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Why Some Stamps were Issued.

A reply to Mr. Best's article in the September issue of this journal

BY THEODORE SIDALL.

Mr. Best's article on "Why some Stamps were Issued" covers the ground as far as Canadian and other British American possessions are concerned, but he gets out of his depth on the subject of United States stamps, whereas, he says, the 24c. stamp is an odd figure. So it is, but at the time the stamp was first issued, about 1856, the postage to Great Britain was 24 cents. The 30c. and 90c. values are odd values, and are now kept up, no doubt, because people are used to them; the reasons for their adoption are not now generally known. The carriers' stamps, which, by-the-way, are quite rare, were issued only in Philadelphia and Cincinnati, and were affixed to letters which were to be delivered by carriers, the carrier receiving one cent, the value of the stamp, for each letter so delivered. The stamps were not used on letters that were sent to other points, and may justly be called locals.

With the adoption of the free delivery system, in 1863, the carriers' stamps were abolished, and the rate on drop letters was fixed at 2 cents, which made it necessary to issue a two-cent stamp. In 1866, shortly after the death of President Lincoln, the ocean postage was reduced to 15 cents, and accordingly a new stamp was prepared, which bears a splendid likeness of President Lincoln.

In 1869, the first six-cent stamp was issued for double-rate letters, and the 12c. stamp (12 cents then being the letter-rate to Europe) bears an ocean

steamship. The 3c. stamp, for inland postage, has a representation of a train of cars. The engine is of a pattern, which would be regarded as decidedly antique, if it should make an appearance on any railroad near Philadelphia now, such has been the progress of the railroad since 1869.

In or about 1870, ocean postage was again reduced this time to six cents, and, fancy designs not being popular, portraits were again used, that of Lincoln again gracing the stamp for foreign postage. To Germany and one or two other places, postage was 7 cents; England and others, 6 cents, while postage to other countries was fixed at various amounts, from 7 to 25 cents per half ounce. Postage being still further reduced to 5c., in 1875, a five-cent stamp was then issued. Our special delivery stamps are the first of the kind in the world, and should have been issued ten years ago.

In envelope stamps no values are used except the 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10 cent. I doubt if as many as two thousand a year of 30c. and 90c. envelopes are used in the United States. The many odd values, sizes, dies, colors, watermarks and papers make a study in themselves.

During Grant's administration, when raids on the treasury, land grabs and other jobbery was going on, there was a scheme started to take the printing from the government office, and give it to the New York companies, and in order to give them a good thing, about 90 kinds of official stamps were concocted. There was a separate plate of 200 stamps engraved for each value and kind, at a cost to the government of \$5,000, and the bank note companies got besides, about 90

cents a 1000 for printing of the stamps. The high values of State Department were used to prepay books to foreign countries; these being always sent sealed, cost a great deal in postage. The stamps did not cost the departments anything; when they ran out, they would make a requisition on the postmaster for more, but they had to account for every stamp, so it will be seen why unused specimens could not be gotten at postoffices. The stamps were merely checks upon the employes of the government, to prevent them from using the mails under cover of official business. I have seen box-lids upon which were pasted as many as forty 90c. Treasury Department stamps. They were used on large packing-cases of revenue stamps which were sent to the Philadelphia office. The boxes measured 3 feet each way, and weighed when full one or two hundred pounds, postage upon which was paid at the rate of one cent an ounce. The boxes would be taken to the Washington office of Adams' Express, and a treasury official, armed with a few sheets of stamps and a bucket of paste, stood by while the box was being weighed, and then affixed stamps to the box, which was then forwarded by express, not having been in the post-office at all. The department would then pay the regular express rates on the box! Official stamps were abolished by an Act of Congress of June, 1884.

A set of Turkish paper money is among the most valuable possessions of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia. The particular value of this set arises from the fact that no bank notes are now used in Turkey, the many forgeries compelling the government to stop their circulation.

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Edwin M. Williams.—Kindly remit 75 cents, as per our account rendered last April.

Miguel Salvador.—Would be pleased to receive \$2 for the "ads." which we inserted for you.

Henry Coward.—We have not yet received payment for our two "ads.," the amount is \$1.50.

Philatelic Stamp Co.—Let us hear from you in reference to the two "ads." inserted in the "T. P. J."

Edwin Healey & Co.—You promised to pay for "ads." on receipt of marked copies. Let us hear from you.

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We have received the following papers up to date, publishers please accept our thanks:—Philatelic Tribune, Philatelic Star, Exchange, Stamp World, Collector, Yankee Philatelist, Tidings from Nature, California Collector, Keystone Stamp and Coin Gazette, Southern Geologist, Youth's Advocate, Briefmarken-Zeitung, Stamp Collectors' Journal, Pine and Palmetto, Collector's Companion, Philatelic Journal of America, Philatelic Monthly, Philatelic World, The Orient, L'Union Timbrophiles, Stamp Dealers' Journal, Long Island Collector.

