slit made, and the hole covered again by the stamps. For letters containing money and bearing more than one stamp the French government advises that the stamps be placed an eighth of an inch apart.

An inhabitant of Liverpool, influenced either by curiosity or by economy, wrote last year a letter containing 26 words on the back of a penny stamp. It was duly delivered, as was a second letter of the same kind. When an attempt was made with a half-penny stamp, the despatch became liable to a charge of a penny, as an insufficiently prepaid letter.

On some of the German postal cards is a printed formula designed to save time in imparting news transmissable by this medium. It runs as follows: "Only a few lines to-day," then follow five lines, on which to write, then "God be thanked, I am in good health and hopé to hear that you are also. The weather is——: write soon and give my love to all. In haste," and here follows the signature. There is even place reserved for postscript.

An ordinance of Louis XIV. issued in February, 1670, by which the coinage of twelfth and fourth crowns for "the islands and mainland of America" was decreed. This ordinance specifies that the obverse shall be similar to the French issues of the same denominations, while the reverse shall bear the legend, "Gloriam regni tvi dicent," etc. By the same authority we are able to state that the Gloriam Regni, ¼ Crown, is not in the French national collection.

In Japan the postman wears a uniform that consists of a suit of blue cloth, a wide, butterbowl hat, and straw shoes. The mailbag swings under his arm, or is pushed along in a little two-wheeled cart. He is always running or trotting along. In Japan men do nearly all the work that horses do elsewhere; so you see the Japanese postman hasten along from station to station, traveling on a quick run mile after mile, up hill, down dale, never stopping until he reaches the place where another postman is waiting to receive the mail and run on with it in his turn. So the mail

is carried in the greater part of the Japanese Empire.

A good old Kentuckian who has been waiting twenty-five years for a postmaster's berth owns a fine dog, which is his constant companion. The other day the dog had been having a run in the sunshine, and was resting in the porch with his tongue hanging out. "That's a boss dog!" said a tradesman, who had been selling the old man some goods. "You're right; he is," said the old man proudly. "What makes him stick his tongue out in that way?" "Politics." "Politics! How?" "Why, sir, that dog knows Cleveland is elected President, and he knows I want a post-office, and he's got his tongue out ready to begin licking the stamps!"

NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

ONTARIO, QUEBEC AND DOMINION OF CANADA

BY J. HOOPER.

1. Obv. crowned head of Queen Victoria to left; around circle, "Victoria dei Gratia Regina, Canada." Rev. 50 cents, 1870, in three straight lines surrounded by wreath of maple leaves and surmounted by crown. The dates of issue are 1870, '71, '72, '74, '75, '80, '81, '82. There has been an issue of 1872 without the initial H. under bust. Silver, size 20, milled edge.

2. Obv. same as No. 1. Rev. 25 cents, 1870, wreath and crown as No. 1. Issues, 1870, '71, '72, '74, '75, '80, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85. Silver, size 16, milled edge.

3. Obv. laureated head of Victoria (to)eft); around circle, Victoria dei Gratia, Canada. Rev. "within wreath of maple leaves, 20 cents, 1858, surmounted by crown. There has been only one issue of this piece. Silver, size 16, plain and milled edges.

4. Obv. same as No. 3. Rev. same as No. 3, 10 cents, 1858-70-71-72-74-75-80-81-82-83-84-85. Silver, size 12, plain and milled edge.

5. Obv. same as No. 3. Rev. same as No. 3. 5 cents, 1858-70-71-72-74-75-80-81-82-83-84-85. Silver, size 9, plain and milled edge. There has been issues, 1872, 50c, 25c, 10c and 5c, with and without the initial H. under bust.

6. Obv. laureated head of Victoria to left; inside beaded circlet and around outer circle, "Victoria dei Gratia Regina, Canada." Rev. inside beaded circlet "one cent," 1858. Copper, size 16, plain edge.

7. Obv. and rev. same as No. 6, 1859 issue.

8. Obv. crowned head of Victoria to left; inside beaded circlet on outer circle, "Victoria dei Gratia, Canada." Rev. same as Nos. 6 and 7; dates of issues are 1876, 1881, 1882 and 1884. Copper, size 16, plain edge.

