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## PHILATELY IN CANADA.

The collection of postage stamps, although once much despised and ridiculed, has risen far higher than its earlier votaries ever dreamt of, and has now become a science equal in importance, to the kindred study of coins. In Europe, and more especially in France and Germany, stamps have been more studied than in any other quarter of the globe; in the United States, although there are a great number of collectors, yet but little has been done for the benefit of Philately, for there, when a person has bought his stamps at a high price, and stuck them into a printed album, he thinks he has gone to quite enough trouble, but never thinks of examining them further than to see whether they are genuine or forged.

But in Canada matters are even worse, and the whole body of collectors are boys; in fact we do not know of more than half a dozen adults who collect stamps, and are acquainted with but one *philatelist*. There are in this city a large number of excellent collections of the rare old issues, but the owners have long since left off collecting and although they never look at their albums, would not part with them at any price. These collections were made up when the stamp mania first began in 1861, and we have seen a collection in this city which contains upwards of two thousand stamps all issued before 1866, and includes complete sets of Spain, Luzon, and Cuba, also many old British Guiana, used U. S. locals, Granada Confederation etc. The owner has now left Quebec and probably the collection, which is worth hundreds of dollars, will never be seen again. As it is in Quebec, so in all the cities of Canada, gentlemen who when school boys were ardent collectors, now leave their albums to moulder away in some garret, little dreaming how

much they are worth. One of the causes of this deplorable condition of things, is the want of a good stamp journal, or at any rate, a really conscientious dealer, who would not only sell stamps, but sell them cheap and thus encourage new beginners not only to fill up the spaces in their Oppens or Lallier, but to *study* the variations in shade, perforation and watermark, which have been so carefully examined by European collectors. Speaking of watermark reminds us of the fact, that the most of our Canadian collectors do not even know the meaning of the word. If any of our readers, who are enjoying this blissful ignorance, will take the commonest stamp there is, namely the 1d Great Britain, and hold it up to the light, they will see distinctly traced in the paper a small crown, this is called a "*watermark*."

We would recommend, to our readers, the perusal of a series of papers in "The Stamp Collectors Magazine" called "*Papers for Beginners*," this would afford an immense amount of knowledge at a small cost; and at any rate any one who wishes to know any thing about stamps, should subscribe to the above mentioned journal, as it is the acknowledged authority on any philatelic question.

Although the picture we have drawn of stamp collecting in "This Canada of ours" is most lamentably dark, yet a new era is dawning, we find that collectors are springing up in every town and village, and that we may not only increase the number, but also increase the knowledge of philatelists, is the sincere desire of the editor, in presenting this, the first number of the first Canadian stamp journal, for the approval of our readers, to each of whom we wish a very

"HAPPY NEW YEAR."

## PROSPECTUS.

As stated in our introductory article, this is the first Canadian magazine on philatelic subjects, and certainly there are enough stamp collectors in Canada to support one paper; we hope that they will not disgrace themselves so much, as to cause us to throw up the publication of it, in disgust, from lack of support. We will send round to all our correspondents two copies of our first number, one of these they can keep for themselves, the other they can show to their friends, and we are certain that with a little trouble, they will each be able to obtain for us, two or three subscribers.

It is from no desire to fill the editorial chair, or to benefit our purse, that we start this paper, for we would willingly resign our post to someone more able than ourselves, and the small subscription to the magazine will be barely sufficient to cover our expenses.

We do not intend to take part in any quarrels between the rival editors of rival papers, nor do we intend to start any quarrels of our own, but we will fill our office with an impartial eye, not giving praise where it is not merited, nor allowing to pass unnoticed anything deserving of commendation. Our columns will be open for contributions from all parties, and in the division entitled "Our letter box" we will always endeavour to give courteous and prompt replies to any enquiry that may be made.

But enough for the present, if our readers are satisfied with our work we stand, but if they are dissatisfied we fall, but we will do everything in our power to bring about the former.

### LIST OF STAMPS ISSUED IN 1871.

Alsace and Lorraine. Same as those issued in 1870, 5 green, 25 dark brown.

Azores. Same as Portugal, surcharged 5 black, 10 yellow, 20 bistre, 25 rose, 50 green.

Baden. Post card, no value indicated black.

Bavaria. Same as last issue but perforated 1 green, 3 rose, 6 brown, 7 blue, 12 lilac. Post card, no value indicated black.

Belgium. Post card, 5 centimes brown on buff.

Brazil. Head of king, 300 reis, green and violet.

Canada. Post card, 1c blue on buff.

Cape of Good Hope. 5s orange.

Decan. "Post stamp" at top, Persian characters in centre, value below,  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna claret, 1 brown, 3 light brown, 4 slate, 8 dark brown, 12 blue.

Denmark. Same type as 48 skilling 2 blue, 3 mauve, 4 rose, 8 brown, 16 green, post cards 2 blue, 4 red.

Denmark. Official stamps 2 blue, 4 rose, 16 green, Official post cards same values and colors.

Fiji Islands. Oblong "Fiji Islands Express" 1d, 2d, 6d, 9d, 1s, black on rose.

Finland. Envelopes. Same type as current adhesives, 20 blue, 40 rose.

French Republic. Head of Liberty unperforated 1 olive green, 2 brown, 4 grey, 5 green, 30 brown, 40 orange, 80 rose, 15 brown, 25 blue.

