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## UNITED STATES.

1847	5c brown (orig cov. 60c)	50
	5c brown, unused	4 25
	10c black, Washington	2 80
1851	10c green	1 80
	5c brown, very fine centered copy	9 01
1855	5c brown, type II	1 50
	5c red brown, type I	4 50
	10c green	3 25
	21c lilac, a snap	3 25
1861	21c unused, og	2 50
	10c green	8
	10c green, unused	1 25
	30c orange	40
	90c blue	3 00
	5c brown	25
1862	2c Jackson, unused	40
	5c red br w/c (chocolate), unused, o	12 00
	g, cat 50 00	65
	1c blue, grilled	18
	2c black	50
	10c green	50
1869	1c buff	13
	2c horseman	13
	2c horseman, unused	75
	3c blue, unused	70
	6c blue	55
	6c blue, unused	2 25
	10c yellow	70
	15c brown and blue, picture framed	1 35
	21c, fair copy	4 75
	21c, extra fine copy	6 00
	30c, fine	2 75
1870	10c brown, grilled	5 00
	Executive Department, 1c "specimen"	2 00
	Agriculture	1 00
	State	2c
	Justice	6c
	Post Office	10c
	Interior	40c
	*Interior	10c
	Navy	30c
	10c, Continental print, unused, og	2 00
		70

## CANADA.

6d	bright violet, fine margins	4 50
6d	dark violet	3 50
8c	blue registered, very fine	1 75
2c	vermilion registered (cat 25c)	7
3c	(1885) laid	2 20
1852	3d wove	20
1852	3d unused	2 50
1853	3d ribbed, a bargain	1 80
1853	3d wove	2 10
	Pair of same, fine	6 10
1853	3d perforated, fine	6 00
	3d	1 80
1859	1c pink (per 10, 60c)	7
	2c pink, unused, og	2 00
	Same, used	75
	10c violet	35
1859	10c red lilac	40
	10c violet, pair	1 15
	12c green	1 25
	17c blue	1 05
1868	4c, 3c, 6c, 12 c, 15c, cheap	40
	2c green (per 10, 70c)	8
	1c wmk	1 50
1875	5c olive green	45

1880	20c red (unused, 25c)	10
	50c blue (unused, 58c)	19
1881	3c wove envelope	1 00
1860	5c envelope, entire	1 5
	10c brown, entire	2 50
Nova Scotia	3p on cover, fine margins	1 25
	Same, off cover	1 00
	6d, orig cover, fine copy	9 00
	5c blue (per 5, 75c)	17
	10c red	1 40
	12c black	1 20
	1d red, magnificent copy	6 25
	5c blue, unused, white paper	5 00
Newfoundland	4d lake, used	3 00
	6d lake, used	3 00
	63d lake, used	8 00
1863	*4d and 6d, the two	1 10
	*63d	2 30
	1d red brown, used	4 00
1876	2c green	60
	10c black	75
	13c orange	75
	1c lilac	1 00
1876	3c blue	50
	1c brown	60
	2c green	60
	5c blue	50
	24c blue, used	40
1889	Different varieties (5)	10
British Columbia	5c red, used	2 75
	10c blue, used	3 40
	3d used	75
New Brunswick	2c orange, per 100	1 50
	17c black, 1 er 100	10 00
	same, per 50	6 00
	5c green, per 100	1 10
*Prince Edward Island	2d	12
	2d used	30
*	3d	12
	3d	50
*	4d	12
	3c rose, used	1 40

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	\$30 purple, cat \$85	12 00
	\$10 blue, cat \$10	4 00
	\$20 yellow, cat \$20	6 00
	\$30 vermilion, cat \$30	10 00
Quebec Rez	set 3, cat 1.50	35
Quebec License	\$2 brown	1 00
Quebec Assurance	3c, cat 75c	25
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A LITTLE HISTORY.

There are a great many issues of stamps which have a history unknown to the average stamp collector. It is very interesting indeed to know the cause or reason why such and such an issue was brought into use, and since there have been a large number of what are to the uninterested, uncalled for changes in the issues of the stamps of Canada since their first appearance in 1850, I shall in this short article endeavor to give a list of reasons for the most prominent issues and varieties.