9. Obv. ship in full sail to right; around circle, "For public accommodation." Rev. "Canada, half penny token," in two curved and two straight lines; 2 eight-leaved patras on outer centres.



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1c, red	1 0	7 0
Bahamas, 1884, 1d, rose	1 4	10 6
Bangkok, 2c, rose	2 6	20 0
4c, brown	4 0	
British Honduras, 1884, 1d, rose	1 4	10 6
Levant, 40 paras	3 9	
80 paras	7 6	
Bulgaria, 1885, 1 stotinki	0 4	2 0
2 stotinki	0 6	3 6
Ceylon, 5c on 4c	2 6	20 0
5c on 8c	2 3	17 6
Dominican Republic, 1885, 1c	1 0	7 6
2c	2 0	14 0
Egypt, 1884, 20 paras, provisional	2 6	17 6
French Levant, 1 piastre	3 6	
German Levant, 1884, 10 paras	1 0	7 0
20 paras	1 9	13 0
Johor, 2c, assorted types	2 0	15 0
Johore, 2c, rose, with final "e"	5 0	
Levant, 1885, 1 kop, orange	0 8	5 0
Macao, 1884, 5 reis, black	1 0	7 6
10 reis, yellow	2 0	14 0
20 reis, bistre	3 0	
25 reis, rose	4 0	
80 reis, grey	10 0	
5 reis on 25 reis, provisional	2 6	20 0
10 reis on 25 reis, "	3 6	
20 reis on 50 reis, "	4 0	
80 reis on 100 reis, "	14 0	
Monaco, 1c, blue	0 3	1 9
2c, rose	0 5	3 0
5c, green	0 9	5 6
North Borneo, 2c, brown	2 0	15 0
Paraguay, 1884, 1c, green	1 0	7 6
2c, red	2 0	15 0
5c, blue	4 0	
Persia, 1885, 1 shahi, green	1 3	10 0
2 shahi, red	2 0	15 0
Portugal, 1884, 2 reis, black	0 3	1 8
5 reis, grey	0 9	5 0
Puttialla, 1885, 1-2 anna	2 0	15 0
1 anna	3 0	
Service, 1-2 anna	2 0	
1 anna	3 0	
Roumelia, 1884, 5 paras, violet	0 9	5 0
10 paras, green	1 3	9 6
Shanghai, 1885, 20 cash, green	1 6	11 0
Sierra Leone, 1884, 1-2d, green	0 10	6 0
Sirmoor, 1885, 3 pies, brown	0 10	6 0
South Australia, 1-2d, provisional	1 0	7 0
1883, 1-2d, brown	0 10	6 6
St. Christopher, 1885, 1-2d, provis'l	4 0	
St. Helena, 1884, 1-2d, green	0 10	6 0
St. Lucia, 1885, 4d, brown	6 0	
St. Thome and Principe, 10 reis, *green*	1 3	10 0
St. Vincent, 1-2d, orange	2 0	14 6
1d, lake	1 6	12 0
2½d, surcharged	4 6	
1884, 1-2d, green	1 0	7 6
Tasmania, envelopes, 2d	3 3	
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THE POSTOFFICE AND POSTAGE STAMPS OF CHINA.

In China the postal service is divided into two branches—one in the interests of the government, the other in the interests of the people; the first issues no postage stamps, the latter does, therefore I shall treat principally with the postoffice of the people, or local postoffice as it really is, and its stamps.

The Chinese postoffice is ancient. Marco Polo first described it in his voyage there. It probably existed before his visit, but his account is the first authentic one. I will not stop to give an account of its workings, as he describes it, so those of my readers wishing further information can do so by reading the great voyager's writings. I shall treat of the workings of the Chinese postal service of to-day.

The Chinese are rather slow in the advancement of their postal service, and until some years ago it remained about the same as it was at the time of the visit of Polo.

The government post is entirely under the control of the government, and is used for the conveyance of the "Imperial Gazettes, official notices of promotion, suspension, furlough, the formal announcements of names of candidates who have succeeded in gaining literary honors at Pekin," and a hundred other things connected with official business. It is seldom used by the people at large, although persons having influence at court are at times permitted to do so.

The people's post is in the hands of "co-operative societies of letter carriers, who bear to and fro all the missives sent upon affairs of trade or family interest from Chinaman to Chinaman."