Guatemala. Arms on shield, 1 centavo lemon, 5 brown, 10 blue, 20 carmine.

Helsingfors. Figure in oval, 10 red and green.

Holland.  $\frac{1}{2}$  brown, post cards ( $\frac{1}{2}$  cent) lilac, 3 lilac.

Hong Kong. 30 cents violet.

Hungary. Post horn and crown in circle unperforated red, head of emperor 2 orange, 5 red, post card 2 yellow.

Japan. Japanese characters in centre unperforated square,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tenpoe brown, 1 indigo blue, 2 vermilion, 5 green.

Luzon. Same as 1870 Cuba but not dated 5 blue, 10 green, 20 brown, 40 pink.

New Granada. Large figure of value, 2c brown.

New South Wales. 10d surcharged 9d red, envelope 1d red.

Portugal. 5 reis black, 10 yellow, 20 bistre, 25 rose, 50 green, 100 violet.

Rigi Coulm. Oblong, blue and pink.

Roumania. 5 vermilion, 10 yellow, 25 brown, newspaper band  $1\frac{1}{2}$  blue on yellow.

Russia. There are a large number of locals, which we have not space to describe here.

Sandwich Islands. Different portraits 1c violet, 6c green, 18c pink.

Sarawak. Head of Charles Brooke, 3 cents brown on yellow.

South Australia. 4d mauve surcharged 3d in black and blue.

Spanish West Indies. Seated figure, "Ultramar 1871" at top, 12c. de peseta lilac, 25 blue, 50 green, 1 peseta buff.

Switzerland. Newspaper band figure in centre, 2, 5 rose.

Tasmania. Head of queen to left, 1d rose, 2 green, 3 brown, 4 blue, 10 black, 5s violet.

Tolima. 5c brown, 10c blue.

United States. Head of Stanton 7 cents vermilion, envelopes oval 1c blue, 10 brown, 12 purple, 15 orange, 15 vermilion, 24 violet, 30 black, 90 rose. These come on various shades and sizes.

Victoria. 10d brown surcharged 9d in blue.

Wurtemberg. Post cards 1 kr green, 3 kr rose.

## PRICE LIST OF FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

All stamps sold are warranted genuine. All communications (orders under \$1 included) must contain sufficient stamps for return postage. Money sent by P. O. Money Order or by registered letters is at our risk. Where more than one stamp is described on the same line the price is so much for each.

	new.	used.		
Austria 1850 arms 3-6-9		01	Holland 1867, 5-10	01
" 1858-61, 5-10-15		02	" 1871 ½ cent	01
" 1863-67 5-10-15		01	Italy 1856 set of 9	30
" head of Mercury blue-grey		03	" 1864 " "	10
" arms slate		02	Java 50 cents	05
" " 2 green-2 red		06	Luxemburg 10c lilac	05
Austrian Italy, 1850 15-30-45		02	Modena 15 cents	07
Baden 1850 figure 1 kr white		04	Moldavia circular set of 3	60
" 1868 1-3-3 env		01	" 5 paras	10
" Unpaid letters 1 kr	03		" 40 "	20
Barbados ½d-1d		02	Naples set of 8	50
Bavaria, 1851-62 1-3-6-9		01	New Brunswick 1 cent	04
" 1868 1-3-7		01	Newfoundland 1857, 3d 5d	25
" returned letters Regensburg	05		New South Wales, View of Sydney 2d	60
Belgium 1849 20 blue		06	New Zealand 1-2-6	03
Brazil Italic figures 10-30		13	North German Confederation set of 6	05
Brunswick, set of six	10		Norway 1867 4-8	02
Canada ½d		12	Nova Scotia 1 cent	05
" 3d		06	Oldenburg set of 5	25
" 2-12½-12½-15		05	Portugal 1871, 5reis	02
" set of 10		12	Prussia, arms 1-2-3	01
" 1c post card	02		Romagna set of 9	40
" 5c envelope		10	Roumania 1865, head of Couza 2 paras,	04
Cape of Good Hope 1861 4d		03	" " 5 " "	07
Cashmere, black	10		" 1866 head of Charles 20 " "	06
" set of four	75		" " " 18 bani	06
Chili 1-2	07		" 1870 " 3 bani	05
" 5-10		05	Russia 1-3-10	02
Confederate States 5-10	02		" Locals Yver, Louga, Novgorod	13
Costa Rica 2 reals red	"	10	Sandwich Islands 1871 1 cent	05
Denmark, 1853-7 4 sk	02		Sarawak, 1871, 3 cents	12
" 1864 4 sk	01		Servia, 1869 set of 8	90
" 1871, 2 sk	04		Sicily set of 7	60
Egypt 5 paras	03		South Australia 2d	01
" 1 piastre		05	South African Republic 1d	06
Finland 5-10-20-40		04	Spain 1869 50.	02
France 1853-67; 1-2-4-5-10-20-30-40-80		01	" 1870 1-2	01
" 1870, 1-2	01		" Official set of eight 1854-55	20
" 40c perforated	05		Sweden, 3-12	02
Great Britain 1d black, 1d blue paper,	03		Switzerland 5-10-20	01
2d blue paper	03		" 5 post card	05
" oct. 6d	06		Tasmania 1871, 1-2	03
" " 10d	15		Turkey 1863 20 paras yellow	15
" " 1s	03		" 10-20-20	04
" no letters set of 3	06		" 1-1	06
Greece 1-2-5-10-20-40	03		" Local stamp for Cernawoda	05
Hamburg ½-1½	03		Uruguay 1 cent	04
" 9	10		" 5 " "	06
Heligoland ½ schilling	04		Victoria 1870 2d	01
" 1 "	08		Western Australia 1d 2d	05
			United States 1847 5c	10
			" " " 10c	50
			" 1851, 1-3-10	02
			" 1861, 1-5-12	01
			" 1869, 1 6-10-12-15	02
			" 1870, 1-10-12-15	02
			" " 30-90	05
			" " 7	10
			" env 1864-70 3 cents rose, green	01
			" " 1864-70 6 cents violet, red	05



