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The Auction Sale.

Away back in the mediæval ages of stamp collecting, about the first plan devised by stamp dealers to dispose of their wares, was the price list. This style of doing business was much improved upon by the approval sheet method, and as stamp collecting assumed greater proportions and at length attained a recognized position in the world, the approval sheet system suffered to a considerable extent by the method of disposing of stamps by means of auction sales.

The Philatelic public is, at the present time, so familiar with the auction sale, that an explanation of its *modus operandi* would be entirely unnecessary here. The value of such sales to the stamp fraternity at large cannot be overestimated. It affords to the dealer the best opportunity of disposing of his wares for cash, at their highest cash value. By means of the auction sale the collector is able to purchase many desirable stamps, not according to some so-called "standard" catalogue, but according to the law of supply and demand, which law is universally acknowledged as the only true criterion by which the value of an article can be equitably ascertained. And in this connection I might say that it is a noteworthy fact that the leading catalogues of the present time, are now quot-

ing stamps according to the prices realized by their sale at auction, instead of quotations being made according to the number of certain stamps a particular dealer may have in stock. The most prominent dealers have found out that their catalogues must be governed by, but cannot govern the market.

A department in our philatelic societies, which has been much needed, and, in the societies in which it exists, has been much neglected, is an auction department. If a good auction department be conducted in connection with a philatelic society, the members of the society will be in the enjoyment of a great boon indeed. While the exchange department may afford an excellent opportunity for the exchange of stamps, it does not give to the member who desires to dispose of his stamps, immediately and for cash, those opportunities which are offered by the auction department. In several local societies with which I have been connected, the periodic auction sales formed one of, if not, the principal features of the organizations, and I do not think that I am overstepping the bounds of truth in saying that, if it were necessary to abolish either the exchange or auction department in any of the societies referred to, and the matter went to a vote of the members, the result would be almost

unanimous in favor of the auction department.

Although the auction sale is a "good thing" it is not, however, to be supposed that the vendors of stamps simply employ this method as a means to give away stamps at a small fraction of current prices. A would-be purchaser who expects to be able to purchase stamps at an auction sale at about one-fifth of catalogue prices, will speedily be dispelled of this bright illusion. About as "nervy" a young man as ever came beneath my notice was a bright youth of Chicago, who at an auction sale held recently by a Toronto gentleman, sent in bids on about 60 lots of British North American stamps at prices ranging anywhere from one-tenth to one-fifth of catalogue. Needless to say the dealer did not sell him all he had listed for auction and then enquire if he could not dispose of all the remainder of his stock of good old Canadas at these prices.

J. E. WELDON.

Canada Counterfeits.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

As in many other counterfeits these are printed on thick, smooth paper, which does not admit of good perforation, and by the use of too much ink they appear somewhat blurred. With the aid of a magnifying glass many differences can be detected in the individual stamp. In the 2½d. 1861 a gouge is noticed just below the hair, the eye is imperfect, the eyelid solid, the background is uneven and there is no separation between the upper line of the hair and the background. In the word *British* the letter *t* is lower than *Bri* and *ish*. The perforation on the sides comes nearer to the impression than it does on the top and bottom.

In the issue of 1865 the lips, eye and crown of the Queen's head are imperfect and there are blotches at the bottom of oval and at extreme right. In the word

Vancouver *e* is contracted and *n* expanded, and in the word *Island*, the letters *an* are expanded and *d* resembles an *o*. In the word *five* the spaces between the letters are of unequal length.

The 1868-9 issue consists of different values surcharged on the three-pence type of 1834 which was printed in various colors. In the counterfeits, the block is heavily worked, and the design faint. The ornamental work in the corners is defective, the letters are imperfect and in the crown there are four jewels on the right and six on the left. In the surcharge the spacing in the word *cents* is unequal. Cancellations, not post-marks, are always found on these counterfeits. The 1831 issue is generally heavily obliterated by the cancellation to conceal the defects. Maximilian Mantret, who was recently arrested in New York for having counterfeit Haytian stamps, is reported to have had a large quantity of forged British Columbia stamps. It would be interesting to examine them, as they would differ from the above counterfeits.

J. B. SIMPSON

Stanley Gibbons Catalogue

A REVIEW.

Next to his stamps, the dearest object to a collector is his catalogue, both from a useful as well as a monetary point of view. It is a pleasure to a collector beyond the embryo stage to scan the list of new prices and see his "luck," or, as is mostly the case, to see the advance in lines he could have bought for "nothing" —or next to it.