Each city has a certain number of licensed companies, and the companies of the different cities are in partnership or communication one with the other, thus making a network of communication of a most efficient character, considering its materials. The people place great reliance upon these companies and large sums of money frequently are posted by them. Robberies at times occur, but not frequently, and the offenders are generally brought to bay. To show the workings of the companies we abstract the following description by a traveler of the one at Shanghai.

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Now, concerning the stamps of these Chinese local posts. I will not consider here the stamps issued by Shanghai, and the other cities of China, as the number of them being more than space will allow, I shall have to note them at some future time. The stamps that I will consider are the Chinese stamps headed "China," that are in general use to-day all over the country, but whether the different companies are required by law to use these particular stamps (which seems to be the cause of their general use) I cannot say.

In April, 1883, I took the trouble to find out the meaning of the inscriptions on these stamps, and visited Wong Chin Foo, at that time editor of the *Chinese-American*, and Wah Sing, a Chinese tea merchant in Pell street. From the two men I procured the information that the Chinese characters in the upper corners in the one candarin meant the value which was in United States currency, "nearly a cent and a half." Those in the three candarin meant that the value of that stamp in United States money is five cents and the five candarin I found to be worth in our currency eight cents.

The characters on the right side of the stamps mean "Large country in China," those on the left, "Started from that country." The dragon in the centre of the stamps is far better looking than on some of the Shanghai, etc., stamps. These stamps first appeared in 1877.—*From The Gem.*

The postal authorities have issued a notification that the Direct Spanish Company's communication with Spain and places beyond is now restored.

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The present penny stamp was merely the extension to postal purposes of a label designed for the revenue department. The original penny stamp, since stamps have been printed on fine paper, was of a salmon color, with a half-penny label in green. These did not give satisfaction. An indigo label was introduced for the latter, while the rather sombre heliotrope-colored revenue stamp did duty both for penny postage and receipt.

In the meantime, the Post Office Savings Bank receiving deposits in stamps made the considerable alteration of turning stamps into money, and Government required to be safeguarded against the machinations of a novel kind of coiners and "smashers."

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The late Postmaster-General set experts to work, made experiments on the stamps used by other nations, and considered all the most recent scientific improvements. It was obvious that the most artistically designed stamps in existence are the French, which are at once engvirangs of great beauty, and mark the value of each label clearly and legibly.

In the meantime, we went on with our stopgap circulation. Our new collection will soon be issued, and will embrace all values, from a half-penny to £5.—*The Philatelic Magazine.*

NOTES.

The Parcel Post is about to be extended to Ceylon and Labuan.

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We have received the following papers up to date, publishers accept our thanks:—The Youth's Ledger, The Excelsior, The Philatelic World, Philatelic Monthly, Collectors Companion, Stamp Collectors Journal, Tidings from Nature, Philatelic Journal of America, Empire State Philatelist, Stamp World, Briefmarken-Zeitung, Philatelic Tribune, Philatelic Observer, Foreign Stamp Collectors News, Capital City Philatelist, Philatelic Magazine, Michigan Philatelist, The Hermes, Stamp and Coin Gazette.

NEW ISSUES.

Argentine Republic.—The engraved 12c. has made its appearance of the same design as ½c. and 1c. of 1884.

Azores.—The 500 reis and 1000 reis black of Portugal are surcharged in small red letters, for use in the Azores.

Bangkok.—The 32c. of Straits Settlements 1867, was in use for a short time with surcharged "B." Mr. Bogart has received also of the 30 of 1873 similarly surcharged.

Bolivia.—A new series of stamps is reported.

Brazil.—A new 100 reis was issued October 3rd with figures of value in a square.

Ceylon.—The 2 cent card is announced surcharged "10" cents and the 8 cent card "5 cents."

Congo Free State.—Stamps will be issued January 1st, 1886. They bear the bust of Leopold of Belgium, and the inscription "Etat Independent du Congo," with values below in centimes, 5c. green; 10c. carmine; 25c. blue; 50c. lilac; post card 15c. brown on buff.

Dutch Indies.—An envelope, 10c. brown, has been issued.

