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CANADA AND HER POSTAGE STAMPS

Read by President W. F. DENT, before the BUFFALO PHILATELIC SOCIETY. November 20, 1889.

Strange as it may appear the first Post-Master General of the United States was also the first Deputy Post-Master General of Canada. Prior to the independence of the States Benjamin Franklin was in full charge of all postal matters North of the Pennsylvania line—this included Canada—Hugh Finlay, who was Post-Master at Quebec under Franklin, was upon the seperation of the two countries appointed by the Crown to the position of Deputy Post-Master General for all Canada. There was about this time eleven post-offices under his charge extending from Baie des Chaleurs, in the East, to Mackinaw, in the far West, which was at this time about the end of everything, the jumping off place. England retained control of the postal service till about 1851, at which time after the Adhesive stamp had proved a success in the Mother Country, determined that as it had demonstrated its popularity there, it would be none the less so in the then thinly settled, cold and bleak Canada, and by so doing placed herself among the first colonies to adopt the new idea and not depend upon the honesty of the Post-Master to report the exact number of times he placed the 3d or 6d hand stamp on the letters.

Accordingly, early in 1851 the first attempt was made by issuing the 3d red and 6d purple, later on the celebrated and now very rare 12p black appeared. The three stamps were issued on thin laid paper imperforated. The 3d red was oblong in shape representing a beaver in the act of crossing a dam, head to the left, surmounted by a crown and V. R. in transverse oval frame, with Canada postage above, value below. Right

under the crown appears the Rose, Thistle and Shamrock. Thus perpetuating the memory of their native land, England, Scotland and Ireland. In the four corners is the numeral 3 on foliated ground.

The 6p purple contained portrait of Prince Albert to the right on lined ground in oval band, Canada postage above, value below; foliated corners with figure of value in each. This stamp appears in a variety of shades: dark purple, violet, brownish violet, and other similar shades.

The 12p black contained crowned portrait of the Queen to the left, in oval band, Canada postage above, 12 pence below. numerals 12 in each corner.

In 1852 the 3d red and 6p purple were issued on both thick and thin wove paper. In 1855 the 10p blue imperforate on wove paper was issued. This contained portrait of Jacques Cartier to the right on lined ground, in oval band, Canada postage above, value below; 8p sterling in upper and 10cy in lower corner. Right here Canada teaches the United States and other countries a lesson, while they have forgotten the ones to whom they owe their discovery, she has in a small degree honored her's.

In 1857 was issued 1/2p rose and 7 1/2p green. The 1/2p rose imperforate wove paper contained crowned portrait of the Queen to the left, on lined ground in oval frame, Canada postage above, value below. This stamp was for newspapers in Canada. The 7 1/2p green imperforate, wove paper, contained crowned portrait of the Queen to the left, on lined ground in oval band; Canada packet postage above, 6d sterling below; 6p sterling in left hand, 7 1/2p cy in right hand corner, above and below. This stamp was issued when the government made a new contract with the Allan Steamship Line.

In 1858 the 1/2p rose, 3p red and the 6p

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The field of Philately seems to be so well represented by various publications, good, bad, and indifferent, that it was with fear and trembling we first thought of publishing a philatelic journal. But after looking over a large number of journals, we took heart, and determined to publish a good, sparkling paper. One containing fresh, interesting matter, and not like the majority, copy all our articles from the two leading journals of the day.

We come to you unheralded, and hope that you will help to support us. We have come to stay, if possible, and all we need is your co-operation to enable us to produce a *live* philatelic paper.

Those advertising in our columns are reliable firms, well known to the collecting fraternity, and our patrons will do well to deal with them.

Our advertising rates are low, considering the quality and circulation we of-

fer, but we are willing to begin low that we may have room to rise higher in the future. Performances are better than promises, however, and future numbers will be permitted to speak for themselves.

THE EDITORS.

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The reply post card was first issued in Germany in 1877.

We find that many young collectors make a great mistake in discarding U. S. stamps and collect only Foreign. A complete set of United States stamps can not be bought at a very reasonable price. Four or five years hence they will cost three times as much. Our advice is, collect all the stamps of our own country while you can get them.

No *Journal* can succeed without subscribers. No one who has any experience in publishing a paper will deny this. We desire as many new subscriptions as possible before the New Year, and we do not think we shall be accused of unnatural pride if we state that every subscriber will receive the full worth of his money.

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purple were issued on wove paper, perforated. The home government had reported in favor of its adoption and Canada followed suit.

