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A Monthly Journal for Stamp Collectors.

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At Saint Stephen, N. B.
Canada.

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Cat. price	My price	Cat. price	My price
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1869-1c "	75	2c Exp orange	10
1872-24c "	2 00	2c Prop "	3 00
1890-90c "	85	5c Express	10
any used "spec'l del.	05	20c For. Express	25
*10c org. "spe."	20	25c Bond	20
30c rd-brn dl.	00	25c Li c Ins.	40
30c claret dl.	00	50c Foreign Ex	60
2c Interior	10	50c Conveyance	25
90c postice	2 50	2.50 In. Express	10
*War 10c, 12c,	"	2c 2nd issue	05
15c, each	30	20c "	35
*24c War	75	1.50 "	40
*30c "	35	2.50 3rd issue	75
50c " used	25	* = Unused.	33

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*Hamburg envelopes, complete.....	" 7.....	5c
Roumania, 95, 1 to 25, (large).....	" 6.....	4c
Belgium Sunday stamp, with coupon.....	" 2.....	1c

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British Columbia, 1866, 3 p blue, used.....	1.00
Great Britain, 1865, 9 p straw, used.....	3.00
Brunswick, 1865, ½ gr (green) blue.....	1.00
Brunswick, 1865, 2 gr blue (pair).....	1.20

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DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

OF THE

Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes, Postal Cards, Etc., of British North America.

BY ARTEMAS.

CANADA.

Adhesive Stamps.

[Continued.]

Variety, imperforate.

58. 2c rose.

Stamped Envelopes.

1860. Head of Queen Victoria to left in plain oval frame inscribed "Canada Postage" above and value in words below; stamp embossed in upper right-hand corner; white laid paper, watermarked "Ca.—P.O.D." in two lines; size of envelope 140 x 83 mm.

Yellowish white paper.

101. 5c vermilion.

102. 10c brown.

103. 10c vermilion (error.)

The 10c vermilion has but lately come to light, and we believe that the only known copy is in the collection of a Montreal philatelist.

Bluish white paper.

104. 5c vermilion.

105. 10c brown.

In 1868 these envelope stamps were reprinted on pieces of white wove and buff laid paper and on envelopes, white and buff laid, watermarked "U. S. P. O. D." These reprints were made by Mr. Nesbitt, who at first manufactured the envelopes for the Canadian Government. Among these reprints a second type of the 5c is found. This seems to be from a die which was prepared but rejected. The stamp is larger and the head smaller than on the die which was approved.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Adhesive Stamps.

1868-69. Head of Queen Victoria to right in a circle; "Canada Postage" above and value in words below; numerals of value in lower corners, except on $\frac{1}{2}$ c stamp which has " $\frac{1}{2}$ " between "Half and "Cent" below circle; the 1c stamp has an extra figure "1" between "Canada" and "Postage" above circle; the 3c stamp has numerals in all four corners; details of scroll work, etc., differ for each value. Engraved in *taille douce* on various papers; perforated 12. The size of the $\frac{1}{2}$ c is $17\frac{1}{2}$ x $21\frac{1}{2}$ mm., of the other values 20 x $24\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

White wove paper.

1. $\frac{1}{2}$ c black.
2. 1c brown-red.
3. 2c green.
4. 2c deep green.
5. 3c red.
6. 3c rose-red.

7. 6c yellow-brown.
8. 6c dark brown.
9. 12½c blue.
10. 12½c dark blue,
11. 15c red-lilac.
12. 15c lilac.
- Thin grayish white wove paper.
13. ½c black.
14. 1c brown-red.
15. 2c green.
16. 3c red.
17. 6c brown.
18. 12½c blue.
19. 15c lilac.
- Bluish wove paper.
20. ½c black.

Paper watermarked with makers name, "E. & C. BOTHWELL, CLU-THA MILLS," about 20 stamps in each sheet showing part of watermark.

