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No. 1.

A HISTORY AND CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN POSTAGE AND REVENUES.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

WE present the Bill Stamps first, and after some consideration, decided it was best to affix a value to each issue. Some catalogues in the past have priced these issues rather high, and these figures have been cut down—considerably in some cases—and in others advanced.

Three issues comprise the Bill Stamps, the first appearing in 1864, second in 1865, and the third in 1869, and continued in use until 1882, at which date the Act by which this tax was imposed, was repealed.

The 1st and 2nd issue can be found unperforated, but they are considered as being proofs.

In the 1st issue the head of the Queen is in a perpendicular oval, "Bill stamp" at top and "Canada" below; in upper corners value in figures, while at bottom it is spelt out; color is light blue, while in size all three issues are about the size of ordinary postage stamps. The dollar values, however, are somewhat larger.

Various perforations can be found, to which no attention will be paid. Papers in thin and thick wove cover 1st issue. The only known variety is the 7 cent, same being spelt sFVEN.

FIRST ISSUE.

(Queen's Head in octagonal frame.)

1864	1 cent blue.....	5
..	2	7
..	3	3
..	4	35
..	5	10
..	6	2
..	7	35
..	7 .. error, SFVEN..	15 00
..	8	30
..	9	4
..	10	8
..	20	12
..	30	17
..	40	50
..	50	25
..	\$1	85
..	\$2	1 50
..	\$3	3 00

In the 2nd issue the colors are varied,

the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 cent being scarlet, head of Queen in perpendicular oval, across the top in two slight curved lines "Canada Bill Stamp," across the bottom the value in words, and above on each side value again in large figures. The 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 cents are blue, head of Queen in octagonal frame. The 30 cent value is also printed in scarlet. Dollar values have the Queen's head in a circle and printed in two colors. The whole set are pretty. In addition to thin and thick wove papers this issue is found on pelure paper.

SECOND ISSUE.

(Queen's Head in circle.)

1865	1 cent scarlet.....	6
..	2	7
..	3	3
..	4	60
..	5	10
..	6	2
..	7	1 50
..	8	1 10
..	9	3
..	10 cents blue	10
..	20	8
..	30	25
..	30 cents scarlet (error)	50
..	40	30
..	50	15
..	\$1 green, red centre	85
..	\$1 red, green centre	1 10
..	\$2 red, purple centre	4 00
..	\$3 red, purple centre.....	6 00

As in the 2nd issue, the 3rd issue is printed in various colors, and in this series the Queen is portrayed in mourning garb. The 3, 6 and 9 cent are green; 1, 2 (an error), 4 and 8 cent, brown; 2, 5 and 7 cent, orange; 10 to 50 cents, blue; dollar values in two colors. Two errors are found in this issue, the 2 cent brown and the \$2 inverted head.

THIRD ISSUE.

(Queen in mourning costume.)

1869	1 cent brown.....	1
..	2 cent brown (error)	25
..	2 cent orange	1
..	3 cent green	1
..	4 cent brown	2
..	5 cent vermilion	3
..	6 cent green	1
..	7 cent vermilion	25
..	8 cent brown.....	4

..	9 cent green.....	1
..	10 cent blue.....	1
..	20	2
..	30	2
..	40	10
..	50	2
..	\$1 blue and black	5
..	\$2 orange and black.....	30
..	\$2 (inverted head)	25 00
..	\$3 green and black	50

(To be Continued.)

A FAMOUS STAMP BOURSE.

WE remember that Mr. Edouard Cadol said to us one day: "The novel writer has positively no use for your postage stamp collector; stamp collecting is nothing but a feeble passion of schoolboys, without any deep root and necessarily to a small number of devotees. A collector ruining his family by purchases of stamps would produce mocking laughter in the theatre."

But now! Philately has just been connected with a notorious crime which is now filling all the papers, and, contrary to the opinion of Mr. Cadol, we shall certainly see novelists and dramatists take hold of this new subject.

On May 21st last, a large and heavy case arrived during the day at the small station of Couville, and, not being claimed by any one of the travellers, was placed in the baggage room. It was noticed as emitting a suspicious odor and opened by the authorities. The case contained a trunk and in the latter a corpse. Next day the lugubrious parcel was called for by a young man and young women, who had brought it from Paris. Arrested at once they could not deny their crime nor conceal their identity; the former named Aubert and his companion Marguerite Dubois.

It was then learned with surprise that the assassin and victim were frequenters of the Stamp Bourse, and that it was to obtain possession of a collection of post-stamps that Aubert committed a crime.

Not knowing how to get rid of the body the murderer for several days carted it about in cabs, shut up in the trunk. He finally decided to take it to the St. Lazare station and thence to Couville, evidently intending to throw it into the sea.

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THIS fall promises to surpass that of any previous season, and contrary to the usual custom, the demand did not slacken until towards the end of July. The season again opens in September, and from that time collectors will be ready to buy most any line.

POLITICS is the prevailing thought in stamp societies these days. The Dominion Philatelic Association will hold its first annual convention at the Fair—Toronto Industrial—on Tuesday and Wednesday of second week. Notices have been received from a number of outside members that they will attend.

FOR president of the Dominion Philatelic Association our nomination is Mr. I. E. Weldon, of Lindsey, but who will reside in Toronto soon. Every society must have a good set of officers, and this year we think it advisable to elect the very best men. The position of secretary-treasurer is another important office, and as Mr. Patterson—the present officer—intends permanently residing in the States after October, some new person will be elected. We would suggest to the members that a vice-president be elected for each of the Provinces of the Dominion.

THIS paper desires a few correspondents to furnish notes at intervals. We issued this number ere notes came from Montreal, Halifax, Winnipeg, Quebec and other points. Same will appear in future issues.

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Aubert is 30 years of age, of medium height, slender, with dark complexion and sharp eyes; a twitching of the face causes him to be remembered at once by those who have had any dealings with him. He came from a family of easy means, soon dissipated a small patrimony, took to cheating and went into various operations, finally becoming a postage stamp broker, which could not have been very profitable since he was entirely without resources at the moment of the crime. At the Stamp Bourse he made the acquaintance of several persons, who came to his house, drawn there by the passion for philately.

Mr. Delahaef, unfortunately, was one of the number. He was a young man of 20 years of age, rather timid, living at his father's. He was not a novice; he often went to the Stamp Bourse buying and selling, and it was the purchase of a collection at 2,000 francs, which had been much talked off at the Bourse, that drew Aubert's attention to him. It was at that time that the idea must have been formed in the mind of the murderer of procuring by swindling, robbery, or even murder, important lots of rare stamps, which are easier to sell than jewels or other merchandise. With this object he wrote three letters on the 12th of May to young Delahaef, to Mr. Astruc and to us. All these letters are substantially the same, and when translated, is as follows:

PARIS, Tuesday, May 12th, '96.

Mr. Maury, Paris.

I should like to buy a collection of good stamps, guaranteed genuine, about 2,000 or 3,000 francs. I have thought that in your house I could easily find such. If you can supply me with them within 24 hours, send word to me—Mr. Gaston Darnis, Cafe des Negociants, Rue de Louvre, city. Send one of employees with reply to the Cafe des Negociants, or to my hotel which is next door, the Grand Hotel Central, Rue du Louvre, about 12 or 1 o'clock.

I remain, etc.,

G. DARNIS.

We replied to this letter that we never went to houses, either to buy or to sell, but that in our store we were willing to give the client all information which could prove useful to him. Mr. Astruc replied to the same effect. Young Delahaef was not so prudent, and hastened to do business, taking with him his collection and duplicates. This was on May 14th. The accessories to the trap were ready—the fine eyes of Marguerite Du-

bois, the axe and the empty trunk. The unfortunate man did not return.

Meanwhile, Aubert was endeavoring to sell the stamps obtained, with the sole object, we must repeat, of procuring money, and not to satisfy a mad passion of a collector. From the 15th to the 18th of May he probably sold the rarest—to whom? This is not yet known. On the 19th he sold to Mr. Doubledent, Rue du Bac, for the sum of 600 francs, a partly denuded album. He also presented himself at Mr. Verville's, offering him some rather common duplicates.

The reporters of the large newspapers overwhelmed us for three days with the following questions:

"What is the Stamp Bourse really? What is the origin of the word Philately? What are the dearest stamps? What are the names of the principal collectors and what is the value of their collections? When did people begin to collect? What does the stamp business amount to?" To all this we have replied a hundred times during the past few years, and each time the information, more or less correctly noted down, has been reproduced in articles strewn with errors.

We have already related how a few isolated collectors, numismatics or collectors of the old vignettes from sheets of stamped paper, among whom we have mentioned Messrs. Legras and Laplante, had, about 1855, the idea of also collecting postage stamps. But it was from 1858 to 1860 in Paris that the fashion—we may say the passion—burst forth and increased, especially among children. The first devotees made appointments to meet in the Jardin des Tuileries, under the shade of the large chestnut trees along the central walk, between the parterres surrounded by railings and the square space where there are two statues of young girls running, copied from some antique statues. Boys and girls held pleasant meetings there each day, and handed one another their books of duplicates which they wished to exchange: "I will give you two Belgians for your Spanish," and the collections gradually became enriched with types whose novelty rendered them admirable, while mamas and governesses, seated around on the large straw-covered chairs watched the childish transactions from a distance, reading or doing needlework.

On Thursdays, and especially Sundays the little market was more lively, as the schoolboys brought their noise and their pennies. There were also to be found junior clerks from banks and business houses, where the harvest of postage stamps was abundant and easy. The sales soon got ahead of the exchanges. The name of Petite Bourse (Little Exchange), given in pleasantry, was a happy one; all the newspapers mentioned it

whenever they spoke of the mania of stamp collecting. The Little Stamp Bourse was seen at the theatre and was found in the annual reviews. Sardou introduced into the Famille Benoiton (1865) a broker of 8 years of age who got the best of his companions by buying up all the stamps of the Confederate States of America which were on the market, to sell them again an hour later when a dispatch announced that the Federals were the vanquishers. This has no common sense from a philatelic point of view, but let us proceed.

In 1864 the Stamp Bourse met every Thursday and Saturday, gathering from 200 to 400 persons, children no longer figuring for more than half. It was a real open market, where might be found persons of doubtful appearance, indelicate dealers, and even worse. Complaints were numerous; children had received counterfeit stamps in exchange for their genuine ones; books and albums had been carried off; young men there sold stamps which had been stolen. The police, whom these periodical assemblies had annoyed for a long time, were delighted at receiving orders to tolerate them no longer. Tracked into all of the corners of the Tuileries were they had appointments, the collectors emigrated to the Jardin du Luxembourg. As soon as it became somewhat numerous, the new market was again dissolved by order, and was transplanted to the Champs-Elysees, at different points, and finally to the Carre Marigny behind the Marionette shows. It has remained there ever since, with ups and downs, according to the more or less tolerant disposition of the police.

Abroad, open stamp markets have been noticed in all the capitals, but as soon as they got beyond the proportions of children's games—that is, when dealer's appeared—they were no longer tolerated, and they took refuge in hired premises or beer saloons. The Little Bourse of Vienna is spoken of in this way, but it did not become very well known.

Postage stamp dealers, established in stores, becoming more and more numerous on all hands, prevented the open market from assuming proportions commensurate with the continually increasing number of votaries. The meetings comprise sometimes 200 persons, again to the number of 200 to 400; there are some frequenters who come in all weather, both winter and summer, if only to talk stamps. The general air is rather Bohemian, with a mixture of ardent collectors, who are always hounding, according to the slang of the place, to find an extra good bargain.

The stranger, the rich collector who wanders there and, pretending to be an expert, allows himself to be saddled with bogus stamps, is called a "poire" (gull). Neither large collectors nor dealers habitually frequent this market.

The professionals carry bags having shoulder straps like omnibus conductors, whence they take out their books of stamps and wherein they engulf receipts. There are mute and automatic dealers who offer their books wide open, and when stamps are pointed out, simply replies: "5 cents, 20 francs, 2 cents," and as soon as they have turned the last page, open another album. Others are of a more jovial aspect and make speeches

in order to get the buyers to laugh, these later being somewhat serious and full of distrust. As a whole the gathering is rather busy, people do not speak too loud so as not to interfere with their neighbors. Each group is only composed of three or four persons. Every new comer is assailed with discreet offers; three parts of the habitués know one another by sight only, still they know the albums better than they do the faces.

It is nonsense to say that the prices of postage stamps are made at the Bourse. These prices, which are somewhat elastic however, are fixed by the catalogues and periodicals of the large firms of London, Paris, Brussels, Leipzig, New York, which have stocks of several millions, not of stamps, but of francs, and some of which are joint concerns, solid as a good bank.

This fanciful name of Bourse produces a wrong impression, as in Sardou's piece. There is no Bourse except for important securities and for products in enormous quantities, such as wheat, sugar, cotton, which absolutely require daily quotations. People do not speak of the Book Bourse, the Curiosity Bourse, the Picture Bourse. The confusion degenerates into bad faith and deserves prosecution when we find printed: "The Official Postage Stamp Bourse," since the word "official" conveys the idea that the advertiser has the guarantee of the state, whilst in reality being without authority and unknown.

Established dealers, who pay heavy taxes which are a considerable addition to their rent, and who pay the tax of the Commercial Bourse, are unable to understand why the Municipal Council should, as requested, favor the open market, which contributes nothing at all to the budget. It is a serious competition to steady business houses, as collections of from a 1,000 to 10,000 francs find their way there, and 20 franc pieces and bank notes circulate. It is no longer a place where youngsters go to circulate stamps.

The stamp business is at the present time one of the most difficult to carry on, since genuineness is the prime requisite. Now this genuineness is not very easy to discern on account of the progress made in the art of the forger and of the advantages which can be obtained from the use of photo-engraving, and also on account of the impunity which is assured to them by the French courts. In addition to the regrettable promiscuousness, the Stamp Bourse has the defect of exciting in many children who frequent it assiduously, a mercantile precocity which is distressing to witness. It often causes young men to completely abandon their work in the office, store or the workshop, in order to launch into hazardous speculations in postage stamps—as pernicious as betting on horse races. To finish kindly, says Le Collectionneur de Timbre-Poste, we will say that the Stamp Bourse is, on a Sunny Sunday, one of the corners of picturesque Paris worthy of being seen. It has in its favor the fact that it was the cradle of philately when it was nothing but a childish stamp mania.

NEW ISSUES.

British East Africa chronicles a new set. The design is the same on all the values, a microscopic portrait of the

Queen in the centre; "British East Africa" in two lines at the top, "Protectorate" at bottom, "Post and Revenue" and the value in curves above and below the portrait.

3a yellow, 2a chocolate, 2½a blue, 3a grey, 4a deep-green, 4½a orange-yellow, 5a bistre, 7½a lilac-mauve, 8a stone-grey, 1r ultramarine, 3r violet-mauve, 4r carmine-lake, 5r brown.

The P. J. of Great Britain reports that it has seen British East Africa revenues used postally.

1 in black on 10/ blue, value in red
6/ " " £10 orange " "
10/ green, value in red.
£1 blue, value in red.

The same paper, speaking of British South Africa says: The troubles in this country have caused the issue of a set of Cape stamps surcharged in small block capitals "British South Africa." The reason for their issue is that Bulwayo ran out of stamps, and owing to its being cut off from Salisbury, the capital where the stock of stamps is kept, had to apply to the Cape for a loan. We give the number the Cape sent.

3d black on black, 24,000.
1d black on rose, 36,000.
2d black on brown, 18,000.
3d black on claret, 2,640.
4d black on blue, 9,000.
6d black on violet, 3,960.

Madagascar has a provisional issue of the current set of French stamps surcharged with new value.

5c on 1c black on lilac.
10c on 2c brown on buff.
25c on 2c brown on buff.
25c on 3c gray on grayish.
25c on 4c claret on lavender.
25c on 40c red on straw.

CUBA UNUSED.

1856, ½rp blue... 10	1878, 5c blue... 3
1857, ½rp blue... 3	— 12½c brown 15
— ½rp green... 3	— 25c lt grn... 3
— 2rp red... 6	— 50c dk grn... 3
1862, ½rp black... 6	— 1p carmine 20
1864, 1rp green... 3	1879, 5c black... 3
— 1rp blue... 5	— 12½c carm... 8
1866, 10c blue... 5	— 25c blue... 3
— 20c green... 10	— 50c gray... 3
1870, 10c green... 3	— 1p brown... 20
— 20c brown... 4	1880, 5c green... 3
1871, 12c lilac... 15	— 12½c lilac... 8
— 25c blue... 3	— 25c blue... 2
— same used 1	— 50c brown... 3
— 50c green... 4	— 1p bistre... 15
1873, 12½c green... 20	1881, 1c green... 2
— 25c lilac... 4	— 2½c olive... 3
— 50c brown... 5	— 5c blue... 2
1874, 12½c brown... 10	— 10c red brn... 3
— 25c blue... 2	— 20c brown... 10
— 50c green... 3	1882, 10c bistre... 5
— 1p brown... 15	1883, 4 kind, each
1876, 12½c green... 8	5c... 5
— 25c lilac... 6	10c... 10
— 50c blue... 10	20c... 15
— 1p black... 15	1884, 2½c brown... 4
1877, 12½c lilac... 8	— 2½c violet... 4
— 25c green... 4	— 10c brown... 6
— 50c black... 3	— 20c olive... 12
— 1p brown... 15	1890, 20c dk violet 3

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PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THE next stamps to obtain our attention are the law stamps, as these were used for Ontario. In 1864 the first issue appeared. Stamps are large and rectangular in shape and perforated; the color is green, and the design is a figure of Justice blindfolded, right hand holding a pair of scales, and the left hand a sword hanging close to the body. The dollar values are black and green, the figure of Justice being printed in black.

In two upper corners are values, in the centre between these the value spelt out; at bottom the value again with the additional word of "cents," and running up the right and left sides, words "Canada" and "Law Stamp," respectively. These values, etc., appear in relief—white type.

There were three departments using these stamps, namely C.F. (Consolidated Fund), in blue; L.S. (Law Society), in red-brown; F.F. (Fee Fund), in yellow. These surcharges appear over head of Justice on each stamp. We know nothing of varieties in these issues. Values from 5 cents to \$5 in C.F.; 20 cents to \$5 in L.S.; 10 cents to \$5 in F.F.

In 1870 a new issue appeared printed in red, and much smaller in size. The figure of Justice is not blindfolded, and value is at bottom in figures at each side, "cents" being printed in the centre while at the top in two curved lines reads the words "Ontario Law Stamp." There is a slight variation in the dollar values in their having the value at top instead of at bottom.

One issue is printed in a red color, and another in a bright orange-vermilion, so that we can claim two issues. Values run from 5 cents to \$4.

LAW STAMPS.

SURCHARGED C.F. IN BLUE.

5 cents green	85
10 ..	8
20 ..	5
30 ..	6
40 ..	35
50 ..	4

60 ..	85
70 ..	1 50
80 ..	1 00
90 ..	2 00
\$1 ..	25
\$2 ..	1 00
\$3 ..	3 00
\$4 ..	7 00
\$5 ..	12 00

SURCHARGED L.S. IN RED-BROWN.

20 cents green	7
30 ..	10
40 ..	40
50 ..	8
60 ..	75
70 ..	1 40
80 ..	3 25
90 ..	3 60
\$1 ..	30
\$2 ..	75
\$3 ..	3 00
\$4 ..	7 00
\$5 ..	8 00

SURCHARGED F.F. IN YELLOW.

10 cents green	3
20 ..	3
30 ..	4
40 ..	12
50 ..	12
60 ..	15
70 ..	—
80 ..	1 60
90 ..	1 80
\$1 ..	20
\$2 ..	1 00
\$3 ..	2 60
\$4 ..	3 00
\$5 ..	6 00

ONTARIO RED.

1870 5 cents	15
.. 10 ..	1
.. 20 ..	2
.. 30 ..	3
.. 40 ..	10
.. 50 ..	2
.. 60 ..	15
.. 70 ..	30
.. 80 ..	30
.. 90 ..	30
.. \$1 ..	2
.. \$2 ..	35
.. \$3 ..	70
.. \$4 ..	1 00

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Quebec was supplied with law stamps in 1864, similar to those in the Province

of Ontario, with this difference that those of Quebec were surcharged L.C. in red, meaning Lower Canada.

In 1870, as in Ontario, a set printed in red up to 90 cents, and dollar values —1 to 5—in blue. The issue is found in light and dark shades.

The government in 1890 decided upon issuing higher values, and in this year appeared the \$10, \$20 and \$30. Some parties claim that only 250 each of the \$20 and \$30 were issued, and as most of them were placed in government books they will, or have been, destroyed. In Walter Morley's catalogue he prices the \$10 yellow at 80 shillings, and does not price the two higher values. In Ketcheson's 1896 catalogue they are priced—\$10 yellow at \$20; \$20 green at \$50; \$30 purple at \$85. Mekeel's catalogue, we believe, prices them similar to Ketcheson. We have lowered the price greatly, and will supply every issue we catalogue at the price set against each stamp.

QUEBEC LAW STAMPS.

(Law Stamps, surcharged L.C.—Lower Canada.)

1864 10 cents green	10
.. 20 ..	10
.. 30 ..	10
.. 40 ..	15
.. 50 ..	10
.. 60 ..	20
.. 70 ..	50
.. 80 ..	50
.. 90 ..	70
.. \$1 ..	25
.. \$2 ..	75
.. \$3 ..	1 00
.. \$4 ..	1 30
.. \$5 ..	1 90
1870 10 cents red	3
.. 20 ..	4
.. 30 ..	5
.. 40 ..	11
.. 50 ..	5
.. 60 ..	12
.. 70 ..	25
.. 80 ..	20
.. 90 ..	50
.. \$1 blue	15
.. \$2 blue	20
.. \$3 blue	30
.. \$4 blue	65
.. \$5 blue	75
1890 \$10 yellow	6 00
.. \$20 green	9 25

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The season is very busy with us, but nevertheless we are looking ahead. About middle of October will be issued a large sample copy edition of this paper, mailed to many names sent in at various times during the past year for sample copies and price lists. The edition will run from 4000 to 5000, and we trust to gain many subscribers by such distribution, owing to our low subscription rate. We will have something of importance to announce to dealers in a future issue. Every one advertising is sure to benefit. Regular advertisers have space at no advance, but to those who wish space in that issue only, rates will be just double, and we are sure no advertiser will lose.

In connection with the present 3-cent stamp question has just arisen a point as to whether or not a change in the color is advisable. Recently a prominent Ottawa barrister was charged by an officer of the department that he had been using 3-cent stamps which had been treated with acid, the interference being that they were cancelled stamps which had been cleaned. Had it not been for the high professional standing of the gentleman referred to a prosecution might have followed, as within the past year or two many parties have been prosecuted for using cleaned stamps. When the matter was brought to the attention of this party he was able to show from stamps in his possession that the one complained of was a specimen of several others held by him and which he had discovered in his pocketbook where they had been hidden for some months. During that period they had completely lost their salmon color and taken on a much darker tint. For protection therefore of the community generally Mr. Mulock should see to it that a change is made in the color of the stamp which is perhaps, more used than any other in Canada.

MANY dealers in the United States are under the impression that a duty is taxed on stamps coming into Canada. Such is not the case, and has been obsolete for the past two years.

It is rumored that the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. will price unused revenues in their next edition. Wonder how prices will range? Many wide-awake collectors lately have been preparing for this move.

UNITED STATES 1861 ISSUE.

THOSE whose interest extends beyond merely filling the spaces of a printed album are probably aware of the existence of proofs of certain values of the 1861 issue, which lack the usual ornaments at the corners. But I think that few know that these designs were issued as stamps—gummed, perforated, and complete in every way—that they have done postal duty, and that there is a full set of them, each differing in some way from the corresponding value of regular issue. After some study of this subject, I am prepared to assert these facts, and also that this set constitutes the first printing from the first plates of this issue.

The difference between these first engravings and the normal types may be described as follows:

ONE CENT. From the numerals in the upper corners arabesque ornaments extend downward and also across the top, resting upon the curved frame-line of the stamp. The extreme tip of the upper left-hand ornament is directly above the P of postage. In the first type this tip rests upon the curved line, but does not extend below it. In the second type there is a strong dash under the tip and below the line. Other, though lighter dashes, appear further down the curve, above the S and opposite the U of U.S. There are also shading lines under the upper ornament on the right. None of these marks appear on the first types.

THREE CENTS. The first type of this stamp is better known to collectors than any other value in the set. Outside the irregular rectangle of lathe-work there are only some trifling ornaments and the stamps look bare and unfinished. In the second type this has been remedied by the use of more elaborate ornaments especially at the corners, which have been built out so that the outline of the design is now approximately rectangular.

FIVE CENTS. The two types of this stamp differ but little. The delicate, leaf-like ornaments at the corners lack, in the first type, the leaflet (if we may so term it) which projects farthest. The variation from the ordinary type is so slight that it would probably escape the atten-

tion of many collectors. I have seen proofs of this stamp which lacked entirely the foliations at the corners and the outer line which frames the mat of lathe work. I presume these are proofs taken in the course of making the die and I do not think any plate was made from the design in this condition.

TEN CENTS. The first engraving of this stamp is the type I of catalogues, which was brought to the attention of collectors last year. In the upper part of the stamp are five white stars on a background of ruled lines. This background is separated from the label containing U. S. POSTAGE by a curved white line. In type II a heavy line of color has been cut along the lower ends of the background lines, above and following the curve of the white line. An outer line has also been added to all the ornaments above the stars. It is strange that this extra line has escaped the sharp eyes of philatelists while the less prominent one has been pointed out.

TWELVE CENTS. The first type of this stamp differs so materially from the second that at first glance one scarcely recognizes it as a prototype. There is nothing outside the mat of lathe work except a thin wavy line following the outline. In appearance it is even more unfinished than the three cents of the first type. To make the second type small ovals and arabesques were added at each corner and little scrolls at the sides. These additions, as in the case of the three cents, make the outline of stamp about rectangular.

I have not been able to find variations in the twenty-four and thirty cents stamps. As there was but one plate for each value I doubt if any changes were made in the designs. The colors differ very decidedly from those of the ordinary stamps, as will be noted later. A few slight retouches may be found on some of the twenty-four cents stamps, but I think they indicate late touching up of the plate rather than alterations on the die.

NINETY CENTS. Above the ribbon with U.S. POSTAGE the lines of the frame meet in a sort of gable, made by parallel lines of color, separated by a white space about one-half millimetre wide. To form the second type a strong point of color is added at the apex of the lower lines of the gable and a series of little dashes drawn through the centre of the white space, making a broken line of color, between and parallel to the other lines. On many of the stamps this broken line is too faint to be seen, but colored point usually stands out clearly. I think it will be agreed that the appearance of the stamp would have been improved if, instead of these microscopic marks, something more elaborate had been added to

fill out the very bare upper part of the stamp.

Beyond doubt the eye is best pleased by stamps whose outlines fill out a rectangle. The designers of our earlier stamps either failed to appreciate this idea or else failed to carry it out. Thus we find in many of the stamps of the older issues an unsatisfactory barrenness and lack of completeness, notably at the corners. At the same time many of our later issues appear painfully plain and lacking in variety when compared with the graceful designs and elaborate ornamentation of the earlier issues.

The paper is very thin, hard and extremely brittle. The stamps must be handled carefully, for they are easily broken. The paper is also quite transparent and much of the designs may be seen from the backs of the stamps. The gum is very dark-brown, sometimes staining the paper. The perforation is 12, as adopted for the 1861 issue. The colors are very dark and rich and the ink heavily applied, occasionally giving a blurred appearance, though as a rule the impressions are very fine and clear.