Stanley Gibbon's 1895 catalogue comes to hand, and whether it will fill the niche its publishers hope, remains to be seen. Collectors accustomed to Scott's will, in our estimation, prefer the latter's arrangement and illustrating. Canada is the only country we propose to notice, and it will be of value to note a few advances.

CANADA.

VOVE. Description	GIBBONS.	
	New	Used
10p, blue	\$25 00	\$7 50
6p, (shades) from \$5 to...	—	8 00
1-2p, rose.....	6 25	3 00
1-2p, perforated.....	12 50	6 25
3p, "	15 00	3 75
6p, "	50 00	30 00
1859, 10c, violet (shades) 50c to		1 85
1868, 1c, brown-red, laid paper		17 50
" 8c, red "		4 00
8c, registered, blue....	1 75	2 50

These stamps are in Canada proper. Nearly all the other values remain as in Scott's 55th. We noticed that Gibbons' thinks the 1859 issue 12½c. green (25) and 17 cent blue (75) are not worth what Scott now has them. If any stamps are really scarce, these two varieties are, and dealers here willingly would buy all Gibbons has at his quoted figures. Ten cent violets (1859) are catalogued in three shades, and advanced from 35 cents (Scott) to from 50c to \$1.85. These stamps are priced much above their true value. We also notice that watermarked stamps are not catalogued—probably an error. In the provinces there is very little difference from Scott in prices, and where changes are most noticeable lies in Newfoundland issues.

In other countries, unused issues show marked advances, and collectors who hitherto have made a distinction in favor of used stamps, when catalogued at same figures, will have reason to regret their error—from a financial point of view. United States stamps show some large advances in this respect, in some cases being 100 per cent. over Scott.

In closing, we may state it is hardly fair to compare Scott with Gibbons, as the former will have a new edition out in a few months, and by that time a better comparison can be made. However, Stanley Gibbons' catalogue shows where we are drifting, and will be closely studied by the earnest collector.

Our Collections.

To look within the covers of an album is to understand the man owning it. This is a case of many a collector. In the majority of cases we find the stamps mounted in an ordinary printed album, and this arrangement is far from pleasing to an artistic eye. One would think that by this time few would paste their stamps into an album, and yet to-day will be found collectors who still adhere to what is a poor policy. Not only does it in many cases warp the paper, but also causes much trouble to the collector who re-mounts it after years, the paste causing the stamp to crimp, and also a stamp is frequently destroyed in endeavoring to remove the gum.

Nothing so pleases one as to see a collection neatly mounted on stiff white paper or card board, or better still, on a tinted cardboard. Arranged in odd ways, nice clean stamps, when shown to one's friends, are sure to impress them favorably, and sometimes is the means of adding another collector to our ranks. Let every collector remove all paper from his stamps. Press them out perfectly flat, mount with a small hinge on white space, and his collection will possess an interest that in many cases is now lacking.

A. WILLIAMS.

Never soak the stamps of Native India, early Russia or Russian Levant, but lay the reverse side on a wet cloth and the paper will easily peel off. Be very careful not to handle the face except on the edge, as damp fingers will remove the water colors, which are used in the printing of these stamps.

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Editorials.

Private Post Cards opens up a new line of collecting, and it will not be long before many will be in pursuit of this new, if not interesting, fad.

This is the season of the year when dealers begin to use their judgment on stamps likely to advance. In Canada it is surprising with what unanimity certain stamps are seized and held by their owners who are firm in their belief that THESE stamps will advance in next catalogue. For instance, in Toronto, some dealers believe in 12½c green, 17c. blue, and 8c. registered. Another holds pence issues, and it is reasonable to believe that were a "find" of these stamps to come to light, sorrow would reign in some dealer's bosoms.

Whose catalogue will now be used — Gibbons' or Scott's? A dealer having the former will be loth to send out stamps that have advanced, and collectors will hardly buy by Gibbons if Scott is their catalogue. Wise collectors will use their judgment, as many stamps priced low in Gibbons are sure to advance in Scott's and *vice versa*.

Richard Doidge, of Galt, Ont., is advertised as a fraud in a number of stamp journals. He had an advertisement in the September issue, but paid for same in advance. From a personal interview with him some time ago, he stated he was going home to England, where he came from two and half years ago. When seen, he was passing through Toronto for Montreal, and by this time well on his journey — provided he went there.

A Hand-book of the Sons of Philatelia will shortly be issued by Mr. R. M. Miller, and will contain a list of members, and the constitution and by-laws of the society.

Mr. T. S. Clark, of Belleville, reports large sales from his "ad." in last month's issue of this paper, and has a bigger one this month. Success only comes to enterprising dealers, and advertising is one of the best ways to reach the public.