21. 1c brown red.
22. 2c green.
23. 3c red.
24. 6c brown.
25. 12½c blue.
26. 15c lilac.

We believe the ½c stamp does not exist with above watermark.

Laid paper.

27. 1c brown-red.
28. 3c red.
29. 15c lilac.

1869. A change of color in the 1c value.

30. 1c yellow.
31. 1c. orange.

Variety, imperforate.

32. 1c yellow.

(To be continued.)

Detroit Notes.

The Detroit Philatelist has not been heard from for some time and the probabilities point to a change in ownership.

Mr. Howard C. Beek, deputy city controller of Detroit, is now doing business as "The Michigan Stamp Co."

The annual meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Association was held at its rooms in the Cowie building Monday, December 6th. About thirty were present and much interest was manifested. The secretary's report showed an increase in membership, making a total membership of forty-seven. The treasurer's report showed a good balance in the treasury. The annual election resulted in the following offic-

ers being chosen:—President, Free-mont Woodruff; vice-president, Thos. Farmer; jr.; secretary-treasurer, Howard C. Beek; executive committee, Messrs. Bates, Porte, Aikman and Begg. Mr. Lewis Rice then gave a very interesting talk on fractional currency and its connection with stamps, illustrating the talk with his own magnificent collection. Few have the pleasure of listening to such an instructive address as that given by Mr. Rice and we regret that we are not able to reproduce it in full for the benefit of our P. M. readers.

Two well known Detroit collectors intend entering the dealers' ranks in a short time.

Although auction sales are held in nearly all of our large cities, Detroit has had none yet to our knowledge, except the impromptu ones held at the society meetings. There are plenty of stamps and plenty of buyers in Detroit and we fail to see why a well conducted auction should not be a success.

The new Detroit post office is at last opened to the public. It has been under way for ten years and is a beautiful stone structure occupying an entire block and is elegantly fitted up. The new office is not quite so central as the old one, but it would have been an impossibility to have secured enough ground where the old office stands, as it is on the Wall street of Detroit.

We recently received a postal from a youthful Detroitier offering for sale a magnificent collection of 450 varieties, including a complete set of Ecuador, many from Spain, Italy, Africa, South America and others equally rare. If I were in the market for good collections he solicited an offer on the above. Needless to say we were not in the market.

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Halifax Notes.

The stamp business is dull here at present. This is not unusual at this season of the year, as collectors usually engage their attention with other matters until after the festive season.

The fate of "The Halifax Magazine," published by A. M. Muirhead of this city, is uncertain. Neither the November nor the December number has appeared, and it is not likely that they will. I quote the following from the "Weekly Era": "Among twenty papers of Canada until now enjoying second class mailing rates and which the postmaster thought we could do without and accordingly withdrew the mailing privilege, I find the name of the Halifax Philatelic Magazine."

We have had quite a large number of new issues in North America lately. First came Canada with her Jubilee issue, then Newfoundland with the Cabot set (also the recent surcharge of that colony) and finally the new Canadian issue which as yet has not been placed on sale at the post office. The United States is also contemplating a new issue.

That worthy and astute man Mr. Mulock is contemplating another idea for raising the postal revenue of the country. He intends instead of allowing merchants to put an advertisement of their business on private post cards free of charge as before, to charge them for the privilege. Whether this will come into force or not is a matter of question.

Meekeel's Weekly of the ninth inst., contains the following clipping from Stanley Gibbon's Monthly Circular, part of which I reproduce.

"For it seems that \$3.50 is the highest amount that can possibly be paid upon a packet in Canada under existing regulations." Postmaster Blackadar when interviewed in the interest of the *Messenger* said that he has known packets bearing stamps to the value of \$12.00 to be forwarded from this office and that a packet bearing five dollars

worth of stamps is an occasional if not frequent occurrence.

It is reported that two post office officials while destroying some old documents dated back as far as 1850 found pasted on a legal document 20 old Nova Scotian shilling stamps. As Scotts 57th catalogues them at \$140.00 each it is a find of no small importance. F. B. REYNOLDS.