## THE PRESS.

"The Philatelist" is the title of an excellent English magazine, published by Stafford Smith & Co, Royal Colonade Brighton, England, at 3s a year, postage extra. It contains a lot of puzzles every month, and there always seems to be a pretty brisk competition for the prizes offered; but if the publisher was to have the puzzles printed in a supplement, and devote the whole paper to stamps it would be a great improvement.

"The Stamp Collector's Magazine" is published by Alfred Smith & Co., 6 Bath Street, Bath, England, at 5s a year. In No. 107 for December there is a valuable article on the Californian envelopes, by E. L. Pemberton. The lithographs of the envelopes are very good.

"The Philatelic Journal" is the name of a new stamp paper, the first No. will appear on Jan. 15th. Judging from the table of contents it will be very attractive, especially as it is edited by Mr. Pemberton. The publishers are Jas. R. Grant & Co., Birmingham, England, and the annual subscription is 5s.

"Le Timbres Postes" is the only French paper of note, except "Le Timbrophile," has been resumed. It is published and edited by J. B. Moens, 7 Galerie Bortier, Brussels, Belgium. The November No. contains a very readable article on the stamps of Luxemburg, but there is nothing very new to be found in it. The subscription for America is 5 francs per annum.

"The Collector" is the title of an American publication devoted to stamps and autographs. The first No. for November is now before us, it contains nothing very note-worthy, except a short paragraph about the Japanese stamps. The publisher is David W. Jagger, Box 40, Newburgh, N. Y.

"The American Journal of Philately." J. W. Scott & Co., Nassau Street, New-York; is the best American stamp periodical. The illustrations of new stamps are printed in their original colors.

"The Stamp Collectors Guide" is published by the American Stamp Company, Meriden Connecticut, at 25 cents a year.

## OUR LETTER BOX.

Marsh & Green, Amherst.—Please excuse delay in writing, but we have been very busy. We don't want an agent at present. What stamps can you sell?

Scripture & Healy, N. Y.—We have not heard from you for a long time. If you will write and send catalogue, we will give you an order.

Freddy, Hamilton, Ont.—The stamps are genuine.

## LIST OF PACKETS.

No	1	Price	15cts	contains	30 used	stamps
2	"	15	"	12 unused	"	"
3	"	15	"	12 Colonial	"	"
4	"	15	"	20 obsolete	"	"
5	"	30	"	100 used	"	"
6	"	30	"	20 unused	"	"
7	"	30	"	20 Colonial	"	"
8	"	60	"	30	"	"
9	"	75	"	40 unused	"	"
10	"	10	"	12 foreign revenue stamp	"	"
11	"	10	"	15 Canada	"	"
12	"	20	"	25	"	"
13	"	25	"	30 "& foreign	"	"
14	"	30	"	8 foreign post cards	"	"
15	"	30	"	12 stamps of 12 different	"	"

nations including Deccan, Brazil, Sandwich Islands, Sarawak, Hungary, Java, Turkey, Denmark etc., etc.

## NOTICE.

A limited number of advertisements will be inserted in this column, at the rate of \$1 for 8 lines or less. 1 cent for every word over 8 lines.

## WANTED.

No. 5 of the Stamp Collector's Magazine. We will give 50 cents or 2s sterling for a clean copy of the above.

## THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

Published monthly by Birt, Williams & Co. Box 309, Quebec, Canada. Terms 50 cents a year, only, in advance, post free. All subscriptions for the year will commence with the first No. Should we receive 300 subscribers before the publication of the April No., we will reduce the subscription to 35 cents, and parties who have paid 50c can either have their money refunded, or receive a ticket for a grand stamp lottery, which will be drawn for in May. *Induce others to subscribe and you will benefit yourself!*

## TO PUBLISHERS.

Parties publishing stamp journals are particularly requested to send them in exchange. Any publication we receive will be duly noticed in our columns.

# THE CANADIAN PHILATELIST.

VOL. I.

QUEBEC, FEBRUARY, 1872.

NO. 2.