In 1859 Canada, ever progressive, adopted the decimal currency and accordingly we get a new issue of adhesives to correspond, 1 cent pink, 5 cent vermilion, 10 cent violet, 12½ cent green and 17 cent blue. There was no new types, simply the old ones issued in conformity to the new currency. They were all on wove paper, perforated.

(To be Continued.)

CHRONICLE.

UNITED STATES.

Post-Master General Wanamaker has awarded the American Bank Note Company of New York, the contract for printing the adhesive stamps for the next four years, commencing Jan. 1st, 1890. The new stamps are to be about one eighth smaller than those now in use, or about the size of the present issue of stamps of Canada. The designs will be altered to conform to the reduction in the size of the stamp, and with the exception of the one cent the colors will be entirely changed. The following are understood to be the adopted colors:

- 1 cent, ultramarine.
- 2 " carmine.
- 3 " royal purple.
- 4 " chocolate.
- 5 " light brown.
- 6 " vermilion.
- 10 " malori green.
- 15 " steel blue.
- 30 " black.
- 96 " orange.

Do our readers know what the different geometrical figures in black at the upper left hand corner of the special envelopes used by the Dead Letter Office. The *Circle* shows that the letter was opened at the Minor Division and contains no enclosure. The *triangle* Returning Division; the *square*, Property Division containing money, etc.; the *six pointed star*, Minor Division, special. These figures are adopted to facilitate the business of the office, and if the letter should

be again sent to the Dead Letter Office, which happens every day in large quantities to save a second examination of the contents.

THE STAMPS OF TRAVANCORE.

BY DE GARMO.

There is situated on the coast of Malabar in British India a small strip of territory about the size of Connecticut, and containing a population of nearly 1,500,000. Travancore is one of the states acknowledging the rule of Great Britain.

The Maharajah of Travancore, following the example of the native Indian states, caused to be issued, during the latter part of 1888, a set of postage stamps. They are all of the same design. In the center of the stamp, surrounded by two ovals, is the figure of a "snail," the sacred animal of that country. Inside of the inner oval and at the top are the words "Travancore Anchoel" and at the bottom is the value in English. In the outer oval is found the same inscription, only in the native language. Arabesques fill the corner. The stamps are all printed on white. There are values.

- 1 chuckram, ultramarine.
- 2 " red.
- 4 " green.

NOTICE TO A. P. A. MEMBERS.

We take pleasure in recommending Mr. Millard F. Walton of Philadelphia Pa., for the vacant Secretaryship of the A. P. A. Mr. Walton's opponents are worthy men, but he is the man for the place and it would be difficult to find a man more worthy or capable.

We have only one "kick" to make on the result of the A. P. A. Convention. We think that Niagara Falls, should have been chosen for the next convention, instead of New York.

The scarcest revenue stamps used by the Government, are those for the exportation of cigars, tobacco and spirits. Since the quantity of cigars, tobacco and spirits exported from this country is very small, and as the stamps are not placed on the packages until they are shipped, they are seldom met with.

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In 1864 there was issued the 2 cent pink crowned portrait of the Queen to the left on lined ground in oval band, inscribed, Canada postage above, value below, numerals of value in the corners, this like the preceding stamps, was issued perforated.

In 1868 we get an uniformity in the issue. Seven new types crowned portrait of the Queen to the left in circle, Canada postage in curved lines above, value below, in some the value, the numeral, appears above, while it is in the lower corners of all this issue consisting of 1 cent red 2 cent green 3 cent bright red, 5 cent dark olive, 6 cents brown, 12 1/2 cent blue, and 15 cent violet. In 1869 the one cent red was changed to yellow, shading to orange, there was a great variety in the shade of all the stamps of this issue and were issued on all kinds of thick and thin wove paper. One might easily imagine that they were intended for wrapping paper instead of postal purposes. In 1869 the 1 cent red and 3 cent bright red were issued on laid paper. From 1869 to 1872 the 1/2 cent black, 1 cent yellow, 2 cent green, 3 cent red, 5 cent olive green and 6 cent brown were issued, the design being the same as in 1868 but much smaller in size. In 1873 a new value appears, the ten cent rose, shading to a carnation, all this issue, like the preceding, were issued in a great variety of shades. From 1876 there has been several changes; a new 5 cent slate green, the color of the 15 cent blue changed to slate and the 10 cent rose changed to lake. Several of the dies have been re-cut. There has been some talk of late about a new issue but up to

the present they have failed to materialize.

In 1875 the 3 registration stamps were issued to the public, 2 cent orange, 5 cent green and 8 cent blue. About 1878 the 8 cent blue was done away with. The 2 cent orange, has during the past year, been issued in red, crimson and brown although there appears to be some doubt of the brown.