Holiday Bargains.

- Mexico 1884, 50c, unused.....12c
- " set of six10c
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Notes.

We have been notified by the postmaster general that we cannot be permitted to publish representations of Canadian or British stamps. We are therefore obliged to omit the cuts in our B. N. A. catalogue.

The 1, 2, 5 and 6c stamps of the new Canadian issue have made their appearance since our last number was printed. The colors are: 1c green, 2c purple, 5c dark blue on bluish, 6c brown. They are all of the same design as the ½c black.

Owing to the illness of the publisher and other circumstances which we could not control, this number of the *Messenger* is behind time, but we hope to have future numbers out in better season, and trust that correspondents and advertisers will send copy as soon as possible after receipt of this issue.

Advertisements and premium offers have taken up so much space this month that we are compelled to omit several of the usual features of the paper. We will try to make up for the omissions next time.



Newfoundland Provisional

A good deal has been written concerning this now celebrated stamp. We give our readers a cut of it this month. As far as we have been able to ascertain from Newfoundland correspondents, and those who have seen sheets, or rather half-sheets, about 1000 half sheets of 50 stamps each have been surcharged. Four rows in each sheet, or 40 stamps, were surcharged in Rom. Antique type—"ONE CENT." Eight stamps in the bottom row were surcharged in Old Style Antique, "ONE CENT." The remaining two stamps, to the right of the bottom row, were surcharged in Gothic—"ONE CENT." This would give 40,000 stamps of the commoner type, 8,000 stamps of the second type and 2,000 stamps of the rarest type. From these figures it will be readily seen that the second and third types are desirable stamps to have.

Since writing the above, we find that 10 stamps were surcharged in *red*, and 35 in *black and red*.

Massachusetts Items.

The American Collector's Company has secured the services of Geo. L. Toppan, secretary of the Boston Philatelic Society, as its Boston representative. Other Massachusetts agents are Lowell, Samuel Burbank, Haverhill, Herbert A. Chase and Springfield, F. Newell Chapin.

We have been greatly interested in the rivalry manifested by Boston dealers as to who will first place new issues upon sale. The first week in this month was marked by the appearance of two new issues from Newfoundland, and Frank P. Brown seems entitled to the honor of the first exhibit. The new six cent Canada has also appeared.

The two values from Newfoundland are one cent red, Queen Victoria, and two cent orange, Prince of Wales. The latter forcibly emphasizes upon one's mind the fact that very many years will not elapse ere that likeness will be frequently met with. Mr. J. A. Lyons informs us that in all probability no further new issues will be permitted by the powers that be, but that, with the exception of these issues, the old set in use prior to the jubilee issue will be resumed.

The following applications for membership in the New England association have been posted: I red S. Smith, 98 Milk street, Boston; J. Favrel Capron, 43 Milk St. Boston, and Chas. H. Smith, Dedham, Mass. Mr. Capron is the genial manager of the Boston Stamp Co. The association now numbers 74 members in good standing.

A. W. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Company has recently made a trip to Montreal by way of Portland, returning through New York state and stopping at various philatelic centres. It is almost needless to add that he took a few treasures along with him.

The auction sale of B. L. Drew & Co. on December 9th was largely attended, dealers as well as collectors being rep-

resented. The large stock of the Granite State Stamp Company of Newmarket, N. H., was among the attractions of the evening. Prices as a whole were low, many desirable lots selling way below wholesale figures. A few prices follow:

	Cat. Sold	price. for.
U. S., New York, 5c,		\$3 00 \$4 00
do 1851, 12c, unused		25 00 5 50
do 1856, 24c		5 00 1 75
do 1856, 90c, o g		27 50 11 50
do 1861, 90c		4 00 1 75
do 1869, 24c, unused		20 00 1 75
do Interior Dept., complete set used		7 22 1 30
do Justice, 21c, used		20 00 5 25
do Navy, 7c, used		10 00 1 50
Canada, Jubilee, unused, o g face value		16 22 15 50
Canada, 1882, 15c, o g; block of 16		4 80 2 40
Mauritius, 1819, 6d, used		10 00 2 30
New Brunswick, 5c, sheet of 100		5 00 1 00
do do 10c, sheet of 100		40 00 7 50
do do 17c, sheet of 100		25 00 5 00

The price paid for the New Brunswick will be interesting reading for *Messenger* subscribers.

