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VOL. I.

HALIFAX N. S., JANUARY, 1887

No. 1.

Written for the Hal. Phil.

THE STAMPS OF NOVA SCOTIA NEW BRUNSWICK, AND P. E. ISLAND.

BY C. F.

The Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island now known as the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, had previous to their confederation with the other provinces forming the Dominion in 1867, each a separate issue of stamps.

The earlier issues of the stamps of these countries have now become very rare, some of them almost unobtainable, and are only known to a great many collectors by what they see of them in Albums or Catalogues, therefore for the benefit of those Collectors we will try to give a description of them.

We will first consider the stamps of Nova Scotia; The first stamps used in this province were issued in 1857 and were of four values, viz.

1 Penny	Red-Brown.
3 Pence	Blue.
6 Pence	Green
1 Shilling	Violet.

The design of the 31, 61 and 1sh, are the same. Large square stamps, unperforated printed in colour on coloured paper, having a crown enclosed in a small octagonal frame, the top of which points towards the angles of the stamp are around the crown and octagon, eight pointed stars forming a circle. The outside points of four of the stars are cut off by the marginal frame containing the name. These four stars have coloured lines running through them while the other four contain each a

flower viz. The one at the top of the crown a rose at the bottom a mayflower (the emblem of Nova Scotia), at the right hand side a thistle, at the left a clover: plain disks containing the numerals of value at the angles, from each of which two curved lines extend, one each side of the stars containing the flowers and meeting a little above the centre of the other stars; on the four sides is the inscription *Nova Scotia (value in letters) Postage.*

The one penny is of much the same design the main difference being that instead of a crown in the centre as in the case of the others it has a portrait of Queen Victoria crowned with necklace and earrings, enclosed in a square with engine-turned ground set diagonally with the sides of the stamp the square being larger than the octagon it cuts into the circle of stars. The marginal frame containing the name is also smaller. This stamp was used mostly for local postage in the City of Halifax N.S.

Of the 31 there are two varieties, one dark blue on blue paper, the other light blue on light blue paper with dark blue border.

Of the 61 we have as many as three distinct shades (1) yellow-green on light green paper (2) Dark green on light green paper. (3) Dark green on blue tinted paper.

There are also two varieties of the one shilling mauve, and violet, while of the 1l. we do not know of any but the one.

A slight difference from the 31, shilling occurs in the 61, each of the letters in the words *Six pence Postage* have a fine line in color running through them.

The shilling as I have before mentioned has become almost unattainable on account of the comparatively few that passed through the post, two 61 or four 3d being generally used when the postage was of that amount.

In 1860 the currency of the country was changed from the old £. s. d. to dollars cents, a new issue of stamps being the result, at the time of the change a large quantity of the old stamps were lying in the post office at Halifax several offices for which were made to the Government by dealers, but they foolishly thinking that the dealers would put them to some illegitimate use, gave orders for them all to be burnt.

(To be Continued)

SOMETHING IN IT.

BY CLIMAX.

A good many persons think stamp collecting a very foolish thing because they can see nothing to be gained from it: This results from the fact that they know nothing about it. Stamp collecting is one of the most profitable and instructive pursuits in which one can engage.

1st It is profitable because as there are now such a number of collectors all of which are continually acquiring more stamps, the older and obsolete ones are ever getting rarer and demand a higher price each year.

Thus the dealers who buy in quantities from parties in all parts of the world and sell singly to collectors make a profit, and the collector need never lose as he can always dispose of a stamp for what it cost him.

When we remind these who are not acquainted with the value of stamps that the 1 shilling of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are worth from \$8 to \$12, and others such as "The Connell" "Battleboro" etc. are worth from \$100.00 upwards, they will readily see there is something to be gained in it.

2nd. It is instructive apart from being considered as a science, in a geographical point of view as every country that issues stamps, has some particular characteristic belonging to the country on them. Take for instance our own Canadian stamps, the moment one looks at one of them, he sees that it belongs to a colony of Great Britain, and knows its government. Take the Egyptian stamps, we see upon them a representation of the Pyramids, and one's imagination is carried back to the time of the Pharaohs, and the bondage of the Israelites, and we know that they must represent that country. Again if we take the stamps of the United States one will be able to trace its history, its form of Government and coinage, for on them we see the portraits of its Presidents, and many historic events.

