

Our Philatelic Corner.

(By "PHILATELOS.")

The editor of the Telegram having proven the progressiveness of his paper by inaugurating a weekly stamp chat, the work of conducting this innovation has fallen on my shoulders. During the winter, I hope to be able to publish a series of short articles on the formation of a collection of postage stamps and its gradual progress to the specialized stage. For the present, however, I am going to entertain my readers with a few stamp stories which I am sure will make interesting reading, even for the philatelic layman. The number of curious mistakes made by designers and engravers is really surprising, and our own Newfoundland stamps furnish us with two very interesting examples.

I wonder how many of you have noticed the peculiar error made by the artist who designed the seal depicted on the five cent brown of 1886, the five cent black of 1888 and the five cent blue of 1876. The seal, an animal surely not unknown in our part of the world, is actually drawn with two fore-paws instead of flippers. It was not until 1880 that this error was corrected.

If you will examine your copy of the two cent green fish of 1886 you will find that there is no split in the

tail of the fish. Imagine a cod without a split tail!

Probably the best known philatelic anachronism is depicted on the 1903 issue of St. Kitts-Nevis, two islands in the West Indies which issue a joint series of stamps. The design of this stamp shows Christopher Columbus looking through a telescope, an instrument not obtainable until some years after his death. To make matters worse, the postal authorities of these two islands have perpetuated this "howler" by incorporating the picture of Columbus and his telescope in the design of the series of stamps which they issued a few months ago.

Next week I shall have a few more interesting stamp yarns, and in future these little chats will contain notes of interest on current events in the philatelic world.

I shall be only too pleased to answer, when able, any questions of a philatelic nature, which readers may ask me.

Letters should be addressed to the Stamp Editor, The Evening Telegram Office.

"Our Philatelic Corner" will, after to-day, be a regular feature Saturdays.

Rigorous Regulations.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir.—I was keenly interested with the article copied from the North Sydney Herald of October 2nd and published in your paper of October 5th, dealing with the new Vaccination Regulations affecting passengers from Newfoundland entering Canada. I was a passenger on S.S. Kyle arriving at North Sydney on the morning of October 6th, and the annoyance and outrageous hold up in landing was deplorable.

The steamer arrived at about 5.45 a.m., after a splendid run across the Gulf, and the one hundred or more passengers, anxious to land and seek breakfast, before joining the morning express from Sydney, were held up until after seven o'clock. About 6.15 the Immigration officer arrived and next the Doctor, but nothing was done until the Customs official had made his appearance, about 6.30.

The Port Doctor summoned all passengers, first and second class, to appear before him in the ship's saloon, where each in turn passed his

keen (?) scrutiny. Men, woman, and children were forced to bare their arms, and if a satisfactory vaccination mark was not visible, they were vaccinated to the enjoyment of all lookers on. Before my turn, some twenty-five had been scratched, as we humorously named the operation, and the sum of one dollar from each was collected by the doctor scratching.

We effected a landing nearing seven o'clock, and after passing the Customs official, were again confronted by our friend, the doctor. We each in turn presented our identification slip and went on our way rejoicing, at once again being immune from all disease, but longing for the sight of a lunch counter.

Two points rising out of this question needing investigation to my mind are:—First, should passengers, especially those travelling second class and perhaps limited as to means, be forced to pay for the vaccination? and secondly, Should not the medical officer furnish each passenger, so vaccinated by him, with a certificate to

that effect, so as to assure him or her against being held up at some point further West? The hold up at North Sydney on the particular occasion was the means of many passengers missing the morning West bound express, and consequently were detained at North Sydney all that day.

I am sure I voice the condemnation of every passenger arriving on this particular occasion, and if this vaccination regulation, as law, has to be enforced, it is up to the Newfoundland Government to suggest an easier and business like way in dealing with passengers arriving in Canada from the ancient colony.

Yours truly,
ROBT. K. OKE.
New Glasgow, N.S., Oct. 12, 1920.

Published by Authority.