## WHAT SHALL WE COLLECT!

In our first number, we advocated the study of watermarks and perforation, but in doing so, we would not wish it to be understood, that we recommend collectors going to such extremes as the editors of the European publications do. Our plan of collecting varieties is, as a general rule, to accept all those differences which are *plainly* evident to the eye; there are of course exceptions to this, which we will explain as we proceed. Before continuing our subject we would say a few words to the leaders of the different systems, or schools, as they are usually called;—let every man enjoy his own opinion, why should an American collector be despised by an English, because he does not happen to see through the latter's spectacles? or why should an American editor use all the hard names and slang terms he can think of, towards one across the water, because the Englishman devotes his columns to the description of varieties? What is wanted by almost every editor is *impartiality*, and as soon as they have it, the science of Philately will be able to expand, to a much greater degree, than it ever has heretofore.

To return; we would advise all collectors to include watermarks. We think we hear someone say "You break your rule at once, as watermarks are not plainly evident to the eye," which we immediately deny, as the back of a stamp is of as much importance as the front, in fact the Greek stamps have a design (a simple one, but yet a design) upon their backs; if only one side is to be looked at, which side of the above mentioned stamps is to be left uppermost? In recommending the study of watermarks we do not think it necessary, to include, either differences in the quality and thickness of the paper, or errors of watermark; this forms one exception to our rule. Our reasons for rejecting errors of watermark, are that they are, so endless, there are inverted watermarks, reversed watermarks, and watermarks used for the wrong stamp, so that if the collector can obtain a complete series of each proper variety, we think he can leave out the errors.

With regard to perforation, we would be very sorry to go back to the time, when the only varieties were perforated and unperforated, but would include varieties in the size of the holes, when they can be easily distinguished, without applying the two centimetre scale. Of course stamps perforated by *roulette* should be distinguished from those perforated in the ordinary manner.

We now come to the last division of varieties, namely shades. Much can be said for and against the collection of varieties of color, but when a variety, which is not changed by any cause, other than official, can be secured, we think it is perfectly deserving of a place in our albums.

We hope that from our remarks, no new beginner will imagine, that we wish him to immediately commence variety collecting, for such a wish would be absurd and foolish. When a collector begins to really know something about stamps, when he can see the value of collecting, then it is time for him to decide what varieties he will include and what reject.

Under our heading we might very well treat of locals, revenue stamps, telegraph and official stamps, besides a great variety of disputed points, but as space will not permit us we will have to write separate articles on each subject. However we must find room to express our disapproval, of the practice, of selling to collectors, such worthless rubbish as the Hamburg locals, not one of the 116 varieties was ever used, and the sundry packets of 100 or 200 U. S. locals, most of which are the manufacture, of that bright genius, S. A. Taylor, whose vile dealings in forgeries, we are happy to say, have now been almost entirely stopped.

The only way, in which this practice could be checked, would be for dealers, who have the cause of philately at heart, to agree neither to sell nor buy any such trash, and for the compilers of albums to leave out the spaces for them; the latter especially would have a very beneficial effect.

## NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

*German Empire.*—Imperial arms embossed in circle, above in a curved line "Deutsche Reichs-Post," below value, the ground outside the circle, is composed of a fine network, the whole is surrounded by a heavy line of the same color as the stamp.

$\frac{1}{2}$	groschen	mauve.
$\frac{1}{3}$	"	green
$\frac{1}{2}$	"	orange
1	"	rose
2	"	blue
5	"	stone
$\frac{1}{2}$	"	green, news paper band
1	"	rose, envelope

1	kreuzer	green.
2	"	orange
3	"	rose
7	"	blue
18	"	stone
1	"	green, news paper band
3	"	rose, envelope

*Nicaragua.*—At last the long expected 1 cent stamp has appeared. The inscription is like that of the 5 cent; the color is brown.

*Madeira.*—We unintentionally omitted from our list, in our January number, the issue of this colony. Same as Portugal surcharged 5 reis black, 10 yellow, 20 bistre, 25 rose.

*United States.*—The 15 cent envelope, vermillion, turns out to be merely an essay. In chronicling this stamp all the magazines seem to have copied one another.

*Finland.*—Post-card, 8 pennia, green on buff.

*Hungary.*—In addition to the 2 and 5 kreuzer of the head series, there has appeared the 3 green, and 10 blue.

*Ceylon.*—A new issue is announced with the values expressed in rupees and cents.

*France.*—The Philatelist mentions the appearance of stamps, of the values of 5. 15 and 25 centimes, with a figure of value in the centre.

*Servia.*—Post-cards from this principality are reported.

*New Zealand.*—We have seen the 1d printed in brown and the 6d in blue, instead of vermillion and brown as hitherto.

*Canada.*—Just in time for the present No., we have received on a letter from one of our correspondents, the 6 cents, small size; the head is from the same die as before, the corner ornaments are slightly different from those of the 3c, the figures of value at the bottom are in ovals, and the word "cents" is in a straighter line than in the 3c stamp.

## THE PRESS.

"*The Stamp Collector's Guide.*" In noticing this paper last month we inadvertently said that it was published by the American Stamp Co. In July last it was sold over to Tredwell, Rogers & Co., Elizabeth, New Jersey, by whom it is still published. We have received from the publishers all the numbers to date, and can confidently recommend it to our readers. The January No. contains a portion of a very good article on the Confederate locals, a list of newly issued stamps, and an article on forged stamps, besides several notices etc.

"*The Stamp Collector's Record.*" As we have promised to notice all publications we receive, we are compelled to mention a most blasphemous and insulting sheet bearing the above title. The publisher is that prince of rogues S. A. Taylor of Boston, Mass. and we only wish he had kept his paper to himself. In future we will consider ourselves justified in passing over this paper with the contempt it deserves.