Franklin E. Smith, the Newton dealer, is publishing in the *Eastern Philatelist* a very interesting series of articles relating to his trip abroad last summer.

The Colonial Stamp Company will hold an auction sale on Tuesday evening, Dec. 21st, in Elk's hall, Boston. Two 'gilt edge' sales are contemplated for January, one by the above mentioned firm, and one by B. L. Drew & Company. Mr. Drew is very enthusiastic. Said he:—'We have \$10,000 worth of stamps and not a damaged one in the lot.'

The Old Colony Philatelic society has elected these officers for 1898:—President, David Smiley; Vice President, Melvin T. Estey; Secretary, S. W. Shephard and Treasurer, Wilfred W. Skinner.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15th.

BURNHAM.

Scott's 58th.

Our review of this standard Catalogue must be kept over for next month, when we propose devoting considerable space to it. Enough to say here that the catalogue improves with every edition.

Montreal Notes.

The announcements made by the Hon. Mr. Patterson, that after 1st January next the postage on letters from Canada to any part of the British Empire will be three cents an ounce, is another intimation to the British people in all parts of the empire that the Dominion of Canada is not only desirous of cultivating the most friendly relations, but that in order to do so she is prepared to make sacrifices. This action on the part of Canada will, no doubt, lead to reciprocal concessions from the British Government and colonial governments as well. The action of Canada's Government will be an addition to the events of the Jubilee which cannot fail to deeply impress the Canadian people as well as those of the Empire.

At a meeting of La Chambre de Commerce of this city, a resolution was unanimously adopted thanking the Postmaster General for having taken the initiative of reducing the postage to the whole British Empire.

There appears to be a boom in stamp business here. The dealers seem well pleased. Perhaps this is due to the approach of Christmas.

The two cents and five cents new issue came out on the 13th inst. in the rural post offices. I enclose an envelope received that day by one of my friends, with the 2c stamp on it. You will notice the design is the same as the 1/2 cents, the color being dark violet; the 5 cents being dark blue on bluish paper.

- 1897. 1/2c black.
- 2c dark violet.
- 5c dark blue (bluish.)

The six cents rich brown chronicled, in Mekeel's Weekly 363, has not yet made its appearance here, though it is expected some time next week.

A notice was posted at the post office on the 10th inst. in regard to the advertising on the front of the post card. This privilege will be highly appreciated by all commercial people and should result in the increased popularity of post cards.

ATLAS.

That Stamped Envelope.

Some of our subscribers have not received their premiums because they have neglected to send a stamped and addressed envelope. Without this no premium will be sent. Subscribers in the United States and Newfoundland should send an addressed envelope with a 3c stamp *in* it instead of *on* it. Subscribers in other countries may send 40c, which pays for subscription, premium and exchange notice.

Advertisers, remember that annual contract for space in this journal may be made before January 20th at 25c. per inch each insertion. Please sign contract and send copy at once.

U. S. PLATE NUMBERS AT A BARCAIN.

	CAT. PRICE.	MY PRICE.
1890 Plate No. 21, .03	\$.75	\$.35
do do do 72, .03	.60	.30
do do do 24, .30	3.50	2.50
do 3c. purple, unused	.06	.05
do 30c. black, unused	.60	.40
Columbian Envelopes, unused, whole, 2c.		.05

With every order of \$1.00 or more I will give a Canada 6 cent new issue or a 1/2 cent on order of 50 cents or more.

Money order or Registered letter. No stamps taken except in Foreign orders under 50 cents. Postage extra with orders under \$1.00.