Labuan.—The 8c. red has been surcharged 2c. in black same as the 16c. The color of the 2c. has been changed to red and the 8c. to violet.

Malta.—An ½d. band green is reported, the color green.

Mexico.—Mr. Durbin has received the following of the new issue: 2c. carmine; 3c. brown; 4c. red; 5c. blue; 10c. orange; 12c. brown; 25c. blue. Post cards of 2, 3, and 5 centavos, single and double are also in use. The color of the official stamp has been changed to green.

Persia.—Bands of 1sh. and envelopes of 6sh. and 12sh. are to be issued soon, also a new series of stamps effigy of the Shah in profile.

Puttialla.—The 2 annas service stamp of India has been surcharged for Puttialla State.

Reunion.—The 4c. violet is surcharged 5c. in black.

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Siam.—The ½ att stamp surcharged. "1 TICAL.".

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Surinam.—A series of unpaid letter stamps has been issued of similar design to those of Holland, red, violet on white, 2½, 5, 10, 20, 25, and 40c.

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Levant, 1885, 1 kop, orange	0 8	5 0
Macao, 1884, 5 reis, black	1 0	7 6
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10 reis on 25 reis, "	3 6	
20 reis on 50 reis, "	4 0	
80 reis on 100 reis, "	14 0	
Monaco, 1c, blue	0 3	1 9
2c, rose	0 5	3 0
5c, green	0 9	5 6
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Paraguay, 1884, 1c. green	1 0	7 6
2c, red	2 0	15 0
5c, blue	4 0	
Persia, 1885, 1 shahi, green	1 3	10 0
2 shahi, red	2 0	15 0
Portugal, 1884, 2 reis, black	0 3	1 8
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Roumelia, 1884, 5 paras, violet	0 9	5 0
10 paras, green	1 3	9 6
Shanghai, 1885, 20 cash, green	1 6	11 0
Sierra Leone, 1884, 1-2d, green	0 10	6 0
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UNITED STATES STAMPS.

Different Varieties of Home Issues and the Demand for Them.

Some months ago *The Times* contained an interesting interview with Mr. E. B. Sterling, of this city, respecting collectors and collections of postage stamps. Mr. Sterling, who resides at Bellevue avenue and Prospect street, has just issued a neat and complete catalogue of the adhesive postage and stamped envelopes of the United States. The catalogue reveals some extremely interesting facts. There are 551 varieties of stamps in the United States. The demand for the rarest of these stamps is so great that the value of them has increased over four fold in two years. Stamp collectors have been so eager to secure large collections of foreign stamps that they have just awakened to the fact that in hunting for foreign stamps they have neglected to secure valuable home collections. Hence the supply is much less than the demand. Mr. Sterling makes a specialty of United States' stamps and endeavors to keep on hand most of the rare issues. In addition to the regular varieties already mentioned, there are 1,421 varieties of United States revenue stamps. These stamps are much cheaper, however, and do not rank so high in the estimation of the average philatelist. Mr. Sterling's book must prove well nigh invaluable to every collector.—*Trenton Times.*

Mr. Gladstone is fond of using postal cards for his communications. Although the law is that nothing must be written on the address side of the card save the address, he invariably puts either his name or his initials there. Thus the recipient is subjected to a charge of two cents extra postage. Probably the extra autograph is worth it.

NEW ISSUES.

Azores.—The 50 reis envelope stamp rose has been issued with small surcharge.

Bangkok.—The 3 cent post card, blue on buff, is reported with black surcharged B.

Bolivia.—The following are the values of the new stamps, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20 Centavos and possibly 25, 50 and 100 Centavos.

British Guiana.—The 3 cent post card has been surcharged "one cent."

Congo Free State.—A 15 centimes, brown on buff, has been emitted.

French Colonies.—A card similar to that employed in France but with a 10 centime stamp of the current issue of French Colonies is now in use. The impression is black on lilac.

Gwalior.—The ½, 1 and 2 anna have the surcharge in two lines close together and that on the ½ and 2 anna is in red. The 3a. is similarly surcharged in black as well as the card of ¼a., and ¼x¼a. The envelopes have the same surcharge the ½a. in red with arms green, the 1a. in black, arms brown and the 4a. 6p, in black, arms orange.—"The World."