Now parents assist your boys if they show an inclination to collect these little pieces of paper, and you boys endeavour to obtain all the instruction and good out of your stamp collecting that you can, and when your Pater or Mater are doubtful as to the existence or location of any place, bring into use your knowledge and show that the time spent in collecting these stamps, has not only been pleasantly but profitably spent.

THE INVENTION OF THE POSTAGE STAMPS.

A great amount has of late been said and written in all Philatelic circles and Publications in regard as to whom the right of invention of the postage stamp belongs, and still no definite conclusion has been arrived at. One writer advocates Sir Rowland Hill, another James Chalmers, another Dr. Gray and so on, until we have at least a half a dozen for whom the honour is claimed, now, they cannot all have invented it at once, some one of them must have been first, and from what we can gather of the subject, Mr. James Chalmers appears in our opinion to be the one.

A lengthy article lately appeared in *The Leader of New York* entitled "Monumental Fraud," in which it was stated that Sir Rowland Hill who for the last 50 years has been credited with inventing the adhesive penny postage stamp, and to whose memory a monument has been erected in London, had stolen the idea from James Chalmers of Dundee, giving the circumstances of the discovery as follows:—

"Mr. Patrick Chalmers, a wealthy Scotchman who for many years had been living abroad, read in a Dundee paper which had been sent to him by some relative that at the occasion of Sir Rowland Hill's death the local papers of Dundee had recalled the fact that on January 1, 1846, a public testimonial had been presented to Mr. James Chalmers, Mr. Patrick Chalmers' father, at the Dundee Town Hall, in recognition for his services as a postal reformer, the testimonial consisting of a silver jug and salver and a purse of fifty sovereigns. Mr. Chalmers, not knowing that his father had had anything to do with postal reforms, inquired into the subject. He returned to his birth place, the city of Dundee; and, looking over his dead father's long forgotten correspondence, he found ample proof that his father had printed experimental stamps from ordinary type in August, 1834.

A sheet of these stamps, was sent to the commission then taking evidence in different parts of London with a view to reforming the postal system.

Rowland Hill was at that time in London. He had been recalled from Australia, and was waiting for some other political job to turn up. Accidentally making the acquaintance of one of the postal commissioners, he came into the possession of the material gathered by them, and, sharp, shrewd politician as he was, he conceived the plan of pushing himself to the front, and into office again by carrying out the recommendations of the commission. He wrote a pamphlet on uniform postage rates, using the facts and figures elicited by the commission, had the same printed and distributed it among the members of Parliament.

Mr. Chalmers proving to the satisfaction of the Town Council of Dundee the truth of the forgoing, they passed the following resolution:

Considering the proof laid before us by Mr. P. Chalmers, regarding the origin of the adhesive postage stamp, "this Council are of opinion that it has been conclusively shown that the late James Chalmers, bookseller, Dundee was the originator of this indispensable feature in the success of the reformed Penny Postage Scheme, and that such be entered upon the minutes."

The proof of Hill's fraudulent claim has been conclusively established. In August, 1834, James Chalmers had made in his printing office at Dundee, experimental adhesive stamps, printed in sheets, gummed and ready to be cut off and used separately as occasion required; he had communicated his plan pretty generally, at the time and subsequently, to the many parties with whom he was associated in advancing postal reforms, and seems to have promulgated his views in a printed circular fully explaining the plan, which is identical with that adopted and now in use. This was accompanied by samples of the proposed stamps.

The plan was then sent to Mr. Hill, in London, and adopted in December, 1839. Mr. James Chalmers, on again writing to Mr. Hill about his invention, is coolly informed (January, 1840) that he (Hill) had himself proposed the adhesive stamp in 1837 before Mr. Chalmers. Mr. Chalmers in reply expressed his surprise, enclosed Mr. Hill's letter of 1838, and contenting himself with the only satisfaction he had had in this, as well as former suggestions, all original with him, was, that these have been adopted, and have proved beneficial to the public. Awaited that tardy justice which after nearly half a century now begins to acknowledge his claim to the world.