"*The Philadelphia Monthly.*" Is a very good amateur paper, and contains a Philatelic Department. In the December Number is the commencement of a paper on "The Brazilian Stamps," which promises to be of some interest. Address Box 2870 Philadelphia. Penn.

"*The Stamp Collector's Magazine.*" The January number of the above periodical is on the whole a very valuable one. It opens with the 16th. installment of "Papers for Beginners" in which the stamps of Brunswick are discussed. In another part of the number there is most decided proof given, for the rejection of the long doubtful stamp, of Hayti. Lately the editor has begun to unflinchingly expose dealers in forgeries, this a step in the right direction, and we have much pleasure in seeing some of the unscrupulous rascals, who advertise in the boys magazines, shown up in their true colors.

"*The Philatelist.*" In the number for, last month, under the heading "The Spud Papers" there are described the miserable forgeries of the 1865 New Granada and 1863 Venezuela, also the very good imitation of the set of Heligoland. There is a very valuable article by W. Dudley Atlee called "Philatelic Literature," in which there is a list of all stamp publications since 1868.

"*Le Timbre-Poste.*" In No 108 for December the article on envelopes by Dr. Magnus is continued; there are also two valuable letters one, on the "Old Swiss stamps," and the other on the forgeries of the 1857 issue of Spain.



## POSTAL CHIT-CHAT.

## THE CANADIAN POST:

FROM THE EARLIEST TO THE PRESENT TIME

By F. N.

We clip the following from a United States exchange. "As the United States Government is likely to adopt the post-card system, the various objections to it are being discussed by the papers with some eagerness. With the view of doing away with the publicity which now belongs to them, two plans have been suggested at Washington. One inventor proposes a card which will fold in the centre, the edges being supplied with gum-arabic. Another suggests a card with a lappet of brown paper folding over the written matter. Either of these plans seem simple and convenient."

An old lady from one of the rural districts astonished a clerk in the Post-Office a few days ago by inquiring if he had any "yalley developments such as they did up letters in."

Some difference! In Mr. W. P. Brown's catalogue the market value of the Brattleboro stamp is set down at \$20; but Mr. Taylor can sell the *genuine* (?) article for one cent.

We hear that "The American Stamp Mercury" is soon to be revived, under the management of Mr. F. Trifet.

## TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Once upon a time the congregation of a certain parish church, resolved to present their minister, with a barrel of cider, in return for his valuable services. The plan adopted was, that each member should bring a bottle full, and pour it into the cask. But one man, being rather stingy, thought that if he brought his bottle full of water, it would make no difference, among so many bottles of cider. When the barrel was tapped there flowed forth a stream of nothing but pure water, for each man expecting that all his neighbours would bring cider, had poured in a bottle of water.—We relate the above old story, for the benefit of those of our correspondents who have decided not to send in their names until the subscription is reduced to 35 cents. Remember that the sooner you subscribe so much the sooner will the price be reduced, and you can always be certain of having your money returned to you, so don't liken yourselves to the congregation in the fable.

We have had a good many enquiries as to what our stamp lottery will contain. We have made but few arrangements for it yet, but will mention that there will be 300 tickets at 15c. each; 50 prizes, from 25 cents to \$10, amounting in all to about \$40. The prizes will consist of Stamp albums, collections, packets, sets and rare stamps, full particulars will be given in a future issue.

Although much has been written on the above subject, still we think that there is quite room enough for another article, for the benefit of those collectors, who are just starting on their Philatelic career and have not had the opportunity of reading the foreign magazines. Before beginning we would say that everything stated in this article can be perfectly depended upon, as nearly all is taken from Official documents.

The earliest record we have of a post office is in the year 1750, when the renowned Benjamin Franklin was Deputy Postmaster General of North America. His salary amounted to £300 a year, but even this small sum was more than the Department could Under the management of this able man the revenue was soon greatly increased, and we find, that in a short time he was able to hand over £3000 a year to the British Government. At this time the postal accommodation was of the most scanty kind, as will be seen by the following advertisement taken from the Quebec Gazette.

"Post Office, Québec, August 1st. 1764.

The Post for New York sets out on the first and third Monday of every month. All persons are intreated to put their letters into the Office before 10 o'clock, as the bag is shut at that hour precisely, and Letters cannot possibly be taken in a moment after.

The Post returns from Montreal every Saturday at 11 o'clock at which hour the Letters will be delivered out, and attendance given till two, when those remaining will be delivered to the Penny Post."

When the war of the American independence broke out in 1775, Franklin, having taken sides with the colonists, was succeeded by Mr Hugh Finlay, who had been formerly postmaster at Quebec. This gentlemen seems to have introduced some improvements, as a regular monthly mail to England was first started during his term of office.

In 1800, the third Deputy Postmaster General, Mr. Geo. Heriot came into office, he had under his control the postal service of, not only Canada, but also that of the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New-Brunswick.

Mr. Heriot having resigned in 1816, was succeeded by Mr. D. Sutherland, and at the same time, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were withdrawn from his control; New Brunswick was also withdrawn in 1824, thus leaving only Canada proper under one administration. The first regular Postmaster General's report was made out in 1827, by which we find there then

were, 101 post-offices, 2368 miles of post route; the number of letters were about 340,000 and of newspapers 400,000. At that time publishers of newspapers used to employ their own couriers.

