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A Monthly Journal for Stamp Collectors.

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MATTHEW R. KNIGHT



At Saint Stephen, N. B.
Canada.

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May be odious, and so are skunks (odorous), but as we prefer the former (odors) to the latter, kindly run your eye over the following prices:

UNITED STATES.

	Cat.	My	REVENUES	Cat.	My
	price	price		price	price
1861—10 used	06	03	1c Proprietary	07	03
1869—1c	75	38	2c Exp orange	10	04
1872—2c	2 00	93	2c Prop "	3 00	98
1890—9c	85	37	5c Express	10	04
Any used "spec'l del."	06	06	20c For. Express	25	53
"10c Org. "spe."	20	14	25c Bond	20	08
30c rd-bm dl.	1 00	48	25c Li e-Ins.	40	17
50c claret dl.	2 00	93	50c Foreign Ex	60	27
"Interior	10	04	1.00 Conveyance	25	08
"10c p. office	2 50	1 10	2.50 In. Express	10	05
"War 10c, 12c,			2c and issue	05	02
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There will be a new issue of U. S. in 1898. Present issue at following prices:

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" '57, 5c used, very fine	2.50	1.35
" '57, 3c (lower line) UNUSED,		
slight nick at R and no gum,	15.00	1.65

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ST. STEPHEN, N. B., NOVEMBER, 1897.

No. 2.

Important Announcement to Advertisers.

Advertisements will be inserted in the December number of this paper at a special rate of 25c. per inch; half column (about 3½ inches) 75c. Cash in advance. Copy for December number should be in hand not later than December 20th.

After December 20th regular rates will be charged as per schedule, but contracts for one year, if received before January 20th, together with cash remittance for first quarter, will be conceded the reduced rate. There will be no departure from above terms under any circumstances.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

OF THE

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

BY ARTEMAS.

CANADA.

Adhesive Stamps.

[Continued]

June 2d, 1857. Portrait of Queen Victoria in oval, value in English and Canadian currency, see cut. Engraved in *taille douce* on white wove paper; imperforate.



SEVEN PENCE HALFPENNY (Queen Victoria.)

27. 7½p green.

1857-58. Portrait of Queen Victoria to left in oval, corners filled with network, see cut. Engraved in *taille douce* on white paper.



ONE HALFPENNY (Queen Victoria.)

July 18th, 1857. Thin wove paper; imperforate.

28. ½p rose.

Thick wove paper.

29. ½p rose.

30. ½p rose-red.

Ribbed paper.

31. ½p rose.

1858. Perforated 12; wove paper

32. ½p rose.

Ribbed paper.

33. ½p rose.

July 1st, 1859. Types similar to the foregoing issues, but with altered values (see cuts.) Engraved in *taille douce* on thick white paper; perforated 12.



ONE CENT (Queen Victoria.)

Wove paper.

34. 1c rose.

35. 1c rose-red.

Variety, imperforate.

36. 1c rose.

Ribbed paper.

37. 1c rose.



FIVE CENTS (Beaver.)

Wove paper.

38. 5c vermilion.
39. 5c deep vermilion.
Variety, double strike.

40. 5c vermilion.
This peculiarity will be observed more readily on the left side of the stamp.

- Variety imperforate.
41. 5c vermilion.
Ribbed paper.
42. 5c vermilion.



TEN CENTS (Prince Albert.)

- Wove paper.
43. 10c violet black.
44. 10c brown.
45. 10c violet.
46. 10c greenish violet.
47. 10c red-lilac.
Variety, imperforate.
48. 10c violet.
It is probable that the 10, 12½ and 17c of this issue exist on ribbed paper, but we have not seen them.



TWELVE AND A HALF CENTS (Queen Victoria.)

- Wove paper.
49. 12½c yellow-green.
50. 12½c blue-green,
Variety, imperforate.
51. 12½c green.
The 1, 10, 12½ and 17c undoubtedly exist imperforate. A few sheets may have escaped perforation and have been issued by mistake.



SEVENTEEN CENTS (Jacques Cartier.)

Wove paper.

52. 17c blue.
53. 17c dark blue.
Variety, imperforate.
54. 17c blue.