The colors are :

FIRST TYPES.

- One cent, Indigo.
- Three cents, Brown-red.
- Five cents, Yellow brown.
- Ten cents, Dark yellow green.
- Twelve cents, Gray black.
- Twenty-four cents, Violet.
- Thirty cents, Red orange.
- Ninety cents, Dull blue.

SECOND TYPES.

- Pale blue, blue, dull blue.
- Pink, rose.
- Brown, red brown, black brown.
- Yellow green, blue green.
- Gray black, jet black.
- Yellow, orange.
- Pale blue, blue, marine blue.

It is said to be a matter of official record that, when these stamps were delivered to the government, the design did not give satisfaction, and alteration were ordered to be made at once. This was promptly done and impressions from the altered dies were entered over those upon the original plates. I have seen evidence of this in blocks of proofs of the two types of the twelve cents, both from the same part of plate 5 and, by certain peculiarities of the imprint and plate number and their relative positions, proving the impressions to be from the same plate.

It has been claimed that these were not regularly issued as stamps and are only essays. But it is known that the sample book of the contractors contains a sheet of the twelve cents. And still better evidence that they are stamps is supplied by used copies. The ten cents is well known in a used state, the five and twelve cents used are reported by reliable collectors, and I have a good used copy of the twenty-four cents in my own collection.

To sum up, writes Mr. John N. Luff in the American Journal of Philately, Collectors who have sought these stamps have soon learned that they are extremely

rare. The Postmaster - General, in his report dated December 2nd, 1861, says : "It was the design of the Department that the distribution of the new stamps and envelopes should commence on the first of August, but from unavoidable delays, that of the latter did not take place until the 15th of that month." Mr. Tiffany gives August 14th, 1861, as the date of this issue. If official records were not inaccessible, we might learn something from the dates at which supplies of stamps were delivered by the contractors. But we must seek elsewhere for the needed information. I have been able to examine a large number of letters franked by stamps of the 1861 issue, and found one dated September 20th, 1861, bearing a five cents yellow, a ten cents of second type, and a thirty cents of the second color. This limits the issue of the stamps of the first types to a very brief period, not exceeding five or six weeks, at the most liberal estimate.

P. S. OF A. ELECTIONS.

Mr. Carstarphen, president; Mr. R. H. Ashcroft, vice-president; Mr. Kissinger, treasurer; Mr. Beamish, secretary; Mr. R. F. Greene, international secretary; Messrs. Makins, Henderson, Schiller, of San Francisco, trustees; H. D. Ruehlman, exchange superintendent; H. C. Crowell, auction manager; A. C. Becker, librarian; G. A. Katzenberger, attorney; S. B. Hopkins, counterfeit detector; F. Woolston, official editor.

The next convention will be held at Atlantic City date to be about end of July, and not to conflict with that held by the American Philatelic Assn.

The secretary's report showed a paid up membership of 738.

Exchange superintendent must give a bond for \$1,500, and auction manager one for \$1,000.

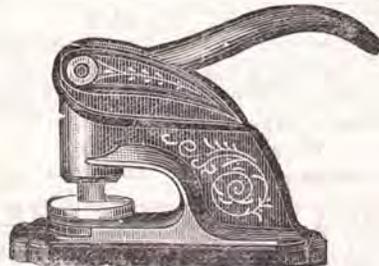
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Entry of Goods, imperf, \$1.....	75
Insurance, 25c imperf.....	8
Conveyance, \$1 imperf.....	25
Life Insurance, 25c perf.....	15
Probate of Will, \$1 imperf.....	1 10
Bond, 25c part perf, part of other stamp attached, nine copies.....	60
Bond, 25c part perf, imperf top and below while they last (have 40 copies).....	75
Surety Bond, 50c perf.....	8
----- part perf.....	60
Mortgage, 50c imperf.....	70
Protest, 25c perf.....	14
Warehouse Receipt, 25c imperf.....	1 10
----- perf.....	45
Life Insurance, 25c, perf.....	12
Entry of Goods, 25c perf.....	3
U. S. Revenues, asst, per 100.....	30
Proprietary, 1c black and green, unused Same in pairs, strips or blocks.....	7
Proprietary 1c red.....	10
*Power of Attorney, 25c.....	4
*Certificate, 25c.....	10
*25c Life Insurance.....	20
*Inland Exchange, 5c.....	2
*Certificate, 5c.....	2
*25c 2nd issue.....	10
*2c black and orange, green (4th).....	4
U. S. 25c Bond, perf.....	9
--- 25c Bond, unperforated.....	1 50
--- \$1 Power of Attorney, imperf.....	40
--- \$1 Mortgage, imperf.....	70
Playing Cards, 5c (per 5, \$2.50).....	55
Playing Cards 2c.....	17
Entry of Goods, 25c imperf.....	10
Lease, \$1 imperf.....	90

British Colonies

Dominica, 1/2 CC, used.....	5 00
1860 Queensland, 1sh lilac, beauty.....	4 00
1895 S African Republic, ½d on 1/2, used.....	15
1d on 2½d, used.....	25
1855 South Australia, 1d yellow green, cat 815, fine.....	8 00
Queensland, yellow registration.....	1 50
Victoria, 1861, 3d claret, fine.....	3 25
" 1864, 2d unused, og.....	1 25
" " 10d, unused, og.....	2 50
" " 2 sh blue, unused, og.....	2 75
Turks Islands, 1862, 4d, a bargain.....	60
Trinidad, 1869, 6d green.....	2 00
India, 1854, 4 annas red and blue.....	1 00
Barbados, 1852, ½d green, unused, og.....	3 00
St. Vincent, 1863, 4p ultramarine.....	2 00
--- 4p dark blue.....	7 00
Nova Scotia, 3p on cover, fine margins.....	1 25
New Brunswick, 2c orange, per 100.....	1 50
--- 17c black, per 100.....	10 00
--- same, per 50.....	6 00
--- 5c green, per 100.....	1 00

United States Postage

1851 10c green.....	1 00
1847 5c brown.....	55
1855 5c brown, type II, n-e cor, perf off	1 25
2½c lilac, a snap.....	2 85
1861 24c unused, og.....	1 60
5c brown.....	25
1869 1c buff.....	35
2c horseman.....	10
5c blue.....	45
10c yellow, fair.....	70
15c brown and blue, picture framed.....	1 15
1869 24c, fair copy.....	5 00
1872 12c purple.....	40
1851 3c red, unused, og.....	80
10c, Continental print, strip 4, unused, og.....	2 75
Confederate States, 2c green used.....	2 10
State, 6c unused.....	66
Agriculture, 15c, cut in on left, stamp is otherwise perfect.....	2 00
Newspaper, 4c.....	25
6c.....	40
Interior 2c or 6c, unused, also in pairs.....	7
Due, 30c red brown, unused, og.....	1 00
United States, 1861, 10c green, unused.....	70
--- 1890, 90c unused.....	1 05
--- 1855, 10c green.....	27

Canada

6d dark violet.....	3 50
8c blue registered, very fine.....	2 00
2c vermilion registered (cat 25c).....	4
3c (1868) laid.....	2 60
1852 3d wove.....	20
1852 5d ribbed, a bargain.....	90
1858 4d wove.....	2 50
Pair of same, fine.....	6 00
1858 ½d perforated, fine.....	6 00

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FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF DOMINION PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

THE first annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association was held in the Queen City on September 9th and 10th.

Mr. McMahon was elected chairman, and Mr. A. H. Adams acted as secretary in the absence of Mr. Patterson.

Owing to the distance, many members could not attend, and these were represented by proxy.

Messrs. A. H. Adams, Barry, Beatty, McMahon, Weldon, Graham, Lindsey, Widdicombe, Holland, Lowe, Wm. R. Adams, Rankin, Newton, Humphrys, McKeag, Mitchell, Stirling, Hughes and Allison were in city.

A letter was read from Captain E. F. Wurtele, president of the C.P.A., proposing the amalgamation of both societies. After discussing the question, members thought it best to continue their own society, but will thoroughly re-organize.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President—I. E. Weldon.

Vice-President—L. S. Graham.

Vice-President (United States)—W. S. Weatherston, New York.

Sec.-Treas.—A. H. Adams, Whitby, Ontario.

Counterfeit Detector—J. S. Hamblly, Port Hope, Ont.

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The Trustees will appoint a vice-president for each Province in the Dominion. The same body will also decide next convention seat within the next six months.

SNAP SHOTS.

The Fair was thoroughly enjoyed by the visiting members. In fact, it took up most of the time of some, so many sights were to be seen.

Messrs. Beatty, Graham, Widdicombe and the two Adams had a "Happy Group" taken. Strange to say, photographer's proofs show them as quite serious looking chaps.

Rankin, of Owen Sound, got lost. He landed in Toronto on the 4th, and the members presume Li Hung Chang took a liking to him. If such is the case, his absence can now be accounted for, and no doubt the world will yet hear from our six-foot friend.

President-elect Weldon talked so much about his "uncle," the boys thought he was one of Jewish persuasion. Ordinary uncles are indeed common mortals, but "ye money lender" is our friend forever,

and he sticks close too—if you owe him anything.

You should have seen Widdicombe, of St. Kitts, carrying his massive edition of the "Ontario Philatelic Directory." He also had a box, and all thought it contained cigars from Havanna, but no, it was just a few rare pence issues of early Canada, which he smilingly offered to exchange for currency of the realm.

Beatty, ye editor and publisher of the Ontario Philatelist, gave the following joke as occurring at the Toronto post office, and vouches for its accuracy. After hearing it I thought Mr. Beatty was telling a personal mishap.

"In the rush and crush at the general delivery wicket an Irishman, poor, and a typical son of the sod, had applied for a letter.

"Letter? All right sir. What name?"

The Irishman gave his name, but the clerk not catching it, asked:

"How do you spell it?"

"Spell it!" exclaimed the Irishman, "Sure, if a foine smart clark loike you can't spell it, how d'ye think a poor man loike me can?"

Weldon was feeling so good after the election, he bought some stock in one of those mining claims now booming in British Columbia. They only cost three cents a share—but maybe I shouldn't let this be known as the par value is \$1, and I. E. may intend "raising" on them if his uncle will accommodate.

You should have seen McKeag in the 48th Highlander uniform, bare legs, kilts, spats and bonnet. If Li Hung Chang could have seen him, and also Weldon in his new gown, both would now be in the Imperial Chinese Service, but we are extremely thankful such is not the case.

Graham, of Merriton, the vice-president, says he never saw so many pretty girls as in Toronto. I always claimed so, and that no country equals.

ANTHONY.

From our own Correspondent.

HALIFAX NOTES.

It is within the bounds of possibility that the old Nova Scotia Philatelic Association will be revived. This is right. During the palmy days of this association it was a power in the land, and a power for good, too. Bulworks extends his approval to those old and hoary-headed philatelists who favor the resurrection of Nova Scotia's Provincial society.

The 3rd auction sale of stamps by Mr. E. J. H. Pauley, took place 19th of August. The sale was a success right through, a few prices being as follows:

Nova Scotia, 3p. magnificent cover.....	1.20
Same, fine.....	1.20
Same, light same.....	1.00
Same, lot of 5, orig covers.....	5.00

There were 100 lots in the sale, chiefly Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Canada, New Brunswick and United States.

In this city there are four D.P.A. members; seven S. of P.; two A.P.A., also a few members of the defunct C.P. A. and P. S. of C.

Another journalistic venture may paralyze the philatelic world shortly from this city. The Halifax Philatelic Magazine is a good name and if ads and subs are forthcoming, all will be lovely. Speaking of philatelic journalism, perhaps a few figures may be permissible, and shows what Halifax has contributed.

1878-1885. Philatelic Courier, eleven numbers.

1887-1889. Halifax Philatelist, thirty one numbers.

1888-1889. Canada Stamp and Coin Journal, eleven numbers.

1893-1894. Canadian Philatelic Magazine, five numbers.

This shows four different papers and a total of 58 issues, an average life for each paper of fifteen numbers.

The stamp trade boometh during the summer down this way. When ye

thermometer shows a feverish tendency and persists in its arbitrary defiance of the laws of gravitation, the guileless yankee, with lots of money in his clothes, follows that time-honored imprecation, "Go to Halifax!" and the stamp men here smile sweetly as they pocket the ready greenback of the American Republic.

Illustrating the depraved and hopeless meanness of some people, a little story was recently told the writer. It appears B—— got "on the track" of a very fine Nova Scotia shilling. The gentleman who had the stamp wanted five dollars. Did our friend B—— hastily gather in the snap and shell out that fiver with a glad smile as you or I would have done? Not on your tintype! Mr. B—— was not such a durn fool (or words to that effect) so he offered THREE. It is a foolish thing anyhow to pay five dollars for a stamp (even though it be worth \$150), when you can get the same for three. But the three bills would not do, and negotiations ceased for a time. In the interval that followed, our friend B—— was strongly advised to go and put up the price; was coaxed to do so by his friends, was offered \$50 for the stamp, etc. But no, he was too cute. He was not going to give five if he could get it for less—there was lots of time—the possessor would come down and some day ask him, as a favor, to accept the stamp at his own price. Some days later B—— went to get the stamp, he having made up his mind to be magnanimous and pay the difference. In half an hour he staggered forth a living wreck. It was rumored around town shortly after that Mr. H, the well-known collector, had bought the stamp for \$30.

BULWORKS.

Do you know that there are many collectors who read advertisements in stamp papers, and often save many years' subscriptions?

From our own Correspondent.

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE.

Perhaps what is the best, or at least most expensive stamp album to be found in America, if not in the world, is owned by Mr. Geo. W. Beall, of Lindsay, Ont. Mr. Beall has a splendid collection, but as he is one of those collectors who do not interest themselves in philately for money, he has spared no expense in having his jewels set with elegant surroundings. The album was specially made for Mr. Beall by Toronto bookbinders. Originally it was blank and was ruled by a Toronto dealer, and in addition the name of every country has been painted by hand. Every page has a beautiful water-color design, no two designs being the same. Sometimes the design represents the emblem of the country; again, some characteristic is beautifully portrayed. Taking into consideration the great amount of time and thought which would be required to produce this truly beautiful book, one can readily imagine its owner is not inclined to part with it. Indeed, Mr. Beall says that no consideration would induce him to dispose of it.

The D.P.A. elections are over and Mr. Weldon has been elected president. It is to be regretted that Mr. Muirhead should be defeated, as having been the first president of the society, there is not a doubt that he would have made a good officer. L. S. Graham, A. M. Muirhead, W. S. Weatherston, and a few others, organized the society, and since then Mr. Muirhead has taken a deep interest in the society, and will continue doing so.

Another gentleman who has done much to advance the interests of the D.P.A. is Irving E. Patterson, of Guelph. Mr. P. is a hustler, and would probably have been re-elected had he continued to reside within the Dominion.

BREZ. BLUFF.

TORONTO NOTES.

Last Tuesday the Toronto post office ran out of postage stamps, and had to fall back on the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent black issue, and many were the "licks" some letters received to the disgust of those who had to attach the stamps. One man had a small square envelope containing some article requiring 48 cents postage, and how he ever got them stamps on is a mystery to many who watched him.

The stamp exhibits of Toronto dealers—Messrs. Geo. A. Lowe, Weston Stamp Co., and Wm. R. Adams—attracted much favorable comment, and it is needless to say, no collector overlooked them.

Many visitors were in the city during Fair time, but very little selling was done.

The gold mine boom is on in Toronto, and where one to pay a visit to the office of Mr. Walter McMahon, he would find himself surrounded with quartz, maps, pamphlets, etc., quite driving stamps to the rear. But this is only temporary, as the mining firm will have their offices in a short time.

Lieut. Thos. Mitchell is back from his trip to England. He reports good stamps firm, and indifference on the part of the dealers there as to sale or no sale. Mr. Mitchell is at the different ranges shooting, and many a trophy, as well as "cash" falls to his unerring aim.

Members want to re-organize the Club (Toronto Philatelic) early this season, and various suggestions have been given in order to make the Club of interest to many and not a meeting place for a few choice spirits. One is to lower the fee to 50 cents, and thus add many new members, as well as retain within the Club many who will otherwise lose interest as the present fee of \$1.50 is altogether disproportionate to the benefits derived. Another is to elect a number of new officers, as many of the present ones seem to have died in harness, still an-

other is that the Club meet weekly, and have a series of interesting papers read by the members, on subjects previously arranged by a committee. Many of them would no doubt each contribute a stamp, and these when sold would form a sum with which to do good work.

THE VICAR.

MONTREAL NOTES.

Philatelic matters are rather quiet at present. Mr. Edgar Nelson was in town and, as usual, on the lookout for rarities in B.N.A. He is also paying considerable attention to U.S. and Canada revenue stamps. This gentleman is a shrewd buyer, and well-known, wide awake and up-to-date philatelist.

Mr. B. L. Beard recently enjoyed a much-needed rest at Thousand Islands.

The Montreal Stamp Collector's Club, being now known as the Montreal Philatelic Association, and having its headquarters at the old and historical Chateau de Ramezay, should meet with universal approval and continued success.

It is generally expected that the new government may issue a new set of the postage stamps this coming winter.

Mr. John Edwards' Philatelic Press List still continues its popularity, and if one can judge by the praise of advertisers who use it, they find it pays. No. 3 is now out, and is larger than its predecessor. It enjoys a very large foreign circulation.

Mr. Geo. A. Holland left this week to visit the Toronto Fair, see the sights of the Queen City, and visit collectors.

Collectors are eagerly awaiting the advance sheets. Of course advances are expected in all issues of the States, both postage and revenues, seeing they are in most demand. Many believe that the present demand for U. S. revenues will affect Canadian ones, and in the city now there are collectors completing their sets so as to be on the safe side.

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The articles on Canada Postage and Revenue Issues (including the pricing of the latter stamps), now running in the Canadian Philatelic Magazine, is meeting with much approval, if one may judge by the letters reaching us. An interesting series of articles on Philatelic Journalism in Canada; Some Locals that have been issued in Canada; Under Victoria's Rule—interesting facts of British Colonies; Early Postal History of America; and a number of other articles will run through its columns this coming season. If you are not a subscriber you can yourself see whether it will pay to be one. An offer to subscribers appears on another page. Early issues of this magazine command a

stiff premium, even issues of last volume being worth 25c each.

We hope soon to hear of the resurrection of the Canadian Philatelic Society. Being a senior organization, it should meet with hearty support from collectors in Canada and elsewhere.

Many were the visitors who called on us last week. They were so pleasant and such a jolly crowd, and talked of nothing but stamps, we had no time to get our issue out on time, but here it is, and No. 4 will be out right away. We extend an invitation to all stampites to call when visiting up this way.

We have not seen any copies since No. 1 of Stamp Lore, of London, Ont.

Messrs. Wolsieffer, McMahon, Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Knight and Marks have space for one year. Not a bad beginning, and others are expected. In October will appear a large sample copy edition, and many new names will receive a copy, while we expect to get the subs. One firm wrote us what we would allow them thirty inches in each issue, asking if a lower rate could be had. We replied that the rates were now at their lowest. However, we will soon have an adv.

Scott's 1897 edition catalogue is now under way, and we expect to have the advance sheets next week, and in order to benefit our readers will publish prices. Just think! We pay \$5, you pay 30c, and your knowledge means money to you.

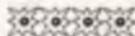
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Insurance, 25c unperf.....	8
Conveyance, 1 unperf.....	25
Life Insurance, 25c perf.....	15
Probate of Will, 1 unperf.....	1 10
Bond, 25c part perf, part of other stamp attached, fine copies.....	60
Bond, 25c part perf, unperf top and below while they last (have 40 copies).....	20
Surety Bond, 50c perf.....	8
----- part perf.....	60
Mortgage, 50c unperf.....	70
Protest, 25c perf.....	14
Warehouse Receipt, 25c unperf.....	1 10
----- perf.....	45
Life Insurance, 25c, perf.....	12
Entry of Goods, 25c perf.....	3
U.S. Revenues, ass't, per 100.....	20
Proprietary, 1c black and green, unused Same in pairs, strips or blocks.....	10
Proprietary 1c red.....	4
Power of Attorney, 25c.....	10
*Certificate, 25c.....	10
25c Life Insurance.....	20
Inland Exchange, 5c.....	2
*Certificate, 5c.....	2
25c 2nd ass't.....	10
2c black and orange, green (4th).....	4
U.S. 25c Bond, part.....	0
----- 25c Bond, unperforated.....	1 40
----- 1 Mortgage, unperf.....	70
Playing Cards, 5c (per 5, \$2.50).....	55
Playing Cards 2c.....	10
Entry of Goods, 25c unperf.....	10
Lease, \$1 unperf.....	90

1869 1c buff.....	35
2c horseman.....	10
6c blue.....	45
10c yellow, fair.....	70
15c brown and blue, picture framed.....	1 15
1869 24c. fair copy.....	5 00
1851 3c red, unused, og.....	80
10c. Continental print, strip 4, unused, og.....	2 75
Confederate States, 2c green used.....	2 10
State, 6c unused.....	65
Agriculture, 15c. cut in on left, stamp is otherwise perfect.....	2 00
Newspaper, 4c.....	25
----- 6c.....	40
Interior 2c or 6c, unused, also in pairs.....	7
Due, 30c red brown, unused, og.....	1 00
United States, 1861, 10c green, unused.....	70
----- 1840, 80c unused.....	1 05
----- 1855, 10c green.....	27

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3d wove, pairs.....	50
3d wove, strip of 3.....	1 00
3d unused.....	2 00
1858 3d ribbed, a bargain.....	90
1858 3d wove.....	2 50
Pair of same, fine.....	6 00
1858 3d perforated, fine.....	5 00
3d.....	2 60
1859 1c pink (per 10, 60c).....	7
5c heavers (per 100, \$2.50).....	3
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17c blue.....	1 05
1868 6c 3c, 6c, 12c, 15c, cheap.....	40
2c green (per 10, 70c).....	8
4c brown (per 10, 40c).....	7
5c bright red, per 100.....	2 25
2c wmk.....	1 00
1875 5c olive green.....	60
1880 20c red (unused, 25c).....	10
50c blue (unused, 35c).....	22
1859 2c black, per 100.....	1 80
1891 3c wove envelope.....	1 00
1890 5c envelope, cut square.....	85
1882 Error post card, a bargain, used half.....	10 00
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NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE.

At the convention of the D.P.A. a letter was read from Capt. Wurtele, president of the Canadian Philatelic Association, regarding the advisability of amalgamating the two societies.

It was resolved that no steps should be taken in the matter, the chief reasons being, I believe, that the C.P.A. was a society, the members of which are, as a rule, considerably older than those of the D.P.A., and the former could, consequently, pay higher dues than the younger members of the latter society.

That "Union is Strength" is true the world over, and if is possible to effect an amalgamation of Canada's national societies, Philately would boom in Canada as it has never done before.

A philatelic association is not a benevolent or insurance society, and all the money that is required is just enough to cover actual expenses. It has been shown over and over again that from thirty to fifty cents a year is sufficient to conduct a philatelic society well. In verification of this it is only necessary to point to several prominent American societies which are in a flourishing condition at the present time.

If, then, the amalgamation of both these societies could be operated by levying the low dues referred to above, why not amalgamate? Then in the words of that good old hymn we could sing: "We are not divided, all one body we," and Canada would be the home of one of the strongest and most

influential philatelic societies to be found in the world. Let us hear more about the subject. A few remarks from the respective presidents of the two societies would not be out of place.

What is the matter with the Toronto Philatelic Club? It seems as though its days of usefulness had long expired, that is, if one may judge by interest evinced in it by the members. Last year two or three meetings were held, and thus interest in the Club languished and gradually it seems to have died out altogether. In some quarters it is rumored that a new local club will shortly be organized. It is to be hoped that the matter will be proceeded with at once, as a local organization is a tower of strength to any town.

Just about two years ago the International Stamp Exchange was started in Toronto. While in operation it was as nicely a conducted social society as could be found anywhere. Upon the birth of the D.P.A. this society passed out of existence. Why not revive it again as a local branch of the D.P.A.?

And now comes the season of the year "when the leaves begin to turn and the summer flowers are gone," when the mind of many an ambitious youth of philatelic tastes turns and gazes upwards towards those realms of bliss, undoubtedly those ethereal beings known as philatelic editors. The bold youth would be one of those creatures whose name rebounds around

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OUR size is not as usual this week, and is only as it is in order that the Monthly be out on time, and also that the regular date of issue be overtaken.

THE recent find of Nova Scotian stamps will now enable all collectors to have their sets complete. We are the more pleased because collectors so seldom get any "plums" thrown their way in these days of advances. Some few dealers, will, no doubt, be nipped, but they can stand it.

SPECULATION is rife as to possible advances in the next catalogue. Of course no one expects United States issues, either postage or revenues, to stand still. Various British Colonies and certainly those of British North America, are bound to rise. Certain pence issues are bound to advance, but the 3p wove, ribbed and perforated are catalogued too much. Scott should devote a few pages to cataloging the revenue issues of Canada. Every year sees these stamps in greater demand, and as the company could illustrate them, it would add an additional feature to their popular catalogue.

the philatelic world. In short, he needs must be the editor of a stamp journal. True he well knows that the ascent of those high plains of successful journalism are steep. He has seen numerous friends and acquaintances try to climb this crooked and thorny path, only to fall back; but he thinks he can see where they made their mistakes, and so departs on his torturous course with hope in his eye and confidence in his step.

BREZ. BLUFF.

CONVENTION OF NEBRASKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Nebraska Philatelic Society was called to order on Tuesday, Sept. 1st, at 1316 Farnham St., Omaha.

President Wilkinson in the chair and all the other officers present except Board of Trustees.

First thing on the program was the balloting for officers. The president then appointed Messrs. Brown, Higday and Rhone as Credential Committee. While they were counting the ballots, the reports of the various officers were read and approved. The society is in a very flourishing condition, and the one auction sale reported by Auction-Manager Parmalee netted over \$1,000, while Exchange Department ran up near \$1,500.

By this time the committee reported following officers elected: President—F. B. Woolston, Wayne; Vice—W. B. Hopson, Omaha; Sec-Treas—C. L. Thurston, Omaha; Librarian—R. L. Shepherd, Omaha; Exchange Supt—S. P. Hughes, Howe; Attorney—Frank Brown, Omaha; Auction Manager—J. S. Parmalee, Omaha; Counterfeit Detector—E. W. Titt, Plattsmouth; Trustees—Hopson, Thurston and Pyburn.

Charges of fraud against W. D. Garlock, of Lincoln, were investigated and he was expelled from the society.

The attendance was much larger than usual, about 60 being present during the day.

The president was instructed to try and get the National meets for Omaha in 1898, and during the great Trans-Mississippi Exposition.

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Warehouse Receipt, 25c unperf.....	1	10
----- perf.....	45	
Life Insurance, 25c, perf.....	12	
Entry of Goods, 25c perf.....	3	
U.S. Revenues, asst, per 100.....	30	
Proprietary, 1c black and green, unused Same in pairs, strips or blocks.....	7	
Proprietary 1c red.....	10	
*Power of Attorney, 25c.....	4	
*Certificate, 25c.....	10	
*25c Life Insurance.....	2	
*Inland Exchange, 5c.....	2	
*Certificate, 5c.....	2	
*25c 2nd issue.....	10	
*2c black and orange, green (4th).....	4	
U.S. 25c Bond, perf.....	9	
— 25c Bond, unperforated.....	1	50
— \$1 Power of Attorney, unperf.....	40	
— \$1 Mortgage, unperf.....	70	
Playing Cards, 5c (per 5, 2.50).....	55	
Playing Cards 2c.....	17	
Entry of Goods, 25c unperf.....	10	
License, \$1 unperf.....	90	

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State, 6c unused.....	65
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TORONTO NOTES.

