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The Postman's Knock



"EXCELSIOR."

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, May 1, 1866.

INTRODUCTORY.

We have much pleasure in presenting to the timbrophilic public, No. 1 of Vol. 1 of the **POSTMAN'S KNOCK**, and we hope that it will be a success. We presume we can hardly call it a newspaper as we charge nothing for it. It is more in the nature of a Stamp Circular with this distinction that we advertise other persons besides ourselves. We do not issue it for our own personal aggrandizement and are willing to give all American dealers a chance as well as our own firm. The trade must be kept up and we do not want it all to ourselves. We claim no special merit for our publication and expect no great or flattering notices; but we intend to keep our readers posted in all matters concerning Postage Stamps as far as lies in our power. We have no connection with any other publication and shall not take any share in Editorial quarrels which now are or hereafter may be pending. Our simple object is to give a brief synopsis of passing events that we deem will be interesting or valuable information, and for this object we respectfully ask the support of the North American Stamp Collecting fraternity.

Advertisers will oblige by reading through carefully our terms before sending their favors, and the different Stamp periodicals are requested to exchange.

NEW STAMPS.

Lengthy notices of new varieties cannot, from our limited space, be expected; but we will try and make ourselves understood in a few words.

SAINT KITTS.—An English contemporary states he has seen essays for this country. They are printed in four colors, viz.:—Blue, Black, Green and Brown, and resemble in appearance the Postals of St. Lucia, being an oval band containing the words **St. Kitts and POSTAGE.**

PRUSSIA.—There are two new values for this locality, 10 Silb Gr., and 30 Silb Gr. They have a figure in the centre indicating value; are perforated and said to be for use on registered letters.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—There is a new 13c. congenerical to the provisional 1c., 2c. and 5c. of these Islands.

HAMBURG.—The 2½ schilling is changed in color from Dark Chrome to Light Green.

NORWAY presents us with a 3 skg. mauve, same design as present issue.

UNITED STATES.—A value entirely unrepresented in our collection of this country has appeared, viz: 15 cents. It is rectangular in shape, printed in black on white paper, and perforated. The device is the bust of the late President Lincoln in an oval frame, **U. S. POSTAGE** in an arch above, and **FIFTEEN CENTS** below. There is a figure 15 in each of the upper corners, and **U. S.** in the lower, and the spaces between the sides of the stamp are filled with ornamented pillars. It is beautifully engraved, and we pre-

sume is the work of the American Bank Note Company.

HOLSTEIN greets us with a new 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ schilling stamp: inscription HERZOGTH HOLSTEIN; printed in deep Violet with a colored inscription.

The Stamp Collectors Monthly Gazette is now one year old. Since its commencement it has enlarged its size and greatly improved its appearance. If we would presume to advise we would suggest that records of Editorial differences are not interesting to the general reader, and useless controversy is far from edifying. With this one drawback we cannot too highly commend the enterprise and ability of its Editor, who at great expense gets the latest information up to the hour of going to press—who pays for expensive engravings and who employs a lady authoress to write him what we consider a first class story—"Waif" (the *non de plume* of the "layde fayre,") is probably about the most talented authoress in the Province as her various writings testify.

We call attention to the advertisement of W. F. Moses, Yarmouth, N. S., who is a prompt and honorable dealer. Also, be kind enough to peruse the notices of Albert C. Killam of the same place. Mr. Killam owns one half of this monthly, and deserves credit for his advanced views in going into a gratuitous paper as this is, it being borne in mind that an affair of this kind costs a great deal more money than advertising in all the stamp papers of the day would. We hope that an increased business will repay Mr. K. for his kindness to his customers and to stamp collectors.

The Mercury, is the name of a paper devoted to timbrophily which was advertised to commence on May 15th. We have not yet seen it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

San Francisco, Jan. 29th, 1866.
Editor Postmans's Knock:

Allow me to call the attention of your readers to the following stamp new to the many catalogues in existence but not new in point of issue. I allude to the Adams & Co. Express of this city which failed some years ago. The stamp in question is rectangular, having for its centre the head of Haskell, the manager of the concern. Over the head are the words "Adams & Co." and in each of the four corners, as well as on either side of the head, is the value 25 cts. This stamp was used to prepay letters between this city and New York and has long since been out of use.

I know of but *three* being in existence and all are in the hands of collectors here.

I give this information hoping it may prove of value to your numerous readers whose good will and regard I wish to secure, and to promote this UTILE DULCE amusement, and am

Yours respectfully,

L'ESPERANCE.

The following address was written on a letter posted at the Saint John Office last January:—

I make this deposit,
For John Byron Cossett,
Of Digby, N. S.—

Through the sleet and through the snow
This envelope must go;
(Though the sailor wet his jacket)
By the next out going packet.

We would feel obliged to Mr. A. B. Mason, of Chicago, if he would send us a complete file of his Journal. Also, to Mr. Olcott for a full set of the "Curiosity Shop."

Send for The Excelsior Stamp Association Price List, which, with one Foreign Stamp, will be mailed to any address, on receipt of 10 cents.

Could any of our readers favor us with a copy of "The Canada Stamp Collectors Record."

General Grant took Vicksburg and General Wolfe took Quebec, but the only Generals taken account of by Stamp Dealers is a General Assortment.

Several swindling Dealers will receive our kind attentions unless they abandon the paths of deception and act more honorable in the future.

Upwards of 670,000,000 letters were posted during the year 1865 in Great Britain.