FRANK E. PARKS,

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SPECIAL SALE OF SETS.

- 9 Var. N. Borneo.....20c
- 20 different Match and Medicine Stamps..55c
- 1 to 10 U. S. Columbian.....15c
- Good Approval Sheets at 60 per cent. discount.

WM. H. MATLOCK,

Springfield, Ill., U. S. A.

IF you would like some 'hot' approval sheets send to us.

France 1863, 5 fr.....35c. cat. \$1.00

PAUL CLINE,

Box 191, Tippecanoe City, Ohio.

Wanted: Used Jubilee Stamps of Canada and Newfoundland in Exchange.

For every 10 Jubilee stamps sent me in good condition, I will give an entire U. S. stamped envelope in good condition, catalogued at 15c. For 20 I will give an entire envelope catalogued at 35c; or 6 unused Cuban stamps; or a \$10 Confederate bill. Any quantity taken. Send 5c for catalogue of 150 varieties of old paper money. Address, J. E. HANDSHAW, Smithtown Branch, N. Y.

Toronto Notes.

Among the visitors to Toronto during the past month were E. A. Marris and P. K. Moore, they both having accompanied the 13th Battalion of Hamilton on their recent visit to the city. Edmund L. Smiley of Boston and Captain E. F. Wurtele, president of Canadian Philatelic Association, were also among the philatelic visitors.

The Colonial Stamp & Publishing Co. has opened up offices here at 24 Louisa street. They will publish The Colonial Stamp some time in January.

The Boys' Own Philatelist has made its appearance from Berlin, Ont., by the Ontario Philatelic Co. It's not so bad.

Wm. R. Adams has moved his quarters from Ann and Adelaide streets to 401 Yonge street where he will carry on the stamp dealing and publishing, printing and stationery business.

The Postmaster General has made arrangements whereby Canadians will be able to send a letter to any part of the British Empire at the uniform rate of three cents per ounce instead of 5 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce as heretofore.

A deputation of Toronto business men will wait upon the Postmaster General with a proposal to reduce the rate of postage within the city limits from 2c. to 1c. per ounce. A turn for the better.

It is also stated that a proposition will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next session to reduce the rate of postage within the Dominion from 3 to 2 cents per ounce. We hope this reduction will be made as it has been advocated for several years.

A privilege has been granted advertisers of printing on the face of post cards such things as they may choose so long as reasonable space is left for writing the address. Mr. Mulock thinks that this will be beneficial both to the country and to the advertiser, adding to its revenue and advertising it through pictures of some of its beautiful scenes. Why not put some

of the scenes on the stamps? Next they will be having advertisements printed on the stamps. This change will add another class of collectors to our ranks, namely, collecting different varieties of Canadian post cards.

At time of writing the following varieties Canada's new issue have been placed on sale: $\frac{1}{2}$ black, 2c. purple, 5c. blue, 6c. brown, 8c. slate. The colors are $\frac{1}{2}$ c. black, 1c. green, 2c. purple, 3c. red, 5 blue, 6c. brown, 8c. slate, 10c. carmine.

Newfoundland has another new issue. I have seen 1, 2 and 4c. 1c. red with Queen's profile; 2c. yellow, Prince of Wales profile. Next.

A local stamp club has been organized in Hamilton under the name of the Hamilton Stamp Club. The following are the officers: President, F. M. Robinson; secretary treasurer, R. S. Mason; librarian, C. S. Applegath; auction manager, E. A. Marris; superintendent information bureau, W. B. Grant. The club starts with 10 members.

Business has been so brisk in the Toronto General Post Office it has been found necessary to increase the staff. Twelve have recently been added to the already large number employed.

Hamilton has got the 1898 convention seat of the D. P. A. (Halifax got the bone.) We are glad Hamilton got it and sorry there were not more votes cast. A good attendance is expected.

WALDO.