The 12 pence was issued to prepay letter postage to Great Britain but was in use only for a short time when the postal rates were greatly reduced, and the 6 pence sterling stamp was put into use, This value being a British denomination was equal to  $7\frac{1}{2}$  pence in Canadian currency, a shilling being equivalent to one shilling and three pence of Canadian currency.

These early issues (1851-57) are records of the transition state of the monetary systems of the then Province of Canada, the stamps in many instances showing the decimal as well as the old currency. At this time if the letters were sent through the United States the postage was 8 pence sterling or 10 pence Canadian currency, which was cause for issue of the last mentioned denomination in 1855. A year or so later, the rates for postage to Great Britain, not changed, the  $7\frac{1}{2}$ d green stamp was introduced.

When the decimal currency dollars and cents) were adopted the 6 pence sterling —  $7\frac{1}{2}$  pence currency, was

changed to  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c (1859) green. The 8 pence sterling—10 pence currency—was represented by the 17 cent (1859) blue; it was in this year the monetary denominations were all changed.

In 1862 during the course of the civil war in the United States, some trouble arose between that country and Great Britain which required the presence of British troops in the Province of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, for a very uncertain length of time, and as these troops were brought from the British Isles, where it was customary always to allow soldiers' letters to go or come, to or from any part of the world at the rate of one penny per half ounce; the privilege was demanded by the two or three thousand men sent here. The various Governments decided as they none of them had a stamp of the denomination required—two cents—new dies should be obtained, which very soon resulted in the issue of the 2 cent of the respective Provinces. Strange as it may seem not one hundredth part of these stamps which were issued specially for the purpose were used as letter postage, the soldiers preferring to use the 5 cent stamp which contained a representation of the emblem of Canada, the beaver. This was a rather strange affair as they had to pay five cents in cash for that stamp, as only the 2 cent was kept at the regimental post-offices; but maybe they took a fancy for the beaver.

The stamps of the Prince Edward Island to many seem to be odd in denomination, but the fact that the currency not only differed from that of Great Britain but also from the rest of Canada as it

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were ; the shilling of the island province was only worth about 8 pence sterling, and in the decimal currency issues the denomination had to be higher to be on a par value with the other provinces.

The shilling of Nova Scotia, commonly known as the Halifax shilling as also the Halifax currency, was only equal to 20 cents Canada or 10 pence British, New Brunswick being so near Nova Scotia used the monetary values, mostly altogether of the latter.

The 5 cent 1875 issue of Canada was caused not to take the place of the 5 cent 1860, which was used as prepayment to letters only in the province, but as rates per half ounce to Great Britain.

FRANK H. BEST.

SOME ADVANCE PRICES.

GAMBIA, AFRICA.

1869			
4d brown	6 00	6 00	
6d blue	10 00	6 00	
	Wmk Crown and CC		
4d brown	8 00	6 00	
6d blue	6 00	6 00	
1880	Wmk Crown and CC.		
	Perf		
½d orange	30	30	
1d maroon	30	30	
2d carmine	60	60	
3d blue	75	75	
4d brown	1 50	1 50	
6d blue	3 00	2 50	
1sh green	17 50	15 00	

GIBRALTAR.

	Wmk Crown and CA.		
1886	Perf 14.		
½d green	10	50	
1d rose	15	25	
2d violet-brown	2 00	2 50	
2½d blue	1 50	50	
4d orange	3 00	3 50	
6d violet	5 00	6 00	
1sh yellow-brown	17 50	18 50	
1886			
2d brown-violet	60	60	

2½d blue	50	12
4d orange	2 00	3 50
6d violet	4 00	5 00
1sh bistre	10 00	10 00
1889		
25c on 2d brown violet	65	
25c on 2½d blue	30	15
40c on 4d orange	1 00	1 25
50c on 6d violet	1 25	2 50
75c on 1sh bistre	2 00	2 00
1889		
75c olive	1 00	1 00
1p light brown	1 75	1 75
5p steel blue	2 50	2 50

GOLD COAST.

Wmk Crown and CC.

