

countries during the latter half of the 19th century appals him. Bethinking him of a paragraph he has read in one of the newspapers to the effect that all philatelists are now specialists, each one devoting himself to some special country or group of countries, he casts about for some special "sphere" for himself.

Therein, in my opinion, his first great mistake. There is no earthly reason why stamp collectors should all be specialists. True, most of them come to that before long, but he who shirks the task of collecting all the postal issues of the world just because it is a task entailing much patient work with scant hope of complete success, lacks in my opinion, the ardour of the true collector.

I say to young collectors, begin as generalists. Buy a cheap album—and by cheap I mean an album that is not nasty as well, but is a good article at a reasonable price—and put into that album every genuine postage stamp that you buy, "swap" or receive from friends. Time enough to think of specializing when you mill of elementary philately, and thereby fitted yourself for the serious study of some special section of the world's stamps.

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## Catalogue Canada Revenue Stamps.

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### MANITOBA LAW STAMPS.

Surcharge J. F. IN BLUE, large type.

(Issued in 1889 and abolished in 1891.)

1889	
25c green .....	90
50c " .....	50
\$1 " .....	60

J. F. IN BLUE, small type.

1890	
20c green .....	80
50c " .....	90

WITHOUT SURCHARGE.

1890	
10c green .....	9
20c " .....	8

25c " .....	8
50c " .....	12
\$1 " .....	15

### SECOND TYPE. C. F. IN BLACK.

1885	
10c green .....	—
\$1 " .....	5 00

C. F. IN BLACK AND B. F. IN RED.

1886	
10c green .....	—
20c " .....	2 50
25c " .....	1 50
50c " .....	2 75
\$1 " .....	5 50

C. F. IN BLACK AND J. F. IN RED.

1886	
10c green .....	2 00
20c " .....	2 50
25c " .....	1 25
50c " .....	2 50
\$1 " .....	2 00

UNSURCHARGED.

1896	
10c green .....	—
20c " .....	—
25c " .....	—
50c " .....	—
\$1 " .....	—

### NEW BRUNSWICK LAW.

1884	
10 cents blue .....	75
20 " .....	75
50 " .....	75
\$2 " .....	2 25

1887	
20 cents red .....	50

1890	
10 cents yellow .....	20
50 cents brown .....	45
1897	
\$5 green .....	3 50

### NEW BRUNSWICK PROBATE.

1895	
10c yellow .....	50
20c red .....	50
50c brown .....	50