Canada has not been as prolific as some other stamp issuing countries in the way of envelopes and bonds. So far as I can learn she has only issued 4 envelopes, 3 bonds and 1 officially sealed stamp. I have only seen a few watermarked stamps of Canada the 1 red and the 3 cent red watermarked TU or something similar and have never met any one who could speak authoritively on this subject. Most likely it was done by the maker, who, as in similar cases, was short of paper and had to use what he could get.

Some of the Canadian stamps are very rare among the number is the 12 pence black of which very few exist and most of the first issues are not to be seen in every collection.

We are glad to herald the success and prosperity of the Buffalo Philatelic Society. It now has nearly sixty members in good standing, and is continually adding new names to its roll of members. They are represented in many places including Niagara Falls, Mt Morris, New York City and others.

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Haiti is a land of "Kickers." President Salomon, whose face figures on their last postal issue, had to flee to, and die, in a foreign land; and now Legitime who kicked Salomon out, has himself had the same stimulant applied to the seat of his unmentionables by Hypolite.

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The 1868 issue of Mexico bears the portrait of Benito Juary.

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In our next issue a very interesting article will appear entitled "five years ago and today" written by De Garmo, one of the best and most able writers in the philatelic center.

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SPAIN'S LATEST ISSUE.

Letters which have recently arrived from Spain have borne a new postage stamp marked with the effigy of the King of Spain, Don Alfonso XIII. This fact in itself is nothing at all remarkable, since the postage stamp of every monarchical country bear the portrait of its monarch.

But the fact that the King of Spain is less than four years old, having been born May 17, 1886, and the further fact that the stamps of that kingdom have been marked with his effigy but a short time, makes the circumstance an interesting one

Never before, we believe, has postage stamps borne the portrait of a baby monarch. There have been many child potentates, but Don Alfonso XIII. is the first baby who has reigned over a European country since the introduction of the use of postage stamps.

To this generation, which considers the postage stamp almost as much a necessity of life as food or raiment, it seem hard to believe that forty years have not yet gone by since postage stamps came into general use in Europe and the United States.

No doubt this new stamp of Spain will be sought for, at least for a time, by thousands of stamp collectors, for its novelty. It is sure however to become common, but within a few years Don Alfonso, growing so old that he may fairly claim to be quite a big boy," will need a new postage stamp; and then perhaps another and another 'still, before he becomes a man. So that people who preserve these stamps will possess a record in postage stamps of a young king's growth from babyhood to manhood.

The present stamp is quite a pretty one. It is printed in several colors, as follows:

- 2 centimes, blue green.
- 5 centimes, blue.
- 10 centimes, yellow brown.
- 15 centimes, brown violet.
- 20 centimes, yellow green.

- 25 centimes, dark blue.
- 30 centimes, green.
- 40 centimes, brown.
- 50 centimes, pale rose.
- 75 centimes, orange red.
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FIVE YEARS AGO AND TO-DAY.

(by De Garmo.)

For the past five years the study of Philately has been on the increase. Previous to that period, this study had a hard time to survive, and the comparative few who kept the interest of this science alive, should be praised accordingly.

But what a change between to-day and five years ago, and what an advance in the good cause, we have made. Where five years ago there was one collector, we have ONE HUNDRED now.

Our beloved study has thousands of adherents, and numbers among its votaries some of the "brightest lights" in the literary world. Look at our Alva, and show a better collector, or a more interesting writer. Then there is President John K. Tiffany, who, hampered continually with his business affairs, still finds time to spend with his little, oblong, paper friends, and to advance the interest of our cause in a godly measure.

Five years ago, where were our Philatelic Societies? If they had ever been thought of, the discoverer dared not breathe his idea to the world for fear of being laughed at, and pronounced fit to become the inmate of a lunatic asylum. We had to wait for the few brave men who first proclaimed to the outside world their ideas, how best to advance the science of Philately. Such a success have they made in this work, that now in every city of size, a society in the interest of collecting stamps, is sure to be found.

regulated and smoothly running exchange department, that enables one to obtain in exchange for duplicates, stamps long desired. Then there is the Official Journal, which contains all the latest stamp news, and interesting articles by able writers. And last but by no means least, such a connection extends one's acquaintance in a desirable direction, and leads to an enjoyable sociability among like minded individuals.

In the present condition of affairs, there are many neophytes beginning the study of Philately, whose greatest need will be supplied by a subscription to this journal and a careful study of its columns.

There is said to be over 1,000,000 stamp collectors and over 1,000 stamp dealers in the world.