Every collector wants the 56th edition of Scott's catalogue. This year it will advance on all previous editions, both in information and pricing of stamps. It will be issued about 15th of December. We will send it, postpaid, and this paper for 12 months for 65 cents. American readers will receive catalogue direct from New York. Canadian subscribers cannot do better than order through us. Address, CANADIAN PHILATELIC MAGAZINE, 7 Ann St., Toronto.

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Owing to absence of Secretary-Treasurer, his report will not appear until next issue.

Ottawa Philatelic Society

The members of the Ottawa Philatelic Society held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening, October 2nd, at their rooms, No. 51 Sparks Street. Mr. N. C. Sparks, the retiring president, occupied the chair and reports for last year were presented. The secretary treasurer's report showed a balance of \$10.97 on hand and a membership of over twenty five. The exchange superintendent reported a business transacted in his department during the past year to the extent of over \$500.

The election of officers for this season resulted in the selection of the following: President, H. P. Crumell; vice-president, R. H. Hunter; secretary treasurer, C. N. Robertson; exchange superintendent, A. F. Sladen; members of the executive committee, N. C. Sparks, J. P. Nutting and C. P. Powell.

An informal discussion took place upon the plan of work for this season, and some of the members exhibited some of their recent acquisitions in the stamp line. Three new members were received

during the evening. Meetings will be held every first and third Wednesday in each month.

The first meeting points to a very successful season. The society will be glad to receive communications on subjects of mutual interest. Such may be addressed to its secretary treasurer, Mr. C. N. Robertson, P. O. Box 464, Ottawa, Ont.

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Never soak the stamps of Japan or Austria, as owing to the thick and greasy quality of the gum, the stamps are usually in worse condition after soaking than before. We state this for the benefit of those soaking large quantities, who might thoughtlessly throw some thousands into a basin of water to soak, and as a result have a rather difficult task on their hands. A single specimen can be soaked with considerable attention; after the paper has been detached from the back, carefully wash all the gum from the back, this will prevent the stamp from curling up and becoming as good as useless.

Wise and Otherwise.

It would be the hardest possible matter to give anything like a correct estimate of the number of collectors in Canada to-day. We are meeting men every day who have collections of from two thousand to ten thousand varieties that have dealt with perhaps, one dealer exclusively, have never belonged to any society, and are almost unacquainted with the rest of the philatelic world. Anyone who travels through any part of the continent would probably find it the same. It seems to bad that we are numbering the membership of our national societies by the hundreds, when a little persistent effort would change it to thousands. What a wealth of philatelic knowledge is being thus ostracized and kept locked up that would add immeasurably to the interest of our hobby if it were disseminated. It seems, sometimes, as if we are really keeping ourselves back by our lack of cementability and fellowship that ought to be our chief characteristic as philatelists, it rarely seems to obtain.

There are thousands of men and women in Canada to-day who wrote letters 40 years ago, that will appreciate as a personal experience the following clipping. The date referred to is 1856.

"It was no joke writing a letter in those days. It cost one shilling and three half-pence (about twenty seven cents) to send a letter from Brockville to Toronto, and the farther it went the more it cost; and people used to find out if any person was going to Toronto, and keep their letters waiting till he went. He would take them, and Her Majesty's mails would not be both-

cred at all, He would be bothered. He would deliver them and make lots of acquaintances and the people began to think they were all one family.

But the Grand Trunk Railway was built. Mr. Weller's stages were run off. Her Majesty found out it was foolish to charge so much a mile for a letter, and charged the same for all letters no matter where they went. Nobody was asked to carry letters. Nobody fell into a bevy of friends when he came to Toronto. Nobody seemed to care anything any more for anybody and we got into civilization!

And in comparison to the foregoing I quote the present postal rates:

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I notice Scott's catalogue dates the ribbed varieties of Canada, 1888. Mr. W. J. Wells informed me the other day that he had a number of values of the same dated 1884 and 1885. He also has a specimen of the six cent ribbed dated 1887. This value is not catalogued.

JEP.

Our Exchanges.

We acknowledge with thanks, receipt of the following journals:

Rocky Mountain Stamp; Pipestone Philatelist; Post Office; Evergreen State Philatelist; Philatelic Journal of Great Britain; Eastern Philatelist; Springfield Philatelist; Northern Philatelist; Bay State Philatelist; The Stamp; Washington Philatelist; Philatelic Era; Seneca Philatelist; Meekel's Weekly; Philatelic Californian and Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser. Any paper not here mentioned is owing to the fact that no copy has been received.