Sometime ago it was announced that in future newspaper publishers would have to pay postage on their publications, as the annual deficit in the Postal Department is over \$1,000,000 annually. At present all subscribers are sent free but in the past this privilege has been much abused, and it is to be hoped that the investigations now being made by order of the new Postmaster-General—Mr. Mulock—will result in improvements.

The announcement of a new paper from Halifax brings to mind that the philatelic field is one that requires a long time to make a "paying claim." After a stamp paper has been running a year or more, collectors begin to take an interest in it. The new law which it is proposed to pass in the Dominion namely, that new papers pay the regular postal rates of 1 cent each for two years, at expiration of which said postage will be refunded, would have a deterrent effect on many ventures.

Mr. Alf. Young, late of the Canadian Stamp and Coin Co., proposes entering the dealers' ranks this fall.

A visitor to Toronto recently stated he could produce evidence of where three more copies of the "sfyen" cent error 1st issue Bill stamp could be found. He was challenged to do so, but would not. Evidently his intention was to buy a copy held by a local dealer, and he got it—nit.

A nice copy of a 6p Canada changed hands here last week at eight dollars.

At the Toronto Fair Wilson Wilby

picked up a ten cent envelope printed in red, instead of chocolate. It is cut to shape. It evidently is a proof.

Last week Bradstreet's Agency sent a representative to rate the dealers in town. I learnt some of the figures given, but what the above firm will have them at in their book is quite another matter.

Some collectors here seem to think that the recent article on 1861 varieties of United States, which appeared last month in American Journal of Philately means that these stamps will be catalogued.

The Canadian Philatelic Magazine is now adorned with a full page design as a front page cover. The publisher intends printing some interesting and instructive matter this winter, and he reports that every week new names are added to his subscription list, and this fall intends to possess a circulation that will place it among the leading papers of its class. At the present the paid subscriptions are the most ever carried by any Canadian stamp paper, and this also means that it leads many American papers. In December some 5000 or more copies will be sent out, 1500 to British Colonies, etc.

The stamp business throughout the Dominion is reported as being good in most places, and it is expected that as the season advances it will be one of the busiest yet known. Certain dealers who last year refused to sell stamps at this season unless fancy prices were paid, are more reasonable this season, consequently the market is not so close

THE VICAR.

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE.

At the convention of the D.P.A. a letter was read from Capt. Wurtele, president of the Canadian Philatelic Association, regarding the advisability of amalgamating the two societies.

It was resolved that no steps should be taken in the matter, the chief reasons being, I believe, that the C.P.A. was a society, the members of which are, as a rule, considerably older than those of the D.P.A., and the former could, consequently, pay higher dues than the younger members of the latter society.

That "Union is Strength" is true the world over, and if is possible to effect an amalgamation of Canada's national societies, Philately would boom in Canada as it has never done before.

A philatelic association is not a benevolent or insurance society, and all the money that is required is just enough to cover actual expenses. It has been shown over and over again that from thirty to fifty cents a year is sufficient to conduct a philatelic society well. In verification of this it is only necessary to point to several prominent American societies which are in a flourishing condition at the present time.

If, then, the amalgamation of both these societies could be operated by levying the low dues referred to above, why not amalgamate? Then in the words of that good old hymn we could sing: "We are not divided, all one body we," and Canada would be the home of one of the strongest and most influential philatelic societies to be found in the world. Let us hear more about the subject. A few remarks from the respective presidents of the two societies would not be out of place.

What is the matter with the Toronto Philatelic Club? It seems as though its days of usefulness had long expired,

that is, if one may judge by interest evinced in it by the members. Last year two or three meetings were held, and thus interest in the Club languished and gradually it seems to have died out altogether. In some quarters it is rumored that a new local club will shortly be organized. It is to be hoped that the matter will be proceeded with at once, as a local organization is a tower of strength to any town.

Just about two years ago the International Stamp Exchange was started in Toronto. While in operation it was as nicely a conducted social society as could be found anywhere. Upon the birth of the D.P.A. this society passed out of existence. Why not revive it again as a local branch of the D.P.A.?

And now comes the season of the year "when the leaves begin to turn and the summer flowers are gone," when the mind of many an ambitious youth of philatelic tastes turns and gazes upwards towards those realms of bliss, undoubtedly those ethereal beings known as philatelic editors. The bold youth would be one of those creatures whose name rebounds around the philatelic world. In short, he needs must be the editor of a stamp journal. True he well knows that the ascent of those high plains of successful journalism are steep. He has seen numerous friends and acquaintances try to climb this crooked and thorny path, only to fall back; but he thinks he can see where they made their mistakes, and so departs on his torturous course with hope in his eye and confidence in his step.

BREZ. BLUFF.

UNITED STATES REVENUES.

DURING the past year the revenues of this country have gone to the front. The demand for them has been a steadily increasing one, and conse-

quently the prices of the scarcer ones have correspondingly advanced. It was ever thus. A while ago they were overlooked, neglected, and cheap; now that the interest in them has been renewed, many find them a very attractive branch of philately. Careful study has been bestowed upon the subject, and many new varieties have been listed. Particularly is this the case with the first set issued in 1862 and in 1863. These stamps were at first issued in an imperforate condition, then partly perforated, and finally perforated all around.

The latter were printed on three different papers—1st, a thin, hard, crisp paper; 2nd, a thicker paper, with silk fibers in it; 3rd, a heavy, white paper, resembling the latter, but without silk fibers.

The advent of the same stamp in the several stages of perforation has given rise to a good deal of fraud. It is such an easy matter to produce a scarce variety from a common stamp by simply cutting off the perforations, that extreme care must be taken when selecting the scarcer varieties of imperforate or partly perforated stamps. None should be listed unless unsevered pairs or blocks can be shown.

A case recently came to our notice where a stamp heretofore not listed as part perforate, was sent on approval in this condition, not one but several specimens being submitted. All bore the cancellation of the same bank, with dates but a few weeks apart. One of the specimens, however, still showed perforations on a third side, proving that they had been clipped off. Stamp in question was the 2-cent orange bank check. Until this stamp can be presented in unsevered pairs and blocks, the partly perforated variety will remain doubtful.

This much only in passing to show what care must be exercised in buying such new or uncatalogued stamps, the source and condition affording the

necessary criterion.

Unfortunately, at this late day, it is quite impossible to state accurately when the stamps were first perforated, and what varieties. During first year of their issue these variations were considered simply as improvements, and but little official notice was taken of them.

An attempt to show the quantity of each variety delivered to the government from the first printing by Butler & Carpenter was made in Metropolitan Philatelist for June. The list published is one quoted from an official circular showing the stamps sold, their quantity and total value during the week ending Nov. 21, 1862. A comparison of the list quoted with other official reports on the same subject shows some glaring defects.

The close of the fiscal year afforded the best opportunity for a revision of the figures given in the circular. The statements of the contractors of the quantities furnished and the dates of delivery supplied the necessary data for the revision. Below will be found the full table of all the revenue stamps issued. This list, published after a year of work and after everything in the office was in good running order, certainly deserves far greater credence than the circular issued a few weeks after the creation of the bureau. By that time the accounts were verified and checked

1c Express	5,334,057
1c Telegraph	1,933,309
1c Playing Cards	3,470,964
1c Proprietary	14,611,195
2c Bank Check	35,977,873
2c Express	3,477,991
2c Certificate	1,413,388
2c Proprietary	3,269,070
2c Playing Cards	498,850
3c Foreign Exchange	698,516
3c Telegraph	3,560,347
3c Proprietary	1,001,174
3c Playing Cards	59,171

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4c Proprietary	3,393,010
4c Playing Cards	12,143
4c Inland Exchange..	316,187
5c Agreement	1,035,575
5c Inland Exchange..	1,458,318
5c Foreign Exchange	188,398
5c Express	1,351,618
5c Certificate	1,087,418
5c Playing Cards	7,451
6c Inland Exchange..	206,284
10c Inland Exchange	2,791,586
10c Foreign Exchange	160,743
10c Bill of Lading	473,368
10c Certificate	762,481
10c Contract	307,617
10c Power of Attorney	118,493
15c Inland Exchange.	967,508
15c Foreign Exchange	57,500
20c Inland Exchange.	1,013,942
20c Foreign Exchange	40,845
25c Bond	199,045
25c Certificate	556,743
25c Entry of Goods	100,172
25c Insurance	1,097,777
25c Power of Attorney	426,619
25c Protest	263,294
25c Warehouse Receipt	174,540
25c Life Insurance	48,751
30c Inland Exchange.	518,329
30c Foreign Exchange	57,258
40c Inland Exchange	292,812
50c Foreign Exchange	103,831
50c Surety Bond	192,373
50c Conveyance	564,563
50c Entry of Goods	62,905
50c Lease	121,425
50c Mortgage	254,207
50c Passage Ticket	31,645
50c Probate	62,419
50c Original Process	295,582
50c Life Insurance	37,520
60c Inland Exchange.	162,540
70c Foreign Exchange	70,683
1.00 Inland Exchange	187,728
1.00 Foreign Ex	37,126
1.00 Conveyance	291,956
1.00 Entry of Goods	41,824
1.00 Life Insurance	3,590
1.00 Lease	40,213
1.00 Manifest	31,797
1.00 Mortgage	93,966

1.00 Passage Ticket	19,401
1.00 P of Attorney	46,382
1.00 Probate	38,420
1.30 Foreign Exchange	3,488
1.50 Inland Exchange	117,223
1.60 Foreign Ex	1,875
1.90 Foreign Ex	1,299
2.00 Conveyance	81,708
2.00 Mortgage	34,574
2.00 Probate	7,479
2.50 Inland Exchange	1,539
3.00 Charter Party	17,137
3.00 Manifest	14,778
3.50 Inland Exchange..	683
5.00 Charter Party	6,795
5.00 Conveyance	48,401
5.00 Manifest	11,026
5.00 Mortgage	17,082
5.00 Probate	4,196
10.00 Charter Party	2,541
10.00 Conveyance	18,696
10.00 Mortgage	4,247
10.00 Probate	1,311
15.00 Mortgage	1,313
20.00 Conveyance	7,446
20.00 Probate	675
25.00 Mortgage	313
50.00 General	333
200.00	1,011

The only conclusion that can be drawn from the facts stated above is that the higher values were issued imperforate for a longer period than the lower values, probably until the first printing was exhausted. An attempt might be made to fix upon a date when the stamps were first perforated, but we have only negative and very unsatisfactory evidence.

The number of stamps to the sheet varied very much according to the size. The full sheet contained for the

- 1c and 2c values, 210 stamps
- 3c to 20c values, 170 stamps.
- 25c to 40c values, 102 stamps
- 50c to 70c values, 85 stamps
- 81 to \$1.90 values, 90 stamps
- 82 to \$3.50 values, 72 stamps
- 85 to 1.10 values, 72 stamps.
- \$15 to \$50 values, 54 stamps.

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READ the advertisements this week. Every advertiser is well-known, and collectors will receive the value of their money every time.

NOW that the conventions are once more numbered among events of the past, the season of collecting will now advance with briskness, collections be brought forth and again increased by numbers and intrinsic value. Collecting will, this year, largely exceed that of the best period heretofore known.

THE most noteworthy advances of the advance sheets will appear in these columns as fast as they appear. Every collector will find this knowledge of interest, and he will know most of the advances, especially United States and Canada, and many British Colonies.

"Under Victoria's Rule" is the title of an interesting series of articles which began in the September issue of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine Toronto. The articles on Canadian postage and revenues is still running, and two more issues will probably find the revenues completed, when the postage will then be commenced. The articles published have been "news" to many collectors, proving it filling a mission.

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United States Revenues.

Passage Ticket, \$1, perf.....	4 50
Manifest, \$1 unperf.....	1 40
Entry of Goods, unperf, #1.....	75
Insurance, 25c unperf.....	8
Conveyance, \$1 unperf.....	25
Life Insurance, 25c perf.....	15
Probate of Will, \$1 unperf.....	1 10
Bond, 25c part perf, part of other stamp attached, fine copies.....	60
Bond, 25c part perf, unperf top and below while they last (have 40 copies).....	75
Surety Bond, 50c perf.....	20
----- part perf.....	8
Mortgage, 50c unperf.....	60
Protest, 25c perf.....	70
Warehouse Receipt, 25c unperf.....	14
----- perf.....	1 10
Life Insurance, 25c, perf.....	45
Entry of Goods, 25c perf.....	12
U. S. Revenues, asst, per 100.....	3
Proprietary, 1c black and green, unused Same in pairs, strips or blocks.....	90
Proprietary 1c red.....	7
*Power of Attorney, 25c.....	10
*Certificate, 25c.....	4
*25c Life Insurance.....	10
*Inland Exchange, 5c.....	21
*Certificate, 5c.....	2
*25c 2nd Issue.....	19
*2c black and orange, green (4th).....	4
U. S. 25c Bond, perf.....	9
— 25c Bond, unperforated.....	1 50
— \$1 Power of Attorney, unperf.....	40
— \$1 Mortgage, unperf.....	70
Playing Cards, 5c (per 5, \$2.50).....	55
Playing Cards 2c.....	17
Entry of Goods, 25c unperf.....	10
Lease, \$1 unperf.....	90

1865 1c buff.....	35
2c horseman.....	10
6c blue.....	45
10c yellow, fair.....	70
15c brown and blue, picture framed.....	1 15
1869 24c, fair copy.....	5 00
1851 3c red, unused, og.....	80
10c, Continental print, strip 4, unused, og.....	2 75
Confederate States, 2c green used.....	2 10
State, 6c unused.....	65
Agriculture, 15c, cut in on left stamp is otherwise perfect.....	2 00
Newspaper, 4c.....	25
----- 6c.....	40
Interior 2c or 6c, unused, also in pairs.....	7
Due, 50c red brown, unused, og.....	1 00
United States, 1861, 10c green, unused.....	70
----- 1890, 90c unused.....	1 05
----- 1855, 10c green.....	27

Canada

6d dark violet.....	3 50
8c blue registered, very fine.....	2 00
2c vermilion registered (cat 25c).....	6
5c (1858) laid.....	2 25
1852 3d wove.....	20
3d wove, pairs.....	50
3d wove, strip of 3.....	1 00
1852 3d unused.....	2 00
1858 3d ribbed, a bargain.....	50
1858 4d wove.....	2 50
Pair of same, fine.....	6 00
1858 5d perforated, fine.....	6 00
5d.....	2 00
1859 1c pink (per 10, 60c).....	7
5c beavers (per 100, \$2.50).....	3
10c violet black.....	1 50
10c violet.....	35
10c red lilac.....	45
10c violet, pair.....	1 10
12c green.....	25
17c blue.....	1 05
1868 1c 3c, 5c, 12c, 15c, cheap.....	40
2c green (per 10, 70c).....	8
5c brown (per 10, 60c).....	7
3c bright red, per 100.....	2 25
3c wmk.....	1 00
1875 5c olive green.....	60
1890 20c red (unused, 25c).....	10
50c blue (unused, 55c).....	22
1882 2c black, per 100.....	50
1881 5c wavy envelope.....	1 00
1890 5c envelope, cut square.....	95
1882 Error post card, a bargain, used half.....	30
Canada, 5c beaver, double strike.....	20 00
----- 15c, 2c pink, unused, og.....	2 00
----- Post Cards, BLOCK 8, rare, new Officially Sealed, used.....	1 00
Nova Scotia, 5p on cover, fine margins.....	1 25
New Brunswick, 2c orange, per 100.....	1 50
----- 17c black, per 100.....	10 00
----- same, per 50.....	6 00
----- 5c green, per 100.....	1 00

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1851 10c green.....	40
5c brown, very fine centered copy.....	9 00
1855 5c brown, type II, n.e cor. perf off.....	1 25
21c lilac, a snap.....	3 25
1861 21c unused, og.....	1 60
5c brown.....	25

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2d rose, fine copy.....	.50	.30
2d rose, — on part O C ..	.50	.35
2d rose on full cover.....	.50	.45
2d rose and 5d green, on part cover.....	3.00	2.25
1872 3c rose, fine used copy.....	2.50	1.75
3c rose on entire cover.....		1.75
3c rose, error, period after the Prince, very rare, slightly out of centre.....	5.00	2.25
Another, slight tear.....		2.00
1865-72 1c, 2c, 4c, 6c, 12c, 2d, 3d, 4d, Complete set 13 varieties.....	1.70	.75
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1860-4 5c blue (10 copies, \$1.40).....	.25	.15
1851-3 3d blue, fine copy.....	1.50	1.00
3d blue on part orig cover.....		1.15

NEW BRUNSWICK.

1851 3d, good copy, cut close one side.....	4.50	2.25
3d, very fine copy on part of cover.....		3.00

UNITED STATES.

1861 10c green (10 copies, 65c).....	.10	.8
12c black.....	.35	.25
1879 30c Postage Due.....	1.00	.50
1893 1c to 10c (5 sets, 80c).....	.38	.18
1894 50c unused.....	.75	.60

GREAT BRITAIN.

1856 1/ green on part O C.....	.25	.15
6d lilac — (10 for 40c).....	.8	.5
1865 1/ green —.....	.20	.12

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— — — 3c, cat 50c.....	30
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100 — — —.....	1 75
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ADVANCE SHEETS.

Following our practice of last year, we have decided to again print a limited number of sets of Advanced Sheets of each form, which will be supplied to subscribers as soon as received from printer. Our charge for the full set of these sheets will be \$5.00, the amount payable in advance in every instance. The first form containing the United States portion of the Catalogue, will be ready about

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SCOTT'S 57TH ED. PRICES.

These prices will prove interesting reading to our subscribers. As the advances will be better understood by comparison, the prices of the 56th edition are also quoted. The advances in other countries will be noted from week to week.

POSTAGE ISSUES.

		56 TH		57 TH	
1847	5c	5.00	85	7.50	85
	10c	15 00	4 00	15.00	4.00
1851-6	1c (type II)	2 00	30	3.00	30
	3c	1.00	2	3.00	2
	5c	50.00	11.00	50.00	13.50
	12c	10.00	1.75	25.00	2.25
	24c	75.00		100.00	
1855-60	1c (type I)	10.00	5 00	15.00	5.00
	1c (type II)	1.00	50	2.50	1.00
	1c (type III)	25	15	50	15
	5c brick red (type I)	35.00	12.50	75.00	15.00
	5c brown (type I)	10 00	3.50	15.00	4.00
	5c brown (type II)	3.50	2.50	5.00	2.50
	10c	1 25	50	3.00	50
	12c	1.75	85	3 00	1.25
	24c	6.00	4.50	7 50	5.00
	30c	7 50	6.50	12.00	7.50
	90c	22.50	35.00	27.50	40.00

The following varieties catalogued for first time.

1861	(August) 10c dark green, perf 12				20.00
	1c (September)			35	6
	3c pink			35 00	8.00
	3c rose			15.00	1
	5c			50.00	8 50
	10c			1.75	15
	12c			2.00	40
	24c			10.00	1.50
	30c			6 00	60
	90c			20.00	4 00
1862-6	5c chocolate	10.00	2 50	20 00	3 50
1868	3c rose, grilled 12 x 14	20.00	2.00	20 00	2.50

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1869	1c, grilled 9½ x 9½	1.00	50	1.50	75	
	2c	60	15	1.25	20	
	3c	25	2	1.00	2	
	6c	3.00	75	4.00	85	
	10c	4.00	90	7.00	1.00	
	12c	2.00	75	5.00	75	
	15c	10.00	3.50	12.50	4.50	
	15c (picture framed)	6.00	1.75	7.50	2.00	
	24c	16.50	7.50	20.00	7.50	
	30c	15.00	3.50	20.00	3.50	
	90c	35.00	17.50	40.00	20.00	
	1870-1	1c, no grill, National Bank Note Co	2.00	10	3.50	15
		2c	50	5	2.00	5
3c		1.00	3	2.50	5	
6c		2.00	10	5.00	20	
7c		5.00	75	8.00	75	
10c		5.00	10	20.00	20	
12c		10.00	75	12.50	75	
15c		5.00	20	5.00	50	
24c		10.00	2.00	17.50	2.00	
30c		5.00	75	10.00	75	
90c		5.00	1.00	12.50	1.50	
1873	7c, Continental Bank Note Co.,	3.00	50	6.00	75	
	15c	2.50	20	10.00	1.00	

NOVA SCOTIA REMAINDERS.

The "find" of these stamps will be of interest to collectors mainly for the reason that they now will be within the reach of everybody as regards prices.

The quantities found, however, are important, and taking into consideration the fact that most collectors now have the lower values, the latter should have been reduced in price as was done with the 8½ cent green.

As generally accepted, the quantities of each stamp is as follows:

1 cent black	53,000
2 cent mauve	54,000
8½ cent green	54,000
10 cent red	28,000
12½ cent black	12,000

A total of 200,000 stamps. None of the 5 cent blue were among those found.

Many parties in Canada and elsewhere want to know how these stamps came to escape the attention of the government, believing that any sums

which the parties who bought them paid, should have passed into the coffers of the Dominion. On Confederation, such stamps became the property of either the Dominion Government or the Province of Nova Scotia, and in the latter event, should have been destroyed, as it is well known that this is what happened to all Canadian stamps heretofore issued.

J. B. SIMPSON.

It is stated that the Belgium Sunday stamps, after the present supply is exhausted, will be issued without the perforation between the stamp and the coupon, and any person who wishes his letter delivered on Sunday will have to cross out the coupon instead of detaching it.

The new Japanese stamps present an exceedingly attractive appearance.

France is contemplating issuing, in commemoration of the great exposition to be held in 1900, a special series of stamps, commemorating French events.

TORONTO NOTES.

Mr. J. Schack, of New York, a wholesale tobacconist, paid his usual fall visit here last week. Stamps, as usual, received considerable attention.

Now is the time dealers receive cards and letters from others, who, thinking they "know the market," are offering various stamps for sale at seemingly low prices in view of the new catalogue. This week several dealers here received such offers, but having the true market values, i.e., the advance sheets, they were not caught napping. Moral—To be a wide awake dealer or collector, get the earliest knowledge in your line. I know of parties who yearly lay aside a certain sum with which to subscribe to stamp papers, catalogues, etc., and in this way they know what is taking place, and do not have to trust to hearsay for their knowledge. Taking into consideration the amount of capital many collectors and dealers have represented in their stamps, if used in another field, and as carelessly looked after, would draw upon them great condemnation from business men.

Apropos to the above, I was reading about some parties caught napping by the find of 8½ cent Nova Scotia. Here a certain individual was neatly caught on same and soaked to the tune of \$6 on each stamp, on some 40 copies, and because there were pairs, strips and blocks amongst them he thought he had a "cinch." My! how the vicinity resounded with his tones of joy (?) on being informed by a brother philatelist of the true state of affairs.

The advance sheets of U. S. postage have not the rises generally expected. Of course, whether stamps advance or not, they will always find their true market value.

The Dominion Philatelic Association this month has the names of many new applicants in the official organ.

The famous "13" Club which collec-

tors read about last fall as organized in this city, has not been heard of for a long time. It may be re-formed again, as the city boasts of plenty of collectors to whom such an oddity is fascinating. No ill luck seems to have come to the members.

THE VICAR.

A VARIETY
UNITED STATES 1861 ISSUE.

The lately discovered series of varieties in the 1861 issue of United States issues has caused many collectors to closely examine those they had in the hope of finding one or more specimens.

It will be remembered that all values from 1 cent to 90 cents, with the sole exception of the 2 cent black Jackson, were chronicled. Now, the 2 cent black has also been discovered, and the entire issue is now completed.

As in the other issues, the varieties in some cases being so slight as to be almost imperceptible, so is it in the case of the 2 cent black. The variety consists in small whitish ornaments inside the oval and surrounding the figure 2, in the corners of upper half, and appears in each oval. So small are they that one might think the paper was scratched, but upon close examination, this idea is disproved.

What is peculiar about the two copies seen by the writer is that one is grilled and the other is ungrilled, and the later is also on the original cover.

WM. R. ADAMS.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC
ASSOCIATION.

Once more the Canadian Philatelic Association is working. In a letter from the president, Captain E. F. Wurtele, of Quebec, he states that the re-organization is now being proceeded with, and that next January a meeting of officers will be held.

Postage Stamps

OF THE

United States



1847	5c Brown, Franklin	\$ 0 75
	10c Black, Washington	3 80
1851-56	10c Green, Washington	90
	Same, on original cover	1 10
1855-60	5c Brown, Jefferson	2 40
	10c Green, Washington	45
	12c Black, Washington	80
1861	10c Green, Washington	10
	Same, on original cover	20
1862-66	2c Black, Jackson	4
	Same, on original cover	10
	15c Black, Lincoln (unused, \$2.35)	50
1869	1c Buff, Franklin	45
	2c Brown, Horseman	13
	3c Blue, Locomotive	2
	6c Blue, Washington	68
	10c Yellow, Eagle	80
	12c Green, Steamship	70
	3c Blue, on original cover	6
1872	15c Orange	16
	24c Purple	1 90
1875	5c Blue, Taylor	4
1882	6c Red, on original cover	15
1883	4c Green, Jackson	3
1890-3	15c Blue, Clay	8
	30c Black, Jefferson	12
	90c Orange, Perry	80
1893	15c Green, Columbian	25
	30c Red-Brown, Columbian	50
	50c Slate-Blue, Columbian	90

Collectors in the United States and elsewhere not finding what they want in any of my advertisements, will send me their want lists, and receive promptly my spot cash offers, which will be very low. Register money. Unused postage stamps, low denomination, of any country in the world accepted for stamp orders, or advertisements and subscriptions for my publications.

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FIRST portion of the advance prices appear this week, and every issue will have quotations until the list is out.

MR. EDWARDS latest Philatelic Press List is to hand, and it still continues to increase in size. Plenty of advertisements adorn its pages, and these make interesting reading, especially as here and there bargains appear. It ought to pay collectors to have an exchange notice in its columns, as the List has a large circulation abroad.

MUCH loose material lies in Canada from which the Canadian Philatelic Association can build up solidly. In Toronto alone, a number of solid collectors can be secured, and with the dues at a fair sum, there is no doubt that few months considerable headway will have been made, and greater after the officers have been chosen.

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE.

Perhaps it will have occurred to some of the readers of this paper that quite a large number of collectors, especially Canadian ones, are now devoting their energies to specializing in British North America, postage and revenues only. In specialization along these lines, one has as interesting a series, if not the best, of any in our hobby. The "long felt want" of such a collector is a proper album in which to mount his collection. If some enterprising dealer would only place on the market a really suitable book, he would find his venture not only a source of pecuniary gain to himself but he would also be conferring upon a large number of collectors an estimable boom.

One of the changes proposed to be made by the Executive of the Dominion Philatelic Association, is the appointing of a vice-president for each Province. This, to my mind, is a very judicious step. What the committee will have to be on guard against is the appointment of the office-holders, and it appeared to me at first that these positions should be filled by the society as a whole, and not by the Executive. But as it was impossible to carry out this plan at present, the idea as it now stands, is best.

It has at length come to be recognized as truth by some stamp dealers that there can be too much of a good thing. About a year ago, because some dealers were managing to scratch along, and by various shifts and devices make both ends meet, forsooth certain other individuals of a stamp-collecting mind, who, for the time being were "out of a job," must follow in the footsteps of these struggling vendors of duty paper, and become stamp dealers. During the winter months a hand to mouth existence was sustained, but when the melting weather came they "silently stole away."

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OCTOBER BARGAINS.