JUBILEE OF THE PENNY POST
IN LONDON, ENG.

A dinner attended by various chief officials, past and present, of the Postal Departments of London and the Provinces, took place at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday evening, Jan. 15th, in celebration of the jubilee of the penny postage.

Mr Raikes, M. P., the Postmaster-General, presided, and in proposing the toast of the "Post Office" spoke in very eulogistic terms of Sir Rowland Hill's services in establishing the penny postage. The actual volume of letters now passing was twenty times greater than 50 years ago. The right hon. gentleman examined the arguments in favor of an international penny postage, and contended that the area of proclivity was so limited that the proposal

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FIVE YEARS AGO AND TO-DAY.

(by De Garmo.)

For the past five years the study of Philately has been on the increase. Previous to that period, this study had a hard time to survive, and the comparative few who kept the interest of this science alive, should be praised accordingly.

But what a change between to-day and five years ago, and what an advance in the good cause, we have made. Where five years ago there was one collector, we have ONE HUNDRED now.

Our beloved study has thousands of adherents, and numbers among its votaries some of the "brightest lights" in the literary world. Look at our Alva, and show a better collector, or a more interesting writer. Then there is President John K. Tiffany, who, hampered continually with his business affairs, still finds time to spend with his little, oblong, paper friends, and to advance the interest of our cause in a goodly measure.

Five years ago, where were our Philatelic Societies? If they had ever been thought of, the discoverer dared not breathe his idea to the world for fear of being laughed at, and pronounced fit to become the inmate of a lunatic asylum. We had to wait for the few brave men who first proclaimed to the outside world their ideas, how best to advance the science of Philately. Such a success have they made in this work, that now in every city of size, a society in the interest of collecting stamps, is sure to be found.

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regulated and smoothly running exchange department, that enables one to obtain in exchange for duplicates, stamps long desired. Then there is the Official Journal, which contains all the latest stamp news, and interesting articles by able writers. And last but by no means least, such a connection extends one's acquaintance in a desirable direction, and leads to an enjoyable sociability among like minded individuals.

In the present condition of affairs, there are many neophytes beginning the study of Philately, whose greatest need will be supplied by a subscription to this journal and a careful study of its columns.

There is said to be over 1,000,000 stamp collectors and over 1,000 stamp dealers in the world.

JUBILEE OF THE PENNY POST IN LONDON, ENG.

A dinner attended by various chief officials, past and present, of the Postal Departments of London and the Provinces, took place at the Holborn Restaurant on Wednesday evening, Jan. 15th, in celebration of the jubilee of the penny postage.

Mr Raikes, M. P., the Postmaster-General, presided, and in proposing the toast of the "Post Office" spoke in very eulogistic terms of Sir Rowland Hill's services in establishing the penny postage. The actual volume of letters now passing was twenty times greater than 50 years ago. The right hon. gentleman examined the arguments in favor of an international penny postage, and contended that the area of proclivity was so limited that the proposal was not workable, and would only benefit the few at the expense of the many.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We are in receipt of many Exchanges, for which accept our thanks

Henry Gremmell's address in his "ad" of last issue, should have been 85 Nassau St. instead of 109 Second St., his former address.

The *Post Card* is a neat little sheet and all collectors who are interested in stamps and in this particular hobby, ought to give them their support.

Two interesting articles concerning Rowland Hill, the inventor of the postage stamp, can be found in Harper's Weekly for 1879. A file can be found at almost any public library.

Do not wait until one of our traveling solicitors call on you, but send in your subscription at once. Every one sending us Twenty-five Cents for one year's subscription, before Mar. 15th, will receive Nos 1 & 2 free.

Will Portugal rise and explain if she is going to keep on surcharging her stamps forever, for Azores and Madeira. Same time inform us why these islands don't deserve special issues as well as Macao, Timor, St. Thomas and Prince Is. etc.

We have received *The C. P. S. Bulletin*, a new philatelic venture published in the interests of the Chicago Philatelic Society, by S. B. Brad and P. M. Wolsieffer, of that society. Apart from its advertisements it contains nothing of interest to the general philatelic public.

The duke of Edinburgh is an ardent stamp collector. When in Lisbon, during the obsequies of the late king of Portugal, he visited a shop in the Praca de Luiz de Camoes, and made a considerable purchase of rare specimens which he had not hitherto been able to obtain. He has now one of the finest collections extant.

HOW THEY ARE MADE.

The Many Different Processes in the Manufacture of Postage Stamps.

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Lockport, N. Y. Feb. 1, 1890.

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