

Our Philatelic Corner

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VALUABLE STAMP ISSUES.

Twenty thousand school boys in Ontario before the war collected stamps. They were boys who had of collecting stamps, butterflies or birds' eggs, or a terrific temporary enthusiasm, a barter and little cash. Of serious collectors, at this period, principal growth was in 3,000 had stamp collections varying in value from \$50 to \$100, and between 300 and 400 had collections worth between \$200 and \$500. Few collections locally seem to have been made in value this last figure.

These figures are vouched for by Mr. S. Porter, who probably knows more about stamps as anyone in the province and who arrived at them by going in touch with dealers and collectors throughout the province.

Since the armistice was signed, stamps Mr. Porter, as a close amateur as can be made reveals the fact that collectors possess a modestly priced collections have increased in number 250 per cent.

In other words, according to Mr. Porter's calculations, there are about 5,000 school boy collectors of stamps in Ontario and some 10,000 people who are in a somewhat more serious way of the number with really valuable collections has not increased.

Is this so? To arrive at a conclusion it is necessary to review the situation.

A flood of new postage stamp issues was brought out in consequence of the occupation of territory by the troops. In most cases the stamps of the occupied territories were still used by the invading governments, being distinguished simply by "overprinting." For example, German occupation of Belgium was commemorated by "overprinting" the French occupation of Togoland. This practice gave rise to many stamps of issues which were temporary, and but for the war would have existed.

Under the exigencies of the war, the abnormal expenditures rendered it necessary to raise funds for various purposes, particularly the Red Cross. Scores of countries, therefore, brought out Red Cross stamps. These stamps were sold above their value.

Most countries also imposed a tax on stamps, "overprinting" the word "tax" or "war" and thus creating more value.

The general interest in these stamps, declares Mr. Porter, "which is directly the result of the world war, naturally attracted those already collecting and induced many to collect who had never thought of doing before."

Asked to explain why the collections of cheaper value had increased so enormously while those of greater value had neither increased in number or worth, Mr. Porter said: "For the simple reason that these later issues were not high priced, so that a large number could be collected of great money value. The old collections are valuable because they contain a great number of early rarities. So none of these later issues increases their value to any great degree."

As an example of how rare stamps come into being, Mr. Porter cited the case of what Newfoundland did last October. The two and three cent caribou issue became exhausted. A new supply was momentarily expected. In the meantime the post office department had to act. So they "overprinted" the 15 cent and 35 cent issues with the word "three cents." These were in use only two or three weeks. Hence they will be rarities in the course of time.

It is pretty hard to remember sometimes that the postage stamp is as modern almost as the automobile. The first adhesive stamp in the world was the one penny black Queen Victoria, issued by Great Britain in 1840. Stamps did not arrive in Canada until 1851. Previous to that the fee for delivery was paid in the post office and the envelope or document to be delivered was simply marked "fee paid, three pence," or some such wording.

Between 1851 and 1861 came the game of the Canadian issues; there are practically no rarities since the later date. In those days the provinces of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, Prince Edward Island (Nova Scotia and New Brunswick each had a separate issue. In fact, up to Confederation, in 1867, the rest of the Canada, Ontario, Quebec and the Great West had the ordinary Canadian stamps.

The maritime provinces and British Columbia issues are rich in rarities. Amongst the most notable of the early Canadian rarities is the 12 penny black, which is now worth in good condition from \$600 to 1,000. Other notable rarities are the 7 1/2 pence stamps of the 1860s. These stamps were all semipostaged. The 1860s later appeared as a perforated stamp and is quite rare also, being worth from \$50 to \$75.

Among the stamps issued by the other provinces before Confederation might be mentioned the one shilling denomination of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and the two cent of British Columbia. Any of them are worth over \$100 in good condition. Fred. Erickson Mail.

The Week's Calendar.

MARCH—3rd Month—31 Days.

28.—MONDAY. Easter Monday. Lillian Falaba torpedoed, 1915. Italian attacked at Gorizia, 1916.

29.—TUESDAY. Easter Tuesday. Bishop Mallock died, 1869. Publication of the Green Book, 1918. French counter attack at Verdun, 1918.

30.—WEDNESDAY. Parle surrendered to Allies, 1914. Crimean War ended 1855. "Big Bertha" bombarded Paris, 1918.

31.—THURSDAY. S.S. Falcon, Capt. A. Jackson first steamer in with 31,190 seals, 1878. Same captain in Resolute, first steamer in with 34,528 seals, 1885. Prince Henry, born 1900.

APRIL—4th Month—30 Days.

1.—FRIDAY. AN Fools Day. Moon in last quarter. Bishop Mullock buried, 1869. S.S. Proteus, Capt. R. Pike, first steamer in, 14,665 seals, 1883.