Hawaiian, 1893, 1c violet, new	15
— — 10c black, new	20
— — 10c brown, new	15
— — 12c black, new	20
— — 18c rose, new	50
British Honduras, 1888, 2c rose, new	5
— — 10c violet, new	18
— — 1891, 6c violet	15
10 U S Columbian, 1c to 30c, used	1 00
9 — 1c to 15c, used	45
8 — 1c to 10c, used	15
South African Republic, 1887, 2 sh 6p, used	15

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British Colonies Cheap

1) misc. 1 st CO, used	5 00
1800 Queensland, ash lilac, beauty	3 00
1895 S African Republic, 2d on 1 st , used	25
1d on 2 nd , used	15
1855 South Australia, 1d yellow green, cat \$15, fine	8 00
Queensland, yellow registration	1 50
Victoria, 1861, 3d claret, fine	3 25
" 1864, 2d unused, og	1 25
" " 10d, unused, og	2 50
" " 2 sh blue, unused, og	3 75
Turks Islands, 1882, 4d, a bargain	65
Trinidad, 1859, 6d green	2 00
India, 1854, 4 annas red and blue	1 00
Barbados, 1852, 1d green, unused, og	2 25
St. Vincent, 1828, 4p ultramarine	2 00
— 4p dark blue	6 00

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CANADA

1851	3d red, laid paper	1 50	90
1852	— wove paper	85	19
	— — unused	4 00	2 00
	6d, large margins and a fine copy		5 50
	6d, fair copy	5 00	3 25
1855	10d blue, medium	10 00	6 50
1857	3d pink, good copies	4 00	2 00
	3d pink, pair		5 75
	3d pink, very fine	4 00	3 00
1858	3d ribbed	2 50	90
	3d pink, perforated	8 50	5 25
	3d pink, perforated, unused, little soiled	12 00	6 00
	3d red, perforated	3 50	1 75
	3d red, perforated, RIBBED, very fine ...	20 00	12 00
1859	5c vermilion, VARIETY, fine	15 00	10 00
	2c pink, unused	2 50	2 00
	12½c green, unused	2 50	2 00
	17c blue	1 50	1 00
1838	1c brown-red, watermarked	2 00	1 50
1870	1c brown-red, laid paper, unused	40 00	22 00
	1c brown-red, laid paper, used, fine	15 00	10 00
	3c red, laid paper	5 00	2 25
1875	8c blue registered, very fine copies	2 50	2 00
	2c BROWN registered, scarce		75
1860	5c vermilion Envelope, entire, used, fine		1 00
1890	3c WOVE PAPER, Envelope, entire, used	5 00	1 50

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

1835	1c orange, used	3 50	1 75
	2c blue, used	5 00	2 50
	3c rose, used	2 50	1 25
	4c green, used	5 00	2 50
	6c black, used	5 00	2 50
	12c mauve, used	6 00	3 00

UNITED STATES POSTAGE

1847	5c brown (original cover, 60c)	85	50
1851	5c brown, very fine	11 00	9 00
	10c green	1 00	65
1855	5c brown, type II	2 50	1 75
	10c green	50	27
	24c lilac	4 50	3 00
1861	5c brown	40	25
	30c orange	50	40
	90c blue, fine	3 50	3 00
1868	1c blue, embossed	1 25	65
	2c black, embossed	25	14
1869	3c blue, no embossing, used		3 00
	10c yellow, unused, corner stamp		3 75
	15c brown and blue, fine	1 75	1 50
	24c green and purple	7 50	5 00
1872	24c purple	2 00	1 95
	90c carmine	1 00	80
1873	10c brown unused (Cont)	1 00	70

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1865 1d buff, good copy.....	2.00	1.25
1d buff, pair, one slightly peeled on back, neatly mended	4.00	2.50
2d rose, fine copy.....	.50	.30
2d rose, — on part OC..	.50	.35
2d rose on full cover.....	.50	.45
2d rose and 6d green, on part cover.....	3.00	2.25
1872 3c rose, fine used copy.....	2.50	1.00
3c rose on entire cover.....		1.75
3c rose, error, period after the Prince, very rare, slightly out of centre.....	5.00	2.25
Another, slight tear.....		2.00
1865-72 1c, 2c, 4c, 8c, 12c, 2d, 3d, 4d, Complete set 13 varieties.....	1.70	.75
	7.20	5.00

NOVA SCOTIA.

1890-4 5c blue (10 copies, 81.40).....	.25	.15
1851-3 3d blue, fine copy.....	1.50	1.00
3d blue on part orig cover....		1.15

NEW BRUNSWICK.

1851 3d, good copy, cut close one side.....	4.50	2.25
3d, very fine copy on part of cover.....		3.00

UNITED STATES.

1861 10c green (10 copies, 65c).....	.10	R
12c black.....	.35	.25
1879 30c Postage Due.....	1.00	.50
1893 1c to 10c (5 sets, 80c).....	.38	.18
1894 50c unused.....	.75	.60

GREAT BRITAIN.

1856 1/ green on part O C.....	.25	.15
6d lilac — (10 for 40c).....	8	5
1865 1/ green —.....	.20	.12

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15c	5 00	4 50	5c Express	50
24c	10 00	8 50	5c Inland Exchange	20
30c	8 50	8 00	10c Bill of Lading	1 00
90c	15 00	13 50	10c Certificate	2 50
2 dollars black and green	25 00	25 00	10c Inland Exchange	5 00
5d	135 00		10c Power of Attorney	15 00
10d	70 00		15c Inland Exchange	1 25
20d	60 00	60 00	20c Foreign Exchange	1 25
Treasury Department.				
1c brown	35	15	20c Inland Exchange	25
2c	35	12	25c Bond	5 00
3c	10	3	25c Certificate	50
6c	20	10	25c Entry of Goods	40
7c	2 50	1 50	25c Insurance	15
10c	50	25	25c Life Insurance	1 75
12c	50	25	25c Power of Attorney	1 30
15c	15	30	25c Protest	2 50
24c	12 50	5 00	25c Warehouse Receipt	2 00
30c	75	35	30c Foreign Exchange	1 00
90c	2 00	1 00	30c Inland Exchange	75
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1c red		5	40c Inland Exchange	7 50
2c		8	50c Conveyance	1 75
3c		2	50c Foreign Exchange	1 75
6c		5	50c Lease	1 50
7c	2 50	2 50	50c Life Insurance	3 00
10c		30	50c Mortgage	1 75
12c		30	50c Original Process	50
15c	30	30	50c Passage Ticket	3 50
24c	75	75	50c Probate of Will	4 00
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1c Telegraph	10 00		1d Foreign Exchange	1 00
2c Bank Check	5		1d Inland Exchange	25
2c Certificate	50		1d Lease	2 00
2c Express	40		1d Life Insurance	5 00
2c Cards, blue	7 50		1d Manifest	2 50
			1d Mortgage	1 25
			1d Passage Ticket	8 00
			1d Power of Attorney	1 25
			1.30c Foreign Exchange	35 00
			1.50c Inland Exchange	25
			1.60c Foreign Exchange	10 00
			1.90c Foreign Exchange	50 00
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			2d Mortgage	2 50

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Insurance, 25c unperf.	9
Conveyance, \$1 unperf.	25
Life Insurance, 25c perf.	20
Probate of Will, \$1 unperf.	1 10
Bond, 25c part perf, part of other stamp attached, fine copies.	60
Surety Bond, 50c perf.	7
part perf.	50
Mortgage, 50c unperf.	70
Protest, 25c perf.	25
Warehouse Receipt, 25c unperf.	1 10
perf.	55
Entry of Goods, 25c perf.	4
U.S. Revenues, asst, per 100	30
Proprietary, 1c black and green, unused	7
Same in pairs, strips or blocks	10
Proprietary 1c red.	4
Power of Attorney, 25c.	10
Certificate, 25c.	10
*25c Life Insurance	55
*Inland Exchange, 5c.	2
*Certificate, 5c.	2
*25c 2nd issue.	10
*2c black and orange, green (4th).	4
U.S. 25c Bond, perf.	9
\$1 Power of Attorney, unperf.	65
\$1 Mortgage, unperf.	70
Playing Cards, 5c (per 5, \$2.50).	55
Entry of Goods, 25c unperf, punched	10
Lease, \$1 unperf.	1 10
25c Protest, unperf	90

British Colonial

Dominica, 1/, CC, used.	5 00
1860 Queensland, 1sh lilac, beauty	3 00
1865 S African Republic, 2d on 1/, used.	25
1d on 2½d, used.	15
1855 South Australia, 1d yellow green, cat \$15, fine.	8 00
Queensland, yellow registration.	1 50
Victoria, 1861, 3d claret, fine.	3 25
" 1864, 2d unused, og.	1 25
" " 10d, unused, og.	2 50
" " 2 sh blue, unused, og.	2 75
Turks Islands, 1882, 4d, a bargain	65
Trinidad, 1859, 6d green	2 00
India, 1854, 4 annas red and blue	1 00
Barbados, 1852, 2d green, unused, og.	2 25
St. Vincent, 1833, 4, ultramarine.	2 00
4p dark blue	6 00

United States Postage

1847 5c brown	55
1851 10c green	80
5c brown, very fine centered copy.	9 00
1855 5c brown, type II, n-e cor. perf off	1 25
24c lilac, a snap	3 25
1861 24c unused, og	2 50
5c brown	25

1869 1c buff	35
2c horseman	10
6c blue	55
10c yellow, fair	70
15c brown and blue, picture framed	1 35
1869 24c, fair copy	5 00
1851 3c red, unused, og	80
10c, Continental print, strip 4, unused, og	2 75
Confederate States, 2c green used.	2 10
State, 6c unused	75
Agriculture, 15c. cut in on left, stamp is otherwise perfect	2 00
Newspaper, 4c	30
6c	70
Interior 2c or 6c, unused, also in pairs	7
Due, 30c red brown, unused, og	1 00
United States, 1861, 10c green, unused.	1 25
1890, 90c unused	1 05
1855, 10c green	27

Canada

6d dark violet	3 50
8c blue registered, very fine	2 00
2c vermilion registered (cat 25c).	6
3c (1868) laid	2 00
1852 3d wove	50
3d wove, pairs	20
3d wove, strip of 3	1 00
1852 3d unused	2 50
1858 3d ribbed, a bargain	30
1858 3d wove	2 10
Pair of same, fine.	6 00
1858 3d perforated, fine	6 00
3d	2 60
1859 1c pink (per 10, 60c)	7
5c beavers (per 100, \$2.50).	3
10c violet black	1 50
10c violet	35
10c red lilac	45
10c violet, pair	1 50
12½ green	1 25
17c blue	1 05
1868 4c, 3c, 6c, 12c, 15c, cheap.	40
2c green (per 10, 70c)	4 8
6c brown (per 10, 60c)	7
3c bright red, per 100.	2 25
3c wmk.	1 00
1875 5c olive green	60
1890 20c red (unused, 25c)	30
5c blue (unused, 58c)	19
1882 1/2 black, per 100.	30
1881 3c wove envelope	1 00
1860 5c envelope, cut square.	1 55
1882 Error post card, a bargain used half	80
Canada, 5c beaver, double strike	10 00
1859, 2c pink, unused, og	2 00
Post Cards, BLOCK 8, rape, new	4 00
Officially Sealed, used.	1 00
Nova Scotia, 3p on cover, fine margins	1 25
New Brunswick, 2c orange, per 100.	1 50
17c black, per 100	10 00
same, per 50.	6 00
5c green, per 100	1 00

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THE first copy of "Stamps," a paper intended to interest the young collector in the delights of philately, and which certain dealers are banded together to support, has appeared. Plenty of ads adorn its pages, and the reading matter is edited by Crawford Capen.

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TORONTO NOTES.

Canada current issue stamps have a plate number attached now. Heretofore the value only has appeared on the margins.

W. Kelsey Hall, of Peterboro, was in the city on the 3rd inst, but stopped only a short time, as he journeyed on to Chicago.

According to the latest information the Nova Scotia remainders were first known of by Mr. Donald A. King of the Halifax post office, and they were lying in the vaults in possession of the Nova Scotian government. Upon receiving a guarantee that this was all of them Mr. King formed a syndicate and purchased them. Many collectors will not purchase the remainders until more is known regarding them, and it is hoped the correct information will not be long in coming to light.

The Liberal government recently saw fit to take away the stamp-vending privilege from Mr. C. H. Dixon, and appoint a liberal to fill the position. At first this roused the ire of many, especially those of the opposite political record, and drew condemnation from many quarters. Mr. Dixon is a member of a wholesale fur firm, he also adds the title "Reverend" to his name and preaches in an English Church on Sundays, and draws for this another salary, and to wind up easily, once a day visited the post office and drew in the sheekles. Verily, them that have are never satisfied in this world.

A 3 pence Canada, unperforated at top and bottom, perforated 12 on left side and a saw-tooth perforation on the right side, is one of the oddities here.

Without a doubt a new organization of local collectors will be effected here shortly. The names of Mr. Pinkney and Mr. Mackenzie are mentioned for the presidency.

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2d Probate of Will	15 00	2c Express, orange	10
2.50c Inland Exchange	25 00	2c Cards, blue	40 a
3d Charter Party	2 00	2c orange	1 50
3d Manifest	2 00	2c Proprietary, blue	7
3 50c Inland Exchange	40 00	2c orange	3 00
5d Charter Party	3 00	3c Foreign Exchange	8
5d Conveyance	1 50	3c Cards	8 00
5d Manifest	3 50	3c Telegraph	35
5d Mortgage	3 50	4c Inland Exchange	7
5d Probate of Will	12 50	4c Playing Cards	8 00
10d Charter Party	9 00	4c Proprietary	15
10d Conveyance	4 00	5c Agreement	4
10d Mortgage	3 50	5c Certificate	1
10d Probate of Will	9 00	5c Express	10
15d Mortgage	25 00	5c Foreign Exchange	5
20d Conveyance	3 00	5c Inland Exchange	1
20d Probate of Will	60 00	5c Playing Cards	90
25d Mortgage	25 00	5c Proprietary	1 50
50d Revenue	10 00	6c Inland Exchange	25
200d Revenue	30 00	6c Proprietary	50 00

PERFORATED.

1c Express	5	10c Contract	1
1c Play Card	2 50	10c Foreign Exchange	60
1c Proprietary	7	10c Bill of Lading	7
1c Telegraph	20	10c Certificate	1
2c Bank Check	1	10c Inland Exchange	1
2c orange	2	10c Power of Attorney	3
2c Certificate	1 00	10c Proprietary	1 50
2c orange	75	15c Foreign Exchange	1 00
2c Express	5	15c Inland Exchange	4
		20c Foreign Exchange	1 25
		20c Inland Exchange	2
		25c Bond	20
		25c Certificate	1

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25c Entry of Goods	7	20d Conveyance	2 50
25c Insurance	2	20d Probate of Will	35 00
25c Life Insurance	40	25d Mortgage	5 00
25c Power of Attorney	3	50d Revenue	4 00
25c Protest	50	200d Revenue	20 00
25c Warehouse Receipt	1 00		
30c Foreign Exchange	2 00		
30c Inland Exchange	10		
40c Inland Exchange	7		
50c Conveyance	1		
50c Foreign Exchange	60		
50c Lease	75		
50c Life Insurance	10		
50c Mortgage	7		
50c Original Process	2		
50c Passage Ticket	25		
50c Probate of Will	1 75		
50c Surety Bond	10		
60c Inland Exchange	15		
70c Foreign Exchange	12		
1d Conveyance	25		
1d Entry of Goods	5		
1d Foreign Exchange	5		
1d Inland Exchange	2		
1d Lease	10		
1d Life Insurance	25		
1d Manifest	1 00		
1d Mortgage	3 50		
1d Passage Ticket	7 00		
1d Power of Attorney	12		
1.30c Foreign Exchange	1 25		
1.50c Inland Exchange	2 20		
1.60c Foreign Exchange	2 50		
1.90c Foreign Exchange	1 50		
2d Conveyance	20		
2d Mortgage	25		
2d Probate of Will	1 50		
2.50c Inland Exchange	10		
3d Charter Party	25		
3d Manifest	35		
3.50c Inland Exchange	2 00		
5d Charter Party	25		
5d Conveyance	20		
5d Manifest	2 50		
5d Mortgage	90		
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10d Charter Party	1 00		
10d Conveyance	3 50		
10d Mortgage	1 50		
10d Probate of Will	1 25		
15d Mortgage	7 50		

THE DECREASE OF GOOD SPECIMENS.

IN transferring a collection of some six thousand varieties of stamps from an old album to new quarters recently, the fact forcibly impressed me that number of any obsolete stamp cannot only never become greater, but is constantly becoming smaller. This is perhaps as important a factor in the raising of prices as the increased demand caused by the increased collecting population. I do not refer to the number of stamps lost by fire and water, or otherwise disappearing, and which is no doubt comparatively insignificant; I intend to speak particularly of those stamps injured more or less in the handling and re-handling they receive as they pass from dealer to dealer. Dealer to collector, and are transferred from album to album. In the case of the great rarities whose values are placed in the hundreds of dollars, and that are already in, and will remain in the hands of philatelists who know their value, accidents by tearing, creasing, or soiling are reduced to a minimum. In fact it is safe to say that the only danger such stamps are subjected to is from fire, and that 99 per cent. of such stamps will continue to exist intact until the papers they are composed of turns to dust. But the great rank and file of stamps, among which are the scarce and many even rare ones, are not guarded as carefully as these pampered gems. I believe that I am more careful than the average collector, with all his love for stamps, and yet in transferring this collection of mine I damaged, by slightly tearing, two good stamps, and perhaps eight or ten common ones. This was usually done in

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MESSRS. BARTELS, of Washington, have sent us a copy of their Catalogue of Plate Numbers. The prices cannot but prove of interest to collectors of plate numbers.

HALIFAX NOTES.

There is a belief prevalent in certain quarters that the Laurier government will re-open negotiations with Newfoundland with a view to having that colony enter the Canadian Confederation, and there is a disposition to hang to Newfoundland stamps as well as an increased demand for same. Thus do we discount the future. One collector in this city some four years ago forswore the agitation in favor of admitting Newfoundland to the Dominion, and he accumulated 5000 stamps of that island.

He has them yet, and you could not buy them from him at ten times the present market value. I hardly need to say that in the matter of Newfoundland politics he is an ardent confederatist.

And now I want to ask you, have you noticed the new color of the current 3 cent Newfoundland? The old shade was a sleepy sort of slate-blue, sometimes with a violet tendency, but a reddish tint is the predominating feature, forming a most noticeable variety.

Just now Halifax is a little excited over the great find of Nova Scotia 1860 issue, and large holders of these stamps look glum. But all is lovely from a buyer's point of view. Nova Scotia 8½ cent green at \$100 per hundred is certainly a revelation. The loss here will be very great, probably \$10,000 is altogether too modest an estimate.

Mr. Hunter, of the Nassau Stamp Co. of New York, was a visitor to this city a few weeks ago. He called on your correspondent and many other collectors here, and appeared "on the buy." Mrs. Hunter accompanied him on his travels.

Now look out for Nova Scotia cancellations.

What's the matter with joining hands with the C.P.A.?

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Manifest, \$1 unperf.....	1 40
Entry of Goods, unperf, \$1.....	1 10
Insurance, 25c unperf.....	9
Conveyance, \$1 unperf.....	25
Life Insurance, 25c perf.....	20
Probate of Will, \$1 unperf.....	1 10
Bond, 25c part perf, part of other stamp attached, fine copies.....	60
Surety Bond, 50c part.....	7
----- part perf.....	50
Mortgage, 50c unperf.....	70
Protest, 25c perf.....	25
Warehouse Receipt, 25c unperf.....	1 10
----- perf.....	55
Entry of Goods, 25c perf.....	4
U.S. Revenues, asst, per 100.....	30
Proprietary, 1c black and green, unused Same in pairs, strips or blocks.....	7
Proprietary 1c red.....	10
*Power of Attorney, 25c.....	4
*Certificate, 25c.....	10
*25c Life Insurance.....	35
*Inland Exchange, 5c.....	2
*Certificate, 5c.....	10
25c 2nd issue.....	10
*2c black and orange, green (4th).....	4
U.S. 25c Bond, perf.....	9
----- \$1 Power of Attorney, unperf.....	65
----- \$1 Mortgage, unperf.....	70
Playing Cards, 5c (per 5, \$2.50).....	55
Entry of Goods, 25c unperf, punched.....	1 10
Lease, \$1 unperf.....	1 10
25c Protest, unperf.....	90

British Colonial

Dominica, 1/2 CC, used.....	5 00
1860 Queensland, 15c lilac, beauty.....	3 00
1895 S African Republic, 4d on 1/2, used, 1d on 2/3d, used.....	25
1855 South Australia, 1d yellow green, cat \$15, fine.....	15
8 00	
Queensland, yellow registration.....	1 50
Victoria, 1861, 3d claret, fine.....	3 25
“ 1864, 2d unused, og.....	1 25
“ “ 10d, unused, og.....	2 50
“ “ 2 sh blue, unused, og.....	2 75
Turks Islands, 1882, 4d, a bargain.....	65
Trinidad, 1859, 6d green.....	2 00
India, 1851, 4 annas red and blue.....	1 00
Barbados, 1852, 3d green, unused, og.....	2 25
St. Vincent, 1883, 4/ ultramarine.....	2 00
----- 4p dark blue.....	6 00

United States Postage

1847 5c brown.....	55
1851 10c green.....	80
5c brown, very fine centered copy.....	9 00
1865 5c brown, type II, n-e cor, perf off.....	1 25
24c lilac, a snap.....	3 25
1861 24c unused, og.....	2 50
5c brown.....	25

1869 1c buff.....	35
2c horseman.....	10
6c blue.....	55
10c yellow, fair.....	70
15c brown and blue, picture framed.....	1 35
1869 24c, fair copy.....	5 00
1851 3c red, unused, og.....	80
10c, Continental print, strip 4, unused, og.....	2 75
Confederate States, 2c green used.....	2 10
State, 6c unused.....	75
Agriculture, 15c, cut in on left, stamp is otherwise perfect.....	2 00
Newspaper, 4c.....	30
“ 6c.....	70
Interior 2c or 6c, unused, also in pairs.....	7
Due, 30c red brown, unused, og.....	1 00
United States, 1861, 10c green, unused.....	1 25
----- 1890, 90c unused.....	1 05
----- 1855, 10c green.....	27

Canada

6d dark violet.....	3 50
8c blue registered, very fine.....	2 00
2c vermilion registered (cat 25c).....	8
3c (1868) laid.....	2 00
1852 3d wove.....	20
3d wove, pairs.....	50
3d wove, strip of 3.....	1 00
1852 3d unused.....	2 50
1858 3d ribbed, a bargain.....	90
1858 3d wove.....	2 10
Pair of same, fine.....	6 00
1858 3d perforated, fine.....	6 00
3d.....	2 60
1859 1c pink (per 10, 60c).....	7
5c beavers (per 100, \$2.50).....	3
10c violet black.....	1 50
10c violet.....	35
10c red lilac.....	45
10c violet, pair.....	1 10
12c green.....	25
17c blue.....	1 05
1868 3c, 3c, 6c, 12c, 15c, cheap.....	40
2c green (per 10, 70c).....	8
6c brown (per 10, 60c).....	7
3c bright red, per 100.....	2 25
3c wmk.....	1 00
1875 5c olive green.....	60
1880 20c red (unused, 25c).....	10
50c blue (unused, 58c).....	19
1882 1/2 black, per 100.....	30
1881 3c wove envelope.....	1 00
1860 5c envelope, cut square.....	35
1882 Error post card, a bargain, used half.....	80
Canada, 5c beaver, double strike.....	10 00
----- 1853, 2c pink, unused, og.....	2 00
----- Post Cards, BLOCK 8, rare, new.....	4 00
----- Officially Sealed, used.....	1 00
Nova Scotia, 3p on cover, fine margins.....	1 25
New Brunswick, 2c orange, per 100.....	1 50
----- 17c black, per 100.....	10 00
----- same, per 50.....	6 00
----- 5c green, per 100.....	1 00

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1868	Wmk Star			10kr brown	20 00	1
1d		3 00	75	15kr blue	35 00	2
1d verm		1 50	75	1883	Perf 12, 13.	
6d		5 00	1 25	2kr brown	4 00	3 00
1873	Crown and CC			3kr green	2 00	2 00
1d		2 00	1 00	5kr rose	1 25	75
1d verm		3 50	1 75	10kr blue	5 00	5 00
7d green		17 50	1 00			
1873-9	Perf 14.			BADEN.		
1d red		1 00	50	1851		
2d brown		15 00	12 50	1kr	20 00	75
4d blue		4 00	1 00	3kr	10 00	4
6d green		5 00	1 50	3kr orange	12 00	5
1882	Crown and CA.			6kr	20 00	6
2d brown		4 00	1 00	6kr	25 00	10
4d blue		8 50	1 00	1853-7		
6d green		1 25	1 75	3kr	8 50	3
AUSTRIA.				6kr	10 00	5 50
9 KREUZER.	Thin paper.			3kr blue	20 00	10
Type I.	The top of "9" is on a level with word Kreuzer.			1861	Perf 13½.	
Type II.	The "9" is on a level with Kreuzer			1kr	2 00	8
1850				3kr blue	4 00	10
1kr orange		10 00	12	3kr ultramarine	1 00	8
9kr blue, I		20 00	2	6kr orange	1 50	20
9kr blue, II		15 00	2	1864-68	Perf 10.	
1858	Perf 15			1kr black	25	4
2kr yellow		10 00	15	3kr rose	40	2
2kr orange		75 00	3 50	6kr blue	25 00	15
3kr black		12 00	65	6kr ultramarine	10	10
3kr green		5 00	60	9kr red-brown	10	12
				9kr yellow-brown	2 00	12

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7kr dull blue	10	30
7kr dark blue	40	15
BAHAMAS.		
1861	Perf 14 to 16.	
1d pale lake	20 00	5 50
4d rose	60 00	7 50
6d violet	50 00	6 00
Perf 11.		
1d pale lake	35 00	10 00
4d rose		10 00
6d gray		10 00
Perf 13.		
1d carmine	40 00	6 00
6d violet		8 50
6d lilac		8 50
Wink Crown and CC.		
1862-67	Perf 12½.	
1d carmine	1 00	1 00
1d vermilion	3 00	1 50
4d rose	2 50	1 00
6d violet	1 75	75
1 sh green		10 00

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE.

There are three philatelic societies in the United States which are supported by the same class of collectors, the dues of which are low and which give about the same returns to its members for the dues paid. These three societies are the Philatelic Sons of America, Sons of Philately, and the American Philatelic Association. The latter society is composed mainly of advanced collectors. A proper state of affairs is that only a senior and junior organization should exist. The rawest recruit to the ranks of Philately knows that the reason this trio of societies is in existence is to satisfy the personal ambitions of certain philatelic adventurers, who, in the majority of cases, are not philatelists. There are other minor organizations, but these are mostly local in character, and fill a good use to members.

"He who laughs last, laughs best," muses the collector who did not buy any high-value Columbians when they were booming. The man, who, some

months ago had a "corner" in these, thought he had a good thing, and confidently expected from one to five hundred per cent. on his money. But the bubble has burst, and instead of making an advance on his outlay, is clearing out at 15 per cent discount, and even at these prices can find few buyers.

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IN the October Canadian Philatelic Magazine appears interesting reading. I. E. Weldon, president of Dominion Philatelic Association, writes the opening of "Philatelic Journalism in the Dominion"; the editor gives another chapter on "Canada Revenues," embracing the Weights and Measures, Supreme Court, Gas Inspection, and Electric Light Inspection stamps; J. B. Simpson writes "Under Victoria's Rule"; and there also appears a liberal portion of Scott's advance prices, and a few other items make up by far the best issue of this rising paper of the Dominion.