August, 1864. Same print, paper and perforation as before. New design and new value.



Two CENTS (Queen Victoria.)

- Wove paper.
55. 2c dull rose.
56. 2c bright rose.
Ribbed paper.
57. 2c rose.
We have seen a fine specimen of the 2c on ribbed paper.
(To be continued.)

Advertisers often make a mistake in crowding too much into their announcements. An advertisement can seldom be properly displayed when it contains more than sixty words to the inch.

An advertiser does not understand his business who expects one insertion of his advertisement to bring him satisfactory returns. An announcement must be repeated at least six times to make a fair trial of any monthly publication. One inch for twelve months is better than twelve inches for one month. One announcement is better than none, but it is not good advertising.

Our list of advertisers is growing, but we look for a considerable increase next month. Next issue will be our holiday number, and will appear right in the midst of the holidays, not a month before. The biggest trade in stamps is *after the holidays*, so it will pay advertisers to use our December number. Copy must be in by December 20th.

Massachusetts Items.

Edmund L. Smiley, Boston, spent over a week in New York, during October, in the interests of the special New York edition of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News.

Our correspondent in Kewkiang, China, sends us a set of the current issue surcharged 'postage due.' This is unchronicled in Scott's or Smiley's supplementary catalogue in the Stamp Book. It is certainly to be classed with unnecessary issues and will no doubt find its way there in Scott's 58th. These issues for the treaty ports of China have by this time been superseded by the imperial postage.

Ohman, St. Johns, Newfoundland, in mailing his price list to Boston dealers, has introduced a new surcharge to them, ONE CENT upon the 3c. slate brown, of the 1890-97 issue. Other surcharges are expected ere the new set becomes a reality.

In referring to the Nashville convention of the Sons of Philatelia last issue we suggested that all the Massachusetts candidates for office might not be elected, but they were! Gardner R. Kennedy was elected vice-president and purchasing agent; Geo. M. Frame, treasurer; Chas. E. Shaw, supt. of sales, and J. A. Wainwright, attorney.

The meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society on Oct. 19 was one of unusual interest, being marked by an informal address by Howard K. Sanderson of Lynn upon 'Philately in Europe,' special attention being paid the London exhibition. The attendance was large and Mr. Sanderson held the attention of his auditors to the end. Four new members were elected. There was an auction sale of little note.

Every week finds a new candidate for honors as a dealer springing into view. A list of the so-called dealers in Boston and vicinity would startle a casual observer. A few approval sheets, a job lot of stamps and the die is cast.

B. L. Drew & Co.'s auction sale of Oct. 18 offers a few prices of interest. Quotations are given upon perfect stamps only.

	Cat. price.	Sold for.
U. S. issue of 1855-60, 24c, unused, o g	\$7 50	\$3 75
do do 30c, do do	12 50	5 87
do 1868, 90c, used, very fine	18 00	10 25
do 1869, 90c, lightly cancelled	20 00	13 50
do 1872, 24c, used	2 00	1 00
do 1893, \$1, Columbian, unused, o g	6 00	2 40
do 1893, 2c, unused, o g	26 42	14 40
do Justice, 2c, unused, o g	4 00	1 87
do do 30c, used, fine	25 00	8 50
Hawaii, 1853, 13c, unused, o g	12 00	3 50
New Brunswick, 1851, 3d, fine copy	4 50	2 35
St. Christopher, 1879, 6d, perf 14, o g	4 00	1 38

A complete set of Newfoundland, Cabot issue, realized \$2.94. It would pay the buyer of this set to read the *Messenger*. Drew's next sale takes place Dec. 9, when the entire stock of the Granite State Stamp Co. will be offered for sale. Editor Pinkham will devote his time in the future to journalism and job printing.

H. F. Dunkhorst of Washington, D. C. made a flying trip to Boston early in November. Stone of Concord, N. H., whose specialty is entire U. S. envelopes, was an October visitor.

A sheet of 100 Newfoundland, Cabot issue, 1c, sold for \$8.00 at the auction sale of Colonial Stamp Co. last month. Holders of this denomination have an article as good as wheat.