The intended inscription upon Hill's monument was left out by the Mayor of London upon the proof being furnished

o him by Patrick Chalmers that Hill was not being what he had for forty years represented himself to be. But the general public do not, as yet, know that Sir Rowland Hill was a fraud, because the capitalistic press of England refuses to make these facts known. THE LEADER is the first daily paper which has fully set forth the truth in this matter. Let the workingmen's papers in England follow suit, and copy this article for their readers, that they may agitate for the removal of the fraudulent monument.

From the above article we should say that Sir Rowland Hill will have to take a back seat, but as this is only one side of the story, and as Sir Rowland's character may perhaps be painted in colors a little too dark, we will not be too harsh upon him, if the above statements are true, a great part of the fault lies with Mr. Chalmers in not asserting his right at a time when he could have easily done so, and thus saving the world from all this trouble now of finding out the right one, which however should be done as. All Honour to whom Honour is due.

We are deeply grieved to learn of the death of Mr. L. M. Haulin the well known editor and publisher of *The Capital City Philatelist*: His loss cannot help but be greatly felt in all circles of Philately. He was a very able writer and Editor, as shown by the success to which his paper attained, in all business matters he was thoroughly honest, and in private life a perfect gentleman.

The Postmaster General of Canada in his report of 1885. Showed that there were 7 084 Post offices throughout the Dominion with 50,461 miles of post route an increase over 1884 of 247 new post offices established with 3 336 miles of new post offices routes. The entire postal revenue was \$2,400,062.08 and the expenditure \$3,097,882 49. There were 3,960,000 register letters posted and

of these 220 miscarried from various causes. The Revenue of the Halifax offices was \$46,282 89 expenditure 54,753. 68.

Mr. L. W. Durbin, has kindly consented to take charge of our New Issue column, and we are very glad that it is in such good hands, Mr. Durbin is as we all know a standard in regard to all philatelic points as well as one of the largest dealers in America, he has built his business up during the last seventeen years, from a small capital of \$25 until now it has reached immense proportions, one motto he has always kept in mind "Never put off till to-morrow what can be done to-day." We tender him our best wishes for this the first of another year, and hope that his present success may long continue.

GRAND DRAWING.

In order to give this paper *The Halifax Philatelist* a wide circulation, we have decided to hold a Grand Drawing on the 20th of February 1887. When the following splendid prizes will be drawn for.

- 1st. priz: One 6d. Nova Scotia stamp [1857]
- 2nd. priz: One 1d Nova Scotia " " [1857]
- 3rd. priz: One set Nova Scotia stamps [1860]
- 4th. priz: One 31 Nova Scotia " " [1857]
- 5th. prize One set of 10 Newfoundland stamps.

A chance to obtain anyone of these prizes will be given to every one who subscribes to our paper before the 20th of February next.

The price of our paper is only 25 cents per year, the same as most all the Philatelic publications; we do not charge any thing extra for the chance for a prize, all you will have to do is to enclose us 25 cents in U.S. unused postage stamps and your name will be put down on a list and numbered as received, on the day ap-

pointed for the drawing the numbers will be written on small pieces of paper, which when folded will be placed in a small box. A committee of gentlemen who will be chosen to superintend the drawing will hire a boy, who having been blindfolded will put his hand into the box containing the numbers from which he will draw one; and the person whose name corresponds on the list with the number drawn will obtain the first prize, the next prize will then be drawn, and so on until all are disposed of.

An account of the Drawing with the names of the winners and the names of the gentlemen forming the committee will be published in the March number of this paper.

Send at once 25 cents and have your name put on the list, and you will get the *Halifax Philatelist* for one year and a try for one of the above splendid prizes together with a Newfoundland stamp to every subscriber, all for 25 cents. This is an offer no one can afford to miss, and will only remain open until the 20th of February next.

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We are deeply grieved to see the vast amount of enmity which exists between some of our best papers; In a science like Philately such should not be, instead of everlastingly going for one another and calling each other hard names, they should strive to pull in unison, it does neither any good to Philately or to the papers at variance and only helps to degenerate both. If we were in the political arena where there are two sides to the question then it would be excusable for to be anything we would either have to take one side or the other, but in Philately there is only one end aimed at to make Philately an elevating science, and as the Philatelic press ought to be the chief instrument used in doing this, we should all strive to help one another.