13

Is not always an unlucky number. Our Packet A, containing 13 rare stamps from China, Ceylon, Cape of Good Hope, Canada, Cuba, Cyprus and Colombian Republic, cataloguing \$1.25, is our mascot. Send 43c, money order, and, if dissatisfied, you can have your money back. No torn or damaged stamps.

MONARCH STAMP CO.

Tallahassee, Ga.

The Stamp Reporter.

For 20c we will send you the Stamp Reporter for one year; a packet of 50 varieties foreign stamps; a copy of the new Stamp Collectors' Directory of Ontario; and your name placed in our directory.

Advertising rates, 30c an inch.

Address, **BRADLEY & OSWALD,**
St. Catharines, Ont.

Exchange Notices.

This department is open to subscribers only. Everyone who has remitted 25c for one year's subscription to the *Messenger* is entitled to one free exchange notice of 20 words, not counting address. Extra words 2c each. Offers to buy or sell cannot be accepted as exchange notices.

For every 10 stamp papers sent me I will return 1000 mixed U. S. stamps. Agents' terms solicited from all publishers. Joel H. DuBose, General News Agent, Huguenot, Geo., U. S. A.

FINE P. C. for 1.60 For. Exchange, or any two following: 1.30, 1.90, 10 Propr. Other good stamps to exchange. Ira S. Ball, 52 Crandall St., Adams, Mass.

NOTICE. A Blank Album, cloth bound, 34 sunken pages, 8 x 11, cost \$5.00, to exchange for good stamps. Offers solicited. Address, H. M. Cook, P. O. Box 75, Vincennes, Ind.

NICE Pocket Album for every 2 stamps (Canadian, U. S.) cataloguing at least 25 cents. Philatelic papers for stamps. Send lists. E. S. Stillson, 510 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. PARCH, Chestnut Hall, Liverpool, N. S., will be pleased to exchange with any provincial or foreign collector, and to receive approval sheets for selection and purchase.

Good British Colonials and United States to exchange for British North Americas. H. S. Seaman, Brockville, Ont., Canada.

EXCHANGE wanted with stamp collectors in any foreign country. Basis of exchange Scott's 58th catalogue. Address, A. Knowles, Palmerston, Ont., Canada.

FOREIGN collectors sending me about 300 common stamps of their country will receive in exchange same amount of Canadas, etc. J. Lehuquet, 3 Irwin Ave., Toronto, Canada.

SEND me 100 to 1000 British North American stamps and I will send equal value in U. S. All letters answered. A. Anderson, Luray, Kansas, U. S. A.

SEND me Canadian Revenues catalogued at \$5.00 or more and I will send in exchange foreign stamps catalogued at the same amount. Duplicates taken in any quantity. F. P. Gibbs, Olean, N. Y.

EXCHANGE wanted. Stamp collectors of the Dominion of Canada, send 100 common cancelled stamps and get 20 varieties of U. S. stamps, no two alike. James W. Sells, 6703 Old Manchester Rd., St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A.

WHOEVER sends me good stamps of his country will receive equal catalogue value in good U. S. stamps. No trash. I. D. Kohls, care of Joel Gutman & Co., Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

If you wish to exchange stamps and get what you want, send a postal for particulars to The Syracuse Exchange, C. W. Brown, Mgr., 516 Irving Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

WANT following magazines for cash or exchange:—"Cosmopolitan," Sept., 1893; "McClure's," June and July, 1893; "New England," Sept., 1891. Address, F. W. Coning, Maryville, Tenn., U. S. A.

CORRESPONDENCE wanted in foreign countries, especially in British Colonies. Send 50 stamps of your country and receive 50 of U. S. F. R. Brantette, P. O. Box 264, Bonham, Texas.



STAMPS in fine album with catalogue free to all!! Agts 50 p.c. & PRIZES. For 1000 machine-cut things already BENT, and his paper three mos., 12cts. Five hundred Games, Tables, Puzzles, &c., and paper three mos., ten cts. His World Sp. Album, eight months. Great Bargains. 105 Congate St., Reelin, Sta 4, Boston, Mass.