The editor hinted last month that his ideal stamp paper was one filled with information about stamps and not stamp collectors. A few prices from the auction sale of the Colonial Stamp Co. held Oct. 26 in Boston may prove of interest. All stamps in first class condition:

	Cat. price.	Sold for.
U. S., 1861, 24c, lilac, unused, o g	\$10 00	\$3 25
do 1869, 24c, fine used copy	7 50	3 10
do 1893, \$1, Columbian, used,	5 00	2 00
do do \$1, do unused, o g	6 00	2 50
do Agriculture, 10c, used, good copy	6 00	1 25
do State, 1c, unused, o g	3 50	1 50
do War, complete set, o g	2 50	2 50
do Treasury, 24c, used	5 00	2 20
Nova Scotia, 84c, used, fine	12 00	1 75
France, 1853, 1 franc, used	5 00	9c
New Foundland, 1857, 3d, used	4 00	50
do do 5d, used	6 00	1 25
U. S., Navy, 7c, used	10 00	2 00
do State, 15c, unused	5 00	1 13

Willard O. Wylie of the Boston Philatelic Society was prohibition candidate for lieutenant governor in the recent state election.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 10, 1897.

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1 col., 3½ in.	1.40	3.50	6.30	11.20
1 column,	2.60	6.50	11.70	20.80
1 page,	5.00	12.50	22.50	40.00

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Address all letters plainly to

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT,
Oak Hill, Charlotte Co., N. B., Can

If this paragraph is marked, it means that your subscription to this paper has expired, and no more copies will be sent you until it is renewed. Read premium list on 3rd page of cover.

Notes.

From Mr. Soost, of Berlin, we received the first specimen of the new German letter card, which was mailed to us the day they were issued.

We are indebted to some kind friend in St. Johns, Nfld., for several specimens of the new provisional, 1c on 3c, lilac-grey.

One who professes to know says that a new set of United States postage stamps will be issued about July 1st, 1898.

The Perforator is a bright, chatty, beautifully printed paper, and excels itself in its commemorative number.

The leading article in the Eastern Philatelist is from the pen of Rev. Herbert Clark, and describes very interestingly some of the features of a good collection as compared with a mere accumulation of stamps.

Under our system of liberal premiums, we are almost giving the *Messenger* away to subscribers. But as this ensures a rapidly growing circulation, it will recommend the paper still further to Advertisers.

The past year's business of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., of London, has amounted to about \$300,000.

The special New York number of the Weekly Stamp News is a marvel of philatelic enterprise and skill.

The first of the new ½c stamps to reach us were on a letter received from the Mark's Stamp Co., of Toronto, on Nov. 11th. The other values will be issued as the supply of the old stamps is exhausted.

The Philatelic Advocate for November appears in a new form and new cover design. Its bargain pages are as interesting as advertisements can be made. The editor discusses the question, 'Will a philatelic paper pay?' and thinks it will if conducted wisely.

We wish to organize a system of stamp exchange in connection with the P. M. Club, to apply to stamps catalogued at from 2c to 50c each. We ask our readers to favor us with their suggestions, and we will publish them in the *Messenger*.

We wish to secure regular correspondents in Montreal, Winnipeg, British Columbia, St. John, (N. B.), St. Johns, (Nfld.) and London, (England.)

Mr. Jas. A. Knight, of Halifax, informs us that there are three types of surcharge of the Newfoundland provisional. We have two types before us, one in Roman and the other in Old English. The latter seems to be the scarcer of the two.

As we go to press the following item is received from our Boston correspondent:

The November meeting of the Boston P. S. was marked by a large attendance and a great deal of business. Vice President Woodward presided. Two new members were elected, Frank Tent, Newton Centre, and M. H. Lombard, Winchester. Report of committee on revenues was one of unusual interest and showed marked progress. A second appropriation of \$100 was voted the committee. Committee on anniversary was appointed. Rev. J. L. Kilbon read a paper 'A philatelic dream,' and an auction sale of Blots closed the evening's entertainment.

We shall be glad to receive contributions for our Holiday Number. Manuscripts should be sent in by Dec. 15th and prices stated plainly. Rejected manuscripts will not be returned unless stamp is enclosed.

