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## GREETING.

To our patrons and friends:

With this, our first number, we make our initial bow to the philatelic public and trust that we may be well received. We start with 8 pages and cover containing reading matter by the best writers. 1000 copies have been printed, but a bona-fide 900 is distributed among as many different addresses, so this can be called a circulation of 900 copies.

We thank all those who have shown confidence in us by advertising in our first number, and assure you that it is appreciated. As our advertising patronage increases we will enlarge this

paper, for the reading matter will not be sacrificed for want of advertising space.

We should like very much to have your subscription, and if a dealer an ad, which will be well taken care of. Please do not throw this in the waste basket, but hand it to some friend who will be benefitted by it. Thanking you again for your support,

We remain, yours truly  
THE PUBLISHERS.

Shades and Varieties.

Will it ever stop? With the appearance of any new catalogue it will be generally noticed that some stamp or stamps will appear catalogued in some new shade or variety, which has heretofore not been noticed. Take for example the 10 cent stamp of the 1859 issue of Canada. In the 55th edition of his catalogue, Scott

prices the above stamp in only one shade, viz; violet, while in the present edition it is catalogued in three distinct shades, the violet, red lilac and black violet, the latter color being valued at a much higher price than the other varieties.

It is only during the past few years that the Canada 1859 5 cent vermilion was known to the collecting public in more than the one simple way, but at last they have found a variety which is valued at \$15 00; the difference in the two stamps being known to very few.

So we could go on with an endless number of shades and varieties which are described and priced as distinct kinds.

Already we have a small list which minutely describes nearly every known variety of stamps, including the "outer lines" and other differences in the United States envelopes; and how long it will be before a regular catalogue will appear, pricing and describing all varieties and shades, no one knows, but at the rate we are advancing at present the time does not seem so very far distant.

To go farther into this interesting subject there are the varieties of perforation, these being very noticable in the issues of Prince Edward Island.

For example, the 4 and 6 pence stamps of 1861 are perforated 9; the

1870 issue is perforated 12, and the remainder in the same way.

Some of the Nova Scotia and other stamps are also catalogued with various numbers of perforations, but no stamps of British North America are so noticable in this line as those of Prince Edward Island.

We now come to the numberless shades of certain stamps; brain puzzlers to any but the expert. Such colors as red, crimson, vermilion, etc. all have a marked similarity toward each other; while such colors as are similar to buff and straw are somewhat difficult to distinguish; the latter being most noticable in the paper on which the wrappers of Canada are printed.

If you wish to know more about all the little varieties and shades so common to many stamps, get "Minor Varieties" by Crawford Capen, and a Color Chart; and thus equipped you can arrange your stamps in any way without difficulty.

PHILLIMUS.

## TO NON-SUBSCRIBERS.

In our next number we will begin an exchange column, free to subscribers, to others 1-2 cent a word. Subscribe now, and get your ad. in our next number.

## U. S. Department Stamps.

## My Collection

The sets of Department Stamps (adhesives and envelopes) were receivable for postage until June 30th, 1884, after which date they were invalid for postage. In February 1885 the remainders of these stamps were destroyed. The following is a complete list of the amount used by each department for the ten years the stamps were in use:

Agriculture	\$ 87 000
Executive	1 800
Justice	25 400
Interior	538 600
Navy	81 300
Post Office	2 188 800
State	58 000
Treasury	1 443 700
War	1 145 000
Total	5 513 100

The value of each set as priced in Scotts 56th (latest) edition catalogue is as follows:

Agriculture complete	\$ 27 50
Executive complete	50 00
Justice complete	109 10
Interior complete	4 15
Navy complete	82 10
Navy, 2c green error unused	\$20 00
Post Office complete	6 26
State complete	217 00
Treasury complete	9 05
War complete	6 10

The above is for used specimens only.

The entire series are advancing in value, and collectors will do well to fill up their wants in these stamps at once, as in a few years they will be unobtainable.

I'm a Stamp Collecting crank you know;

I commenced a collection long ago.

In Canada postage I am nearly complete,  
And my B. N. A. revenues are hard to beat.

I've got nearly all the stamps of Brazil,  
Take a look in my album and get your fill.

Of U. S. Departments I've nearly a set,  
But those I've not got are "easy" to get.

All the stamps I have mentioned I have without doubt;  
But no matter what happens, don't let my name out.

In looking over an old copy of the \_\_\_\_\_, I noticed an article headed "Beginners Helps" in which the writer advises you to begin a general collection, and not pin yourself down to a certain country or a collection of countries; or, in other words, do not be a specialist. This might have been alright in its time, but I'm afraid if such a thing was written at the present time, very few, unless general collectors, would notice it.

If your sets of B. N. A. and U. S. stamps are not complete, you had better fill them at once, and not wait for another advance.

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Any books, pamphlets, etc, relating to stamps, which may be sent us will be properly acknowledged through our columns.

## The Pence Issues of Canada.

BY W. A. BEATTY.

Much has been written in regard to the pence issues of Canada that my remarks are of little use, but, as there has been no reliable records of just how many of these stamps were received and given out to postmasters, I will enlighten them on the subject.

On May 21st 1849, a notice is mentioned in the Legislative Assembly of Canada, referring to the establishment of a general Post Office. On the following day a resolution was brought that postage stamps be engraved and put into use. This passed the Assembly on May 25th, and received the assent of the Legislative Council on the 26th.

The Canadian Post Office was transferred to the Provincial Government by the Imperial Authorities on April 6th 1851, and stamps of the values of 8 pence, 6 pence and 1 shilling having in the meantime been distributed to postmasters.

