

mark which it much resembles. This stamp was issued in five values, of which the rarest is the two cent on pink. All this set are in black. Late in 1850 a new design appeared introducing as its special feature the ship which has with one exception, distinguished this colony's emissions. This stamp was of two values, one and four cent, both of which are very scarce and rarely met with,

In 1860 a provisional issue was made. This set was typographed. That is set up with printer's type, hence many varieties appear. This issue, with various slight changes in perforation, etc., held sway at intervals until 1875.

In 1881 another provisional type-set stamp appeared. It differs from the preceding provisional set in that it has a picture of a ship in centre.

The only postal issue of this country that has on it the picture of Queen Victoria is the registration envelope. It is a four cent vermilion on white.

### Hamilton Notes.

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Almost everyone has been investing in Jubilee stamps, and now some who went in rather heavy are beginning to find them dead stock as almost all the lower values, aside from the halves and sixes, can be purchased at the Hamilton post office at face value.

The Buckeye Stamp Co., of this city which did a large business last season, has dissolved partnership. Mr. Geo. Keller retires and Mr. E. Marris will carry on the business in future.

Chas. A. Needham, who is known all over the country as Hamilton's leading stamp dealer, was fortunate enough to secure between four and five hundred half-cent Jubilee stamps.

Hamilton collectors are at last awakening to the fact that they are losing a great deal by not joining the D. P. A. A number are sending in their applications and we hope to have a good representation on the membership roll.

There recently came to my notice a copy of the current two cent U. S. which had done postal duty in Canada. It bore the postmark Brampton, Ont. Upon receipt of the letter no extra fee was charged. I wonder which was at fault the color of the stamp or the eyes of the official who stamped it.

The half cent and six cent Jubilee stamps are commanding big prices. One young man sold a half cent for three dollars. This is an exception. The general price is fifty cts. to one dollar.

Articles in the newspapers upon the annexation of Hawaii to the United States have caused much comment in philatelic circles. Hawaiian stamps will go up in price.



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