The postal arrangements continued on the same old system till 1841, when regular steam communication between Halifax and England was established, and, at the suggestion of Mr. T. A. Stayner, the postmaster, the rate of postage, between any place in Canada and Great Britain, was fixed at 1s 2d sterling.

Mr. Stayner continued in office till April 6th. 1851 when the post office was transferred from the home government, to that of the Canadian authorities. The first thing that was done by the Hon. Jas. Morris, the first Postmaster General, was to reduce the rates of postage, to 3d per  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce to any place in Canada, and fix the rate for newspapers at a halfpenny per ounce.

In June 1851 postage stamps were issued, they were engraved by Messrs Rawdon & Co, and were of the following values and designs.

3 pence, oblong, beaver, vermilion.

6 pence, rect, Prince Albert, brown.

12 pence, rect, Queen Victoria, black.

On thick unwatermarked paper, and unperforated.

Only 820 of the 12d stamps were issued for sale, of these very few were used, so that a specimen is now very rarely seen, as no Canadian stamps have ever been reprinted. Those that are sometimes offered for sale as reprints, are either the original stamps, or proofs marked with the word "specimen," of which a considerable number were struck off, before they were issued.

(To be continued.)

## OUR LETTER BOX.

B. W. P. Montreal, H. G. Toronto, Charles, L. Mc, and others. Accept our thanks for your kind wishes, we will be most happy to receive any contributions from you.

J. G. Belleville.—We cannot take trade for our journal.

C. M. Boston.—Yes, we are successors to D. Cameron & Co., and will send their price list, with a supplement of new issues, for 10c. We cannot give any more information at present, about the lottery, than you will find in our article headed "To our Correspondents."

H. S. P. New-York.—All our prices are same, for Greenbacks or Canada currency.

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Published monthly by Birt, Williams & Co., Box 309, Quebec, Canada. Terms 50 cents a year, only in advance, post free. All subscriptions for the year will commence with the first No. Should we receive 300 subscribers before the publication of the April No., we will reduce the subscription to 35 cents, and parties who have paid 50c can either have their money refunded, or receive a ticket for a grand stamp lottery, which will be drawn for in May. *Induce others to subscribe and you will benefit yourself!*

### TO PUBLISHERS.

Parties publishing stamp journals are particularly requested to send them in exchange. Any publication we receive will be duly noticed in our columns.

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## REVENUE AND TELEGRAPH STAMPS!

At the present time, it is scarcely necessary to advocate the collection of Telegraph Stamps, for they are now included in the album, which has, perhaps, a larger sale than any other, namely that of Mr. Moens. The only magazine which still holds out against them is the Stamp Collector's, but even it will have to change its sentiments, to keep up to the popular opinion. We are not aware what ground the Philatelic Journal will take, but should suppose that it will run with the tide. Now, why should Telegraph stamps not be collected? a simple question, but one for which it is hard to find a simple reply. The usual reply is, that they are only semi-postal, but if all that is semi-postal is to be rejected, how much smaller will our albums become; all the locals, all the official stamps, all the returned letter stamps, all the unpaid letter stamps, and most of the newspaper stamps are semi-postals. Why should Telegraph Stamps be collected? another simple question, to which we think we can find a satisfactory reply. Our reply is, that they are in reality postal, to prove this we have only to shew how the stamps are used. In most foreign countries all the telegraph wires etc. are owned by the government, and not, as in Canada, by private companies, the superintendent is usually the postmaster, and the office is usually the post-office. When a person wishes to send a telegram, he places a telegraph stamp on the envelope, drops it into the box, and the message is forwarded in due course; now whether the message is forwarded by mail or by wire is of but little consequence, in both cases the stamps are cancelled, and the letter dispatched by the post-office authorities. What difference does it make, in what way the messages are dispatched? a difference might just as well be made between stamps used on letters forwarded by railway and those on letters forwarded by steamer. Telegraph stamps are in fact postage stamps used for telegrams, and the ordinary stamps might just as well be used (they are in England) if it were not, that telegrams cost more, than ordinary letters, and consequently the stamps have to be of higher values.

**REVENUE STAMPS.**—Of course the argument used in favor of telegraph stamps, will not hold here, as revenue stamps have nothing whatever to do with the post, and therefore cannot be collected as even semi-postal. In America there is a certain class of collectors, who collect anything that is a stamp, always provided it is not a humbug, for these, revenues have as much attraction as postals, but of course have to be kept in a separate album. There is no argument that can be used in favor of the collection of revenues, except that they are stamps, and should be collected, just as much, as any other kind of stamps. The collection of revenue stamps is a very simple affair, there being but little difficulty in obtaining the stamps, and none whatever in arranging them. One of the arguments that could be used against them is their number, in Canada we have no less than 89 distinct varieties, besides law stamps surcharged with various letters, bill stamps for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and we believe there is a distinct issue of the new law stamps for each province. In the United States the revenue stamps are innumerable, and a complete set would fill an album of itself. We are surprised that no dealer has issued a complete price catalogue of the revenue stamps of all nations, such a catalogue would, to use a hackneyed phrase, supply a want long felt, at least by American collectors.