THE DECREASE OF GOOD
SPECIMENS.

(Continued from last week.)

removing parts of old hinges from the backs. Now, what collector is there who can say that in all his collecting experience he has never injured a stamp? Not one I vouch, even after he became advanced or a specialist. Leaving out the numbers of good stamps in the hands of those who pay little regard to the condition of their specimens and who handle them as if they were made of metal, the decrease that is constantly going on in good specimens is greater than we have suspected, I am led to believe. Take, for instance the many different methods by which this may be brought about. Many collectors neglect to soak the papers from the backs of the stamps when it seems likely to be pulled off easily, and in tearing it off the stamp is torn. Hinges accumulate on the back, and being in too much of a hurry or too lazy to use water, the stamp is torn or its thickness decreased so that a watermark is indiscernable. Stamps printed in aniline ink are ignorantly put in water, and the colors run; or, such stamps having just the backs wetted, in being scraped with a knife are injured. A corner or a perforation becomes bent over on a stamp in an album. It is noticed and placed properly, but if it occurs twice or three times, it is liable to drop off. A good many collectors when taking a stamp from a sheet, simply tear off a part of the hinge adhering to the sheet, and when this has occurred half a dozen times to the same stamp, it has a "hump on its back" at the top which causes it to lean out from the page like a picture hung from a wall. The number of stamps one meets with, having a hole almost through where the hinges usually are placed is indeed startling. I regard this as one of the best pleas for exchanging stamps loose instead of on sheets.

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Manifest, 91 unperf.....	1 40
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Insurance, 25c unperf.....	9
Conveyance, 1 unperf.....	25
Life Insurance, 25c perf.....	20
Probate of Will, 1 unperf.....	1 10
Bond, 25c part perf, part of other stamp attached, fine copies.....	60
Sur-t. Bond, 50c perf.....	7
----- part perf.....	50
Mortgage, 50c unperf.....	70
Protest, 25c perf.....	25
Warehouse Receipt, 25c unperf.....	1 10
----- perf.....	55
Entry of Goods, 25c perf.....	4
U.S. Revenues, asst., per 100.....	30
Proprietary, 13 black and green, unused Same in pairs, strips or blocks.....	10
Proprietary, 1c red.....	4
Power of Attorney, 25c, unused.....	10
Certificate, 25c.....	10
Life Insurance.....	35
Land Exchange, 5c.....	2
Certificate, 5c.....	2
25c 2 d. issue.....	0
23 black and orange, green (4th).....	1
U.S. 25c Bond, perf.....	9
Power of Attorney, unperf.....	65
Mortgage, unperf.....	70
Playing Cards, 5c (per 5, 2.50).....	55
Entry of Goods, 25c unperf, punched.....	10
Lease, #1 unperf.....	1 10
25c Protest, unperf.....	90

British Colonial

Dominica, 1/2 CC, used.....	5 00
1860 Queensland, 1sh lilac, beauty.....	3 00
1865 S African Republic, 1d on 1/2, used, id on 2d, used.....	25
1865 South Australia, 1d yellow green, cat #15, fine.....	8 00
Queensland, yellow registration.....	1 50
Victoria, 1861, 1d claret, fine.....	3 25
" 1861, 2d unperf, og.....	1 25
" " 10d, unperf, og.....	2 50
" " 2 sh blue, unperf, og.....	2 75
Turks Islands, 1882, 1d, a bargain.....	65
Trinidad, 1859, 6d green.....	2 00
India, 1851, 4 annas red and blue.....	1 00
Barbados, 1852, 1d green, unperf, og.....	2 25
St. Vincent, 1853, 4, ultramarine.....	2 00
----- 4p dark blue.....	6 00

United States Postage

1847 5c brown.....	55
1851 10c green.....	80
5c brown, very fine centered copy.....	9 00
1855 5c brown, type II, n-e cor. perf off.....	1 25
24c lilac, a snap.....	3 25
1861 24c unperf, og.....	2 50
5c brown.....	25

1869 1c buff.....	55
2c horseman.....	10
6c blue.....	55
10c yellow, fair.....	70
15c brown and blue, picture framed.....	1 35
1869 24c, fair copy.....	5 00
1851 3c red, unperf, og.....	80
10c. Continental print, strip 4, unperf, og.....	2 75
Confederate States, 2c green used.....	2 10
State, 6c unperf.....	75
Agriculture, 15c. cut in on left, stamp is otherwise perfect.....	2 00
Newspaper, 4c.....	30
----- 6c.....	70
Interior 2c or 6c, unperf, also in pairs.....	7
Due, 30c red brown, unperf, og.....	1 00
United States, 1861, 10c green, unperf.....	1 25
----- 1880, 90c unperf.....	1 05
----- 1855, 10c green.....	27

Canada

6d dark violet.....	3 50
8c blue registered, very fine.....	2 00
2c vermilion registered (cat 25c).....	6
3c (1868) laid.....	2 00
1852 3d wove.....	20
3d wove, pairs.....	50
3d wove, strip of 3.....	1 00
1852 3d unperf.....	2 50
1858 3d ribbed, a bargain.....	50
1858 3d wove.....	2 10
Pair of same, fine.....	6 00
1858 3d perforated, fine.....	6 00
3d.....	2 00
1859 1c pink (per 10, 60c).....	7
5c heavers (per 100, \$2.50).....	3
10c violet black.....	1 50
10c violet.....	35
10c red lilac.....	45
10c violet, pair.....	1 10
12c green.....	25
17c blue.....	1 05
1868 1c, 2c, 6c, 12c, 15c, cheap.....	40
2c green (per 10, 70c).....	8
6c brown (per 10, 60c).....	1
3c bright red, per 100.....	2 25
3c wmk.....	1 00
1875 5c olive green.....	80
1800 20c red (unperf, 25c).....	19
50c blue (unperf, 58c).....	19
1882 1c black, per 100.....	30
1881 3c wove envelope.....	1 00
1860 5c envelope, cut square.....	95
1882 Error post card, a bargain, used half.....	80
Canada, 5c beaver, double strike.....	10 00
----- 1853, 2c pink, unperf, og.....	2 00
----- Post Cards, BLOCK 8, rare, new.....	4 00
----- Officially Sealed, used.....	1 00
Nova Scotia, 3p on cover, fine margins.....	1 25
New Brunswick, 2c orange, per 100.....	1 50
----- 17c black, per 100.....	10 00
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A HISTORY AND CATALOGUE OF CANADIAN POSTAGE AND REVENUE STAMPS.

SUPREME COURT.

THESE stamps form one of the hand-somest issues one could wish to see. In size they are three inches long and about 1½ inches width. The bust of Queen Victoria is surrounded by a beaded oval, at upper rim appearing in curve "Canada" and immediately below "Law Stamp." Control number is in red, again at bottom, appears value in words and also with figures. The design is printed in blue. The stamps, as would be surmised, are for use only in cases for the Supreme Court of the Dominion.

SUPREME COURT.

1876	10 cents blue	20
..	20	1 00
..	25	25
..	50	75
..	\$1 blue.....	75
..	\$5 blue.....	2 25

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

These stamps are affixed to documents by inspectors, certifying that the scales are correct. The colors differ in some cases, but the majority are black. As to the design, it is a crown in upper half of stamp, and in lower portion, the value, while the centre is a white space in which appears the control numbers, in blue and red, and issue has numbers across the top.

The red issue, on which appears no stated value, was intended for use in cases that required several values of stamps to make the total sum. Instead of going to all this bother, the inspector was to use one of the red values. Few of them were used, however, and their value is bound to be increased in the future. These were withdrawn from circulation over a year ago.

Several catalogues have a 50c value (surcharged in red across the top), but I have never seen a copy, and inquiries with revenue collectors show that none of them have a copy.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

(Numbered in red across the centre.)

1873	1 cent blue.....	80
..	2 cents blue	80
..	5 cents black	10
..	10	5
..	15	5
..	20	6
..	30	7
..	50	8
..	\$1	14
..	\$1.50	30
..	\$2	15
1887	1 cent	35
..	2	35

(Numbered in red across the top.)

1876	5 cents black.....	55
..	10	10
..	15	15
..	20	30
..	30	30

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.. 30 ..	3
.. 50 ..	3
.. \$1 ..	8
.. \$1.50 ..	25
.. \$2 ..	10
.. 1 cent ..	12
.. 2 ..	12
1870 No value on it, red.....	4 00

GAS INSPECTION.

These stamps are the same design and shape as the Weights and Measures series, and the color is blue. Inspectors attach them to certificates, certifying to the correctness of the meters.

GAS INSPECTION.

1876 5 cents blue	30
.. 25 ..	8
.. 50 ..	5
.. \$1 ..	6
.. \$1.50 ..	35
.. \$2 ..	20
.. \$3 ..	35
.. \$4 ..	50
.. \$10 ..	3 00

ELECTRIC LIGHT INSPECTION.

Modern invention has called forth the tax again, and recently the Dominion Government issued this series. They are similar to the Gas Inspection, the color being a bright vermilion, and the control number of blue.

ELECTRIC LIGHT INSPECTION.

1895 25 cents, red.....	35
.. 50 ..	35
.. \$1 ..	35
.. \$2 ..	65
.. \$3 ..	75
.. \$5 ..	1 50
.. \$10 ..	3 35

With the following issues of this paper, the Provinces will appear, and following this, the postage.

The law stamps of Manitoba will be thoroughly revised by a competent collector, and varieties supposed to exist, will be omitted.

TO ENCOURAGE BUYING

And to open business for this fall and winter, some very special prices are quoted in this announcement. Some good lots of stamps have been bought during the past few months, and prices are much lower than usual. We always like to say a few words about Canada Revenues, and while some protest there is no demand for them, we be to differ strongly. The future will prove this point. Meantime any wants, postage or revenues, will have prompt attention. **ANYTHING TO SELL?**

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Conveyance, \$1 unperf.	25
Life Insurance, 25c unperf.	25
Probate of Will, \$1 unperf.	1 10
Bond, 25c part perf, part of other stamp attached, fine copies	60
Surety Bond, 50c perf.	7
Mortgage, 50c unperf.	50
Protest, 25c unperf.	70
Warehouse Receipt, 25c unperf.	85
per 100	1 10
Entry of Goods, 25c unperf.	55
U.S. Revenues, asst. per 100	4
Proprietary, 1c black and green, unused	50
Same in pairs, strips or blocks	7
Proprietary 1c red	10
*Power of Attorney, 25c, unused	4
*Certificate, 25c.	10
*25c Life Insurance	10
*Inland Exchange, 5c	35
*Certificate, 5c	2
*25c 2nd issue.	2
2c black and orange, green (4th).	10
25c Bond, perf.	4
5c Power of Attorney, unperf.	9
81 Mortgage, unperf.	65
5c Playing Cards	80
Entry of Goods, 25c unperf, punched	65
Lease, \$1 unperf.	15
25c Protest, unperf.	1 10
	30

United States Postage

1847 5c brown (orig cov, 60c)	50
5c brown, unused.	4 25
10c black, Washington	2 80
1851 10c green	80
5c brown, very fine centered copy.	9 00
1855 5c brown, type II	1 50
5c red brown, type I	4 50
10c green	27
24c lilac, a snap	3 25
1861 24c unused, og	2 50
10c green	8
10c green, unused	1 25
30c orange	40
90c blue	3 00
5c brown	25
1862 2c Jackson, unused.	40
5c red brown (chocolate), unused, o g, cat - 20 00	12 00
1c blue, grilled	65
2c black	18
10c green	50
1863 1c buff	50

1869 2c horseman	13
2c horseman, unused	75
3c blue, unused	70
6c blue	55
10c yellow	70
15c brown and blue, picture framed	1 35
24c, fair copy	4 75
24c, extra fine copy	6 00
1869 30c, fine	2 75
1870 10c brown, grilled	5 00
Executive Department, 1c "specimen"	3 60
Agriculture	1c 1 50
State	2c 2 00
Justice	6c 70
Post Office	10c 1 35
Interior	90c 1 79
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Navy	30c 2 00
10c, Continental print, strip 4, unused, og	2 70

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1852 3d wove	20
3d wove, pairs	50
1852 3d unperf	2 50
1853 3d ribbed, a bargain	50
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1858 3d perforated, fine	6 00
3d	1 90
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1881 5c wove envelope	1 00
1890 5c envelope, entire	85
1c brown, entire	2 50
1882 Error post card, a bargain, used half Error Post Card, 1x1, entire, unused	80
Post Cards, BLOCK 8, rare	2 50
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Same, off cover	1 25
6d, orig cover, fine copy	1 00
Newfoundland, 3d lake, used	9 00
3d lake, used	8 00
6 d lake, used	3 00
British Columbia, 5c red, used	8 60
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DENMARK, E.			48s purple and brown	8 00	3 00
1851	With yellow burelage.		DOMINICA, W. I.		
2rs blue	40 00	2 50	1879	Wmk Crown and CC.	
4rs brown	3 50	2		Perf 14.	
4rs yellow brown	15 00	3	½d bistre	1 75	1 50
1858-7			1d lilac	1 50	75
2s blue	40	6	2½d brown	4 00	1 50
4s brown	1 25	2	4d blue	4 00	1 00
8s green	6 50	15	6d green	7 50	2 50
16s lilac	6 00	75	1sh lake	8 00	8 00
16s violet	10 00		1882		
1858			½d on half of 1d lilac	5 00	5 00
4s brown	50	2	½d on half of 1d lilac	2 50	1 75
4s yellow brown	50	2	½d on half of 1d lilac, red		
8s green	10 00	35	surcharge	60	1 00
1863	Rouletted.		1883-90	Wmk Crown and CA.	
4s brown	60	2	½d bistre	1 00	1 00
16s lilac	30 00	7 00	1d lilac	1 50	1 25
1864-65	Without burelage.		2½d claret	2 50	1 25
2s blue	1 50	2	6d orange	5 00	10 00
3s mauve	2 50	8	FALKLAND ISLANDS, S. A.		
4s red	1 50	1	1878-9		
8s stone	15 00	20	1d claret	10 00	6 00
16s slate green	10 00	15	4d dark gray	10 00	4 50
1970			6d green	1 50	1 50
2s blue and slate	20	1	1sh bistre brown	1 50	1 50
2s ultramarine and slate	20	1	1884	Wmk Crown and CA.	
3s purple and slate	75	8	1d claret	35	35
4s carmine	40	1	4d olive gray	18	18
8s brown	1 50	4	Wmk Crown and CA sideways.		
16s green and slate	4 00	12	1d claret	75	
			4d olive gray	3 50	2 50

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THE Fall season has opened up many albums that have laid aside during the past few months, and their owners are again eager philatelists. Canadians at the present moment are having their eyes opened to the vast riches that lie within the broad Dominion. Gold, silver and copper, as well as other valuable minerals, in British Columbia, the discovery of vast deposits of iron and coal in Algoma, in Ontario, the prospect of higher prices for wheat, gives a bright outlook for business and, needless to say, this is bound to have its effect in our line. This season, everywhere, promises to surpass that of any of the past.

FROM a letter recently received from Captain Wurtele, president of Canadian Philatelic Association, it is learned that the dues will be \$1 per year. All who wish to join are requested to communicate with Mr. Wurtele.

THE annual report of the Birmingham Philatelic Society for the year ending October, 1896, has reached us. It is a neat pamphlet of 36 pages. The members of this society set a good example to

others by their earnestness.

MR. EWEN, of Swanage, England, sends a used specimen of the new Army Official Stamp issued on September 1st. There are three values— $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. On the last the overprint is in thicker type, and the words are $9\frac{1}{4}$ mm apart instead of 12mm.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Hon. William Mulock will be doing a public service if he makes a change in the management of the money order branch of his department, says the Evening Telegram of Toronto. The present method of transmitting money by mail is cumbrous and unsatisfactory. A system of postal notes, on the model of that in use in England, might well take the place of the out-of-date money order plan. In the United Kingdom a postal note can be purchased in half a minute at any post-office. In Canada the citizen is compelled to wait for minutes while his cheque is being filled in and the necessary entries are being made in the books of the branch. Mr. Mulock intends to visit the Postal Congress to be held in Washington next spring. He can gain some valuable information while there concerning the most improved methods of sending money by mail.

Early this summer William Anderson, son of John Anderson, of the electric light works, Shelburne, Ont., wrote to Czar Nicholas of Russia, requesting that eminent personage to forward him a set of new Russian stamps. A short time ago the Shelburne post office officials received a communication from the Russian consul at New York asking if such a person as William Anderson lived in Shelburne. The question was, of course, answered, in the affirmative. Last week a \$25 collection of entirely new Russian stamps was forwarded to "Mr. William Anderson, Shelburne," who is now of the opinion that the Emperor of all the Russias may be a despot, but he's kind-hearted all the same.

TO ENCOURAGE BUYING

And to open business for this fall and winter, some very special prices are quoted in this announcement. Some good lots of stamps have been bought during the past few months, and prices are much lower than usual. We always like to say a few words about Canada Revenues, and while some protest there is no demand for them, we be to differ strongly. The future will prove this point. Meantime any wants, postage or revenues, will have prompt attention. **ANYTHING TO SELL?**

NEWFOUNDLAND, 4D, SHEET OF 20	\$11.00.
NEWFOUNDLAND, 6D, SHEET OF 20	\$11.00.
CANADA, 3D PERF, RIBBED, FINE	\$12.00.
CANADA, 2D GREEN WATERMARKED, UNUSED	\$9.00.
CANADA, 5D BEAVER, VARIETY	\$10.00.
QUEBEC LAW STAMPS, \$10, \$20, \$30, RARE,	\$35.00.
SAME, 1890 ISSUE	\$20.00.
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United States Revenues.

Passage Ticket, \$1, perf.	4	50
Manifest, \$1 unperf.	1	40
Entry of Goods, unperf, \$1	1	10
Insurance, 25c unperf.		8
Conveyance, \$1 unperf.		25
Life Insurance, 25c perf.		30
Probate of Will, \$1 unperf.	1	10
Bond, 25c part perf, part of other stamp attached, fine copies.		60
Surety Bond, 50c perf.		7
----- part perf.		50
Mortgage, 50c unperf.		70
Protest, 25c perf.		35
Warehouse Receipt, 25c unperf.	1	10
----- perf.		55
Entry of Goods, 25c perf.		4
U.S. Revenues, asst, per 100		30
Proprietary, 1c black and green, unused Same in pairs, strips or blocks		7
Proprietary 1c red.		4
* Power of Attorney, 25c, unused		10
* Certificate, 25c.		10
* 25c Life Insurance		35
* Inland Exchange, 5c.		2
* Certificate, 5c.		2
* 25c 2nd issue.		10
* 2c black and orange, green (4th).		4
25c Bond, perf.		9
\$1 Power of Attorney, unperf.		65
\$1 Mortgage, unperf.		80
5c Playing Cards		65
Entry of Goods, 25c unperf, punched		15
Lease, \$1 unperf.	1	10
25c Protest, unperf		30

United States Postage

1847 5c brown (orig cov. 60c)	50
5c brown, unused	4 25
10c black, Washington	2 80
1851 10c green	80
5c brown, very fine centered copy.	9 03
1855 5c brown, type II	1 50
5c red brown, type I.	4 50
10c green.	27
24c lilac, a snap	3 25
1461 24c unused, og	2 50
10c green.	8
10c green, unused	1 25
30c orange	40
90c blue	3 00
5c brown	25
1852 2c Jackson, unused.	40
5c red brown (chocolate), unused, o g, cat 20 00	12 00
1c blue, grilled	65
2c black	18
10c green	50
1889 1c buff.	50

1869 2c horseman	13
2c horseman, unused	75
3c blue, unused	70
6c blue	55
10c yellow	70
15c brown and blue, picture framed	1 35
24c, fair copy	4 75
24c, extra fine copy	6 00
1869 30c, fine	2 75
1870 10c brown, grilled	5 00
Executive Department, 1c "specimen"	3 00
Agriculture ----- 1c -----	1 50
State ----- 2c -----	2 00
Justice ----- 6c -----	70
Post Office ----- 10c -----	1 35
Interior ----- 90c -----	1 70
* Interior ----- 10c -----	50
Navy ----- 30c -----	2 00
10c, Continental print, strip 4, unused, og	2 70

Canada

6d dark violet	3 50
8c blue registered, very fine	1 75
2c vermilion registered (cat 25c)	12
3c (1888) laid	2 20
1852 3d wove	20
3d wove, pairs	50
1852 3d unused	2 50
1858 3d ribbed, a bargain	90
1858 3d wove	2 10
Pair of same, fine	6 00
1858 3d perforated, fine	6 00
3d "	1 90
1859 1c pink (per 10, 60c)	7
2c pink, unused, og	2 00
Same, used	75
10c violet	25
10c red lilac	45
10c violet, pair	1 10
12c green	25
17c blue	1 05
1868 1c, 3c, 6c, 12c, 15c, cheap	40
2c green (per 10, 70c)	8
3c wmk	1 00
1875 5c olive green	45
1890 20c red (unused, 25c)	10
50c blue (unused, 58c)	19
1881 3c wove envelope	1 01
1860 5c envelope, entire	25
10c brown, entire	2 50
1882 Error post card, a bargain, used half Error Post Card, 1x1, entire, unused	80
Post Cards. BLOCK 8, rare	2 50
Officially Sealed, used	4 00
Nova Scotia, 3p on cover, fine margins	1 25
Same, off cover	1 00
6d, orig cover, fine copy	9 00
Newfoundland, 4d lake, used	3 00
6d lake, used	3 00
6 d lake, used	8 00
British Columbia, 5c red, used	3 75
10c blue, used	3 40
3d used	75
New Brunswick, 2c orange, per 100	1 50
----- 17c black, per 100	10 00
----- same, per 50	6 00
----- 5c green, per 100	1 10

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— 8c rose, No 58.....	1 25
Canada, 17c blue.....	1 25
Great Britain, 3d rose, unused, No 41.....	2 75
— 6d lilac, unused, No 42.....	3 00
Newfoundland, 5c black, perfs cut off at top and side.....	2 00
Nova Scotia, 3d blue.....	1 25
Queensland, 6d dark green, No 12.....	1 00
— 3d gray, No 31.....	1 00
— 10 sh brown, No 76.....	1 00
Roumania, 2pa lemon, No 19, og.....	1 00
— 5pa blue, No 21, used.....	1 50
— 2pa orange, No 24, used.....	2 75
— 20pa rose, No 28, og.....	1 00
— 1872, 3b mauve, .13, og.....	5 00
Straits Settlements, 2c brown and red, No 2.....	1 00
Straits Settlements, 4c brown and black, No 4.....	1 25
Bangkok, 10c slate, CC, one corner clipped.....	1 00
Trinidad, 1854, 1d red.....	2 00

For other bargains, see my Quarterly Price List in the Philatelic Messenger, 12c a year to any address.

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GAMBIA, AFRICA.		1879	Perf 14.
1869			
4d brown	6 00	6 00	
6d blue	10 00	6 00	
Wmk Crown and CC			
4d brown	8 00	6 00	
6d blue	6 00	6 00	
1880	Wmk Crown and CC.		
	Perf		
½d orange	30	30	
1d maroon	30	30	
2d carmine	50	50	
3d blue	75	75	
4d brown	1 50	1 50	
6d blue	3 00	2 50	
1sh green	17 50	15 00	

GIBRALTAR.		1879	Perf 14.
Wmk Crown and CA.			
1886	Perf 14.		
½d green	10	50	
1d rose	15	25	
2d violet-brown	2 00	2 50	
2½d blue	1 50	50	
4d orange	3 00	3 50	
6d violet	5 00	6 00	
1sh yellow-brown	17 50	18 50	
1886			
2d brown-violet	60	60	
2½d blue	50	12	
4d orange	2 00	3 50	
6d violet	4 00	5 00	
1sh bistre	10 00	10 00	
1889			
25c on 2d brown violet	65		
25c on 2½d blue	30	15	
40c on 4d orange	1 00	1 25	
50c on 6d violet	1 25	2 50	
75c on 1sh bistre	2 00	2 00	
1889			
75c olive	1 00	1 00	
1p light brown	1 75	1 75	
5p steel blue	2 50	2 50	

GOLD COAST.		1879	Perf 14.
Wmk Crown and CC.			
1875	Perf 12½.		
1d blue	15 00	7 50	
4d mauve	5 00	5 00	
6d orange	6 00	3 00	

1884-91			
½d bistre	15 00	8 50	
1d blue	75 00	4 00	
1889			
5sh lilac and blue	2 25	1 00	
10sh lilac and carmine	4 00	2 00	
20sh green and carmine	60 00		
1d on 6d orange	5 00	2 50	
20sh brown and black	8 50	5 00	

HALIFAX NOTES.

They have a novel postal system in Newfoundland. The Government, or rather the Post Office Dept., will insure parcels of mail matter, charging a premium as follows:

On amounts up to \$24 12c
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The amount of Insurance on any one parcel, however, cannot exceed \$240. Now most countries have one registration rate for both local and foreign letters, but Newfoundland has no less than three rates, as under:

Inland or local 3c.
To U. K. 4c.
Canada, U. S. etc. 5c

and all other countries, same as single rate of postage.

To Mr. E. J. H. Pauley belongs the credit of introducing into Halifax, the philatelic auction so prevalent elsewhere. This enterprising young man has held three sales, and contemplates another in the near future. All three have been largely attended, and the philatelic auction in Halifax may be set down as a great success.

The movement for amalgamation of the C.P.A. and D.P.A., will meet with approval in this city. In our midst there are many old C.P.A. members,

who would work strongly for the D.P.A. if affiliated with the older society. The benefits of co-operation cannot be over estimated, and provided satisfactory terms of union can be agreed upon, and the dues remain the same, we look upon it as a good thing. We will push it along.

Add the name of John H. Morrison to your list of frauds. He resides in Picton, N.S. Anyone wishing to be "skinned" apply to the above. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Come, Weldon, a'ter your election, it is in order that you set up the beer all round. I will take a long one please, but send it in a plain, sealed wrapper, securely fastened, as I am a temperance crank, and it would look bad otherwise.

Appropos to the above, I also expect cigars from the following of the chosen few, viz. A. H. Adams, L. S. Graham, Humphreys, H. P. Hewson, W. A. Beatty, and R. G. Widdicombe. Come gentlemen put up and look pleasant.

The Canadian number of the Philatelic Free Lance is awaited interest. It ought to do good work. Ex-Sec Patterson, R. G. Widdicombe, R. S. Baker, and others will contribute. It will appear about the 20th of November, and ought to meet with a good reception in Canada.

"Just to show there is no ill feeling." Come, Mr. Weldon, drop down this way sometime, and give me a call. The President of the D.P.A. is always welcome.

Steps are now under way for the formation of the Maritime Philatelic Association, limited to collectors in N.S., N.B., and P.E.I. The secretary is W. F. Van Malder, 52 West St., Halifax.

Halifax collectors are now busy guessing the names of those dealers resident here were helped put up the cash for the Nova Scotia remainders. Every dealer you ask gives a sly wink as though to say "I know but I won't tell." Almost every dealer of course knew they were here for years. My own opinion is "not." There is a prevalent belief that the figures published are a blind, and that the quantity, particularly of the 8c was in reality far greater.

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AN Ontario Association of stamp collectors will shortly be organized.

STAMP trade is pulling up wonderfully lately, and on all sides one hears that trade will be brisk this winter.

CANADA is promised a new journal from Toronto, to be called the "Philatelic Canadian." Its promoters are Walter McMahon and I. E. Welton.