The rates for letter postage was 8d for letters not exceeding half ounce in weight, more than half ounce but not over one ounce 6d, one and one-half ounce 9d, and two ounces one shilling. The rates to U. S. was 6d, or 9d if to California or Oregon.

The first lot of stamps were pro-

duced from Rawden, Wright, Hatch & Co. of New York, and consisted of:

250 000 3d stamps  
100 400 6d stamps  
51 000 12d stamps

In 1854 the Postmaster-General recommended the issuing of the 7½d and 10d in order to correspond with the changes in the packet letter charges.

The 10d was issued first, then the 1-2d and 7½d, the 12d having been withdrawn.

Many think that the twelve pence was especially intended for letters to the United Kingdom is not possible, as the rate to those countries was 1/2 sterling, or equal to 1/4 in Canadian currency, and that rate could not have been made up by this stamp. It was intended for heavy Provincial and United States letters. The writer himself has often come across letters sent in Canada before stamps came into use where they were marked "Paid 12d", so it was more intended for home than abroad.

The following pence stamps were issued:—

VALUE	NO. PTD:	NO. ISSUED FOR USE
1-2 d	3 450 620	3 389 960
3d	3 550 400	3 528 700
6d	420 478	402 900
7½ d	100 080	82 410
10d	178 200	141 000
12d	51 000	1510
Tot.	7 750 778	7 564 480

The above table includes all the pence issues, perforated and unperforated. Only the one-half, three and six pence were perforated officially. The 1-2, 3, 6, 10 and 12 pence were printed in sheets of 100, and the 7½d in sheets of 120 stamps. The following are the exact dates of issue of each denomination:

3d, 6d and 12d April 6th 1851  
 10d December 5th 1854  
 1-2d and 7½d August 1st 1857

The 1-2d having been used for newspaper postage and city letters should not be catalogued at its present price, and the 7½ or 10d being sent out of the country should be very plentiful in England, where the bulk of them went.

## NEWSY NOTES.

BY "WE"

The year 1896 should be a memorable one in the History of Canada. For the past twenty-six years we have been using the same stamps and people often wonder if Canada has ever had a new issue.

As this is the year of the British Empire Exposition to be held in Montreal from May 24th to October 12th, would it not be a good thing for the government to issue a new set of stamps with the portraits of Canada's noted men, such as Macdonald, Brock, Wolfe, Abbot, Thompson or Cartier with the Queen in widow's weeds, printed in two colors, about one and one-half inches wide by two inches in length. It would be a good advertisement for Canada if these were issued at the time of the Exposition to enable visitors to take home as a memento of this occasion.

This issue would not be for the S. S. S. to take hold of, as it is about time that we should have a new issue.

A marked copy of this will be sent to our Post-Master-General to see if he cannot do something to enlighten us on the subject. The Canadian Dealers and Collectors should petition the Government to get it to act in this matter, and to get the respective members of the Senate and the House of Commons to do the same thing. Let us hear from you about this matter, and at once.

## SPECIALS TO BEGIN WITH APRIL NUMBER.

Exchange Column—Free to subscribers, limited to thirty words. To others 1-2 cent a word, payable in advance.



Dealers Directory—Rates for a three or four line notice \$1 50 for 12 insertions, payable strictly in advance.

## LITERARY REVIEW.

The Canadian Philatelic Magazine for February is the best number of that paper we have seen for some time. "Philatelic Societies" by L. G. Quackenbush, Counterfeit Grills and a few other notes consolidate with the ads to make up the magazine.

The Post Office for February consists of 28 pages and cover. An article on the Paper of United States stamps is perhaps the most interesting. 4 pages taken up with chronicle of new issues, auction sale reports and several other items constitute the remainder of the reading matter.

The Michigan Philatelist is one of the newest papers we receive. The February number is now to hand and contains a three page article on the "Find of St. Louis stamps" notes and other items with the ads make this paper complete.

On account of the Michigan Philatelist being published on the 1st of the month, we now have the March number before us, which contains an article on The 12 pence Canada not

altogether correct in our estimation. as we notice several errors. Other small articles and notes make up the remainder of this interesting paper.

The Evergreen State Philatelist is to hand for February, and is up to the usual standard with 28 pages and cover, of which 12 pages are filled with advertising matter. Notwithstanding its large amount of ad space it contains some valuable articles on United States and many other items of interest.

The March number of the Rocky Mountain Stamp is one of the best numbers yet issued. It contains a very fine portrait of its editor, Mr. Zahn. An article on "Improved Stamp Albums" and other bright bits, make up the balance of an interesting paper.

We have also received Price-Lists from:

L. M. Staebler, London,  
A. C. Townsend, Washington,  
P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago,  
E. T. Parker, Bethelam, Pa.  
N. E. Carter, Delavan, Wis.,  
for which the publishers have our sincere thanks.



### Facts For Philatelists.

In the near future H. C. Beardsley of St. Joseph, Mo., will publish a philatelic directory containing over 10,000 names.



It is reported that L. M. Staebler has again started the Canadian Philatelist.



G. W. Kissenger of Reading, Pa. writes us that he has been burned out with a loss of three thousand dollars.



A French judge has decided that it is no crime to issue forged stamps of an obsolete issue, unless it would deprive the government of revenue, as would be the case with United States stamps, for instance, which are recognized as good, no matter how old, except before the war. The learned judge evidently had no charity for philatelist of all grades, from the biggest dealers down.—Michigan Philatelist.

We would advise you to try it in Canada either.

**STAMP DEALERS** holding Auction Sales will much oblige by sending a list of prices realized to this paper for quotation, as we intend making "Auction Sale Reports" a feature of our paper.

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