Whilst we would not entirely recommend revenue stamp collecting, we think that a well arranged album of them, would be a source of much pleasure to the owner, presenting, as they do, a great variety of well engraved, and finely colored specimens; this matter however should be left to the taste of the collector, but not so with telegraph stamps, for, in our opinion, no collection can be complete without them.

Of course there are parties who think differently but when our reasons are examined, we are certain, that but few will be able to contradict them, much less bring decided proof, against them.

## NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

*Prince Edward Island.*—On the first of January last the old currency was changed to the decimal, and with the change a new issue of stamps was emitted. We have as yet seen but two values the 1 cent, orange and 3 cents, rose. Head of queen in circle, inscribed above "Prince Edward Island" below "Postage." Value in straight line beneath circle, figure of value in small squares at each angle, the ground is composed of small dots, and the whole, as in the previous issue, is very poorly engraved.

*Canada.*—The 2 cents small size has just appeared, it resembles very much the 6 cents described in last number. It is unlikely that the 12½c. small size will issued, as they are very little used, and can now be bought at the post-office for 12 cents. We have never heard it mentioned before, that the 3c. large, exist on laid paper, we have seen several specimens lately, on which the lines were very plainly visible.

*German Empire.*—The 10 and 30 gr. registration stamps have appeared, they are identical in design with the former ones, except that the inscription is changed to "Deutsche Reichs-Post."

*New Zealand.*—2d. changed from blue to vermilion.

*Fiji Island.*—Crown over letters "C. R." in circle, above "Fiji" below "Postage" and value, on thin unwatermarked paper.

One penny, blue.

Three pence, green.

Six pence, rose.

There is also a second series surcharged 2, 6, and 12 cents respectively.

*Western Australia.*—A new and finely engraved stamp can be added to the set for this colony; value, three pence, color, dull brown.

*Sweden.*—Envelope and post card, on right hand upper corner, transverse oval, in centre three crowns, at sides in ovals, two post horns, "Sverige" above, "Toll ore" below, color blue. The post card is white, with inscription and border in mauve, which forms a very bad contrast with the blue stamp.

*Egypt.*—A new issue will shortly appear, values the same as previously, with the addition of a 2½ piastre; the design and colors will be changed.

*Russia.*—Post card, arms on left, inscription in Russian characters above, no stamp impressed.

*Bavaria.*—Returned letter stamps for Nurnberg and Augsburg have been issued. They resemble the Regensburg.

*Luxemburg.*—The color of the 4 centimes stamp has been changed to green.

*Sierra Leone.*—A new series consisting of the 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1s. is announced.

*Cuba.*—Will give us another set this year.

## THE PRESS.

"*The Postage Stamp Reporter.*" Is published monthly by Arthur H. Wheeler, Lowell, Mass. In the February No. we find an article on that well worn subject "The C. S. Provisionals," a notice of the celebrated Boston dealers, a list of new issues, an article on the Hayti swindle, and a review of the magazines. In the latter we find that the editor, when speaking of ourselves, does not approve of lotteries; we cannot say that we do ourselves, and the one advertised in our preceding numbers, was mentioned by our publishers, not by the editor. We refer our readers to an explanation in another column.

"*The Stamp Collector's Guide.*" For February contains its usual amount of news, comprised in "C. S. Locals," new issues, and counterfeits. It also gives us a short notice.

"*Postage Stamp*" is published by the proprietors of the Philadelphia monthly, all it contains are new issues, and advertisements.

"*The Collector.*" Continues very amateur in style, the December and January numbers have each a very sensible article by a party named "Taria Topan."

"*Le Timbre-Poste.*" is now issued on the first of the month instead of the fifteenth. More than half the January number is occupied with an article on "The penny post"; the remainder consists of a list of new issues, and an article on the 1860 British Guiana. In the February number. Dr. Magnus continues his article on envelopes, this fills up three of the eight pages. Four pages are devoted to new issues, and the remainder is occupied with various short articles.

"*A. Moschkau's Magazin,*" is a German paper published by Alfred Moschkau, Oybin, Saxony. We have received the January number, but from our ignorance of the language in which it is printed, we are unable to review it.

"*The Philatelic Journal.*" We are happy to have this really excellent magazine among our exchanges. The first number for January contains a history of forgeries by the editor, an article entitled "Cream of the Magazines" new issues in which the illustrations are printed in color, "The Stamps of La Guaira" written in a very pleasant, chatty style by the Rev. R. B. Earée, "Our Black List" in which no less than sixteen dealers in forgeries are exposed, reviews, an amusing account of a visit to a "Bung and Gargle Label store," and a most remarkable letter from Boston. If this magazine continues as it has begun the S. C. M. had better look out for its colors.

"*The Stamp Collector's Magazine*" for February is well up to the standard, among the many valuable articles it contains, we would mention "A Plan for mounting Envelopes," "Fiji and the Fijians," and "Papers for Beginners" No. 17, Mr. Overly Taylor well deserves the thanks, of not only beginners, but of all philatelists, for the able manner in which these papers are written.

We would draw our readers attention to an advertisement of a stamp collector's directory, in another column; we are not personally acquainted with Mr. Troy, but have no doubt as to his *bona fide* intentions. Such a work is much needed.