Special Notices.

Under this heading short advertisements will be inserted at the very low rate of 1c. per word. Minimum charge is 15 cents. No advertisement must exceed 100 words. Ads. are set in solid nonpareil, no display.

A SET of 13 Japanese stamps, all different, for only 10 cents, postage extra. Stamp catalogued at 5 cents free with order. J. E. Doty, 53 So. Division Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

I BUY for cash all kinds of Canadian Post Cards. State quantities and prices. Always answer. V. Ruggeri, Long Point, P. Q.

Look: 10 cents worth of stamps free to every person sending for Approval Sheets at 50 per cent. commission. 100 different stamps, 5 cents. J. C. Albert, 516 South Pine Street, Lima, Ohio, U. S. A.

Dealers' Directory.

Advertisements of not more than 25 words, counting address, will be inserted 12 times under this heading for \$1.00, cash in advance. Extra words, 1c each.

PHILATELIC MESSENGER.—Oak Hill, Charlotte Co., N. B., Canada. Read our Premium List on third page of cover, and you will find something you want.

Business Cards.

Half inch cards will be inserted under this heading, 12 times for \$1.50. No card will be inserted for less than 12 times. Only name, address and specialty (the latter not exceeding 5 words.) Cash in advance.

[NO. 1]

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4 Nicholson Place,

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We buy stamps.

TEN CENTS!!!

Is the price of our latest packet. It contains 12 varieties of good rare foreign stamps. Each stamp guaranteed to catalogue 5 cts. or over. We have sold hundreds of these packets and in every case have given perfect satisfaction, and in many cases purchasers have sent for more. Guaranteed to be just as represented or your money back. One packet 10 cts. or 3 for 25 cts.

A good set of stamps given free to our customers, write for particulars.

ROYAL STAMP CO.,

Norwalk, Conn.

Our Premium List

FOR 1897-98.

For 25 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year, and give you FREE a 20 word exchange notice, not counting the address. If you send a stamped and addressed envelope, we will send you one of the following premiums—*your own choice*. Remember, you get the exchange notice too.

1. A nice collection of 100 different foreign stamps.
2. Brit. Honduras, 6c on 10c, violet, red surcharge, unused, cat. value 20c.
4. A set of 4 Canada Jubilee, 1, 2, 3 and 5c.
5. A set of 7 Canada postal cards, 1871-97, cat. value 30c.
6. A Canada postal card, unused, catalogued at 30c, Scott's 57th, No. 417.
9. A set of 10 Greece, 1862-82, cat. value 26c.
10. A Mount Athos stamp, catalogued at 50c.
11. A set of 6 Newfoundland, obsolete, cat. value 24c.
13. Sarawak, 1892, 1c on 3c brown, and Siam, 1889-91, 1a on 3a, both unused, cat. value 30c.
14. A set of 6 Servia, 1881, 5p to 1d, cat. value 26c.
15. Straits Settlements, 3c on 32c violet rose, and Selangor, 3c on 5c rose, both unused, cat. value 27c.
16. A set of 9 Switzerland, 1881, unused, 2c to 1 fr, cat. value 36c.
17. A set of 10 Turkey, cat. value 25c.
18. Adams' Catalogue of Canadian Revenues. (The stamped envelope need not be sent for this premium.)
33. Canada Jubilee, 10c., brown violet, unused.
31. Set of Guatemala, 1887-95, cat. value 25c.
35. Set of 10 Jamaica.
36. Set of 4 Japan, 1896, Memorial, cat. value 30c.
37. Set of 9 Mexico, 1895, 1c to 20c, cat. value 34c.
38. Set of 3 Newfoundland postal cards, 1c 2c and 2 & 2c, unused.
39. Set of 8 New South Wales, 1882-91, inc., 3p and 5p, cat. value 29c.
40. Set of 8 Tunis, 1888-93, 1c to 40c, cat. value 29c.