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4 10c, 1890, used	100	33 " 50c blue, good	2
5 4c, 1890, used	100	34 " 1852, 3p, fine	10
6 Set due proofs	7	35 Pair unperf Canada Bill Stamps (30c) 2nd issue	2
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11 1890 issue, fine	11	40 Law Stamps, green, asst.	50
12 Columbian, 1 to 50c, fine	11	41 British Columbia 3p, corner damaged	1
13 " envelopes, set entire, used, fine	4	42 P. E. I. unused, all fine	8
14 1870, 3c green, unperf, origl cov. fine	1	43 New Brunswick, 5c green, unused ..	25
15 1870, another of same wide mar, also a perf. copy	2	44 Canada 1-2c black (small)	300
16 Canada bill stps, 3rd issue, asst.	200	45 " Canada 20c verm used	5
17 Mexico, 10c red	100		
18 Australia, asst.	500	Miscellaneous.	
19 Japan, asst	500	46 Collection of birds eggs	1 00
20 Egypt 5pi, red	100	47 International Philatelist, vol 1, 8 numbers	8
21 Newfoundland 1/2c black	100	48 Stamp papers	10
22 " 3c slate	100	49 Electrotpe 12 1/2, New Brnswk ..	1
23 Canada 1st issue post cards	100	50 " 1p, triang, Good Hope ..	1
24 Canada 5c green, registered	300	51 Post office, vol II, complete	12
25 " 2c red	100	52 " vol III, complete	12
26 " Gas Inspection, asst	50	53 Canada scrip (25c), strip of three ..	3
27 Foreign post cards, cat. \$1	—	54 Scrip (25c) pair	3
28 Canada 8c slate	100	55 Canadian Journal of Philately, vol 1, Nos. 1 and 2, with plats	2
29 " 6c brown	100	56 Another of same, no plates	2

SOME BARGAINS.

Buenos Ayres, 1860, 1p, rose, used.	\$	1 00
Canada, 1852, 3d, wove, thin p, pair on cover		40
“ “ 3d, “ thick p, on cover, fine		20
“ 1858, 3d, ribbed p, on cover, fine		1 25
“ “ 3d, perf, ribbed p, fine		10 00
“ 1859, 5c vermilion, double strike, fine		13 00
“ “ 1c pink <i>ribbed</i> , pair, double perf		10 00
“ 1870, 1c brown red, strip of 3 on cover, fine		40
“ “ 1c yellow, on cover, fine		20
“ 1875 5c olive green, strip of 3 on cover, 1 damaged		60
Ceylon, 1883, 4c rose, C A, strip of 3, unused, very fine		2 50
Conf. States, 1863, 2c rose, on original cover, very fine		3 00
“ “ 10c perf., on original cover, very fine		6 50
“ “ Mobile, 5c blue, on original cover, very fine		7 00
Great Britain, 1841, 1s. plate, 1 cut to shape, and 2d white p, unperf, on cov		40
“ “ 1s plate 2, cut to shape, and 2d bl p, perf. 16 on cover.		60
“ “ 6d cut to shape, and 2d bl p, perf, 16, on cover		60
“ 1865, 1s heraldic flowers on part of cover		20
“ 1867, 1s spray on part of cover, plate 4		15
“ 1890, 1d, Jubilee, envelope unused, entire		50
Hawaii Island, Env. 1893, prov. gov't, 1, 2, 5, 10 entire, unused		80
Hong Kong, 1890, 5d on 10d, 2 of 30c green and 10c red, all on part of cov, fine		3 75
New Zealand, 1864, 1sh yel green, perf wmk N Z, on cover, fine		5 25
Queensland, 1866, 4d gray, no wmk on cover, fine		2 00
St Lucia, 1892, ½d on half of 6d (2 unsevered copies), and 1d on 4d, all on cover, fine		2 00
St Lucia, 1892, same as above, with ½d green and 1d lilac, all on cov, fine.		2 00
Switzerland, 1850, 5 rap, blue p, no frame, used, fine		75
Two Sicilies, 1858, 20 gr. lake, used, slightly damaged		1 00
United States, 1851, 5c brown unprf, with part of imprint, fine		7 50
“ “ 10c green unprf, on part of cover, fine		55
“ “ on entire cover, fine		60
“ 1855, 10c green perf, on cover, fine		30
“ 1862, 5c chocolate, fair		75
“ 1869, 6c blue on cover, fine		50
“ 1888, 90c purple, block of 8, used, fine		6 00
“ 1890, 90c orange, fine		55
“ “ 90c orange, pair, fine		1 30
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