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WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY
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It is with feelings of pleasure that we make our appearance before the Philatelic Public, especially the collectors of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, whose interests we sincerely hope to benefit; before undertaking the publication of *The Halifax Philatelic*, we gave the matter great consideration, and we came to the conclusion that to forward the interests of the collectors of the Provinces a good Stamp Journal was the main thing needed.

In the United States and in most all other countries, nearly every city and town containing a dozen or more collectors is represented by its Stamp Paper and here in the Dominion where there are a great number of most ardent collectors, there are only one or two such Journals.

We intended to have made our appearance about the first of last September and indeed advertised to that effect, but owing to unavoidable circumstances, we were unable to appear so we delayed it until the first of the present year,

We are glad to be able to say that so far we cannot complain, a large number of the important dealers seeing that THE HALIFAX PHILATELIST would to a great extent cover a new field, have favored us with their advertisements, and we intend if possible to repay them for their confidence. Thousands of sample copies will be mailed, prizes and premiums will be offered, and everything that can give the paper a wide spread circulation will be done. We also intend to enlarge it and devote more space to Exchange Notices and Correspondence so that subscribers may also receive the full worth of their money.

Our future therefore looks bright, and if the collectors in whose interests we appear will give us their support, we will promise them a good return for their favors.

We beg leave to call attention to our Grand Drawing advertised in another column; the prizes offered are well worth the price of a try, which is only 25 cents, apart from a subscription to the paper. But when the two are combined and you obtain in connection with a subscription to THE HALIFAX PHILATELIST for one year, a try for one of the valuable prizes given by us, also a Newfoundland stamp free, we would say that any one not sending us 25 cents as soon as possible would be doing a very foolish thing.

Exchanges will confer a favor on us by sending two copies, which we will be happy to reciprocate.

To any parties forming a club of five and sending us one dollar (\$1.00) we will send five copies of our paper for one year, and put the names down for five tries in our Grand Drawing.

As will be seen our rates for advertising are very low. This is done because we want to give advertisers a chance; they will not always continue as low, so now is the time to give us a standing advertisement, as it will pay you in the future.

The question was asked us the other day, "Why don't Halifax have a Philatelic Society the same as most other cities? Surely there are enough collectors? And the only answer we could give was, "There are hundreds of collectors but they want bringing more together, and that we are going to try to do."

Collectors think over the matter and let us know what you think of starting such a society. It cannot help but benefit you.

In answering advertisements collectors will confer a favor by mentioning this paper.

EXCHANGES.

We have received *The Cumberland Collector* *The Stamp World* *The Youths' Ledger* and *The Philatelic Journal of America*, for November, *The Philatelic monthly* and *The Empire State Philatelist* for December.

A Holiday number of the *Philatelic Journal of America* will be issued having a circulation of 25,000 copies. Editor Mekeel deserves great praise for the energy he displays in pushing his paper.

The Stamp World for December has just arrived and is as good as ever.

The Young World another paper from New York is to hand it is a fine little pamphlet and is worthy of good patronage.

Another new one comes to us from Chicago *The Western Philatelist*, it contains a large amount of good philatelic reading. its support comes chiefly from the Chicago Philatelic Society and therefore should do better than other papers which that flourishing city has endeavoured to furnish. We do not know which of the three Messrs Gadsden Bradt or Wolsjaffer is the editor, but consider from the spicy way in which his editorials read that he is a man worthy of the position, we wish them luck in their enterprise.

The Philatelic Herald Nos. 9 and 10 combined has also been received.

We have been informed upon good authority that a new issue of Stamps from 1 to 10 cent will shortly make their appearance in Newfoundland.

Our thanks are due to Mr. S. B. Bradt, Sec'y of the *American Philatelic Association* for a copy of the official circular we think the A. P. A., a grand institution and hope to see it made a success, one thing we especially endorse, the forming of branch Societies. The Sec'y. would further confer a favor on us by sending us a copy of the Bye-laws.