1875	Perf 12½.	
1d blue	15 00	7 50
4d mauve	5 00	5 00
6d orange	6 00	3 00
1879	Perf 14.	
½d bistre	1 50	1 50
1d blue	50	25
2d green	1 15	50
4d mauve	1 00	35
6d orange	1 50	50

Wmk Crown and CA.

1884-91		
½d bistre	15 00	3 50
1d blue	75 00	4 00
1889		
5sh lilac and blue	2 25	1 00
10sh lilac and carmine	4 00	2 00
20sh green and carmine	60 00	
1d on 6d orange	5 00	2 50
20sh brown and black	8 50	5 00

JAMAICA.

Wmk Crown and CC.

1871		
1d blue	25	5
2d rose	75	3
4d vermilion	3 00	40
6d lilac	1 25	12
1sh brown	50	15
½d maroon	20	8
	Wmk Crown and CA.	
1883	Perf 14.	
1d blue	3 50	25
2d carmine	6 00	25

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### LABUAN.

Wmk Crown and CA. sideways.			
1879	Perf 14.		
2c green		18 00	25 00
6c orange		10 00	12 50
12c red		50 00	40 00
10c blue		3 00	10 00

Wmk Crown and CC. upright.			
1880-82			
2c green		50	1 75
5c orange		3 00	7 50
8c red		1 35	1 60
12c red		7 50	10 00
16c blue		3 50	7 50
8c on 12c red		15 00	18 00
8c on 12c red		11 00	20 00
8c on 12c red (eight cents)		1 15	5 00

### LAGOS.

Wmk Crown and CC.			
1874-75			
Perf 12½.			
2d blue		4 00	1 50
3d brown		6 00	2 50
4d rose		7 50	3 00
6d green		6 00	1 25
1sh orange		20 00	3 00

1875			
Perf 14.			
1d lilac		1 25	85
2d blue		1 00	85
4d rose		18 00	1 25
6d green		2 50	1 25
1sh orange		25 00	7 50

1882			
Wmk Crown and CA.			
1d lilac		30	30
2d blue		12 00	1 85
3d brown		1 50	60
4d rose		12 00	2 00
1sh orange		1 50	1 00

1885-6			
2d gray		75	75
4d lilac		2 00	1 25
2sh 6d olive brown		35 00	
5sh blue		50 00	
10sh brown violet		100 00	

## THE STAMPS OF BULGARIA.

The latest issue, the notorious Baby Boris series consists of four values, 1s dark green, 5s dark blue, 15s mauve

and 25s red. Design: Coat of arms in center; above inscription on rounded band; at top, another inscription on dark ground; at bottom, in center, figure of value in circle; ribbons on each side with Russian characters thereon.

Three values of unpaid letter stamps have been issued from 1884 to date. Design: Figure of value in center in circle, surrounded by Russian inscription; inscription also at sides and at top and bottom ruled off; open space filled by pearls and branches of leaves. The values are, 5s orange, 25s crimson and 50s blue.

These appeared with large wavy perforations in 1884, imperforate in 1886, and perforated 10½ and 11½ in 1887.

In 1894 the 5s orange appeared re-engraved, differing but very little from first issue. It is also to be found on pelure paper.

The 50s blue was surcharged "30" in 1895. This surcharge will be found on both imperforate and perforated 11½ issues.

The 25s re-engraved, perforated 11, made its appearance a few months ago.

Having considered its postal emissions let us take a glance at the history of the country.

The Romans were unable to conquer the original inhabitants of the present Bulgaria, and the Grecian emperor, Anastasius, built a large wall in A.D. 507, in order to keep them out of his domains.

In the seventh century the Bulgarian, a people of Tartar origin, conquered, the country and founded the Bulgarian kingdom. The conquerors soon lost their language and customs and adopted those of the Slavs they subjugated.

The Bulgarian kings were continually taking part in the struggles between the Grecian emperors and the Russian chiefs, sometimes on one side sometimes on the other. In 1018 the monarchy was under the suzerainty of

the Byzantine empire. In 1185 King Asan declared the country independent of Constantinople, which resulted badly for it, as the kings of Hungary demanded that it should accept their protection. Upon the refusal to accede to this demand, a long war followed, which left Bulgaria in such a weak condition that it fell easily into the hands of the Turks when they made their appearance in Europe.