WE are informed that new journals will emerge from two small towns in this Province shortly. Truly the philatelic publishing fever is contagious at this season.

IF you want to buy to good advantage, read the advertisements in this issue.

THE Canadian Philatelic Magazine now has a page cover design, bearing the Dominion Coat of Arms, printed in red on old gold paper.

ANY subscriber to this paper who does not receive it regularly should notify us.

THE expected advances in Canada stamps did not take place, whereat some whisper that we may look for "big" jumps next season, and they forthwith calmly proceed to gather together what they lack.

REVENUE stamps of all lands are receiving more attention just now than formerly. Canadian issues of these stamps will be found attractive, and what is more, fortunate possessors of them will have reason to congratulate themselves on their foresight in the not distant future.

OUR subscription list has the names of many well known collectors and dealers. For 30 cents you receive this paper for 52 weeks. Between now and New Year we intend to send out many sample copies, with the object of considerably increasing the subscription list. Many thousands of collectors have never seen an issue, and for this reason advertisers have an excellent field.

ture "The Halifax Philatelic Magazine" by Muirhead and Van Malder, is causing some interest. The writer has been working to make arrangements for a new paper for two years, and is naturally happy over the consummation of his desires.

A. M. MUIRHEAD.

CANADIAN NOTES.

An autograph mail-bag that has been travelling many years, recently arrived at the Paris (Ontario) Post Office, after an absence of four years. It is thoroughly covered with stamps of offices in every part of Canada, autographs of postal clerks and comments of others. This bag first reached Paris in 1892, and the stamp of February 2, surrounded by the names of the employes, enclosed in a neat border, is the most legible of all.

The Customs Department has felt it necessary to put a stop to a practice which is the outcome of the craze or hobby for collecting foreign stamps. Complaints have been repeatedly made by the Postoffice Department of the removal of postage stamps from post-office parcels while such parcels are under the supervision and control of officers of the customs. It is contrary to the regulations of the Postoffice Department for postage stamps to be removed from any postal packages before the same have been delivered to the parties to whom addressed, for the reason that when the packages or parcels are not delivered and have to be returned to the country of origin, it is necessary that such parcels should be returned intact. Collectors of Customs have, therefore, been instructed that under no circumstances are postage stamps to be removed from postal packages or parcels while the same are under Customs control.

Austin Ryan, of Preston, wrote 7,015 words with an ordinary steel pen on a Canadian post-card. This discounts the feat of Willman, a San Francisco clerk, who wrote 7,000 words on an American post-card. The American post-card is a quarter of an inch larger each way than the Canadian card.

The Canadian Philatelic Association is now being re-organized, and Captain Wurtele, the president, of Quebec, Que., reports that early in January, a publication report will be issued, giving all particulars, and about that time the election of officers will take place. The dues are to be \$1 per annum, and the secretary is to have a salary. Now this is business, and Canada once more will come to the foreground in matters philatelic.

Now that the Laurier government are settling down to office, collectors expect

to hear of a new issue. A couple of years ago the Liberals were supposed to be pressing for a new issue, and now that the reins are in their own hands, it may be fulfilled.

The Dominion Philatelic Association is steadily increasing its membership, now reaching out to the 200 mark. The Board of Trustees of this society are in communication with the president of the C. P. A., re amalgamation. The dues of the older society will not sit lightly on young shoulders. At any rate the members themselves will decide the question.

Mr. Mulock, the Postmaster General is looking into the newspaper privilege matter, and certain papers here have several pages less of advertising than formerly.

Canadian Journalism moves along leaving mementos of the past. Stamp Lore has not appeared since June, and the paper issued in St Hyacinthe, Que., and claiming a circulation of 15,000 copies, has left its ghost. Its publishers had to pay postage on all these copies(?). The Canadian Philatelist has not appeared for a long time and the stamp and coin paper announced some months back from London has not appeared. Publishers want to study Punch's "dont's"—there is still wisdom in them.

It may be that newspaper stamps will be something at no distant day in this country. Heretofore when a publisher sent his paper to the mails, it went free of any charges, save for sample copies, which costs one cent per pound. Current issue stamps to the full amount were placed in a small book devoted to each paper, and when said book became filled it was supposed to be destroyed. The Publishers Association now propose to pay postage on all publications and they have forwarded their recommendation to the proper authorities. THE VICAR.

SIDE TALKS.

Dealing in stamps brings one in contact with people of many minds and callings. Roughly speaking, collectors can be divided into three classes in a commercial term—the A1, those who are slow in returns or settlements, and the rogues.

Of this latter class there are not many, and in speaking of them brings to mind a transaction with a party, who, while not actually of this class, would still be so classified by many. A year ago, a certain individual (dealer this time) wrote for some Canadian stamps, giving as reference that he was a notary public of his town (Concord, N. H.) to be more explicit. These were sent and after waiting some time, an amount in value, a little under one dollar, were retained

and instead of remitting payment, this party enclosed some low value dues of the United States. These were promptly returned, and after another delay a few of the early issue of the current 3 cent Canada were sent to settle the account. Now every one knows that these stamps are plentiful and were any dealer on this side of the border to go through his "thousands in stock," any quantity could be found. Of course the stamps were promptly returned, with the polite request that "cash" be sent, as the stamps bought were sold, not exchanged. From that date up to the present, no reply has been received, although the party who sent them wrote twice, not for the amount at stake, but because business is business, regardless whether the amount is one cent or one hundred dollars.

There are many collectors who are in the habit of receiving stamps and keeping same for a long period not taking into consideration that a dealer's capital is thereby impaired, by a number of people doing likewise. This evil was allowed to go unchecked so long as stamp dealers were not dependent on their sales for living expenses. But during the past couple of years the business methods have taken the place of lassitude or carelessness and the collector who retains stamps beyond a certain time, is likely to receive a sharp letter. Stamps cost money these days and the old time custom of getting them for nothing is becoming as obsolete as are the early issues, and it makes a dealer fidgety when his treasures are not returned promptly. It is a pleasure to have prompt replies, even if only a small amount is bought, but for a collector to retain stamps for a month or months and then scarcely buy is provoking, to say the least.

The one who gives our hobby the standing and continually adds lustre to collecting is the man whom Lloyd would rate A1. It is not necessary that he should be a man of wealth, for the vast majority have not much beyond their regular means. These collectors spend what they can and use discrimination in their dealings, and the result is the steady advance in prices that in time will yield the happy possessor good interest on his outlay. But the latter point does not find consideration with many as they consider the pure unalloyed pleasure they receive while going over their stamps, noting their historical and geographical value as landmarks or pillars of history, more than pays for the financial outlay. These class of collectors and dealers have many quiet talks, and not in stamps only, but subjects which all well informed people discuss, whether

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Probate of Will, \$1 unperf.	1 10
Bond, 25c part perf, part of other stamp attached, fine copies.	60
Surety Bond, 50c part perf.	7
Mortgage, 50c unperf.	50
Protest, 25c perf.	73
Warehouse Receipt, 25c unperf.	35
perf.	1 10
Entry of Goods, 25c perf.	55
U.S. revenues, asst. per 100	4
Proprietary, 1c black and green, unused	30
Same in pairs, strips or blocks	7
Proprietary 1c red	19
Power of Attorney, 25c, unused	4
*Certificate, 25c	10
*25c Life Insurance	10
*Inland Exchange, 5c	35
*Certificate, 5c	2
*25c 2nd issue	2
*black and orange (4th)	10
25c Bond, perf.	9
\$1 Power of Attorney, unperf.	65
\$1 Mortgage, unperf.	80
5c Playing Cards	65
Entry of Goods, 25c unperf, punched	13
Lease, \$1 unperf.	1 10
25c Protest, unperf.	90
United States Postage	
1847 5c brown (orig cov, 60c)	50
5c brown, unused?	4 25
10c black, Washington	2 80
1851 10c green	80
5c brown, very fine centered copy.	9 00
5c brown, type II	1 50
1855 4c green	4 50
5c red brown, type I	23
10c green	3 25
24c lilac, a snap	2 50
1861 24c unused, og	8
10c green, unused	1 25
30c green, unused	40
30c orange	3 00
40c blue	25
5c brown	40
1862 2c Jackson, unused	40
5c red brown (chocolate), unused, o	12 00
5c, cat 20 00	65
1c blue, grilled	18
2c black	50
10c green	50
1869 1c buff	50

1869 2c horseman	13
2c horseman, unused	75
3c blue, unused	70
6c blue	55
10c yellow	70
15c brown and blue, picture framed	1 35
21c, fair copy	4 75
21c, extra fine copy	6 00
30c, fine	2 75
1870 10c brown, grilled	5 00
Executive Department, 1c "specimen"	3 00
Agriculture	1 50
State	2 00
Justice	70
Post Office	1 35
Interior	1 70
*Interior	50
Navy	2 00
10c, Continental print, unused, og.	70
Canada	
6d dark violet	3 50
8c blue registered, very fine	1 75
2c vermilion registered (cat 25c)	12
3c (1868) laid	2 20
1852 3d wove	20
3d wove, pairs	50
1852 3d unused	2 50
1858 3d ribbed, a bargain	80
1858 3d wove	2 10
Pair of same, fine	6 00
1858 3d perforated, fine	6 00
3d	1 90
1859 1c pink (per 10, 60c)	7
2c pink, unused, og.	2 00
Same, used	75
10c violet	35
10c red lilac	45
10c violet, pair	1 10
12c green	25
17c blue	1 05
1868 4c, 3c, 6c, 12c, 15c, cheap	40
2c green (per 10, 70c)	8
3c wmk.	1 00
1875 5c olive green	45
1880 20c red (unused, 25c)	10
50c blue (unused, 58c)	19
1881 3c wove envelope	1 00
1880 5c envelope, entire	95
10c brown, entire	2 50
1882 Error post card, a bargain, used half	80
Error Post Card, 1x1, entire, unused	2 50
Post Cards, BLOCK 8, rare	4 00
Officially Sealed, used	1 25
Nova Scotia, 3p on cover, fine margins	1 25
Same, off cover	1 00
6d, orig cover, fine copy	9 00
Newfoundland, 1d lake, used	3 00
6d lake, used	3 00
6d lake, used	8 00
British Columbia, 5c red, used	3 75
10c blue, used	3 40
3d used	75
New Brunswick, 2c orange, per 100	1 50
17c black, per 100	10 00
same, per 50	6 00
5c green, per 100	1 10
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taking place at home or abroad. Generally such a collector is a bookish man and quiet in his tastes.

J. B. SIMPSON.

Indistinct watermarks are now being detected by a photographic process, which has proved very successful. This is a very complicated method, making it almost necessary that every collector should be an amateur photographer.

The Japanese government had about 14,000,000 stamps issued of each of the 2 and 5 sen, new issue, and as this is a very small number compared with any

of their other issues, it is only reasonable to expect that one or more of the set (4) may become scarce.

An odd point about the international postal system is that registered letters may be recalled by the senders at any time before they are actually delivered. Not long ago a German bank sent securities representing a large sum of money to a firm in New York. Soon afterward the bank learned that the firm was on the verge of bankruptcy. A message was at once sent by cable to intercept the securities on their arrival in New York and the letter was returned unopened to the bank. Great Britain, however, holds that when a person has mailed a letter it belongs to addressee.

HEADQUARTERS FOR
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UNUSED NEWFOUNDLAND.

1986	2c blue	30
1987	1c green	02
	2c orange	04
	5c blue	08
	10c black	15
1890	1c black	01
	5c slate	15
	6c deep pink	09
	12c puce brown	18

NEW ISSUES, 1896 UNUSED

Barbados, 1p	02
Brit. South Africa, 3p	08
" " " 1p	05
" " " 2p	10
Chamha, 1/2a	08
" " 2a	15
Cyprus, 30pa	06
" " 1pia	06
" " 2pia	12
" " 4pia	25
" " 6pia	35
" " 12pia	70
Falkland Islands, 1p	05
" " 2p	10
" " 3p	15
" " 4p	20
" " 6p	30
" " 12p	60
Fiji Islands, 1p	05
Gibraltar, 20c	08
" " 2ps	75
Grenada, 1p	05
Gwalior, 2/2a	15
Johore, 1c	08
" " 2c	04
" " 3c	08
Trinidad, 1p	05
" " 1p	05
" " 2p	10

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SCOTT'S 57TH ED. PRICES.

These prices will prove interesting reading to our subscribers. Advances in other countries will be noted from week to week in the Canadian Weekly Stamp News.

JAMAICA.					
	Wmk Crown and CC.				
1871		4d rose	12 00	2 00	
1d blue	25	1sh orange	1 50	1 00	
2d rose	75	1885-6			
4d vermilion	3 00	2d gray	75	75	
6d lilac	1 25	4d lilac	2 00	1 25	
1sh brown	50	2sh 6d olive brown	35 00		
½d maroon	20	5sh blue	50 00		
		10sh brown violet	100 00		

Wmk Crown and CA.			
1888	Perf 14.		
1d blue	3 50	25	
2d carmine	6 00	25	

LABUAN.			
Wmk Crown and CA. sideways.			
1879	Perf 14.		
2c green	18 00	25 00	
6c orange	10 00	12 50	
12c red	50 00	40 00	
16c blue	3 00	10 00	

Wmk Crown and CC. upright.			
1880-82			
2c green	50	1 75	
5c orange	3 00	7 50	
8c red	1 35	1 60	
12c red	7 50	10 00	
16c blue	3 50	7 50	
8c on 12c red	15 00	18 00	
8c on 12c red	11 00	20 00	
8c on 12c red (eight cents)	1 15	5 00	

LAGOS.			
Wmk Crown and CC.			
1874-75	Perf 12½.		
2d blue	4 00	1 50	
3d brown	6 00	2 50	
4d rose	7 50	3 00	
6d green	6 00	1 25	
1sh orange	20 00	3 00	

Perf 14.			
1875			
1d lilac	1 25	85	
2d blue	1 00	85	
4d rose	18 00	1 25	
6d green	2 50	1 25	
1sh orange	25 00	7 50	
Wmk Crown and CA.			
1882			
1d lilac	3 00	30	
2d blue	12 00	1 85	
3d brown	1 50	60	

A LITTLE HISTORY.

There are a great many issues of stamps which have a history unknown to the average stamp collector. It is very interesting indeed to know the cause or reason why such and such an issue was brought into use, and since there have been a large number of what are to the uninterested, uncalled for changes in the issues of the stamps of Canada since their first appearance in 1850, I shall in this short article endeavor to give a list of reasons for the most prominent issues and varieties.

The 12 pence was issued to prepay letter postage to Great Britain but was in use only for a short time when the postal rates were greatly reduced, and the 6 pence sterling stamp was put into use, This value being a British denomination was equal to 7½ pence in Canadian currency, a shilling being equivalent to one shilling and three pence of Canadian currency.

These early issues (1851-57) are records of the transition state of the monetary systems of the then Province of Canada, the stamps in many instances showing the decimal as well as the old currency. At this time if the letters were sent through the United States the postage was 8 pence sterling or 10 pence Canadian currency, which was cause for issue of the last mentioned denomination in 1855. A year or so later, the rates for postage to Great Britain, not changed, the 7½d green stamp was introduced.

When the decimal currency (dollars

and cents) were adopted the 6 pence sterling—7½ pence currency, was changed to 12½ cents (1859) green. The 8 pence sterling—10 pence currency—was represented by the 17 cent (1859) blue; it was in this year the monetary denominations were all changed.

In 1862 during the course of the civil war in the United States, some trouble arose between that country and Great Britain which required the presence of British troops in the Province of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, for a very uncertain length of time, and as these troops were brought from the British Isles, where it was customary always to allow soldiers' letters to go or come, to or from any part of the world at the rate of one penny per half ounce; the privilege was demanded by the two or three thousand men sent here. The various Governments decided as they none of them had a stamp of the denomination required—two cents—new dies should be obtained, which very soon resulted in the issue of the 2 cent of the respective Provinces. Strange as it may seem not one hundredth part of these stamps which were issued specially for the purpose were used as letter postage, the soldiers preferring to use the 5 cent stamp which contained a representation of the emblem of Canada, the beaver. This was a rather strange affair as they had to pay five cents in cash for that stamp, as only the 2 cent was kept at the regimental post-offices; but maybe they took a fancy for the beaver.

The stamps of the Prince Edward Island to many seem to be odd in denomination, but the fact that the currency not only differed from that of Great Britain but also from the rest of Canada as it were; the shilling of the island province was only worth about 8 pence sterling, and in the decimal currency issues the denomination had to be higher to be on a par value with the other provinces.

The shilling of Nova Scotia, commonly known as the Halifax shilling as also the Halifax currency, was only equal to 20 cents Canada or 10 pence British, New Brunswick being so near Nova Scotia used the monetary values, mostly altogether of the latter.

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THE first meeting for the season of the Toronto Philatelic Club is called for December 2nd. Dr. Johnson is up for the presidency, J. M. Mackenzie, of the Imperial Bank, for vice-president, W. H. Brouse (the president since the Club's inception) will be hon. president.

STOLEN STAMPS.

The residence of Chas. A. Needham, of Hamilton, Ont., was burglarized during his absence on one of his trips. Toronto detectives called on all the dealers here telling them to be on the lookout for the goods. Among those stolen were 500 10c violet 1859, 6000 5c beavers, 2000 1c pinks 1859, 2000 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10c Columbians, and about 25000 stamps in stock books. The value is not given, and dealers everywhere are requested to keep their eyes open for the goods. We will give further particulars next week.

A SWINDLER.

A few weeks ago, Toronto dealers received a letter purporting to come from one A. J. Clifford, Buffalo, N.Y., "real estate and loans" being his business. Mr. Adams sent this party a list of prices he wanted, and after waiting a few days, received word "on what bank a cheque should be drawn on in Toronto." He replied:—"Buy a Post Office order at my expense," and this ended the matter.

Mr. Geo. A. Lowe was not so fortunate, as he sent about \$125 00 in British North America (net), and after sending his suspicion was aroused, and he telegraphed to Buffalo. But this party had left town, so Mr. Lowe journeyed on to Buffalo, and found that the "business quarters" was a boarding house. As a number of letters were awaiting the sharper, it is evident others were caught by the swindler.

The 5 cent 1875 issue of Canada was caused not to take the place of the 5 cent 1860, which was used as prepayment to letters only in the province, but as rates per half ounce to Great Britain.

FRANK H. BEST.

NOVA SCOTIA REMAINDERS.

The story of the Nova Scotia Remainers is the philatelic question of the day. We make no apology, therefore, for reproducing in Mr. Phillips own words from the Monthly Journal, what must be considered to be the only authentic account of an incident which has created the greatest stir of late in stamp circles.

We shall now endeavour, as far as lies in our power, to relate all the facts in reference to the lot of remainders of these stamps that we have been for some weeks supplying to the trade.

We should have published some particulars before this, but we are not the only persons interested, and we have had to correspond with Mr. Bartlett in Prince Edward's Island, which necessarily took up much time; and even now we cannot give as many details as we should wish.

The first intimation we had, of the existence of any remainder of the cents issue of Nova Scotia, was on May 14th last, when we received the following cablegram from the Hon. W. S. Fielding, then Premier and Principal Secretary of Nova Scotia, but since advanced to the important position of Finance Minister of the Dominion of Canada:

"For what quantity Nova Scotia stamps of cents issue will you give face value? Our Government guarantee them to be remainders.—FIELDING, Premier."

The same day we replied by cable as follows:

"State quantity of each value; we probably take all. The lot must not be broken, or market will be spoiled.—GIBBONS."

On May 15th we received a reply cable from the Premier:

"Denominations one, two, eight and a half, ten, and twelve and a half. You might offer for each denomination, with your own limits; if offer satisfactory, will close for whole.—FIELDING, Premier."

On the same, or following day we cabled again as follows:

"Cable quantity of each value; our offer cannot be made until this is known.—GIBBONS."

No answer was received to this last cable, and the next information we had was that the entire stock of remainders had been purchased by Messrs. A. A. Bartlett, of Charlottetown, Prince Ed-

ward Island, and Mr. Donald A. King, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, both well known philatelists of many years' standing.

We at once opened negotiations, with Messrs. Bartlett and King, to see if a business arrangement could not be entered into, for us to have the sole sale of these stamps for certain districts, and eventually we secured the sole right of sale in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia.

The following certificate was given with the stamps:—

"Halifax, N.S.,
June 4th, 1896.

"A. A. Bartlett, Esq.

"Dear Sir,—For the information of all whom it may concern, I desire to say that, acting for the Government of Nova Scotia, I have sold and delivered to you the remainder of the cents issue of Nova Scotia postage stamps, and that no other stamps of that issue are in the possession of this Government.

"Yours faithfully,

"W. S. FIELDING,

"Provincial Secretary."

As soon as we received a supply of the stamps, we prepared the following circular, for issue to the trade generally in the countries we represent.

"NOVA SCOTIA.

"GOVERNMENT REMAINDERS OF THE CENT ISSUE.

"The Government of Canada, through the Premier of Nova Scotia, the Hon. W. S. Fielding, has just sold the whole remainder of the Cent Issue of that Colony to a strong syndicate of stamp dealers; and the entire sales of these stamps for the whole of Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia, have been placed in the hands of STANLEY GIBBONS LIMITED.

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27 stamps of 1 cent	black
26 "	2 "mauve
27 "	8½ "Green
14 "	10 "red
6 "	12½ "black

100

No 2. PRICE £51 10s., CONTAINS:

134 stamps of 1 cent	black
133 "	of 1 "mauve
133 "	of 8½ "green
66 "	of 10 "red

34 " of 12½ " black
500

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No lot has been, or will be, sold by us for less than the sum stated in the circular; but it will be noticed that the purchaser of a lot for £103 may, if he thinks fit to work at a very close profit, retail our No. 1 lot at a less price than we have fixed as our minimum. For this reason, we propose to discontinue to supply No. 1 lot at £12 10s, and in future we shall only execute orders for the lots at £51 10s and £103.

We further hereby give notice that from January 1st, 1897, the prices of these lots will be advanced to £60 and £120 respectively.

When transferring the Library of Congress from the National Capital Building to the new Congressional Library Building, recently completed, a very large number of old envelopes, papers, and in fact many curious things which had stamps attached were found. Among the lot it is reported that a clerk found a strip of 3 12d Canada in a cancelled state.

This is the season of the year that the collector thinks he ought to buy good stamps, but hesitates. It will quickly be followed by the season wherein the collector kicks himself for hesitating.

It is thought that a special stamp will be issued by the United States for the use of carriers and railways, who, by a recent order of the Post Office Department have to pay postage on their own letters, etc., even though carried by their own men and rolling stock.

Stamp Lore, from London, Ont., has again appeared, the last issue dated for

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Life Insurance, 25c perf. 20
Probate of Will, \$1 unperf. 1 10
Bond, 25c part perf, part of other stamp attached, fine copies. 60
Surety Bond, 50c perf. 70
Mortgage, 50c unperf. 50
Protest, 25c perf. 35
Warehouse Receipt, 25c unperf. 1 10
Entry of Goods, 25c perf. 55
U.S. Revenues, asst, per 100 4
Proprietary, 1c black and green, unused
Same in pairs, strips or blocks 10
Proprietary 1c red 4
*Power of Attorney, 25c, unused 10
*Certificate, 25c 10
*25c Life Insurance 35
*Inland Exchange, 5c 2
*Certificate, 5c 2
*25c 2nd issue 10
*2c black and orange, green (4th) 4
25c Bond, perf. 9
\$1 Power of Attorney, unperf. 65
\$1 Mortgage, unperf. 80
5c Playing Cards 65
Entry of Goods, 25c unperf, punched 15
Lease, \$1 unperf. 1 10
25c Protest, unperf. 90

United States Postage
1847 5c brown (orig cov, 60c) 50
5c brown, unused 4 25
10c black, Washington 2 80
1851 10c green 80
5c brown, very fine centered copy 9 00
1855 5c brown, type II 1 50
5c red brown, type I 4 50
10c green 27
24c lilac, a snap 3 25
1861 24c unused, og 2 50
10c green 8
10c green, unused 1 25
30c orange 40
90c blue 3 00
5c brown 25
1862 2c Jackson, unused 40
5c red brown (chocolate), unused, o
g, cat 20 00 12 00
1c blue, griddled 65
2c black " 18
10c green " 50
1869 1c buff 50

1869 2c horseman 13
2c horseman, unused 75
3c blue, unused 70
6c blue 55
10c yellow 70
15c brown and blue, picture framed 1 35
24c, fair copy 4 75
24c, extra fine copy 6 00
1869 30c, fine 2 75
1870 10c brown, griddled 5 00
Executive Department, 1c "specimen" 3 00
Agriculture 1 50
State 2 00
Justice 70
Post Office 1 35
Interior 1 70
*Interior 50
Navy 2 00
10c, Continental print, unused, og 70

Canada
6d dark violet 3 50
8c blue registered, very fine 1 75
2c vermilion registered (cat 25c) 12
3c (1868) laid 2 20
1852 3d wove 20
3d wove, pairs 50
1852 3d unused 2 50
1858 3d ribbed, a bargain 90
1858 1d wove 2 10
Pair of same, fine 6 00
1858 1d perforated, fine 6 00
3d " 1 90
1859 1c pink (per 10, 60c) 7
2c pink, unused, og 2 00
Same, used 75
10c violet 35
10c red lilac 45
10c violet, pair 1 10
12c green 25
17c blue 1 00
1868 1c, 3c, 6c, 12c, 15c, cheap 40
2c green (per 10, 70c) 8
3c wmk 1 00
1875 5c olive green 45
1890 20c red (unused, 25c) 10
50c blue (unused, 58c) 19
1881 3c wove envelope 1 00
1860 5c envelope, entire 95
10c brown, entire 2 50
1882 Error post card, a bargain, used half
Error Post Card, 1x1, entire, unused 2 50
Post Cards, BLOCK 8, rare 4 00
Officially Sealed, used 1 25
Nova Scotia, 3p on cover, fine margins ..
Same, off cover 1 00
6d, orig cover, fine copy 9 00
Newfoundland, 4d lake, used 3 00
6d lake, used 3 00
6½d lake, used 8 00
British Columbia, 5c red, used 3 75
10c blue, used 3 40
3d used 75
New Brunswick, 2c orange, per 100 1 50
17c black, per 100 10 00
same, per 50 6 00
5c green, per 100 1 10

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November, being well got up and the contents newsy. We notice that they intend publishing Canadian revenues similar to that which is now running in the Canadian Philatelic Magazine, since last March.

Tobago ordered a supply of the 1sh. value recently, from Messrs. De La Rue and Co., and when the supply reached the island it was found to be in same color as the current 6d. It was noticed after some had been issued, and supply

withdrawn from use and the old color ordered.

Aubert, who murdered M. Delahdeff in Paris, for his stamp collection, was sentenced to life imprisonment. His trial proved him to have been a rogue and swindler all his life, and addicted to the use of drugs. Sensation papers who tried to lead people to think that the act was the result of avarice for stamps, have nothing to prove it.

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NEW ISSUES, 1896 UNUSED.

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" " " 1p	05
" " " 2p	10
Chamba, 1 1/2a	08
" " 2 a	15
Cyprus, 30pa	06
" 1pia	06
" 2pia	12
" 4pia	25
" 6pia	35
" 12pia	70
Falkland Islands, 1p	05
" " 2p	12
" " 9p	35
" " 18a	50
Figi Islands, 1p	05
Gibraltar, 20c	08
" 2pc8	75
Grenada, 1p	05
Gwalior, 2 1/2a	15
Johore, 1c	02
" 2c	04
" 3c	06
Trinidad, 1p	03
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NEW YORK NOTES.