Mr. Maury's journal last received contains a very interesting account of his experiences during the preparation of his first catalogue and album.

Letters from Boston, Detroit, Toronto and Halifax will be a regular feature of the *Messenger*. The letters this month are newsy and genial as letters should be. Our correspondents are gentlemen, not snarling critics and mud-throwers. We do not want our paper to contain an unjust or ungenerous word.

An International Parade

If all the philatelists of the world could be brought together somewhere and called upon to elect someone as their patron saint, I suppose that the good Queen Victoria, of Great Britain and of countless colonies, would easily be elected by a large majority. If I were present I would, as an American, move to make the vote unanimous, and I am confident that the veteran stamp collectors of Germany, and France, and other countries would heartily support the motion. Our Washington, and Franklin, and General Bolivar of South America, would,

it seems to me, be her only possible rivals, and neither of these distinguished gentlemen, whom you and I know so well, ever saw a postage stamp. There are other great rulers, princes, presidents and statesmen, with whose faces or profiles we are all somewhat acquainted, and whom we respect, but to the stamp collectors of every land Queen Victoria is an old and familiar friend. What a multitude of portraits of her they have seen and handled! How many have been bought and sold by them; sometimes at a great price, especially some of the poorest and more ancient, such as that of Mauritius, 1847, for instance. Who would attempt to count the number and variety of these postal portraits, or imaginary portraits of England's Queen, that we have seen, or wished in vain to see? Some of them very beautiful indeed, others not so. It would be strange if, to those of us who have been collectors from boyhood—looking so often upon that changing face, which has grown older as we have grown older—it were not dear. She has been, perhaps, without knowing it, a philatelic mother to us all. I wish that I had time to-day to talk about some of those many portraits of her that are in all our collections, beginning with the penny black of 1840, and coming down to the recent portrait, on the stamps of Newfoundland, the Niger Coast Protectorate and India, and the latest of all, facing one of the earliest, on the beautiful jubilee issue of Canada; but I must not do so. I was simply reminded of them by a recent event of which we have all read a great deal in the newspapers and elsewhere; that is, the celebration of the completion of the sixtieth year of the good Queen's reign, in which celebration not only all the British colonies, but all the nations of the earth have taken part. It was, as we have learned, an international event of its kind unparalleled in the world's history.—*Eastern Philatelist*.

Halifax Notes.

On the second of September a club was formed in this city devoted to the interests of stamp collectors, entitled 'The Halifax Philatelic Club.' The president is Mr. A. M. Muirhead, also president of the Dominion Philatelic Association, and Mr. J. Foster Rood, the well known specialist in Newfoundland stamps, is vice-president. Up to present writing about a dozen collectors have joined the ranks, but more are expected. The official organ is the 'Halifax Philatelic Magazine' and membership in the club is limited to Nova Scotia.

The exchange branch of the D. P. A., located in this city, does not appear to be particularly successful. Mr. James N. Peckman, the exchange superintendent, says that there are very few books in circulation this month, but as this is a comparatively new branch of the association the reason is apparent.

A few copies of the Newfoundland 3 cent, surcharged one cent, in black, have been seen here, but it is evidently the intention of the government to make this issue a strictly local one. The Cabot sets must be nearly if not quite sold out, and as the lower denominations have been sold some time ago, the prices have advanced considerably.

'Halifax for 1898,' is the cry of the Halifax Philatelic Magazine, and, as becomes a loyal citizen, I have to echo it. Of course it is only natural for us to lose some interest in these conventions when they are held so far away as Ontario, and let us hope that the Ontario members will see the wisdom of Halifax for the convention city.

The last few sets of Canada Jubilee, up to \$1.00, have been sold out at this office. A few copies of higher denomination, from twenty cents up, are still to be obtained. The half cent of the present issue are not to be obtained, the issue being nearly exhausted.

Edward A. Whalen, the well known collector and associate editor of the Halifax Philatelic Magazine, has left for the land of the free, where he will devote himself to study. In him the city loses an ardent philatelist and the Halifax Philatelic club, an energetic secretary.

Detroit Letter.

Philatelic societies are having a hard time of it in the United States. The A. P. A. is barely holding its ground and the P. S. of A. and S. of P. are retrogressing.