Malta.—A 5 shilling stamp has been issued. The color rose.

Macau.—Two more varieties of surcharges have been issued. 5 on 25 reis red. 10 on 50 reis green.

New South Wales.—A 1d. official post card has been issued.

Persia.—Three more of the new stamps have appeared, 1 kran, slate; 5 krans, violet; 10 krans, bistre.

Tobago.—The 1d. has been changed to rose instead of red brown.

A case of fatal poisoning from licking postage stamps is reported. It is held that the gum, under certain restrictions, is capable of absorbing foreign matter floating in the air.

A BADLY-SPELLED PLACE.

How the average Letter-writer gets Cayuga.

Mr. Isaac Fry, the Postmaster at Cayuga, in the county of Haldimand, sends to the *Globe* the following "112 ways of spelling Cayuga, every one of which," he writes, "have been received at this office." The list is a curiosity:

Cayuca,	Chaugy,	Cuyahoga,	Cayyuga.
Cuba,	Caugh,	Cahucia,	Cayugay,
Cayagua,	Cayugia,	Cayuga,	Kauga,
Cuga,	Caughe,	Kayuka,	Cayouga,
Kauguge,	Kiucky,	Cayuge,	Caiuga,
Cayga,	Cayoha,	Cyuga,	Cyug,
Keugue,	Canugu,	Cayug,	Cayhaigue,
Cayega,	Kikuga,	Caoga,	Keugey,
Eaquga,	Cogay,	Caeuga,	Caugha,
Cayuye,	Cayuago,	Ceuaga,	Kaugeageh,
Cayhuga,	Caugey,	Cauugua,	Cuyuga,
Ceaugy,	Cauyga,	Caygua,	Cyugiah,
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Cayua,	Payuga,	Gayuga,	Cyuga,
Cauaga,	Caugia,	Caguga,	Chayuga,
Caugoke,	Cayuag,	Kiuaga,	Cayugh,
Ciuga,	Cayauga,	Caugga.	Cuagy,
Cajuga,	Kajuka,	Kuyga,	Cayugua,
Cainga,	Cauguga,	Caiuka,	Cayega,
Cyega,	Kaucky,	Cayuka,	Cayugo,
Kukey,	Cayaga,	Kugague,	Ceauga,
Cuygey,	Cogugar,	Cycuga,	Cayugga,
Caucy,	Cayuage,	Cayeuga,	Cuyugo,
Cugga,	Caugua,	Couga,	Cayuig.
Caugy,	Cougo,	Caugay,	Cahuga.
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We notice that the *Philatelic Magazine* has reprinted an article on "Provisional Stamps" from this journal, but fails to give us credit for such.

Readers will please take notice that "Morell's Philatelic Directory" will not appear until March 1st, 1886, on account of some unavoidable delay. Advertising forms close February 15, 1886.

Mr. H. G. Spaulding, publisher of the *Michigan Philatelist*, has changed his address from Manchester, Mich., to Battle Creek, where he will be prepared to carry on the stamp and publishing business on a more extensive scale.

The well known Stamp and Coin dealers, Messrs. Scott & Co, have retired from business, and are succeeded by a stock company, under the name of "The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., Limited." Mr Henry Collin has charge of the stamp department and Mr. William P. Brown of the coin department.

Mr. E. B. Sterling, the well-known stamp collector of this city, is about to send a notable exhibit to the New Jersey department at the New Orleans Exposition. It is a $5,000 United States document stamp proof in orange, green and black colors. There is probably no other stamp of the kind in the country, only three or four having ever been issued. The proof is prettily mounted on a white card, which is suitably framed. For a day or two the gem will be on exhibition in Brearly & Stoll's show windows.—*Daily True American.*

NOTES.

Josushi Nornura, Postmaster-General of Japan, is an intelligent man about forty years of age. After perfecting as well as possible the mail service of Japan, he resolved to find out what was worthy of imitation in America, and is believed to have discovered some useful points during his visit to New York and Washington.

Eleven thousand dollars' worth of ink was used by the Post-office department last year in stamping and cancelling letters. An economically disposed person thinks that if the government would permit cancelled stamps to be reused, much of this expense might be saved; but the government never did go very strong on economy.

