

The Toronto Philatelist.

A Journal Devoted to Stamp Collecting Only.

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No. I.

PHILATELY.

BY C. H. C.

Philately, or its kindred French "Timbrologie," has defined in the constitution of the French society as having for its object the study of stamps both, in themselves and also in their connection with chronology, history, geographiy, government and finances, philology and the fine arts."

This definition, admirable as it is, is apt to confuse the beginner. Stamp collecting for the purpose of studying the stamps themselves, seems rational enough to all, but the objection may then be raised, why neglect the ordinary methods and resort to stamps to acquaint us with the other sciences mentioned? The answer is simple enough—do not neglect the ordinary methods. The most ardent Philatelist, does not claim that Postage Stamps alone can thoroughly familiarize us with geography, history, &c., in their various branches, but rather that (in connection as the French Society says, with history &c.,) they are an invaluable assistant in impressing facts acquired in the school-room, or in the study.

Take geography for instance. How few of us would remember such names as Koorshedjah, Kabul, Sarawak, Decaan, Antioquin, Tolima, Cundinamarca and a dozen others, if we did not have some peculiar reason for impressing them on our memory? Or even if we remembered the

names, would we have any idea of the localities which they designated? With the Philatelist, however it is different. He acquires a stamp of Sarawak, fastens it in his album, and every time he turns over the pages, the name and stamp stand out before him. He must, of course, remember both, for he prizes his stamp, and in speaking of his treasure, must employ the name. Perhaps some day he has occasion to turn to the map of Borneo, and is confused by the outlandish names figuring thereon. Suddenly his eye lights upon "Sarawak." "Ah," says he, "there's the place from which that stamp of mine comes," and the locality is impressed upon him and brought to mind every time he sees the stamp, and so it is with dozens of places (and important places too) with which the general public is totally unacquainted, for even if they read the names they leave no impression, and cannot be recalled five minutes afterwards.

Viewed in connection with chronology, history and government, stamps are of even greater usefulness, as they nearly all bear the heads of the rulers, the arms of the country, or some emblematic device. Take, for example, those of Great Britain. We find them all adorned with the Queen's head. We find the same heads on the stamps of Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda, British Columbia, British Honduras, Ceylon, Gambia, Gold Coast, Grenada, Heligoland, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Lagos, Mauritius,

Natal, New Foundland, New South Wales, New Zealand, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Queensland, Sierra Leone, St. Helena, St. Vincent, Straits Settlements, Tasmania, Turks Island and Victoria. From this cursory glance through an album we cannot fail to be impressed with that the Englishmen utters no vain boast in saying that on the empire of his sovereign the sun never sets.

Or turn to the stamps of France, and we see the first issue, 1840-50, adorned with the head of Liberty, and bearing the inscription "Republique Francaise" in an abbreviated form. In 1852 we find the inscription unchanged, but the profile of Liberty has given place to that of Napoleon.

(To be Continued.)

EDITORIAL.

The want of a suitable Stamp Journal having long been felt among Canadian Stamp Collectors, we take pleasure in presenting to the Stamp Collecting Fraternity the first number of the *Toronto Philatelist*: which we hope will meet the kind support of all interested in the collecting of postage stamps. It will be our aim to make this paper second to none of its kind, and to accomplish this we would respectfully request writers on stamps to favour us with their Mss., for first-class original matter we are willing to pay any reasonable cash price. Through this paper all are at liberty to express their views free of charge, provided it is on a sensible subject which will be interesting to stamp collectors. Our paper shall appear promptly every month, illustrated with newly issued stamps and other articles. Our main point shall be to expose all parties who deal in counterfeit stamps, and to accomplish this point we would request all parties who have pur-

chased counterfeit stamps to send them to us for inspection, and if they are not genuine we shall not hesitate to pronounce the dealer a fraud. Stamp Collectors should join us in this matter and if any collectors have any doubtful specimens in their collections which they do not understand, by sending them to us, we will give all information in our power as to their genuineness. To collectors who are desirous of purchasing genuine stamps, we confidentially recommend them to the advertisers in this paper. Every collector who wants to be kept posted about new issues, how to detect forgeries, and where to buy cheap stamps should subscribe for the *Toronto Philatelist*. The subscription price is only 20c. per year in advance, postage prepaid by publishers.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

AZORES.

We learn that the 5 rias stamp in use in this colony is now surcharged in blue and the 20 rias in red.

CANADA.

The new post-card was issued about January 1st, and is to be used between Canada and Great Britain. The design is neatly gotten up and is similar to the "one cent" (blue) card. The inscriptions are as follows in the upper portion of the card "Canada Post-card to United Kingdom." The address only to be written on this side." Below this the word "To" and three lines for the address. Value 2 cents, and colour green.

The new 3 cent envelope has not yet appeared.

GERMANY.

Again this country favours us with a new set of postales showing but a very slight variation

from those which they supersede, the only difference in the new stamps consists in the word "pfennige" being spelled without the final *e*.

VICTORIA.