From 1392 until 1879 it was a province of the Turkish empire, and during that time retrograded lamentably. The "unspeakable" Turk distinguished his rule here, as elsewhere, by mal-administration and oppression of the worst kind.

As was the case with Roumania, Bulgaria owed its deliverance from the Turks to Russia. Emperor Alexander II came to the rescue of the Christians of Turkey and tributary states in their struggle for liberty, and the Russia-Turkish War of 1877 resulted. As this ended disastrously for Turkey, the demands of Russia for reforms in the Balkan states were granted to a large extent.

By the treaty of Berlin, Bulgaria was made a tributary principality of the sultan with a Christian government, a national militia and the right to make its own laws. A prince was to be elected by the people and confirmed by the porte with the consent of the powers. That portion of Bulgaria south of the Balkans was to have a Christian governor appointed by the sultan, to serve for a term of ten years, this appointment to be confirmed by the powers.

Alexander of Battenburg, brother of the late Prince Henry of Battenburg, was elected prince in April, 1879, and duly confirmed. Things did not run smoothly in the new state, however, Ministerial crises and internal dissensions of all sorts embarrassed the government. The inhabitants of South Bulgaria, that part under the Turkish

governor, were constantly clamoring for union with the principality. The efforts of the national party to bring this about and the repeated interference of Russia in the affairs of the country, caused continual uproar.

The fact that Russians were in possession of positions in the cabinet and in the civil and military service was a severe blow to the national pride. The national assembly opposed the foreign officials, and as the prince did not support them, the Russians gave up their places and left the country. This resulted in very strained relations between Russia and Bulgaria.

The South Bulgarians revolted, made their governor a prisoner and invited Prince Alexander to rule over them also. He accepted and declared the two portions of the country united. This action was, of course, contrary to the conditions of the Treaty of Berlin, but rather than provoke another war, the porte allowed matters to remain as they were, and while South Bulgaria nominally belongs to Turkey, it is really in the hands of Bulgaria.

The enlargement of Bulgaria was observed by Servia with jealous eyes, and that country declared war against Bulgaria in 1885. The Servians received a good drubbing in the short campaign that followed, but no change was made in the conditions of the countries.

In spite of these successes, Prince Alexander's government did not get on well, and various conspiracies against him were discovered. Finally he was kidnapped by Russian agents and taken to Russia. He returned to Sofia later, and was received by the people with enthusiasm, but as it was impossible for him to obtain the good will of Russia, he resigned his position and left the country.

Prince Waldemar of Denmark was offered the vacant throne, but declined with thanks, for which action he was certainly not to blame. After search-

ing around Europe for a suitable prince, the sobranje elected (1887) Prince Ferdinand of Coburg, the present ruler.

His has not been a bed of roses since that time, as the powers have never confirmed his election, and it can truly be said that "uneasy sits the head that wears the crown" in this case, as the crown has never been very steadily set upon it.

The assassination of the patriotic ex-minister, Stambuloff, some months ago, reflected very badly on the government, as it is believed that the murder was instigated by it. Stambuloff was the foremost man of the new Bulgaria.

As mentioned above, Prince Ferdinand is now trying to get into the good graces of the St. Petersburg government. Whether he succeeds or meets the same fate as Prince Alexander remains to be seen.

The sobranje is a representative body, being elected by universal manhood suffrage for a term of three years. Each 100,000 inhalitants are represented by one member. The executive power is invested under the prince in a council of six ministers.

The estimated area of Bulgaria proper is 24,350 with a population of over 3,000,000; that of Eastern Romenia (South Bulgaria) is 13,500, with a population of 950,000. The capital, Sofia, has over 30,000 inhabitants.

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Italy—A special post card will be issued to commemorate the marriage of the Prince of Naples.

Jamaica—The Postmaster has issued an official document wherein he states that he will accept  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a penny stamp in pre-payment of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  penny rate of postage.

Great Britain—The 10d. has been surcharged 4 pi. for use in the Levant.

Labuan—The 25 and 50c and \$1 North Borneo, have been surcharged "Labuan" for use there.

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