There is a man who makes his living in New York by his manipulation of old coin. He buys the plugged silver pieces and chipped copper coins that are dropped into the gate boxes along the elevated railroad, and fixes the money up so that it will pass again. Now and then he comes across a rare coin worth many more times its face value. He calls himself a "money-dresser."

There are 30,000 stamp collectors in New York, and the number is constantly increasing. They call themselves philatelists—a word not found in any but the newest editions of the dictionaries The most valuable stamp known is one that was issued by the postmaster of Brattleboro, Vt., in 1847, and was only in circulation for a few months. It is now worth, it is said, $700.—*The Globe.*

A number of employes of the Chicago post-office have been discharged for talking politics, President Cleveland having determined to sit upon those who use their position to strengthen their party. It would be a good move to put the same law in force here. Whenever there is a political campaign in this province the custom-house, post-office and internal revenue department furnish hustlers for the party, and no protest is made by the Ottawa authorities.

The functions of the post office department are at times strangely misinterpreted. Inquiries about deceased persons are sent sometimes to the dead letter office—commonly requests to look up relatives who may have left money. Some correspondents regard the post master as a matrimonial agent, and even ask his opinion as to the character of the individuals who are paying attention to their sisters. One amorous couple wrote him to send a marriage license by return of post, and a farmer desired him to name a suitable party to whom he might sell a thirty stone pig. Applications for employment in all sorts of trades are common, but the man who wanted the postmaster to interfere with some neighbors who called him bad names was very far wide of the mark, and so was the proud mother who asked when the baby show was to be held at Woolwich.

NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

BY J. HOOPER.

Continued.

10. Obv. around circle "CANADA, 1830." Rev. half penny in two straight lines. Copper, size 15, plain edge.

11. Obv. and Rev. same as No. 10, date 1841.

12. Obv. Rudely cut head, around circle "Vexator Canadensis." Rev. poorly executed figure woman dancing with branch in hand, around circle "Renunillos Viscape," 1811. Copper, size 17, plain edge.

13. Same as No. 12, "Vexator Canadiensis." Rev. same as No. 12.

14. Obv. same as No. 12. "Vexator Canadinsis," Rev. "Renunter Viscape." The pieces are scarcely ever found in good condition, the work evidently being done by an amateur is poorly executed.

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" 2c	18	1 60
" ½ real	18	1 50
" 1 real	25	
India, well assorted		25
" H. M. S., assorted	05	30
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FICTITIOUS STAMPS.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO STAMP DEALERS AND THE PUBLIC.

IMITATION OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

WHEREAS there is reason to believe that certain persons are engaged in manufacturing, dealing in, or selling for the purposes of stamp collectors and for other purposes, imitations of Stamps for denoting rates of British, Foreign or Colonial Postage, whereby the respective revenues are endangered, the Postmaster-General and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue desire to call attention to the law on the subject.

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(Section 7,) A person shall not—

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(b) have in his possession, unless he shows a lawful excuse, any fictitious stamp ; or

(c) make, or, unless he shows a lawful excuse, have, in his possession, any die, plate, instrument or materials for making any

"Any person who acts in contravention of this Section shall be liable on summary conviction on a prosecution by order of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to a fine not exceeding £20 subject to the like right of appeal as in the case of a penalty under the Acts relating to the Excise.

"Any stamp, die, plate, instrument, or materials found in the possession of any person in contravention of this section, may be seized and shall be forfeited.

"For the purposes of this section "fictitious stamp" means any facsimile or imitation or representation, whether on paper or otherwise, of any stamp for denoting any rate of postage, including any stamp for denoting a rate of Postage of any of Her Majesty's Colonies or of any Foreign Country."

Persons who may be in any way engaged in these illegal practices should also take notice, that the fraudulent imitation of stamps is a felony under the Post Office and Inland Revenue Acts.

By Order of the Postmaster-General and the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

[The above official notice has appeared, and we reprint it, from one of our English contemporaries.—Ed.]

POMEROY'S EXPRESS.

We are indebted to an obliging correspondent for a copy of the *Toledo Blade*, containing an interesting article on Pomeroy's Express.