Much regret is expressed by collectors and dealers here that the Daily Stamp Item has ceased publication. Although issued mainly in the interests of the Mekeels, it contained the latest news, and was quite an addition to the breakfast table. But the time has not yet come when a daily will pay for itself. Even the American Wheelman published every morning, has not proved a financial success as yet.

A bill has just been passed by the U. S. Government authorizing the use of private postal cards, the cards to be no larger than the official ones, and to be carried by affixing a one cent stamp. The bill takes effect July 1st 1897.

It is reported here that E. T. Parker, the well known Bethlehem dealer, will shortly publish a philatelic paper, with a prominent P.S. of A. member as editor.

The American Philatelic Association are having rather hard luck at present. About 60 members have resigned since November 1st, presumably owing to the dues having been increased to \$1.80 a year.

Another bill has been passed by the Government by which senders of registered letters may be indemnified in a sum not exceeding ten dollars in any one case, for loss of the letter in the mail, to be paid out of the postal revenues.

H. C. Champ a former Toronto collector and once a member of the Toronto Philatelic Club is residing here.

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OTTAWA NOTES.

The last quarterly supplement to the Canadian Official Postal Guide contains the following interesting notes:—Several cases have come under the notice of the department lately in which newspapers passing free by post to subscribers, have contained hand-bills contrary to regulations. In some cases these hand-bills have been designated as "supplement," though an enquiry showed they were sent out entirely in the interest of the business advertised. Papers containing such unauthorized enclosures become liable to the third class matter rate of 1 cent per 4 oz.

Postmasters are requested to examine from time to time the papers posted free at their offices with a view to detecting and reporting such irregularities. No paper with an unauthorized enclosure should be allowed to go forward. Any postmaster receiving papers with such enclosures should at once forward them to the department with a report.

Certain postmasters have reported that newspapers continue to come free of postage to persons who refuse them and who declare that they are not subscribers. It is proper, therefore, to mention that for purposes of free postage no person is to be considered as a subscriber who declares that the period for which he subscribed to a given paper has expired, that he has paid for that period, and that he refuses to receive the paper or other publication any longer. If the names of such persons are sent to the department the office of origin will be instructed not to forward the paper to their address free.

Order lists such as are used by merchants, seedmen, etc., when sent separately, are liable to a postage rate of one cent per two ounces as printed forms; but they may be enclosed in printed trade catalogues passing at the rate of one cent per four ounces, without giving rise to a higher rate of postage.

In section 5, under the head of Registration, page xx of the Postal Guide, it is stated that "Registered correspondence addressed to a deceased person may be delivered to the legal representative of the deceased." An exception is, however, to be made to this rule in the case of letters from the Office of the District Paymaster of British North America at Halifax, addressed to an Imperial Army Pensioner or Reservist. Such letters are not to be delivered to any party whatsoever claiming them on behalf of a deceased Pensioner or Reservist—but are to be sent to the Dead Letter Office for return to the District Paymaster.

The department finds that under the guise of "ornamental printing," certain business firms have introduced words and designs into the printing of the

address side of private post cards, which virtually serve the purpose of advertisements. It should be clearly understood that this is not permitted. The department has been obliged in several cases to prohibit the use of cards open to this objection.

Postmasters are again reminded that they cannot exercise too much caution in re-directing (i.e., in changing the address of) letters that have come to their offices for delivery; inasmuch as, if any loss occurs through an erroneous or unnecessary re-direction, it will fall on the postmaster who took upon himself the responsibility for doing that for which he had no authority. If a letter has come to a certain office, being plainly addressed thereto, the proper province being also specified in the address, then nothing short of an order from the addressee, or the possession of positive and certain information that the letter was intended for another office, can justify a postmaster in re-directing it. See Postal Guide page xxv., sec. 15, second paragraph.

Parcels up to seven pounds in weight may now be sent via England to the following places in Venezuela: Caracas, Carupano, Ciudad, Bolivar, Cumana, La Givara, La Nela de Coro, Maracaibo, Puerto Cabelo. The rates are: 1 lb., 98c; 2 lbs., \$1.06; 3 lbs., \$1.14; 4 lbs., \$1.32; 5 lbs., \$1.40; 6 lbs., \$1.48; 7 lbs., \$1.56.

MICABOW.

THE ISSUING OF STAMPS.

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 1834, also the same denomination of New Brunswick, 1861, and Nova Scotia, 1832, 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 12 pence, black, which, as most collectors know

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THE Daily Stamp Item is dead. It filled a unique position in the philatelic field. Its publishers state "the time was not ripe for such a venture," and with this sentiment we agree.

THE Ontario Philatelist is now the official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Association, although we learn that it is not definitely arranged. The new paper called "Philatelic Canadian" is making a strong effort to represent this young society.

A GREAT many collectors have taken advantage of the premium offer of the Canadian Philatelic Magazine, and it is expected that about the first of the year all will be sold out. Now is the time to send in your subscription as the offer is very reasonable.

IN the course of a couple of weeks we will be in a position to offer something to subscribers of the CANADIAN WEEKLY STAMP NEWS that will be of great value to them. It is new—never offered before. All sending in fifty cents for a year's subscription, will have one sent to them free.

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WE have received a copy of the Ontario address book of R. G. Widdicombe, of St. Catharines, Ont. It is neatly gotten up, and contains the names of a large number of collectors in the leading Province of Canada. Many years have elapsed since the last address book of Canadians appeared, and we trust that financially Mr. Widdicombe will not have to complain of its success.

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is 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 17 cents Canadian, 1859, was struck for postage to India, also the 12½ cents 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 cents Nova Scotia was issued for letters to Newfoundland.

The 13 cents 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 1870 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 value State.

The Executive stamps were used 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.

In fact economical postage for specified countries seems to be peculiar to America as regards odd values. Most of these stamps are noticeably scarce and should be made as great a study of as any other.

TORONTO PHILATELIC CLUB.

The annual meeting was called to order at 8.30 p.m. by Mr. E. Y. Parker, who was called upon to take the chair in the absence of the President.

Fifteen members were present and eight new members were elected.

Mr. J. H. Shack was present and elected a corresponding member of the Club.

The Philatelic Canadian was appointed official organ for the year.

A committee composed of Messrs. Pinkney, Brouse, McMahon, Parker, Lester, Lowe, will meet at 5 o'clock

Friday, the 4th at the office of G. A. Lowe, for consultation regarding a plan to put before the Club at the next meeting the best means, for supplying interest for the Club—such as exchanges, auctions, exhibitions of stamps etc.

The election of officers for the coming year was then proceeded with and resulted in the following members being installed as officers.

President—W. H. Brouse; 1st Vice-President, Thos. Pinkney; Secretary-Treasurer, Geo. A. Lowe; Executive Committee—E. Y. Parker, J. W. Lester, Atwell Fleming, Walter McMahon, J. M. Mackenzie, Prof. Hebner, G. H. Grundy.

It is intended that meetings shall be held twice a month during the coming year. All collectors residing in Toronto and vicinity should write the secretary for application blanks.

TORONTO NOTES.

The demand for United States revenues has increased likewise for those of Canada. The past few weeks have brought several "advanced" want lists to a dealer here.

Time and again the past year it has been rumored around the streets of Toronto that a stock company of large magnitude was on the tapis. Last week some said it was a fact. We believe, and information shows it, that no such thing exists. Mr. Lowe, who is supposed to be the manager is offering his Toronto business for sale, no stock, simply the store, etc., and intends locating in Montreal.

Wilson Wilby, who runs the Weston Stamp Co., will give up present place of business this month. He intends to conduct a mail business only.

The new two cent card for foreign use, meets with favor everywhere. I would be pleased to announce it as the forerunner of an entire new issue, and am sure the collector all the world over would welcome the change.

A local dealer secured a lot of United States revenues this week. They were stuck on a large sheet, and the beauty of it was that all were perfect copies.

Scott's advance prices in many instances are surprising, but when one considers that the demand for stamps is ever on the increase despite those who cease collecting, and that few of the old issues are seldom found it can be seen that the rise is not only necessary but justified by facts.

Why should not Canadian revenues be catalogued in Scott's as well as those of United States? This question will settle itself in time, and at present collectors will have to buy those issued by different dealers in order to learn anything regarding these stamps.

It is rumored that a company will publish "The Youth's Magazine" here in this city, and one of the departments that will appeal to collectors is that devoted to stamps. Canada has no paper of this class, save those issued by religious houses for Sunday School purposes.

THE STAMPS OF BULGARIA.

The latest issue, the notorious Baby Boris series, consists of four values, 1s dark green, 5s dark blue, 15s mauve and 25s red. Design: Coat of arms in center; above inscription on rounded band; at top, another inscription on dark ground; at bottom, in center, figure of value in circle; ribbons on each side with Russian characters thereon.

Three values of unpaid letter stamps have been issued from 1884 to date. Design: Figure of value in center in circle, surrounded by Russian inscription; inscription also at sides and at top and bottom ruled off; open space filled by pearls and branches of leaves. The values are, 5s orange, 25s crimson and 50s blue.

These appeared with large wavy perforations in 1884, imperforate in 1886, and perforated 10½ and 11½ in 1887.

In 1894 the 5s orange appeared re-engraved, differing but very little from first issue. It is also to be found on pelure paper.

The 50s blue was surcharged "30" in 1895. This surcharge will be found on both imperforate and perforated 11½ issues.

The 25s re-engraved, perforated 11, made its appearance a few months ago.

Having considered its postal emissions let us take a glance at the history of the country.

The Romans were unable to conquer the original inhabitants of the present Bulgaria, and the Grecian emperor, Anastasius, built a large wall in A.D. 507, in order to keep them out of his domains.

In the seventh century the Bulgarian, a people of Tartar origin, conquered the country and founded the Bulgarian kingdom. The conquerors soon lost their language and customs and adopted those of the Slavs they subjugated.

The Bulgarian kings were continually taking part in the struggles between the Grecian emperors and the Russian chiefs, sometimes on one side sometimes on the other. In 1018 the monarchy was under the suzerainty of the Byzantine empire. In 1185 King Asan declared the country independent of Constantinople, which resulted badly for it, as the kings of Hungary

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	— unused	4 00	2 00
	6d, large margins and a fine copy		5 50
	6d, fair copy	5 00	3 25
1857	½d pink, good copies	4 00	2 00
	½d pink, pair		5 75
	½d pink, very fine	4 00	3 00
1858	3d ribbed	2 50	90
	½d pink, perforated	8 50	5 25
	½d pink, perforated, unused, little soiled	12 00	6 00
	3d red, perforated	3 50	1 75
	3d red, perforated, RIBBED, very fine	20 00	12 00
1859	5c vermilion, VARIETY, fine	15 00	9 00
	2c pink, unused	2 50	2 00
	12½c green, unused	2 50	2 00
	17c blue	1 50	1 00
1868	1c brown-red, watermarked	2 00	1 50
1870	1c brown-red, laid paper, unused	40 00	22 00
	1c brown-red, laid paper, used, fine	15 00	10 00
	3c red, laid paper	5 00	2 25
1875	8c blue registered, very fine copies	2 50	1 80
1830	5c vermilion Envelope, entire, used, fine		1 00
1890	3c WOVE PAPER, Envelope, entire, used.	5 00	1 50

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

1865	1c orange, used	3 50	1 75
	2c blue, used	5 00	2 50
	3c rose, used	2 50	1 25
	4c green, used	5 00	2 50
	6c black, used	5 00	2 50
	12c mauve, used	6 00	3 00
	3c, error, rare	5 00	2 75

UNITED STATES POSTAGE

1847	5c brown (original cover, 60c)	85	50
1851	5c brown, very fine	11 00	9 00
	10c green	1 00	65
1855	5c brown, type II	2 50	1 75
	10c green	50	27
	24c lilac	4 50	3 00
1861	5c brown	40	25
	30c orange	50	40
	90c blue, fine	3 50	3 00
1868	1c blue, embossed	1 25	65
	2c black, embossed	25	14
1869	3c blue, no embossing, used		3 00
	10c yellow, unused, corner stamp		3 75
	15c brown and blue, fine	1 75	1 50
	24c green and purple	7 50	5 00
1872	24c purple	2 00	1 35
	90c carmine	1 00	80
1873	10c brown unused (Cont)	1 00	70

MISCELLANEOUS

Newfoundland, 4d lake, entire sheet	20 00	11 00
" 6d lake, "	20 00	11 00
Quebec Law Stamps, \$10, \$20, \$30	155 00	35 00
" " " \$10, \$20, \$30, 1890 issue.	85 00	20 00

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"	2pia	12
"	4pia	25
"	6pia	35
"	12pia	70
Falkland Islands	1p	05
"	2p	12
"	9p	35
"	18a	50
Fiji Islands	1p	05
Gibraltar	20c	08
"	2pcs	75
Grenada	1p	05
Gwalior	2 1/2a	15
Johore	1c	02
"	2c	04
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A FEW NOTES ON REVENUES OF THE UNITED STATES.

The imperforate and part perforate condition of the first issue U. S. Revenues may be accounted for by the hurry with which they were prepared. Congress had passed a war measure levying a stamp tax upon legal instruments and other documents and there was little time before the law went into effect for the preparation of the large variety of stamps required. It was creditable to the contractors that no serious errors were made. Later, the demand was so great that they could not afford to reject sheets of stamps because they had been run through the perforating machine too many times and were double perforated. These double perforated stamps are not very uncommon and are generally found in the case of the most plentiful varieties, these having been produced in the greatest numbers and consequently with the greatest haste and the least care. I think that three or four times the price of the ordinary stamp is enough to pay for these oddities.

Requisitions for stamps came in from all parts of the loyal States, and supplies were sent, some of which included nearly the whole issue of a single variety. Instead of dividing up a batch of stamps among the different sections of the country and sub-stations from which stamps were distributed, the bulk of it would be sent to one place and if no more of that kind were issued, the use of that particular stamp would be confined to the one locality. Thus, almost all the \$20 P. of W. imperforate now in collections originally came from California. More specimens have been found on the Pacific coast in recent years, it is said, than in all the East. This probably indicates that many of the rarest revenues are to be sought, each in a particular vicinity of its own. But knowledge of this, if anyone has it, must be a trade secret.

The genuineness of imperforate revenues may be determined to some extent by the date which was usually written or stamped upon them. In 1862, no stamps were perforated and most stamps used in 1863 were imperforate,

but stamps of later date need not necessarily be pronounced clipped on this account. I have seen a pair of imperforate 50c P. of W. dated 1863. These probably were remainders which had been kept for two or three years before being used. Width of margin is deceptive, for the stamps were often irregularly perforated, sometimes so as to show portions of adjoining stamps both above and below.

After a year or two, it was found to be both inexpedient and unnecessary to require that the stamps should bear inscriptions corresponding with the names of the documents to which they were attached, and thereafter they were used indiscriminately. The engravers, since it was no longer necessary to provide every variety of stamp, retired some plates and dies and printed no more stamps from them. This restricted their issue and made them rarer than the others. The playing card and proprietary stamps were always required to be used for those purposes only, however, and this is the reason for their general scarcity. I am not aware whether the 6 cent proprietary is rare because there was little use for that value, or because it was early retired. Perhaps both reasons operate.

During the early '70's, a number of revenues were issued on a very thick paper. In fact, there are two thicknesses of thick paper. They are easily distinguished from the ordinary papers, but may be tested in this way: double the paper between the thumb and finger; if it will crease easily, it is the thin paper, but if there seems to be considerable resistance, it is the thick, hard variety. Lists have been attempted of the varieties printed on this paper, but new discoveries are continually being made.

It is said that revenues are soon to be catalogued both unused and used. Heretofore, unused specimens have been obtainable for a mere fraction of the face value on account of the fact that the government does not redeem them, but there is such a limited source of supply that they are bound to be high priced. A distinction must be made between uncancelled and unused revenues. Although the users of the

stamps were at first very careful to cancel them well, later on they became less so, and many stamps are to be found on the original documents bearing no cancellation whatever. This is particularly true of the lower denominations.

It is said of the 6 cent Proprietary that it was used almost solely upon two, or three medicines, and that there are Commercial travelers who know these medicines. In the course of their tours they visit old-established drug-stores and inquire for them, and thus, without exciting too much suspicion on the part of the druggists, sometimes secure the rara-avis, the gem of the first water, the 6 cent proprietary.

The stamps printed upon blanks for taxable documents, are destined soon to obtain recognition. By far the commonest are two or three varieties imprinted on bank checks, but the same kind of impression has been found on blanks for receipts and other documents. These stamps bear the same relation to adhesive revenue stamps that stamped envelopes bear to adhesive postage stamps, and are fully as collectable; they should be collected entire, also. Some firm obtained the right from the government to print this stamped paper: Large sheets of bank check paper were imprinted at regular intervals with some such design as a large diamond with head of Liberty and the words, "U. S. Inter. Revenue, 2 cents." The banks then purchased this paper and it was cut up into slips of the regular bank check size, each bearing one impression of the stamp. These were printed with the formula for a blank bank check. After the revenue stamp tax went out of effect, banks had their stock of checks redeemed, and they were rubber stamped to that effect, and then used in the course of business. Thus, the stamped checks are to be found surcharged "Redeemed," "Cancelled," etc. Perhaps another generation of philatelists will even collect these.

The Pennsylvania Philatelist.

HALIFAX NOTES.

The N.S. remainders is the one topic of conversation here, and collectors almost unanimously unite in condemning

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REMINISCENCES.

A copy of the "Boys Herald," published at St. Johns, New Brunswick, in 1876, gives one a slight glimpse into collecting at that day.

A Mr. Wineburgh of New York, has an advertisement stating he wanted to buy Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick stamps at one dollar per hundred. Tempting I dare say at that date, but—

Another New York dealer offers Treasury sets at 6 cents; War sets at 20 cents; and, Navy sets at 45 cents.

N. F. Seebeck, of "chromo" fame has a half column in which to announce his wares and offers wholesale lots of foreign stamps by 100 and 1000.

"W. C. Stone & Co.," of Springfield, Mass., have sets of War department for sale at 50 cents.

A St. John dealer offers Newfoundland pence issues for \$1.20, Prince Edward Island, for 90 cents complete.

The contents are very newsy, and while the paper claims a circulation of 1500 copies, its advertising rates are but 1 cent a line—very, very cheap. Nowadays publishers charge about 50 cents an inch, but where they to sell their space at foregoing rates, I am afraid bankruptcy would overtake many earlier than usual.

THE VICAR.

(Continued from 1st page.)

the secrecy maintained by the syndicate and the exorbitant prices asked. The feeling is general that the prices must come down, and the disposition is to wait a while before buying.

Your correspondant came across Mr. J. R. Findlay the other day. Mr. Findlay will be remembered in connection with his former publication "The Canada Stamp and Coin Journal" which he published in this city some eight years ago. I am pleased to say that Mr. Findlay still retains his interest in matters philatelic, and it is just possible that his old activity may be revived at no distant day.

Halifax wants the '97 D.P.A. convention, and is willing to work to that end. Halifax may seem a long way off to you people in Ontario, but I am led to believe, after consulting the best authorities, that it is no further from Toronto to Halifax, than it is from Halifax to Toronto.

The "Canadian number" of the Philatelic Free Lance is out and is a most praiseworthy effort on the part of editor Morris. See here, Weldon, you made a "mistook." I have only edited one paper so far, not two, don't make it worse than it is, even though I am about to again take up the editorial quill.

We are having a little daily newspaper controversy down here just now. The "Recorder" and "Daily Echo" had a little paragraph about the appointment of R. Hill to the resident vice presidency and credited Mr. Hill with founding the D.P.A. and also stating that the D.P.A. was organized on the 14th September last. After diagnosing the case carefully, I pronounced it a case of common "leg pulling" but was surprised to see the matter taken up by Mr. Peckhem, a prominent dealer of this city, who enlightened the public as to the D.P.A. and philately in general.

I referred some weeks back to the color of the current 3c Newfoundland, and now it comes in still another shade. I have carefully studied the reports from the meteorological bureau to see if the changes corresponded to those of the weather but they do not seem to agree. I am now looking up the exports and imports, to see if the "balance of trade" is cause of these inexplicable changes.

The "Halifax Philatelic Magazine" is now being mailed. Our ad. in the C.P.M. has brought us a stack of post cards a yard high, requesting the inevitable sample copy. If these requests keep on coming in, we shall have to order another 15,000(?) to meet the demand. However we are comforted by

the assurance that all those who ask for a sample copy will subscribe; this is a pleasing thought to us, and those who are doubtful have no faith in human nature. What would anyone want with a sample copy who did not yearn to subscribe? NIT.

A. M. MUIRHEAD.

STYLES OF COLLECTING.

How do you collect? or more properly speaking perhaps would be to ask in what style do you collect.

As there are many styles, as it were, a brief description of the most used of which, one or more is your pet hobby in collecting, will not be out of place. There are the Artistic, the Fashionable, the Scientific and the World-Girdler styles. The World-Girdler (to begin where I left off in last sentence) is the collector who only desires one of a series or set of every country in the world, as he sees or at least thinks he sees the utter impossibility of making anything like a complete collection. This style has latterly been on the increase among older people just starting in.

The Scientific — is he who collects, maybe, the stamps of only one country, but defines all the varieties so clearly that no stamp has been printed, no watermark used, or plate or special kind of paper made that he has not in his collection or knows all about it if not there. This style of collector is mostly known as a specialist of which there are a great number in Canada and the United States, as also in other parts of the world, but I believe there are more of that class on this continent, than the rest of the world combined, since there are more varieties and branches of collectable stamps (in America) than there seems to be, so far as my observation goes, than outside of it. In this style of collecting there are quite a lot of fads which is out of the general line; such as the collecting of original covers and entire sheets made up of specimens of a stamp acquired singly and placed on sheets of paper in such a way as to reproduce an exact pane or plate.

The Fashionable style is the collector who starts up a collection when a boom is on, as for instance, a great number never so much as thought of stamps in Canada until a few years ago when they heard of the rapid advance in the price of stamps which had before been classed as worthless or next thing to worthless. These collectors, or a large number (I may speak from my own experience) of them followed the Canadian Fashion as it were by next taking to the stamps of Australia, the boom in these having the

following year or so developed into a gigantic mania so to speak. This was next followed by a boom in West Indian stamps and so on until at present writing the fashion atmosphere is hanging over the Southern Republic of South America, but which will before the month of March I think, feel the effect of a strong under-current and move to Southern and Eastern Africa. Some collectors of this style have no stamps in their albums but what had been in fashion during their time of collecting and may tell you that they think that a better system, than to commence with the 1d Great Britain 1840 and work up.

The Artistic style are those who collect for the beautiful art and design they can see in stamps; this field at the present time has a very large scope, and is being pretty well covered by a class or style of collectors which up to ten or fifteen years ago had but a very few issues of what are now known as works of art or reproductions of some old master, but still we have not so many that we can crow too loud about. There are some fine designs in the recent issues of the world in general but South and (1890-5) Central America (Seebecks) are the most gaudy.

The stamps of this style when mounted in a blank album very fine effect can often be made in the way of design shapes.

There is still another style which I did not bring into this article: that is the Antiquarian Style. He is the man who only "saved" old stamps and has still in an old book some of the very first issues of many countries, and that is all he wants being satisfied that as they are old and pasted or glued down tight they are better than all the new notions.

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	12c green, unused	2 50	2 00
	17c blue	1 50	1 00
1818	1c brown-red, watermarked	2 00	1 50
1870	1c brown-red, laid paper, unused	40 00	22 00
	1c brown-red, laid paper, used, fine	15 00	10 00
	3c red, laid paper	5 00	2 25
1875	8c blue registered, very fine copies	2 50	1 80
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	3c rose, used	2 50	1 25
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	24c lilac	4 50	3 00
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1868	1c blue, embossed	1 25	65
	2c black, embossed	25	14
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NEW YORK NOTES.

Cuba is the talk of the Universe at present, but it has not materially advanced the price of this Island's stamps, and reports that current issues will become scarce are untrue. We might however look for a provincial government issue in the near future, that is to say if the insurgents are victorious. But don't hold your Cuban stamps for higher prices. One dealer here claims to have a barrel of the latest issue. We haven't seen them.

The Collectors' Club is an assured success, and quite a few persons have joined in the last two weeks. The Club house is situated on Fourth Ave. opposite Madison Square Garden and is, therefore, very centrally located. Dues are nominal and it is worth while for an enthusiastic philatelist to become a member.

Although various persons have tried to form a New York and Brooklyn branch of the P. S. of A. their efforts have been in vain, and neither that society nor the S. of P. can boast of a branch here. It seems that some people are very much prejudiced against these societies, and although willing to join them do not care to become members of a branch.

The publishers of the International Album expect to have a large sale among younger collectors, but my opinion is that a beginner should know something about watermarks, etc., and if he is at all ambitious he will find out and will then have to purchase an old album, or a blank one. If the beginner is not taught, philately will take a backward step or two.

Madrid, Spain, is the latest city to use the bicycle for postal facilities, an American firm having just sent over a trial shipment. The English Government is open to bids for 25000 wheels to be used in the P.O. department.

Dealers are trying to unload their stock of Columbian stamps, notably the \$2 which can be purchased unused most anywhere at considerable off face value.

The latest is that Scott's Catalogue will on Jan. 1st. But we have heard this statement before. Be patient.

SWEYN.

SOME IDEAS ABOUT STAMP COLLECTING.

My dear reader, I am not going to sketch before your eye the old lady that gathered stamps with a view of securing a place in some old people's home, or the English collector who wanted only cancelled stamps in his collection, even when he knew that the Abyssinian stamps in his collection were obliterated through the kindly accommodation of his rural postmaster, not two miles from his home. On the contrary I shall endeavor to give you some of my own thoughts on this delightful pastime, and if you are an advanced collector, or even a specialist, I am sure that some of my ideas will appear quite funny, perhaps even silly, to you.

Is philately a science? That question, brought before us some years ago hundreds of times, has been answered by very good people, both in the affirmative and in the negative, and with the best of reasons.

Philately undoubtedly is a science with some people who take delight in searching for the minutest details, for everything connected with stamps, however remotely, their use and their manufacture. But for pity's sake do not demand from every stamp collector that he shall treat his hobby scientifically. Some people have no use for any science whatever, and there are few people who really want science mixed with their pleasures. A long time before philately was treated as a science, it was a pleasure for many. Botany is a science without doubt; but who will deny that a greater amount of keen delight and healthful pleasure is derived from the millions of large and small flower gardens by their unscientific owners than from the far-reaching discoveries in plant life by learned professors?

Let us, my friends, not spoil the real fun that is in stamp collecting generally, by the introduction of too much scientific principles into our collections. If you tell a boy that a collection, without regard to watermarks, perforations, soft porous and hard brittle paper, is not worth having, and if that boy then believes you,

what will be the consequence? In ninety nine cases out of a hundred, that boy will throw up collecting entirely, because it is too much like hard work. And he is right! He wants no hard work — he wants pleasure and amusement out of his collection. I hope that boy will not believe you, for after all you are wrong yourself! Did not you tell me that it is altogether impossible for you to treat more than a very small group of countries in the highly scientific way that you have chosen? What a poor, insignificant picture does your special collection, with its endless varieties and sub-varieties, of this little group of countries, present, compared with a fairly representative collection of the whole world.

A very rich man built himself a magnificent home, grand in every respect. The same man was also an enthusiastic stamp collector, and gathered together a marvelous collection, you might say, a specialist's collection, in every single country. He then invited three friends that were also stamp collectors, but not rich, to look at his house and at his collection, and they admired both very much. One year afterwards the three friends met again and began talking. Said the first: "After I had seen our friend's house, I did not like mine any more, and I sold it and began building a new one, just as fine as his. I have finished the hall, mosaic floor covered with costly rugs, walls of onyx, and the finest brass work: but now I find my funds are entirely exhausted, and I really do not know what to do, because I cannot sleep, and cook, and live in that magnificent hall. I think I shall have to sell my stamp collection to build a little shanty near that hall where I can live."