On recommendation of the Superintendent of Education, and under the provisions of Section 4, Sub-section (b) of Chapter 81 of the Consolidated Statutes (Third Series), entitled "Of Education," His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to order that the Roman Catholic Educational District of St. Lawrence be divided into:

- (a) The District of St. Lawrence.
- (b) The District of Lamaline.
- (c) The Educational District of St. Lawrence shall include that part of the Electoral District of Burin lying between Corbin, exclusive, and Sandy Cove, inclusive. The Board shall meet at St. Lawrence.
- (d) The Educational District of Lamaline shall include that part of the Electoral District of Burin lying between Sandy Cove, exclusive, and Grand Bank, inclusive. The Board shall meet at Lamaline.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Job B. Wornell (Greenspond), to be a Justice of the Peace for the Colony.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Mr. Lewis Compton (Engle), to be Inspector of Weights and Measures from Lock's Cove to Engle, both inclusive, in place of Mr. Benjamin Carey, deceased. Messrs. William Martin, William Troke and Herbert A. Moss, to be the Road Board for St. Chad's District to Bonavista. Rev. A. Thorne, P.P., Messrs. Ernest McCarthy, John Coady, James Harnett and Richard Hennebury, to be the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of Lamaline. Rev. J. J. Coady, P.P., to be a member of the Roman Catholic Board of Education

for the District of Mobile, in place of Rev. C. A. McCarthy, P.P., left the District. Rev. C. A. McCarthy, P.P., to be a member of the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of Renewa, in place of Very Rev. Dean Doughty, P.P., deceased. Rev. J. M. Earlight, P.P., to be a member of the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of Salmonier, in place of Rev. J. J. Rawlins, P.P., left the District. Rev. A. J. Des, P.P., to be a member of the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of Orlin, in place of Rev. T. F. Bride, P.P., resigned. Mr. Niron Messervy, to be a member of the Church of England Board of Education for Sandy Point, in place of Mr. M. C. Messervy, retired.

Dept. of the Colonial Secretary,
October 19th, 1920.

Celebrated Golden Jubilee.

On Tuesday, 19th inst., the veteran operator, Mr. E. B. Thompson, of Mr. Grace Telegraph Office, celebrated his Golden Jubilee in connection with the Anglo American Telegraph Company, having entered the office in 1870. Of his associates and contemporaries of those days few now remain. We can only name Messrs. D. Stott and H. F. Shortis of St. John's, S. S. Stantford and A. D. Martin of Heart's Content, James Hagen of St. Pierre; and Wm. Tobin the veteran repairer of Harbor Grace, and William Savin of St. John's, who joined up in 1866, the year the Atlantic Cable was successfully laid by the S.S. Great Eastern, Capt. Halpin. We wish the veterans of the Old Guard of the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Co., of the early days many more years amongst us. Mr. E. B. Thompson's father, the venerable W. H. Thompson, the nestor of Telegraphers was probably the oldest key manipulator in the world at the time of his death, a few years ago.

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Japanese Vice-Consul on Official Visit.

Mr. Midzusawa, Vice Consul for Japan, at Ottawa, the first Japanese to visit this Dominion on official business, arrived here by last Digby. He is collecting information regarding our trade and commerce on behalf of his Government which when compiled will be forwarded to the Consul General. He has since his arrival, interviewed most of our public men including the acting Prime Minister and the Board of Trade officials. Mr. Midzusawa has been much impressed with all he has seen of the country and during the week he expects to make a visit to the Bell Island Mines. He returns to Ottawa by Sunday's express.

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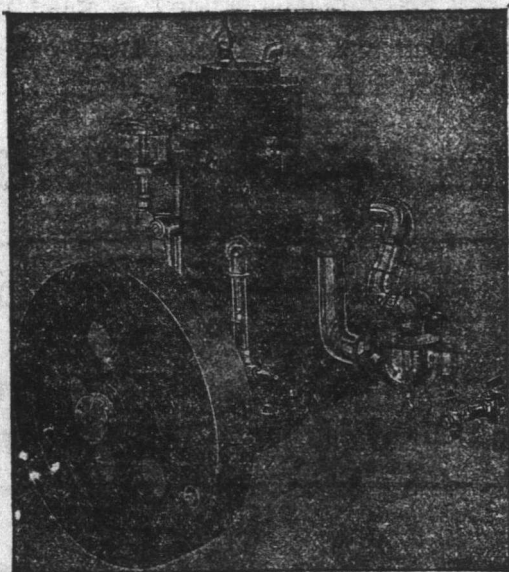
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