It was started in 1841, by Geo. E. Pomeroy, Sr., between Albany, N. Y., and the west, and did an immense business in carrying packages and letters. Stamps were issued as early as 1844, and during the months of June and July of that year, the sales of stamps alone amounted to nearly $3,000.00. It was largely through the operations of this express that the Government was compelled to reduce its postage rates, and adopt plans for safer and quicker carriage and delivery of mail matter.—*Philatelic Monthly.*

Subscribers will please take notice that an exchange column will be started next month and are requested to send in their notices.

NEW ISSUES.

Bangkok.—The 3 ct. card of Straits Settlements has been surcharged "B."

Belgium.—The following three stamps have been issued: 20 centimes gray, 50 centimes violet, and 2 francs violet.

Liberia.—(From the Monthly) A new set of stamps has made its appearance of about as commonplace a design as could be imagined. The 32 cents is a fair looking stamp, but all the others could scarcely be plainer for postage stamps. The higher value bears the arms with "Thirty Two" above and "Cents" below "Liberia" on a plow in the arms. The other values have the numerals in the centre, "Postage" above, value below, "Republic" on the left and "Liberia" on the right. The set is as follows: 1 cent, red ; 2 cents, pale green ; 3 cents, violet ; 4 cents, brown ; 6 cents, gray ; 8 cents, lilac ; 16 cents, yellow ; 32 cents, blue.

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IN MEMORIAM.

The following resolution was adopted by the Philatelic Press Association regarding the late Dr. Henry, publisher of the *New England Philatelist* :

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from this life a member of this Association, whose brief sojourn in Philatelic Journalism has made him numerous friends; be it

Resolved, That the death of Dr. Chas. P. Henry, publisher of the *New England Philatelist*, of Fitchburg, Mass., is a calamity to the cause of Philately, and a matter for deep and sincere sorrow on the part of the members of this, the Philatelic Press Association, as well as the entire Philatelic public, whom the press represent, and that we do, both as an Association and individually, tender to the partner and near friends and relatives of the departed our heartfelt sympathy in this bereavement ; and be it

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to such friends and relatives of the deceased as the Director of this Association may direct and that this resolution be published in each and every journal, the proprietors of which are members of this Association.

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TORONTO, FEBRUARY, 1886.

NOTES.

Mr. E. B. Sterling has favored us with a copy of his catalogue of the postage stamps and envelopes of the United States. Every collector of U. S. stamps should have one.

No. 1 of volume 3 of the *Philatelic Star* has come to hand, it presents a very good appearance in its new form and contains a well-written article by Peso on Buenos Ayres, its postal system and stamps.

At the Paris Museum of the French Mint there is a complete set of the first issue United States envelopes, with the surcharge "Specimen," said to have been presented to the French Government under Napoleon III, by the United States.

We have lately received forgeries of Servian stamps 1 and 2 paras of 1886, from an English dealer, whose name we will not mention as he pleads ignorance of their character. They can readily be distinguished by examining the right hand ornament under the letter A. In the originals this touches the inner circle while in the forgeries it is some distance from it.—*The Philatelic World.*

An interesting Philatelic event will take place in New York on February 15th. There will be two auction sales of stamps at the same hour, 7 p. m. One will be held at Geo. A. Leavitt & Co.'s, and the other at Thos. L. Bucken & Co.'s. As these rooms are on Broadway, within two blocks of each other, collectors can amuse themselves by running to and fro from one to the other. There are some good things in both and we can supply catalogues. Also we offer our services as buyers to those who cannot attend.

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Minnesota Philatelist, Empire State Philatelist, Garden City Philatelist, Philatelic Magazine, Philatelic World, The Monthly Journal, Collectors' Monthly, The Arizona Pride of Philately, The Gem, Philatelic Monthly, The Monthly News, National Capital Philatelist, Quaker City Philatelist, Collectors Companion, The Wasp, Youth's Ledger, Tidings from Nature, The Boomerang, The Observer, The Philatelic Star, Stamp & Coin Gazette, Carson Philatelist, Capital City Philatelist, The Stamp World, The Canadian Philatelic and Curio Advertiser, Le Commercant, Philatelic Herald.

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1 anna	3 0	
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1 anna	3 0	
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10 paras, green	1 3	9 6
Shanghai, 1885, 20 cash, green	1 6	11 0
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