"O, you are a fool," said the second. "I have not done anything of the kind, only I did not like my stamp collection after I saw his, and I sold it and collected only United States, and made a fine show in that country; but now that the new advance sheets are out, I hardly think I can follow with half of the Newspaper and Department stamps on two or three different papers. I think I will sell my house in order to get these high-priced gems and make my collection complete."

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A Merry Christmas to you.

It may not be generally known that Hon. William Mulock, the Postmaster-General of the Dominion, was, in his younger days, an ardent collector.

Mr. Walter McMahon, publisher of the announced Philatelic Canadian, states that Mr. Weldon has no share whatever in that journal, beyond contributing to its columns.

The first copy of the Halifax Philatelic Magazine has reached us. We read, with surprise, the opening article—a history of the Dominion Philatelic Association. As we never had any say in the affairs of the society previous to publishing the Canadian Philatelic Magazine—some 16 months ago—some of the information is “news” to us. We doubt not but that something will be heard from other parties in regard to this article, and we do know that when Mr. Weatherston resigned, the society was free from debt, if not funds on hand. It was Mr. Weatherston who appointed Mr. Irving E. Patterson to be secretary. Mr. Weatherston was one of the best officers the society ever had, and even Mr. Muirhead states this to be so in the forepart of the article. Had not other affairs taken up a great deal of Mr. Weatherston’s time, he would have continued his trust. In fact he once proposed that as no one, apparently, appeared to be taking any interest in the society, it should be amalgamated with the P. S. of A. It was a move we opposed, and this led to Mr. Patterson becoming secretary. A few other statements regarding the official organ prove that the writer was not correctly informed, and we may say more later on.

The holiday season has not hind red stamps anything like it usually do s.

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And the third said nothing; but as he had made a little money during the year, he bought all the two had to sell, and after that he had a better furnished house and a much larger stamp collection than either of them, and was happy and content.

Who was the wisest, and whom will you follow? You wish to know what I collect myself. Everything issued for postal purposes that is or has a stamp on it—adhesives, cards and envelopes of the world. When I was a boy I enjoyed even Hamburg locals, and any kind of foreign revenues, because they looked like stamps. When I found out that Hamburg locals were frauds, and that revenue stamps had nothing to do with the post office, I discarded both kinds. Russian rural stamps are very interesting, but to get them all, takes the money of a millionaire and the search of a lifetime, says Karl Ludwig in Filatelic Facts and Fallacies. Scandinavian and German locals are not much better than fakes, but they give testimony of very peculiar postal arrangements in these countries. Of these three kinds I made, therefore, some nice groups and kept them with my collection. There is nothing complete in them, but they serve well to illustrate certain things. Indian native states, for some reason hardly known to myself, I treated similarly, and quite lately I have added one page of Chinese treaty ports.

Being a German, I have always specialized a little in the old German States, giving a good deal of attention to entire old German envelopes, which I can say I have quite fine. I have a fairly good collection of most anything, although any specialist would call my English colonials and United States hardly up to average. I had always a strong liking for unfashionable stamps, and therefore have now a fine lot of Madagascar large labels and New Republic. Should anybody wish to know a little about the early issues of Salvador envelopes, I can show most of them in varieties all entire. If I can gradually fill the main varieties of all other countries, I am satisfied; and if a peculiar variety comes my way, I take that also.

As for the boy who starts a collection, I should say, try to get a printed album without too trifling varieties, and then make it a point to get at least one stamp of every country. After that fill up the commoner sets, and don’t get a dollar stamp instead of one hundred at a cent. The larger variety will teach you more than the one specimen. Buy carefully, but don’t consider all the time which stamps will go up in value. I have read

that a new common sense album is to be issued. Buy that in preference to the present albums, which for the beginner make decidedly too much work. And last but not least do not specialize in one single country before you have at least given general collecting a real good chance.

NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT.

Now is the time to buy, says C. E. Severn in the International Philatelist. Stamps are cheap in the face of the present stringency in financial lines. Money is more powerful, more valuable now, than it is in normal times. It has a larger expansion, a larger purchasing range at this day, than it will, if all goes well, within a year or less, from the present.

The stamp collector with little or much money to spend should buy stamps now, when money will do the most execution. In the stamp world, there exists a condition which is paralleled, perhaps, in any other business and semi-commercial circles. The speculative-minded feel that this is the time to sow cents to reap dollars in the future.

Nearly everybody collects U.S. stamps consequently they are standard and a safe investment. One can fill one’s U. S. blank spaces at a more favorable rate compared with catalogue values now than one could for many years heretofore.

Let us consider some of the stamps that are usually lacking in the fairly good collections of U. S. The five cent 1851, is priced at \$13.50 in the advance sheets. This stamp is being advertised at from \$9 to \$11 in the current numbers of stamp journals. Condition is a most important factor in appraising the value of this stamp. One specimen may be cheap at ten dollars and another dear at the same figure; you look at the margins when you buy the stamp. The 5 cent, 1851, is staple and you can buy one at a more advantageous price now than at any time in the future.

The 90 cent, 1855-60, reverses the usual order of things as it is catalogued higher used than unused. The advance sheet price is \$27.50. It is possible to buy a fine specimen to-day for from \$20 to \$22.50. Money spent for this stamp is well spent. Its position among the scarcities is better defined, even than some of the U.S. that catalogue more.

The ninety-cent, 1868, will be \$18 in the new catalogue. It is somewhat difficult to get a centered specimen showing the grill clearly. The stamp is being offered nowadays by dealers occasionally, at from \$12 to \$15 and all will concede that the stamp is one that lends dignity to any collection and that

it should be got while it may

The ninety of '69 has reached \$20 in the advance sheets. The price of this stamp varies greatly, according to the condition. It is doubtful whether any stamp holds its price so well as a good specimen of this ninety. Nearly every dealer has one or more customers who desire perfect specimens of the stamp. The well-centered copy of good color will bring very near, if not quite, full catalogue rates, and the stamp will never be cheaper, its price never will be lower, than it is at present

The unwatermarked dollar values 1894, have about reached bottom prices. The slump in their case has been most pronounced, and they are now generally advertised by dealers at a slight advance over face. As times become easier, the prices will doubtlessly rise steadily.

No mistake can be made in filling in the departments at prevailing dealer's prices. Though the 24 cent and 90 cent State unused have attained \$10 and \$15 respectively, in the advance sheets, they are stamps well worthy of purchase, even at prices based on these quotations. The 24 cent Justice, though doubled in price and now \$20, is still priced reasonably, and he who lacks this royal stamp should make haste to obtain it at any fair proportion of \$20.

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	3d pink, perforated, unused, little soiled	12 00	6 00
	3d red, perforated	3 50	1 75
	3d red, perforated, RIBBED, very fine	20 00	12 00
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	30c orange	50	40
	90c blue, fine	3 50	3 00
1868	1c blue, embossed	1 25	65
	2c black, embossed	25	14
1869	3c blue, no embossing, used		3 00
	10c yellow, unused, corner stamp		3 75
	15c brown and blue, fine	1 75	1 50
	24c green and purple	7 50	5 00
1872	24c purple	2 00	1 35
	90c carmine	1 00	80
1873	10c brown unused (Cont)	1 00	70

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No. 1.

Canada's New Issues.

It is reported on good authority that Canada will have an entirely new issue of stamps from $\frac{1}{2}$ c up to 50c—the same values as those now in use—and also including \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5 values, which have never, heretofore, been used in Canada. The design will be similar to that on the third issue Bill stamps, namely, Queen Victoria, her head surmounted by a widow's cap.

This issue will not conflict with the special 3c commemorative Jubilee issue which, it is said, will be the same size as the United States Columbian issue, and have portrayed thereon the landing of Cabot at Newfoundland.

On July 1st the American contractors will take possession and begin their contract made with the present government. We may look for secret marks, changes in colors, etc. We believe all this will tend to make the issues of Canada more popular than ever before.

Neglected Canadian Revenues.

How many collectors of the revenue stamps of Canada collect them in all their various branches?

The majority are satisfied with acquiring merely the stamps that bear the names Law, Bill Weight and Measures, etc. Some few, go to the full extent of the list of revenues as far as it goes, and collect not only the Bill stamps of the Province of Ontario (1864-67), but also the same (1870) as surcharged for use in the Province of Nova Scotia (overprinted N.S. on the third issue of the Bill stamps of the Dominion of Canada). These collect Law stamps of all the different surcharges, of which you are all aware there are a large number of varieties. These will also take in all the stamps used for the Law of the latter issues of the Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Quebec, etc., and also the varied and numerous surcharges as used on the same to denote the different courts using them, such as C.F. (consolidated fund), F.F. (fee fund), L.S. (law society), and so forth.

Of the Weight and Measure series, there are not many varieties of paper, only two, thin and thick wove, and no surcharges, unless the control number, which is stamped on the centre of the stamp, would be called a surcharge; thus it can easily be understood that in looking over a pretty well-advanced collection of the fiscals of our own country, that we so often see complete sets of this interesting branch.

The Gas stamps are only a small series in number, and of no variety as to paper, shades, etc.

The beautiful large set of the Supreme Court is also lacking in variety, except the slight change in the color of ink used in stamping the control numbers; in fact too much variety in this fine series of stamps would spoil its appearance in an album.

The Assurance stamps of Quebec are an interesting emission.

The aforementioned stamps are generally wanted by the true collector, as also a new series—the Electric Light—which has, I think, hardly yet been placed on the philatelic market.

I have it from very good authority that it is likely a new kind of stamp for street railways is to be struck off by the Quebec government. I fail to see why these roads have heretofore escaped, since they pay, in most places, a large revenue.

All of these stamps are interesting in more ways than one. Not only are they works of art equal, if not superior, to any fiscal stamps ever brought into use, but they show us the financial needs of the country's treasury in many ways. But this is not enough to know of the nation's needs, and how they are supplied.

There was not, many years ago, many collectors who included another branch which told us more of our government's financial necessities than any of the other branches of Canadian revenues, and as a matter of intrinsic value, some of the issues would rank much higher than any of the postage varieties, not excepting the pence issues of Canada. The issues in question are the cigar and tobacco stamps of this country. They were never of handsome design in many cases, the best of them being merely an engine-

turned design as a back ground, with a scalloped or straight border. The shapes of the various issues differ a great deal, which makes a nice appearance mounted in an album made up for the purpose.

There is, by way of shapes, the first ever conceived in Canada, in 1864, which was only two in number and of a square shape. In 1868 came a large diamond set of six. In 1868 a new and smaller design was brought into use; it also was of a diamond shape. Again, a few months later, a series of long ribbon stamps were put into use, which continued in vogue for over ten years. Then there are the lozenge, the coupon, and many other varieties which I have not time now to name, but will do so in a future article as I think these stamps have been grossly neglected in the past. I do not know of a single collection in this Province, and very few in Canada, but there are quite a number in the United States.

FRANK H. BEST.

New Issues.

NICARAGA. The Seebeck stamps for 1897 are the same designs as those of 1896, but the date is changed.

BERMUDA. It is reported that a new series will shortly appear.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. These stamps, with new watermark, have been issued: 16c gray, 50c green, 2p dark green, 5p dark blue.

BORNEO. The London Philatelist says that the Governor of Sandakan advised the addition of Chinese and Malay characters to the inscriptions on the stamps. The designs have been re-drawn, and the new stamps will be to hand shortly.

JAMAICA. Following values now appear on watermarked Crown and C A paper, and perf. 14: 1sh brown, 2sh claret, 5sh mauve.

URUGUAY Three of Suarez commemoration stamps have been surcharged "Provisorio 1897." the two lower values in a horseshoe, and the higher value with date below the base of the monument, 1c carmine, violet and black, 5c carmine, blue and black, 10c carmine, carmine and black.

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WHILE our paper at present is not so large as the other two weekly journals, now published in the United States, we intend to publish matter that will interest collectors in Canada issues, both postage and revenues, that are either original or reprinted. In this way one will always have at hand many articles devoted to the stamps of our own country. The articles on "Under Victoria's Rule" and "Canada Stamps," which were running in the Canadian Philatelic Magazine, will be continued from time to time in these columns, and matter of interest to the young collector will often be printed.

WE are in need of a number of good articles on philatelic subjects. We also are desirous of obtaining correspondents in the principal philatelic centres in Canada and the United States, including Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, Winnipeg, New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and other large cities. Write at once for terms.

A COPY of a Canadian Revenue Catalogue, published by one of our Canada dealers—Wm. R. Adams—has reached us. It is one that cannot but prove of interest to the collector, and one of the ideas of its publisher was the pricing of all stamps at net prices. We advise all collectors to buy a copy.

OUR advertising in this number is of the best, and our readers can find with these dealers most any stamp they may want. Write to them, and don't forget to state where you saw their "ad" and benefit both of us.

In Germany, envelopes are out of fashion amongst the elite. In their place has come in the old-fashioned way of folding the written letter, and sealing it with sealing wax.

THE Rocky Mountain Stamp will not appear during the months of June, July and August.

ONCE more the Canadian Philatelic Association is on the move, and in our next issue we hope to publish a report from the secretary. The members of this society are to receive this paper.

WE had to leave out a number of advertisements in this issue, but same will appear next week.

THE publishing field in Canada is, at the present time, well covered. Down in the Maritime Provinces we have the Philatelic Messenger and the Halifax Philatelic Magazine; Ontario is somewhat behind in its publications, and now two of them have left the field, but not from lack of the "needful." Our publishers may add a couple more to their purchase if matters are favorable.

TICKETS are being prepared for the next Dominion Philatelic Association election. The trustees, it is reported, have chosen Berlin, July 21st and 22nd, as the place and time of convention. It would, in our opinion, be wiser to hold convention on our National Day—

July 1st—and also at a more central place, say St. Catharines or Niagara Falls. As those who have so far been proposed for office are, in our estimation, unsuited to place the affairs of the society in good working order, and as a number of these aspirants are of the "political" in their make-up, we will not encourage them. Our attitude is one of independence.

THE new American tariff proposes re-imposing the duty upon stamps. We know how this worked a few years ago in Canada, when a tariff here was imposed, and of all petty annoyances, it could not be beaten. Our Liberal government have brought down their new tariff, but no change is made in regard to stamps, they still remaining on the free list; but in regard to price lists and albums, slight changes are made, equal to about 12 per cent. less than formerly paid.

COLLECTORS now-a-days branch out. Canada revenues have attracted the attention of many lately, and in this class of stamps they have a series in every way beautiful, far surpassing in beauty of design, etc., the revenues of many other countries, not excepting those of the United States, for which there is a great demand.

FOR some months a copy of "The Stampman,"—D. W. Osgood, Pueblo, Colorado—has reached us. It is bright and our readers should send for a copy.

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5c brown, new	12
5c pink, new	15
New Brunswick 1c lilac	8
17c black	12
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1c brown red	15
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6c brown	07
1865 1c yellow	25
strip of three	1 50
1872 5c olive	45
Nova Scotia, 5c blue	20
ad blue	1 00
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5c green	10
5c green, rich, dark shade, very rare	1 00
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	2c black	18
	10c green	50
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Objection has been filed against John Bisbee (217), and same has been handed over to the trustees for investigation.

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The above will be admitted to membership May 27th, provided no objection is filed with the Secretary prior to that date.

The Convention.

The second annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association will be held at Berlin, Ont., on July 21st and 22nd. Plans are being arranged for an excellent and enjoyable time. Let us all be there. It would be a convenience to the society if all who intend attending the convention, would notify the secretary. For those who cannot be in attendance, blank proxy forms will shortly be issued. The voice of the entire society is desired at the election; if you cannot be there, send your proxy to one who will be present.

Nominations.

Notice is hereby given that nominations for the various offices of the society will be received up to the 21st of June. Send in a good list, and let them be men both capable and willing to work for the society's welfare.

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In last report, the references for H. H. Coombs should have been A. F. Wicks and W. A. Starnaman.

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A. H. ADAMS,
Secretary.

Postal History.

According to the most authentic information obtainable, 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 Aegean 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 place of destination was reached. Shortly afterward the same emperor changed this

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It seems as though Europe is the place to summer. We have been informed by Mr. Neil Campbell and Major Labelle, two prominent collectors of Canada, that it is their intention to celebrate Queen Victoria's Jubilee over there.

In our next issue, we hope to publish the report of the C.P.A. No doubt it will have reached us by that time.

THE Rocky Mountain Stamp gives as an excuse for their intention of not coming out during the summer months, that "business promises to be dull." Well, well! We decidedly differ from such an opinion, and fully expect to see far more trade done during this summer than has been done during the past season. Two of our largest advertisers share these opinions with us.

THE new issue for Canada, which we note in another column, is bound to win the appreciation of collectors everywhere. The stamps of Canada will receive a new impetus. This paper recognizes that the issues of Canada, minor varieties, etc., are worthy of study, and will publish a number of articles regarding them.

CANADA JUBILEE STAMPS.

Interesting Facts for Collectors. Stamps will have Limited Circulation, and Dyes will be Destroyed.

It is with great pleasure we present our readers not only with solid facts in regard to Canada's new issue, but also an engraving of the stamp in question. The Canadian public will be gratified with the method of commemorating Her Majesty's Jubilee adopted by the Hon. Mr. Mulock, the Postmaster-General, who determined to mark this event in the history of our country and the Empire in general, as far as his department was concerned, by issuing a postage stamp of unique and attractive design, a stamp so attractive that it is questionable whether it will not rank as a bit of art work, with any stamp that has ever been issued in the postal world.

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The stamp will be put in circulation on morning of 22nd of June, 1897. The first set of stamps will be sent to H.R.H., the Duke of York, who is an enthusiastic stamp collector. The second set will be presented to Lady Aberdeen, and it has been suggested to the Postmaster-General that sets be numbered and given to each member of the Senate and the House of Commons of Canada, bearing the autograph of the Postmaster-General.

The design represents Her Majesty at two important eras in her life, namely, at her accession on the 20th day of June, 1837, and within a few weeks of her Jubilee, 1897. The first vignette, as she appeared on her coronation day, is from a well known portrait of that period, and also appears on the earlier issues of Canadian stamps.

The portrait is full faced. Looking at the stamp this vignette is at the left side. To the right is a picture of Her Majesty as she appears to-day, the face in profile looking towards the vignette of 1837.

Between the above and the two vignettes is a beautifully executed copy of the Imperial Crown of England, and under it the letter "V" with the letters "R.I." in the fork of the "V," the three letters meaning Victoria Regina (Queen)



Imperatrix (Empress). In the semi circle or upper part of the vignettes, are the words "Canada," "Postage," and underneath them are respectively the dates 1837—1897, and between the vignettes an ornamentation of maple leaves, while in the lower corners of the stamp are also maple leaves, and between these and at the base of the stamp is its denomination in block letters on a white ground.

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4 War Dept	8	20 Canada	28
3 New Brunswick	18	8 " provinces	30
2 Prince Ed Island	20	5 old stamp papers	10
4 Canada Bill	05	10 " "	20
5 " green law	10	20 " "	50
2 Gas	08	80 " "	95
2 New Brunswick	05	7 Ecuador	19
14 Holland	10	4 Cuba	05
15 Brazil	30	12 U.S. revenues	20
5 Newfoundland	10	Hinges, 1900	10
8 Australian	10	" 1900	25
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3 Corea	10	5 Foreign	15
14 Servia	35	10 " "	25
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6 South Africa	10	3 Chili Telegraph	06

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Canada, 1852, 3d	20
" " 3d, pairs	65
" 1859, 1c pink	08
" " 5c heaver	03
" " 10c	35
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" 1854 1-2c black, pair	50
" " 1c brown red	15
" " 2c green	08
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" " 8c brown, new	12
" " 6c pink, new	15
New Brunswick 1c lilac	8
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Further Information of Canada's New Stamp Issues.

It is the intention of the Government to issue a set of Jubilee postage stamps and such stamps will be put into public use by being delivered to postmasters throughout Canada for sale in the same manner as ordinary postage stamps are sold. There will be a limit to quantity to be issued. Following are denominations and quantities:

150,000 ½c, 8,000,000 1c, 2,500,000 2c, 20,000,000 ½c, 750,000 5c, 75,000 6c, 200,000 8c, 150,000 10c, 100,000 15c, 100,000 20c, 100,000 50c, and 25,000 each of the one, two, three, four and five dollar values, and 7,000,000 1c cards.

Collectors wishing to possess one of each stamp, will find they will have to pay \$16.21½c. Last week we illustrated the new design.

As soon as the whole number of the stamps mentioned in the foregoing schedule are printed, the plates from



which they have been printed will be destroyed in the presence of two of the head officers of the department.

On the 10th of June the department will proceed to supply the stamps to the principal postoffices of Canada, and through them the minor postoffices will obtain supplies until the issue becomes exhausted. Supposing this issue were to entirely displace those now used, it would supply the country's wants for about two months, but as the stamps now in use will proceed concurrently, it is expected that the Jubilee issue will last about three months.

It is important to note that supplies of these stamps will not be sold direct to the public or individuals by the department, as the Postmaster-General will strictly adhere to the policy of only supplying post offices, from whom the

stamps may be bought on the 19th of June. The stamps are now being printed in Ottawa, colors as now used.

Postal History.

According to the most authentic information obtainable, 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 place of destination was reached.

Shortly afterward the same emperor changed this method of delivery to that of sending all his messages and despatches by 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 of them up to about the year 807 A.D., when Emperor Charlemagne established three public posts—one each in Italy, Germany and Spain—in order to facilitate his communication with those countries, which he had placed in a state of subjection. With his death these were soon dropped, and no trace of them can be discovered up to about 1470, when Louis XI, King of France, owing to his suspicious and restless nature, and also for a quick and certain knowledge of what was transpiring within his kingdom, established them throughout France.

From France, his method spread to other portions of Europe, Count Taxis settling them at his own expense in Germany, for which Emperor Matthias gave the position of postmaster to him and his descendents.

In England the earliest accounts show that Edward III set up some posts, but

nothing definite was ever ascertained concerning them. In 1548, during the reign of Edward VI, Parliament made the rate of post-horses 1d a mile.

England's first chief postmaster was Thomas Randolph, who was appointed by Queen Elizabeth in 1581. James I appointed Matthew De L'Equester as postmaster for the control of correspondence to and from foreign places. This office was afterward claimed by Lord Stanhope, but Charles I continued it to William Frizel and Thomas Witherings in 1632.

In 1656 a new and general postoffice was established by the authority of the Parliament, and almost upon the same model as that now in use.

Ralph Allen, about 1720, established a series of cross-posts, which were found to be of great convenience to the public and government, and in 1782 a plan was suggested by John Palmer, by which the mails were to be carried in stage coaches under guard. The plan met with a great deal of opposition at the start, but gradually overcame it, when it came into very general use.

The penny post was first started in London by Robert Murray, in 1681. This causing a confliction with the government, it was brought before the King's Bench Bar, and there adjudged to belong to the Duke of York, as a branch of the general service, and was annexed to the Crown in 1790. This was made a 2d 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 cheaper way of transportation.

In 1837 Sir Rowland Hill offered his plan of penny postage, and in 1839 this was adopted after investigation.

In 1839 the 4d uniform rate per letter came into operation as an experiment. In January, 1840, the uniform rate of 1d per half ounce each letter was adopted.

In May, of the same year, the widely celebrated stamped envelopes, designed by Mr. W. Mulready, first came out.

From this time on the postal service made rapid strides towards perfection. The above facts, in a brief way, show the advancement made in what to-day is the greatest factor in the world—the post.

J. B. SIMPSON.

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IT should be unnecessary to make a plea of the following kind, but the state of too many of our philatelic journals at present makes it necessary.

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WM. ENRICH.

Catalogue of Canada Stamps.

NEW BRUNSWICK PROBATE.

This Province has a set of 6 stamps, which are used for the payment of Probate duty, and were first issued in 1895.

In design, the stamp varies greatly from the artistic law issues. It is a dagger turned upwards, above which are the scales of Justice, both within a circle. "New Brunswick" appears at the top, while word "Probate" appears below.

10 cents yellow.
20 " red.
50 " brown
\$2 blue.
\$5 green,
\$20 purple.

P.E.I. Curiosities.

This Province takes the honor of having some of the most curious specimens of the printers' or lithographers' art. The printing of some of the denominations has been so carelessly done, that collectors just beginning will not put them in their albums, thinking them to be counterfeits (of which there are a number) which has induced me in a very short article to give a few pointers.

The stamps most unacceptable are of the 1870 issue, and comprise the 1d, 2d, 3d and 9d. Being printed 30 on a sheet may account for some of the impressions or again poor rollers and bad ink may have had something to do with it. On some of the 1d will be seen a broken N, in island, two lines apparently running together and two full stops at . Island. In the 3d, a colored dot in the centre before P in Pence can be seen. Others have a dot over top bar of the last E in Three. In the 9d a dot in front of Stg. and on others of this value two full stops one over the other, after Stg.

In seeing the above markings on any of these stamps, do not hesitate to add them to your collection as they are all right, since the forger so far has not been able to imitate the missing links.

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2c Bank Check, orange	—	—	—	01
2c Certificate, blue	—	—	—	53
2c Certificate, orange	—	—	—	53
2c Express, blue	—	80	—	03
2c Express, orange	—	—	—	05
2c Playing Cards, blue	—	—	—	20
2c Playing Cards, orange	—	—	—	25
2c Proprietary, blue	—	—	—	04
2c Proprietary, orange	—	—	—	1 50
2c U.S. Internal Revenue	—	—	—	03
2c Foreign Exchange	—	—	—	03
2c Playing Cards, green	—	—	—	5 00
2c Proprietary	—	—	—	05
2c Playing Cards, green	—	15	—	12
2c Inland Exchange	—	—	—	04
1c Proprietary, violet	—	75	—	07
2c Agreement, red	—	—	—	02
5c Certificate, red	15	20	—	01
7c Express, red	30	15	—	05
9c Inland Exchange, red	10	10	—	01
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8 Bosnia, 1/2-25n	12
20 Brazil	25
9 Bulgaria, '82-'88, 1-50s	15
10 " '89, 1s-1l	30
12 Canada, '59-'93, including reg	15
9 Cape of Good Hope	15
10 Ceylon	30
*6 Congo, '94-'96, 5c-1franc	60
*3 Constantinople	3
*5 Cuba, '96, 1/2-4m	6
*6 Cuba, '96, 1-20c	60
25 Denmark	25
14 Dutch Indies, '70-'89	30
8 Egypt	8
8 Gold Coast, 1p-1sh	50
*4 Greece Olympian games	10
15 Greece, '62-'83	25
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3 New Brunswick	18	8 " provinces	30
2 Prince Ed Island	20	5 old stamp papers	10
8 Canada Bill	05	10 " "	20
5 " green law	10	20 " "	50
2 Gas	06	30 " "	95
2 New Brunswick	05	7 Ecuador	12
14 Holland	10	4 Cuba	05
15 Brazil	30	12 U.S. revenues	20
5 Newfoundland	10	Hinges, 1000	10
8 Australian	10	" " 2000	25
3 Canada Telegraph	50	5 Canada postcards	05
14 Roman States	15	5 U.S.	05
3 Corea	30	5 Foreign	15
14 Servia	35	10 " "	25
10 Great Britain	10	Canada Rev. Cat	10
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6 South Africa	10	3 Chili Telegraph	06

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Nova Scotia, 5c blue	20
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" " 5c green	10
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