2.—SATURDAY. St. Patrick preached at Tara, 432. Battle of Copenhagen, 1801. Evening Telegram, W. J. Herder, Proprietor, registered, 1879.

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Obituary.

TERESA MARY TURPIN.

The dull monotony which nearly always accompanies sorrow is particularly intensified when death comes so cast its shadow over our home. This was the feeling which permeated the hearts and heads of Mr. and Mrs. Victor P. Turpin and family of this place, when the news was cabled them from Montreal that their daughter "Tessie" had died at the residence of her aunt after being discharged from hospital following a serious operation, the disease being diagnosed as tubercular peritonitis. Her almost sudden and unexpected demise on the 12th inst., we need hardly say has cast a gloom over her many friends and relatives. Only 16 months ago, fresh from the charms and beauties of her alma mater, St. Bride's College, Littledale, poor Tessie left her native home in the bloom of womanhood for Montreal, there to enter some favored institution to resume her studies and further develop her talents in order to qualify herself for her particular vocation. She was very successful in her graduation and was already commencing to make her mark, when the dread disease which terminated in her death so quickly, had overtaken her. She was held in the highest esteem by her employers, as was evidenced in the beautiful wreaths and flowers which adorned her remains. When the grief-stricken father was apprised by cable of her critical condition, he at once left for Montreal by way of St. Pierre in order to be near her and console her in her last moments; and if the worst should come, to make arrangements for the conveying of her remains to her old home in St. Lawrence, Newfoundland. But Providence had willed it otherwise, as after leaving St. Pierre and striking one of the unprecedented storms which rage in the Gulf, and in which the ship had a very close call, the passage was prolonged for 74 hours before reaching Louisbourg. On his arrival there he received a message from his daughter Tessie, who had been in New York training for a nurse, and who had been ordered to Montreal to attend to the illness of her sister, conveying the sad news of her death. The father immediately entrained for Truro where he awaited the corpse, accompanied by her sister Monnie and Father Gough of Montreal. They connected with the Kyle at Louisbourg and arrived home on the 20th inst., by way of St. John's. The remains which were suitably embalmed, were waited for two nights in her old home, surrounded by all the members of her family who were grief-stricken over her early passing. The great crowds who attended her wake and funeral amply testify to the esteem in which she was held by all classes. The deceased was undoubtedly a highly religious girl, and those of her companions who knew the secrets of her inner mind, will agree with me when I say she was destined for something higher than the common allurement of this world. To quote the words of her spiritual adviser and very great friend, Father Gough, of Montreal, in a letter written to her father, said, "she was a model girl, and she lived the life of a saint." At home she was always conspicuous at the altar rails as a daily communicant, and so when away we are told she kept up this custom, and never ceased to practice the virtues which bring peace and happiness to the soul of the model Christian. To those of her school companions who lived with her and had the privilege of her friendship and love, I would ask to sometimes think of her in their reflections, and offer a prayer for her eternal happiness. Especially would I invoke the kind prayers of the community of Littledale, her alma mater, where her character was so thoroughly moulded and beautified, that she may be received as one of God's chosen ones, and enjoy the beatific vision. She leaves a father, mother, five brothers and one sister to mourn their loss and loss. May she rest in peace.—Com. St. Lawrence, Feb. 24th, 1921.

Codroy Valley Horse Race.

LITTLE RIVER WINS THE CUP.

The annual horse race for the Codroy Valley Cup, was pulled off on Grand River ice on the eighth inst. Six horses were entered and took part in the big fight, as follows:—Red Maud, owned and driven by E. J. Gills, Codroy; Ned, owned and driven by A. Patry, Codroy; Darkey G., owned and driven by T. E. Cornally, Grand River; Mollie Bell, owned and driven by J. J. Doyle, Little River; Lady Miller, owned and driven by Stanley McIsaac, Little River; and Nellie Grey, owned and driven by Errol Doyle, Little River.

The day was charming, but a cloud in the sky and ice in perfect condition. The race was decided in the fourth heat as follows: Mollie Bell, of Little River, winning the cup and first prize; Darkey G. second place and Red Maud of Codroy, and Nellie Grey, of Little River, even for third place. Mr. Patry's horse and Mr. McIsaac's mare were both young and first in a race and showed great speed and will be hard horses to beat next year.

It was without doubt the most interesting and closest contested race ever run here. Every heat was a thriller from start to finish. Quite often a blanket would cover two and occasionally three of the horses at one time. Some horsemen who were present claim that Mollie Bell would have won in three straight heats had her driver used his whip a few seconds sooner than he did before crossing the line in the third heat.

Much interest was shown everywhere, especially at Little River. Over twenty sleighs from there filled with men, women and children, besides numbers on foot, came to witness the fight and great was their enthusiasm when the cup was won for the first time by Little River, after contesting for it seven or eight years.