For 35 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year, and one of the following premiums. Send us a stamped and addressed envelope, and tell us which one you want. You get an exchange notice, also.

19. A set of 9 Cape of Good Hope, 1881-91, ½p to 1s, cat. value 29c.
20. A set of 7 Costa Rica, 1889, 1c to 1p, unused, cat. value 41c.
41. Canada Jubilee, 8c, violet, unused.
42. Canada Jubilee, 15c, steel blue, unused.
43. Confederate States, 1863, 2c, red, unused, catalogued at 35c.
44. Set of 5 Newfoundland, 1897, inc., the scarce 1c and 2c Cabbot issue.

For 40 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year, and one of the following premiums. Send us a stamped and addressed envelope, and tell us which one you want. You get an exchange notice also.

21. A set of 7 Bolivia, 1891, 1c to 100c, cat. value 51c.
22. A set of 10 Bulgaria, 1889, 1s to 1 lev., cat. value 50c.
23. Ceylon registration envelope, 1885, 12c, rose, size 6 by 11 inches, unused and entire, cat. value 60c.
24. A set of 8 Ecuador revenues, used postally, cat. value \$1.45.
25. A set of 20 India, 1865-92, cat. value 63c.
26. A set of 9 North Borneo, 1887-92, 1c to 10c, cat. value 43c.
27. A set of 8 Queensland, 1882-94, ½p to 1s, cat. value 44c.
28. A set of 10 Thurn & Taxis, including 5 and 10 sgr. and 30 kr., unused, cat. value 49c.
29. United States envelope, 1875-79, 1c blue on fawn paper, unused and entire, catalogued at 75c.

For 50 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year and one of the following premiums. Send us a stamped and addressed envelope and tell us which one you want. You get an exchange notice too.

30. A set of 4 British Guiana provisionals, 1890, 1c on 1, 2, 3 and 4d, cat. value 63c.
31. A set of 7 Labuan, 1894, lithographed, 2c to 40c, cat. value \$1.10.
32. A set of 5 Peru, unpaid letter, 1883, 1c to 50c, surcharged with triangle, cat. value 80c.
45. Canada Jubilee, 1c, black, unused.
46. Set of 6 Cuba, 1876, 1c to 20c, unused, cat. value 65c.
47. Cuba, 1897, 40c, orange brown, catalogued at 60c.
48. Set of 4 Newfoundland Cabot, 5, 6, 8 and 10c, unused, cat. value 55c.

Remit in current unused stamps of any country. Subscribers in Canada are requested to remit, when convenient, in ½, 2, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c stamps. The 10, 15, 20 and 50c stamps must be well centered and with full gum.

Subscribers in the United States will please enclose a 3c. stamp in the directed envelope. Attention to this will prevent delay in the forwarding of premiums.

Subscribers outside of Canada, the United States and Newfoundland must add 15c to each of the above offers, and are requested to remit in well-centred stamps of as many values as possible.

It will be sufficient to give the number of the premium you want.

Address all letters plainly to

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT,

Oak Hill, Charlotte County,

New Brunswick, Canada.

Standard Stamp Co.

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No. 10—Price 25c. Contains 25 different stamps from SOUTH and CENTRAL AMERICA ONLY, many rare, such as Salvador, Chili, old and new Brazil, Costa Rica, Equador, Venezuela, Peru, United States of Colombia, Argentine Republic, etc.

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2c	Hawaii, Prov. Gov., 1c green, unused..... 2c
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2c	Jamaica, 1871, 2d rose..... 2c
2c	Bulgaria, Boris, 1c green, unused..... 2c
2c	Ponta Delgada, 1857, 2r reis, unused..... 2c
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2c	Mexico, 2c carmine, obsolete..... 2c
2c	Egypt, unpaid, 1p blue..... 2c
2c	Canada, card, 1st issue, entire, 1c blue..... 2c
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25 all different U. S. Revenues.....	27c
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Mention *Messenger* when answering.