The American Collectors' Company is making good progress and has a large number of influential agents. The plans of the company are excellent and if they only carry out their system of doing business on the co-operative plan we think their success is assured. No better manager than Mr. Crawford Capen could have been secured.

The Detroit Philatelist had the misfortune to be burned out in a large fire some time ago, but Mr. Kessler informs us that they are now doing business again.

The auction sales held thus far have proved that good stamps will always bring good prices. The catalogue will, we understand, be gradually revised until it will be as near net prices as it is possible to issue a catalogue. At the same time net prices for a catalogue are a thing impossible, for some dealers would cut prices merely to draw trade.

A certain eastern dealer recently located a large stock of unused orange special delivery stamps and instead of purchasing them outright would take them as he wanted them for use. However a travelling collector happened to inquire for old stamps at this post-office and took all the special deliveries left.

The Christmas trade is reported to be brisk and one dealer of our acquaintance is advertising in a local paper to give fifty varieties of stamps away to all who apply. He informs us that the results are surprisingly large.

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We purpose adding other features to those outlined above, and invite suggestions from our readers.

MATHEW R. KNIGHT.

Toronto Letter.

The ¼c value of our new issue of postage stamps was placed on sale here about the middle of the month. The portrait of Her Majesty as she appeared during the jubilee festivities appears in an oval. The Queen seems to have lost a good deal of that facial rotundity and expression so noticeable in the jubilee stamps, the nose and chin inclining to be pointed and the eyes being hardly discernible. The crown is absent altogether, and in its place is a tiara which has the appear-

ance of sliding off the far side of her head. In the four corners are maple leaves, and surrounding the whole is a border. The engraving is coarser than that of previous issues, and the lettering is very common-place.

A society has been organized lately in the interest of beginners and junior collectors. It is called the Boys' Own Philatelic Association and will no doubt be a success. All interested and wishing to become members should write the secretary (*pro tem*) W. A. Lydiatt, 220 Davenport Road, Toronto, for application blanks and further particulars.

A new paper is announced by the Ontario Philatelic Co., of Berlin, to be called the Boys' Own Philatelist.

There is some talk of organizing a local junior stamp club in Toronto. No doubt this is what is wanted. In union there is strength. Why should there not be a philatelic club in every city, town or village where six or more enthusiastic philatelists are to be found?

The Ont. Phil. Co. has in preparation The Canadian Philatelic Annual, which will be published some time in December. It will consist of from 40 to 50 pages of literature and advertisements interesting to philatelists.

UNCLE ZEB.

If the S. S. S. S. undertakes to suppress the Canada Jubilee and Newfoundland Cabot stamps, its own brave labors will suppress the S. S. S. S.

Answers to Correspondents.

Letters asking for information should always contain stamp for return postage. Only questions of general interest to our readers will be answered in this column.

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Reference: Publisher of this journal.

Publications Received.

All exchanges and other publications received will be mentioned under this heading. Title, publisher, address and annual subscription will be quoted, and if the publication seems to demand a more extended notice, such notice will be found in the editorial notes.

Bric-a-brac, mo., J. W. Palmer, 281 Strand, W. C., London, G. B., 32c.

Canadian Philatelic Magazine, mo., 9 Adelaide st. E., Toronto, Ont., 25c.

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Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, I. A. Mekeel, 1007 Locust st., St. Louis, mo., 50c.

New York Philatelist, mo., A. Herbert, 106 E. 111th St., New York, N. Y., 25c.

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Philatelic Advocate, mo., Starnaman Bros., Berlin, Ont., 25c.

Philatelic Bulletin, mo., Naumkeag Stamp and Publishing Co., box 99, Salem, Mass., 25c.

Texan Philatelist, mo., Walter C. Lowry, Abilene, Tex., 15c.

Also: Birmingham Phil. Soc. Annual Report, P. C. S. A. Monthly Bulletin, P. J. G. B. Advertiser, Stewart's Color Guide, Auction Catalogue of Bogert & Durbin Co., Geo. R. Tuttle and P. M. Wolsieffer, and Price Lists of C. H. Mekeel and Whitfield King & Co.

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