Monsieur Pierre Mahe has our thanks for Le Timbrophilie.

The Excelsior Stamp Association

WOULD call the attention of collectors to their Excelsior Packets—the finest ever issued on this Continent. Our 5c. packet contains 10 varieties of used Stamps; our 10c. packet contains 20 varieties of used Stamps; our 25c. packet contains 40 varieties of used Stamps; our 30c. packet of obsolete Stamps contains 25 varieties; our 25c. packet of Colonials contains 20 varieties; our 40c. packet of mixed Stamps contains 100; our \$2.50 packet of mixed Continentals contains 1,000; our \$1.00 packet of mixed used and unused Colonials contains unused Stamps of Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, together with a 3d. N. B., 3d. N. S., and a great many others, the best ever offered to collectors. All these packets and a great many others will be mailed on receipt of price. All you have to do is to send the list of what Stamps you want, and we will mark their prices and return you the list or send the Stamps on approval. The above prices are all U. S. CURRENCY. All Stamps sold by us are warranted genuine.

W. H. DALY,

Box 243, Charleston, Mass.,

DEALER in all kinds of American and Foreign Postage Stamps. Send \$1.00 U. S. money for his Packet of 80 Foreign Postage Stamps, containing no two varieties of the same stamp, and no English, French, or North American. New Brunswick stamps wanted. Address as above, stating price per 100.

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THE Excelsior Stamp Association quote the following prices of unused Stamps as a sample of their prices:—Antigua 1d., 6c.; Austria 2 kr., 8c.; 3 kr., 10c.; News-paper blue 15c.; Baden, land post, 1 kr., 8c.; Bahamas 1d., 8c.; Barbadoes, green 5c., Bavaria 1 kr., 8c.; Belgium 1c., 4c.; Bergedorf set of 5, 50c.; British Guiana 1c., 9c.; 2c., 12c.; 4c., 20c.; Cape of Good Hope 1d., 10c.; Ceylon ½d., 6c.; Ceylon envelope 1d., 10c.; 2d., 20c.; 4d., 40c.; Chili 1 centavo, 7c.; Confederate States 5c., 5c.; 10c., 10c.; Costa Rica ½ real, 20c.; Grenada Confederation 1c., 6c.; Greece 1l., 4c.; 2l., 6c.; Hamburg Boten, complete set of 116. for \$1.50; Hong Kong 2c., 10c.; 4c., 18c.; Malta ½d., 6c.; Mauritius 1d., 10c.; New Brunswick 3d., \$1.25; Newfoundland 1d., 8c.; 2d., 15c.; 3d., 20c.; 2c., 8c.; set present issue \$1.50; set old issue \$3.00; Great Britain envelope 1d., on white or blue paper, 8c.; New South Wales 1d., 10c.; Nicaragua 2 centavo, 20c.; Nova Scotia 1d., \$1.00; 3d., 75c.; Ottoman Empire, new issue, green, 10c.; Ionian Islands, set of 3, 35c.; Egypt, complete set of 7, \$4.00; Prince Edward Island 1d., 5c.; 2d., 10c.; 3d., 13c.; 6d., 25c.; 9d., 30c.; set of 5, 65c.; Queensland 1d., 10c.; Romagna, set of 9, \$2.50; Russia 1 kop, 6c.; 3 kop, 9c.; 5 kop, 12c.; Poland Env. 3 kop, 20c.; St. Helena 1d., 10c.; St. Lucia, red and black, 10c.; St. Vincent 1d., 10c.; Sandwich Islands 1c., 8c.; 2c., 12c.; 5c., 20c.; 2c., (head) 15c.; Spain, official set of 1854, 50c.; set of 1855, 40c.; Tasmania 1d., 10c.; U. S. (N. Y. P. O.) black, 75c.; Wells, Fargo & Co., set of adhesives, \$2.50; Venezuela ½ rl. yellow, (1859) 15c.; ½c., (1863) 10c.; 1c., 15c.; &c., &c.

Collectors will bear in mind that the above are marked in UNITED STATES' CURRENCY.

THE EXCELSIOR STAMP ASSOCIATION

HAVE on hand several thousand Colonials which they are willing to exchange for good mixed Continental Stamps. English and Continental dealers sending lots for exchange, and stating price per rate of exchange, will have their stamps sent by return mail if prices suit—if not, will have their stamps returned by same mail.

S. ALLEN TAYLOR,

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COMPLETE set of Greek Stamps—comprising 7 varieties, only 20 cents U. S. currency, and all Genuine.

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their orders to the subscriber, he will
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now in use in the countries named,
charging a small commission.

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Stamps of which they wish to get rid,
will send them to the subscriber, he will
sell what he can of them, and remit the
proceeds in Stamps or Cash, as required.

As the subscriber intends to establish
a regular Commission Business, both
dealers and collectors will find it to
their advantage to patronize him.

ALBERT C. KILLAM,
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

THE GREAT NORTH AMERICAN STAMP EMPORIUM.

Postage Stamps! Postage Stamps!

W. F. MOSES, Yarmouth, Nova
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large and varied stock of Foreign and Colo-
nial Postage Stamps, which he will sell at a
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burg, French Colonies, Hong Kong, Portu-
gal, Natal, St. Helena, Lubeck, Moldavia,
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Ceylon, Wurtemberg, Hanover, Oldenburg,
Prussia, Bergedorf, Mauritius, Newfound-
land, Nova Scotia. New Brunswick, Prince
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