## OUR LETTER BOX.

A. P. S., Franklin. N. H.—Wishes to know the value of a collection of 1200. We have seen collections of 1200 for which we would not give \$5, and others which were worth \$500; it is impossible to value a collection without seeing it.

J. A. E., Rockford. Ill.—We are not in want of any match stamps.

J. A. P. Elizabeth. N. J.—We are well supplied with Confederate States, what other rarities can you let us have?

W. H. B. St. John. N. B.—We find your prices very high, can get the stamps for much less, what others have you?

## EXPLANATION.

Having been requested by our editor, as well as numerous correspondents, to give up our idea of having a stamp lottery, we have willingly consented. We say willingly, as we find that so many parties disapprove of the matter.

Wishing to please, as many of our patrons as possible, we beg to state that the subscription price will be continued at 50 cents, but will include the right, to a share, in an annual distribution of premiums for subscribers only.

We will on receipt of postage forward to each of our subscribers a cheque, which is to be retained by them until the end of the half year, and is not transferable. Only subscribers for the year will have any right to a cheque.

Hoping that the above will prove satisfactory to all parties, we would further state that we have been making arrangements to have our paper illustrated, and should we receive sufficient support, we hope soon to be in a position, to enlarge it to double its present size.

All parties wanting further information, or specimen copies, will please address, with stamp for reply,

BIRT, WILLIAMS & Co.

POSTAL DELAYS IN INDIA.—A good story comes to us from Kashmir, and, we are sorry to say, a true one. One day no letters were distributed at Srinagar, and anxious inquirers at the post office could obtain no information or redress. At length an official circular came round to all the residents, stating that as an English officer had severely thrashed the postmaster that morning, this functionary was disabled by his wounds from discharging his duties, and no letters would be issued until his recovery.—*Calcutta Englishman.*

## THE CANADIAN POST.

FROM THE EARLIEST TO THE PRESENT TIME.

By F. N.

(Continued from page 8)

In the following year (1852) the rate of postage to England, *via* U. S., being reduced to 10d., the 12d. became obsolete, and a stamp to represent the new rate was issued in the month of June. At the same time the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and  $7\frac{1}{2}$ d stamps were issued, so that the 1852 emissions were as follows:—

$\frac{1}{2}$  penny, rect, Queen Victoria, rose.  
 $7\frac{1}{2}$  pence cy. 6d. stg, rect, Queen Victoria, green.

10 pence cy. 8d. stg, rect, Jacques Cartier, blue.

All the stamps of the pence series appear in various shades, usually from dark to light. Mention is made in some catalogues of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d surcharged 8d and 1 but such stamps are purely fictitious.

In 1855 the money order system was introduced, followed in 1856 by the registered letter system, in the same year the Grand Trunk Railway was completed as far as Toronto, so that in connection with the Great Western, there now was an unbroken line of railway communication, between Rivière du Loup, a village about 100 miles below Quebec, and Windsor in Canada West.

Towards the end of the year 1857, the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. 3d. and 6d. stamps were issued perforated, and no doubt the  $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 10d. would have also undergone this improvement, had not the decimal currency been adopted in 1859, when of course it was necessary to prepare a new issue. This series, which appeared on July 1st 1859, was engraved by the American Bank Note Company, and consisted of the following:—

1 cent, rect, Queen Victoria, rose.  
5 cents, oblong, beaver, vermilion.  
10 cents, rect, Prince Albert, lilac and brown.  
 $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents, rect, Queen Victoria, green, light and dark.

17 cents, rect, Jacques Cartier, blue.

On unwatermarked paper, perforated.

These are almost identical in design with the preceding issue.

In 1861 Messrs Nesbitt & Co., of New York, received the contract for a supply of stamped envelopes, these were issued in the same year, and consist of only two values as follows:—

5 cents, oval, head of Queen to left, vermilion.

10 cents, oval, head of Queen to left, brown.

On white, laid paper, watermarked CA. P.O.D.

In 1864 a 2 cent stamp was issued, for the postage on soldiers letters, it is similar in color and design to the 1 cent, with the addition of the figures of value, in the angles.

(To be continued.)



## PUBLISHER'S NOTICES.

We have lately had the good fortune to purchase at the post-office, a few of the old pence issue of Canada unused. Below we give our prices and number we have of each. Warranted genuine original impressions.

Face value.	No of each.	Price.
$\frac{1}{2}$ penny unperf.	5	30 cents.
$\frac{1}{2}$ " perf.	4	50 "
$\frac{3}{4}$ pence unperf.	1	25 "
6 " "	9	80 "
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	1	1.00 "
10 " "	3	1.25 "
12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.	3	25 "

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Samples of our prices.—

Mexico set of 5	for	20 cents used.
Java 50 cents	for	5 cents "
Spain Official set of 8	for	20 cents new
Cashmere black	for	10 cents "
Finland set of 4	for	15 cents used.
New Brun swick 1c.	for	4 cents new
South African Republic 1d.	for	6 cents "
Turkey 2 piastre red	for	8 cents used.
Alsace, 1-2c.	for	2 cents new
Belgium, 1870, 10c.	for	1 cent used.
" " 20c.	for	2 cents "
Confederate States. 2c.	for	5 cents new
" " 10c.	for	2 cents "
St. Thomas 3c.	for	5 cents used.
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