We understand that two new stamps and a postal card have been issued in this country viz. 8 pence and one shilling. The design of the new shilling stamp consist of the diademed profile of Queen Victoria to left one solid circular disk "Victoria" above. "one shilling" below in white letters on curved labels the whole on an enginturned ground scrool Frame. The new postal-card is smaller than the old one. The words "post-card" are on a schroll above the British Arms with directions below.

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No. 2.

Postal Cards.

THEIR UTILITY, COLLECTION AND ARRANGEMENT.

L. W. D.

The latest advance in the matter of cheap postage is the Postal Card. First appearance in Austria in 1870, it has been adopted by various Governments, and doubtless will ere long be in vogue in all the Stamp Countries,—at least in all those who desire to keep up with the times. The consumption of Postal Cards in England has run up to the millions annually, and they certainly will become as popular everywhere when introduced, and as soon as the people learn that the Postman has not the time, had he the inclination, to read them on his journeys to and from the Post Office. The "reform" in Sweden does not give the boon of cheaper postage. The single rate for letters is 12 ore, while the value of the card is the same. The only advantage derived from it is the convenience of writing a note wherever they may be, and dropping it in the first box (?) without the trouble attendant of writing a letter when in a hurry, or when

all the materials necessary are not at hand. Holland and Belgium have in use a "reply-paid" card, which consists of two cards joined together;—one to be torn off, the answer to be written on it, and returned by the same postman if desired. The Field Post Card, used by the German army, during the Franco-Prussian war is very interesting. The soldiers carried them in their knapsacks or pockets, and after the battle even before they had left the field, they could write on this Post Card the glad news that they had safely passed through the day. Soon the postal-waggon would pass along, and long before they could get into Camp and write a letter, their post-card was being hurried to anxious wives, mothers, fathers, or sweet-hearts. But the Field Post Card carried mournful as well as joyful news. Some poor fellow has been mortally wounded, and by the dim light of the surgeon's lantern he had but time to write a farewell word to the loved ones he left behind, ere his spirit winged its flight to the other world. But even this farewell word was a comfort, and the Field Post Card enabled him to send it. During the siege of Paris

there was a Baloon Post Card much used. It was expensive to send letters by this aerial route, and the light card was a favourite. The postal Card is now I presume familiar to all. Any collector having seen one will recognize any of them, so that a description is unnecessary. That they should be collected has, so far as I know, never been doubted by any one, *i.e.*, the collection of those cards bearing a stamp indicating their value. Those cards having no stamp impressed on them, have in my judgment, no more place in a collection than any other unstamped envelope. The query, "how shall I mount my Postal Cards?" will soon be forcing itself upon every collector. It is desirable to have some of them so placed that the back can be seen as well as the face, as for instance the Ceylon. It seems to me that they could with advantage be fixed in the same manner as pictures in a photograph album. As they are of different sizes and shapes, it would require an album especially for them, and as the sale of such work would be limited, at least while the cards are so few in number, no publisher is likely to prepare it. Another mode of placing Postal Cards, would be to bind them in a cover with linen guards. The guards need not extend further than the border, and enough of them could be inserted to place all the cards that will be issued for years. The only objection to this would be that as hardly as two cards are the same size they might not look so well bound in this way. An easy and very good way for mounting them would be to take sheets of heavy card-board, and cut out

spaces the proper size, leaving a little projection in each of the corners. Split this projecting piece and insert the corners of the card. The entire card if placed in this way, can be seen, except the little space on each corner. If the collector desires to show only the face of his cards, they could be laid flat on the page, and secured by a narrow strip of paper, gummed over each corner; or, incisions made in each sheet, and the corners passed through it. Such are a few of the modes of mounting Post Cards that have suggested themselves to my mind. There are a couple of ways that I regret to say are followed by some, and perhaps always will be popular with those who collect stamps just to have them;—cut out the impressed stamp and gum it in the album with the rest of the collection; or put them in a bundle, wrap a piece of paper around them, and fling the package into a drawer or corner. Treated in the last named manner they will soon become nicely soiled, and acquire an appearance of age truly refreshing in these days of reprint. The Postal Card marks an era in the universal demand for cheaper postage, and for their convenience will always be popular; but I look forward to the day when they will be largely superseded by letters at the same low rates. A member announced not long since that he proposed introducing a bill in Congress to reduce the single rate of letters to one cent, but he has not yet done so, and it would not pass if he did, for the time has not yet come. But that it will come can hardly be doubted by the advance the past few years.—S.C.C.

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.

SWEDEN.

The 10 ore Postal Card is now printed in manove, and the 6 ore has been changed from lilac to brown. A new value has been issued, value 4 ore, color drab.

NATAL.

A 1 cent stamp of this British Colony is now printed in orange, instead of red.

GREECE.

A new edition will shortly be issued, design same as before with a change in the colors, the current 40 lepta is now rose—violet—on white, the new 30 l. is on a more yellowish paper.

ECUADOR.

An entire set of stamps are now in preparation for the country.

BHOPAL.