An eye-witness who has travelled considerable in Newfoundland claims he never saw a greater number of people together in this country at one time, outside of St. John's, and puts the number present at five hundred strong.

Time was only taken in two heats and for the two horses leading. Best for Darkey G. one, twenty-three and a quarter, and for Mollie Bell one twenty-four for full mile.

Mr. Gills says a new horse will take the cup back to Codroy next winter. Mr. Cornally's Darkey G. was not on his best behaviour and his owner claims the cup will not pass him next contest.

LITTLE RIVER MATCH RACE.

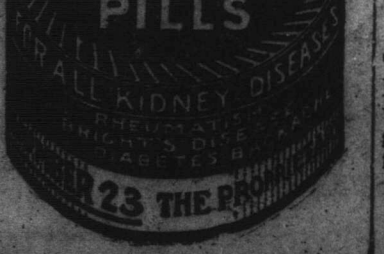
The match race which was arranged between T. E. Cornally's "Darkey G." and J. J. Doyle's "Mollie Bell," took place at Little River on Monday, 14th inst.

All the leading horsemen between Cape Anguille and Shoal Point, Little River, accompanied by a great number of other admirers of the game drove there to see the leading pieces of horseflesh of Codroy Valley, Mollie Bell, reel off the half mile in the fastest time ever made in a race in this Valley. She also won first money by capturing three heats out of four.

The first heat was won by Darkey, although Mollie had a good lead up the line past the three-quarters mark when Mollie made a bad break. Darkey then took the lead and held it. The second heat Mollie took the lead from start to finish, crossing the line in 1:20 without a break with Darkey crossing in 1:22. The third heat was a desperate fight right through. Mollie took the lead as before, but with Darkey right by the sleigh and commenced to gain on her at the half mark and steadily gained until he got abreast and when they crossed the line neither driver knew which one had the heat, both horses going to a break just as the line was passed. John McArthur, of Grand River, who was judge, decided the heat was Doyle's. The fourth heat was well done by both forces, but Mollie got a better start giving Darkey a harder fight. Although well driven he made a bad break and lost ground. Mollie kept her feet and came in with a safe margin.

Mr. Cornally received many hearty handshakes and congratulations on the ice on being such a good old sport. Perhaps very few outside of the Valley know that he is sixty years of age and drove eight miles that morning to attend and take part in the afternoon race.

Frog for all race followed in which three horses took part. First place was won by Errol Doyle's Nellie Grey in 1:23. The writer was not present at this race, but was informed that



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the other two horses owned by Malcolm Campbell and Andrew N. McIsaac, pulled up well and with training should give a good account of themselves. It was the first time Mr. McIsaac drove his horse on the ice for the winter.—Western Star.

Star of the Sea Association.

The monthly meeting of the Star of the Sea Association was held yesterday in the Armoury, T.A. Hall. President Martin opened the meeting at 7:30 o'clock. 10 applicants were admitted. Since the loss of the Society's hall nearly two hundred members have been added to the roll. Much enthusiasm was displayed by those present at yesterday's meeting at the announcement that matters in connection with the new building were progressing favorably. A special committee was appointed on rules.

CAR OWNERS.—Send your Tires and Tubes to J. McKINLAYS to be repaired and get work that is guaranteed and will give satisfaction. First come, first served.—mar28,1m

Coaker's Picnics.
Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir—I suppose when the renowned W. F. Coaker arrives home from his vacation, which vacation has to be paid by the people, he will be received with open arms, and a large crowd, with a band, at the pier, ready to receive him. I believe he was away last winter also, but don't yet hear how the country benefited by his last excursion. He certainly benefited by getting a seat in the House of Assembly, and being able to take these annual trips. I think his day is over though for fooling the fishermen in telling them through the Advocate that he is the fishermen's friend and that he has been the means of putting up the price of fish. He has bragged that he would run the country, so it is said, and he certainly has done so to its ruin.

What is going to be the end of it goodness knows, and the Fish Regulations have been nothing else but a crime, as now the Lenten season is about over, where are the merchants going to sell their fish, that they have been compelled by law not to sell unless they can sell it at a price dictated by the Regulations. What, for goodness sake, were the other members doing to sit down and let Coaker run the show, or the farce, as that is

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In Aid of Extension Fund

The ex-pupils and pupils of Holy Cross Schools are giving a grand performance in their schools to-night in aid of the Extension Fund. The programme embraces a well-arranged concert and a delightful comedy in three acts. An enjoyable time awaits the friends of Holy Cross.

OLD COMRADES' DANCE.—Preparations for the dance which the C.L.B. Cadets Old Comrades are holding on April 6th, in the C.C.C. Hall, are now well in hand and the affair promises to be a great success. The full C.L.B. Band will be in attendance and will play the latest music and everybody is assured of a thoroughly good time.

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