An automatic postal box is being put up on the lamp posts in Brooklyn. By dropping a cent through the proper slit a Postal card and pencil are brought up, so that a note may be at once written. If a postage stamp is wanted the dropping of two pennies will bring that to view. Postal letter envelopes are also supplied in the same manner. These convenient boxes are already in use in London.—*The Stamp World*.

One thing has evidently been left out in the manufacture of these self-running post offices that is a place where you could drop in a nickle and secure a cigar so as to have comfort in writing your note.

ODD NOTES.

Mr. J. A. Craig of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, informed us that not long since he obtained a genuine Connell stamp of New Brunswick on the original envelope.

Canada is at last to have a new series of post cards; we have not as yet heard of the design, but suppose they will have the portrait of the Queen on them.

The late Mr. Geo. E. Anderson, son in law of Mr. Connell of New Brunswick was an ardent Philatelist, he had among other rarities the complete sets of Nova

Scotia and New Brunswick including the Connell, many of the first issues of Newfoundland, Ceylon, British Guiana Victoria and others too numerous to mention. The collection is now in possession of the family, who prize it very highly.

Philadelphia is to have another paper *The Keystone State Philatelist*, it will be edited and published by Messrs. E. R. Durborow, A. F. Henkels and H. S. Jeanes. We wish them all success in their undertaking.

The new 1 cent United States post card has been received, it is printed in black on white card. having Franklyn's head side face, in centre at top, contained in a circle. It is of much better design than the last. A new 2 cent stamp is chronicled to appear shortly.

We had the pleasure of seeing quite a curiosity the other day in the shape of an original envelope with a one shilling and sixpence and two one penny Nova Scotia Stamps attached, all properly post marked. The happy possessor was Mr. C. Wesley Price of Plymouth, Michigan, who secured it while travelling through Nova Scotia.

A parcel post has lately been inaugurated between the Dominion of Canada and Great Britain at rates averaging between 30 to 50 cents per pound, limit of weight 3 pounds. If you want to send a parcel to the United States you have to pay for it as a letter at the rate of 3 cents per half ounce. Rather steep is it not.

We notice in *The Family Herald* of Dec. 1st the following: "A very extraordinary collection is that of M. de Ferrari. He has spent upwards of £60,000 in acquiring old postage stamps of all nations! and his collection now fills a large room. It requires the continual services of two librarians to arrange and catalogue the hundreds of thousands of

specimens which M. de Ferrari has procured from every part of the world, during the last 25 years." (Guess he must have a few duplicates.)

Mr. E. Smith of Halifax has lately tried the experiment of sending a p.c. around the world, to see in what time it could be done, and we believe he has succeeded in lowering the record. The card was addressed to the British Consul, Madras, India, via San Francisco and Japan and requested him to remit it as soon as received to 57 Spring Garden Road, Halifax via Bombay and England. It was posted at Halifax Sept. 10th arrived at Madras Oct. 14th was remailed Oct. 15th reached Bombay Oct. 18th Sea P. O., Oct. 22nd and was received at Halifax on the morning of the 23rd Nov. having made the circuit in 73 days.

BLACK LIST.

We intend to publish in this space in every succeeding number a list of all Philatelic frauds, such as dealers who sell fraudulent stamps and dishonest collectors who do not make returns for approval sheets they receive. We are grieved to see the amount of fraud that is carried on in this our favorite study, which does more to hinder its progress and discourage young collectors than anything else. If we wish to make Philately an elevating science we must root out all the evil, and the *Philatelic Press* must be the chief instrument used. We are glad to see that some papers and writers are not afraid to denounce individuals whom they know to be frauds, but the great majority are allowed to go free. The case of Horace C. Jones whose trial took place Oct. 23rd ult. at St. Paul Minn. an account of which appears in Mr. C.H. Makeel's ably edited *Journal*. The P. J. of A. will we hope be a lesson to others of that class, for although Jones was acquitted it was just a mere chance that he escaped a severe punishment. Therefore we want all honest Philatelists to give us their help by handing us the names of parties who have defrauded them.—(Ed.)

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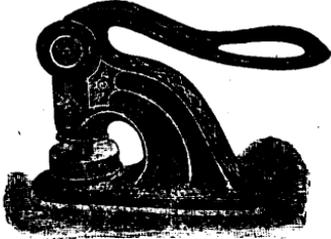
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