The stamps issued for the Indian Province ore of the value of $\frac{1}{4}$ auna, colors black and red respectively.

RUSSIAN LEVANTE.

The 10 Kopce stamp for this district is now surcharged with a large figure "8."

HOLLAND.

The correct list of values and colors of the new stamps are as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$ cent rose, 1 cent green, 2 cent yellow, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cent violet.

PUNJANB.

The stamps of the district of Rampour in this territory are now printed on thick bluish paper.

OUR EXCHANGES.

The PHILATELIC FAVORITE of N. Y. is one of the best papers we have received.

The AGENTS GAZETTE of Port Hope is one of the best Amateur papers we have received, printed and well edited, we are proud to say that it is one of our best exchanges.

We have received the BOYS' JOURNAL of Toronto, it is a neat journal, it contains the latest Amateur News, and is a first class journal in every respect.

We have received the CANADA BEAVER of Toronto, it is the largest and best of all our exchanges.

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We have received some 75 exchanges. for want of space we are unable to notice them all.

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POSTAL CARDS.

BY "UNO."

It is very evident that the "cheap system" of Postage has about "struck the level,"—with the Postal Card the climax was reached. How different is the mode of transferring letters to-day from what it was fifty years ago, let us look back there, there were no railroads and all messages were carried by horsemen or stages and coaches, then it took a week and often more than that for a message to be sent a distance of two hundred miles and receive an answer, and besides this it cost from twenty-five cents to fifty cents to do so. Now a letter can be sent the same distance and an answer received within three days, and it only costs three cents.

The Post Card was first brought into use by Austria in 1869 or 1870, when it was tried but as an experiment. The plan however was first conceived by the Post-master General of Germany, in 1868, but on account of several reasons, one of which was that it would cause too great a decrease in the revenues, the

project was not carried out at the time, but the following year the plan was again suggested by Dr. Hermann of Vienna, and was immediately adopted by the Austrian. There are three varieties of half-penny cards in Great Britain, and it is stated by some Philatelic writers that the *pink* ones are for the nobility exclusively, and the *violet* ones for the common people, but although that may have been the case when first issued, it is not so now, for we have seen several *pink* ones which have been used by commoners.

The number of cards which have been issued up to the present time is about 175, representing about thirty-six countries. One can easily see that this manner of saving postage is fast superceding the paper and envelope wherever the Post-card can be substituted for them.

However, the card is used quite often where it should not be, for instance the card is very useful to circulate notices, etc. upon, but when a person uses one of these cards in writing to a person, from whom an answer is requested, it is not only entirely out of

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STAMP DEPARTMENT.**ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.**

From the *Western Philatelist* we learn the following: Our Buenos Ayres correspondent writes us that the 5, 10, and 30 centavos are to be surcharged, 8, 16, 24 and 25 centavos respectively, and a 2 centavo stamp of new design is to be added. Mr. Trifel's circular also mentions a 25 cent registered letter stamp. The lately issued 5 cent envelope is already obsolete. An entirely new set is to be expected.

TURKEY.

We have received a postal card from this country printed in lilac on white card. The stamp is 20 paras of the current set and is printed on the card.

CABUL.

Circular 1 and 4 shahis violet, of the last emission but one are

reported. The lately issued lilac grey, impressions are now milky blue.

BRAZIL.

The 50 reis comes gophered at the back in the same way with certain of the United States and Peruvian stamps. Some of them have been manipulated by means of the rouletting machine of the American Bank Note Co.

DECCAN.

An interesting resuscitation of one of this Government's stamps is announced. Large size, broad oblong, impressed in black on a white surface so as to show native characters in white. Dated 1288 (1871.) 1 anna, black on white.

FINLAND.

The current 10 penni post-card of this province is now printed in blue instead of lilac; and the word AINOASTAAN substituted for AINOASTANSA. The current Helsingfors local is now hole perforated.

GUATEMALA.

Officials have been emitted for this republic in five sets; values and colors alike. $\frac{1}{4}$ real, black; 1 real, green; 2 reales, blue; 4 reales, red; 1 peso, lilac.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

The green shilling charge comes surcharged "One Penny" at the top and a broad black line over the value at bottom, thus adding another provincial stamp to the set.

NORWAY.

An envelope of the value of 5 ore, blue, has been issued. The stock of postal cards, with value in skillings, which remain on hand has been utilized by sur-

charging the new lines.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

We learn from Messrs Alfred Smith and Co's circular that in consequence of the adoption of the eight penny rate for letters via Brindisi, the large yellow eight pence of New South Wales has again come to the front, after lying dormant during the successive employment of the ten penny and nine-penny values.

BELGIUM.

The post-card in this country is now printed without border. Wrapper, values 1 and 5 centimes, are reported.

FRANCE.

It seems that the people of France are dissatisfied with the colors of the stamps lately issued and therefore a new set will be issued as soon as the present stock is exhausted. The complaints are made against all the low values being printed in the same color. We understand the design of the new set will remain the same, but the new colors will be as follows:

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