

## Our Philatelic Corner.

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**THE STAMPS OF NEWFOUNDLAND.**  
Eleventh Issue 1897.—In 1827 a new series of stamps was issued to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Newfoundland by John Cabot, and the 50th year of the reign of Queen Victoria. These stamps were designed by Sir Robert Bond, the then Colonial Secretary, and were engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co. New York. There were fourteen values, the stamps of each value bearing a different design. These designs I have placed in brackets after each stamp in the check list. The 1c. and 2c. of this issue were used up some years ago, but the values from 6c. upwards were on sale at the G.P.O. until very recently. The remainder of the 15c., 30c., and 35c. were recharged for use when the supply of 2c. and 3c. Caribou gave out lately. The supply of the 10c. gave out about four years ago. This, by the way, is rather a scarce stamp. There are no minor varieties in this issue, so far as I know. The stamps are per 12.

### CHECK LIST—1897.

- 1c.—Green (Queen Victoria.)
- 2c.—Bright rose (Jean Cabot.)
- 3c.—Bright blue (Cape Bonavista.)
- 4c.—Slate green (Caribou hunting.)
- 5c.—Violet (Mining.)
- 6c.—Red-brown (Logging.)
- 8c.—Orange (Fishing.)
- 10c.—Septa (Cabot's ship the Matthew.)
- 12c.—Deep blue (Patriotism.)
- 15c.—Deep scarlet (Seals on ice-floe.)
- 24c.—Dull violet (Salmon fishing.)
- 30c.—Deep indigo (Seal of Colony.)
- 35c.—Brick red (Fishery.)
- 50c.—Black (King Henry VII.)

**NEWS FROM THE STAMP WORLD.**  
At an auction held recently in Paris, a copy of the famous 24. "Post office" Mauritius of 1847 fetched the record price of £3980.

A new issue from Albania has just come to hand. The face value of the stamp we have received is 5q. and the design, which is rather a crude one,

consists of a picture of Skanderbeg, the Albanian national hero, with an Albanian eagle on each side.

A new French colony, Haute Volts, has been formed out of the territory of Mossi and Lobi, places north of Dahomey and the Ivory Coast, with its capital at Onkadougou. Stamps for this colony will soon put in appearance.

Mekeel's Weekly notes a postmark used in Japan recently, commemorating the 8th World's Sunday School Conference held at Tokio late in September.

The two sets of stamps prepared for the Bermudian Government for the Tercentenary commemoration have now been supplied to the colony. The design of one set shows a portrait of King George at right and the pioneer vessel "Sea Venture" at left, and the design of the other set depicts the King's head and the badge of Bermuda. It is doubtful whether any issue of stamps has ever been the cause of such prolonged discussion as have these two new sets for Bermuda.

The new European States have not yet ceased their attempts to increase their revenue and incidentally fleece the poor philatelist, by the rather over-fragrant issue of unnecessary stamps. It will soon be time for Portugal and her colonies to hide their heads in shame, for when it comes to superfluous issues Europe has them beaten to a frazzle. Estonia in particular has come to the fore lately, several new issues having put in an appearance in this state recently. Bulgaria, too, has tried to do its best by issuing a series of labels commemorating its national poet, Vassof, Messrs. Bright & Son have recently issued a new edition of their British Empire Catalogue, and the Red Gibbons, 1920 edition, has also put in an appearance. The latter contains some startling changes in values.

### Mr. J. G. Higgins, B.A.

**NEW G.W.V.A. PRESIDENT.**  
The adjourned general meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association was held in the T.A. Armory last night, and was largely attended. The chair was taken by Capt. G. G. Byrne, M.C., in the unavoidable absence of Major March, who was nominated chairman to carry out the election, and conducted the election of officers in a very able manner. The chairman, in his opening remarks, impressed upon the comrades present the grave importance of electing the best men possible, men who, in addition to having the necessary qualifications, would attend executive meetings and have the welfare of the Association at heart. He further spoke at some length on a matter of the utmost importance to those to whom it referred, and asked for the co-operation of everybody in remedying this matter. The Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting and after some discussion relating to previous motions, their adoption was confirmed. The Bank of Commerce incident then came up for discussion, and in view of the Bank's turning down the claim of a returned veteran in preference to a man who never served, a motion deploring the Bank's action in connection with this matter, was proposed and seconded, and on being put to the meeting was unanimously adopted. A letter was read from the Prime Minister relating to the 20 p.c. increase which it is hoped that all Nfld. pensioners will receive. In this he intimated that the Deputy Colonial Secretary was being instructed to have this matter put on the agenda for the next meeting of Committee of Council, when it is hoped that some action will be taken, thereby ensuring that the Nfld. pensioner will receive a pension almost equivalent to their Canadian comrades. A letter was also read from the Deputy Colonial Secretary intimating that in the matter of a mother who lost one or more sons, that after careful consideration the Government could not see their way clear to change the pension act and grant the mother an allowance. Comrade H. A. Anderson moved that the Special Committee keep in close touch with the Government regarding the proposed increase for all pensioners until a satisfactory agreement has been reached. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, resulting as follows:

### Sachem Leaving Monday

S.S. Sachem, which arrived here yesterday from Liverpool, is expected to leave on Monday for Halifax. She will take the following outward passengers: C. G. Ross, S. K. Bell, Mrs. M. E. Bell, Miss E. B. Bartlett, R. H. Neilson, J. B. Keenan, J. C. Demers, R. H. Rowland, Miss C. H. Tanner, R. B. Brown, R. E. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Moring and G. C. Teverley.

J. G. Higgins, Capt. Anderson and Dicks were, however, unable to accept nomination owing to business and personal reasons and asked leave to withdraw from the election, and there being no other names put forward, Mr. J. G. Higgins was unanimously elected. The only office contested was that of Asst. Vice-President, for which Lieut. C. F. Garland and Petty Officer Kearley were nominated, and resulted in the election of the latter who held the same office during the past year. The presiding chairman, Capt. Byrne, congratulated the new President and the other officers on the honor conferred on them by their brother comrades and felt assured that they would do their utmost while in harness, and wished them the best of good luck during their period of office. The newly-elected President, together with his officers, were then installed in office. His speech was a very happy one and he thanked all the members for doing him the honor of electing him their President, and assured them that their welfare and the Association's would always be his first consideration. He could not too strongly urge all veterans to stand together and achieve their legitimate aims, without which support he felt that the Association could accomplish nothing. On the conclusion of his remarks he was loudly applauded. After passing a vote of thanks to Colonel Carty, Capt. Byrne and the outgoing Executive for their successful and helpful stewardship, the meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.



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