* * Publishers will confer a favor on us by sending two copies of their paper, and we shall be happy to do the same in return.

W. E. Skinner & Co., Lynn, Mass.—We warn publishers and others to have no dealings with this party, as they are frauds of the blackest type. In February last they wrote, stating that they would like to advertise with us, and would pay for same on receipt of copy containing their "ad.," we inserted their "ad." and copies were duly mailed, and although we wrote them several times in reference to the matter, they refused to reply. In September we wrote them a postal, stating that we would expose them unless they settled their account at once. Instead of settling their account, they wrote us as follows:

Oct. 1, 1885.

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Have nothing to do with this Skinner if you do not want to be skinned.

NOTES.

The postage stamp has been known ever since 1840. The postage stamp is evidently determined to stick.

When a Massachusetts postmaster gets a letter addressed to somebody, "K pan," he at once chucks it into the mail bag for Cape Ann.

The £2 gold coin of the reign of George IV. is not rare, and may be obtained from almost any respectable

jeweler. Its price varies from £3 10s. to £4, according to the state of preservation.

Last year there were 26,000 letters posted in England without any address upon them. In 1,600 of these, coins and money were enclosed.

The Berlin street letter-boxes have one feature worthy of imitation, namely: a list of the hours of collection, with a dial which shows the next hour of collection.

It is rumored that Postmaster-General Vilas is going to institute a reform in postage stamps, so that the twos can be distinguished from the ones even in the darkest night. The mucilage on the twos will be flavored with vanilla and that on the ones with lemon.

At the sale in London of English gold coins, belonging to the late Rev. Edward J. Shepherd, a gold penny of Henry III. realized \$1,025; Henry VIII., half George's noble, unique and unpublished, \$1,275 (this coin was bought in Paris many years ago for 3s. 6d.); Mary, rial, 1558, Queen standing in ship, \$400; George III., five-guinea piece, pattern by Tanner, \$220; another pattern, by Pistrucci, with St. George and the Dragon, \$240.

NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Continued.
BY J. HOOPER.

28. Obv. head of liberty, surrounded by 13 stars, 1882. Rev. around circle, "Blakely & Co., cor. of Granville and Duke sts.;" inside circle (in semi) "Great Dry," (and in 4 straight lines) "Salt goods warehouse, Halifax, N. S." Brass, size 17, rare.

MAGDALEN ISLAND.

1. Obv. seal on rock; around circle, "Magdalen Island Token," "1815." Rev. opened codfish; around circle, "Success to the Fishery," "One penny." Copper, size 21.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

1. Obv. sheaf of wheat, with sickle thrust through; around circle, "Prince Edward's Island, half penny," "1840." Rev. a plough and $\frac{2}{3}$; around circle, "Commerce and trade," 6 leaved patra. Copper, size 16, plain edge; a rarity.

2. Obv. a plough across centre; on circle, "Speed the Plough." Rev. a codfish, and around circle, "Success to the Fisheries." 3 different dies have been used, and a difference in shape of ploughs is the result. (These pieces were struck in 1840) Coppo., size 16, plain edge.

3. Obv. around circle "Prince Edward's Island," in the centre "1855." Rev. in 5 lines, "Self Government and Free Trade." Two different dies have been used. Copper, size 16, plain edge.

4. Obv. around circle "Prince Edward Island;" in the centre, 1857. Rev. same as No. 3; there are 2 dates of this piece, 1855 and 1857, and differ from No. 3 by not having 's after Edward; 3 different varieties of each date. Copper, size 16, plain edge.

5. Obv. around circle "One Cent;" in centre, 1855. Rev. "Fisheries and Agriculture." Copper, size 16, plain edge.

6. Obv. steamship; on upper and lower half of circle, Half-penny Token. Rev. "Fisheries and Agriculture." Copper, size 16, plain edge. Broken dies have been used on some of these pieces.

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CANADA REVENUE STAMPS.

(Continued from August number.)

Excise: (No. 8) 1867, same pattern, garter inscription "Tobacco—27 & 28 Vict. cap. III.—Excise, Canada," within "License No. . . Inland Rev. Div. of. . . Date when excised. Warehouse Entry No. Description. Gross weight lbs. Nett do. lbs. . . Coll. I. R." Black on thin watermarked paper, black on salmon tinted paper, red on plain white, red on thin watermarked paper.

(No. 9) 1865, same as (No. 8), but within the garter "License No. . . Inland Rev. Div. of. . . Date when excised. Cigars, value per M. . . Coll. I. R." Black on salmon tinted paper, black on plain white paper, red on plain white paper.

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