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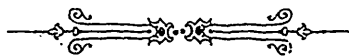
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ODDS AND ENDS.

BY "ACADIA."

"Dixey's" diary for 1889 in the January number of the *Western Philatelist* is a new and useful idea, and if he is tolerably correct in his dates may prove very convenient.

Neither the Philatelic Society of America nor the Western Philatelic Union seem to be making very rapid strides. While it is not my desire to throw cold water on any scheme which will advance philatelic interests, I am of the opinion that the possibility of over-doing the thing is not very remote. The collector who joins too many societies has his attention too much divided to make him a very desirable or good-working member in any, if he distributes his favors equally.

The prospectus of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* is out, and the *personnel* of the managing committee is a guarantee of a high-class journal. But we think they are taking quite a contract when they propose to issue "the best philatelic journal the world ever saw." We must commend them for their good intentions any way, and trust that they will meet with success in the path which is strewn with the remains of many a philatelic wreck.

In the *Nebraska Philatelist* for January Mr. T. J. Mitchell supplies a rather interesting article upon the approximate number of stamps issued by each country of importance in the world, and, strangely enough, he makes no mention of the Dominion of Canada in his list, although she ranks well up among the producers of stamps, having issued of postal varieties considerably over 1,000, and of revenue stamps probably as many more. Why does our friend thus ignore "the brightest jewel in the British Crown," whose vast territory far exceeds in extent the whole United

States, and whose fast increasing trade and resources are already making her a keen competitor of our American cousins in many important industries?

An article, entitled "Some Advice," and over the signature, "De Garmo," appears in the *American Philatelist* for February, and his advice is reasonable. If followed, it would result in much larger sales by the Exchange Department. To my mind the principal trouble in the case is to draw the line between stamps that are really good value at full catalogue prices and those which are over-rated and can be bought in quantities of any wholesale dealer at 50 to 60 per cent. off retail lists. Take, as an instance, the 6c. of the 1869 issue U. S. This stamp is catalogued in used condition at 20c. by all American dealers, while they probably would not offer for them in lots more than \$2 per hundred. This stamp like many others, not only of the United States but other countries as well, is priced much above its real value and cannot reasonably advance in price for a long time. On the other hand, take the 5c. Brown 1847 issue, catalogued at 25c. There is no necessity for marking this stamp below catalogue price, because good specimens go readily. They are good stamps to hold or exchange, and if a dealer was offered a round lot of them he would pay possibly 15c. each for them. This comparison serves to illustrate, in a limited way, the difficulties there are in the way of adopting any particular standard of values.

The collector who sends in sheets of cheap stamps, or poor copies of fairly rare ones, and marks them up to catalogue or better, is simply throwing away time, the cost of his sheets, postage, etc., and giving the department unnecessary trouble, for it has been amply demonstrated that the ordinary class of stamps worth, say, 25c. and under will not sell unless

marked down at least 20 per cent. For it is this class of stamps that all the "snide" dealers and "stamp crooks" in the country delight to spring upon the unwary at discounts ranging from 25 to 50 per cent. off lists.

The report of the Secretary of the A. P. A. in the official journal for February shows the enormous number of 215 members who owe a years dues or over, and who are in imminent danger of losing the number of their mess unless the cash is forthcoming before March 1st. The last new member is No. 954 on the roll. It is an old saying that "figures can't lie," but in this instance they are, to put it mildly, very poor evidence.

THE STAMPS OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Translated from the French of Le Timbre Poste.

Some months ago an American collector, Mr. Donald A. King, published the result of his researches on the first stamps of Nova Scotia, and arrived at the conclusion that they had been issued in 1851. As a result of new investigations, more fortunate, the same gentleman has at last found the real date of the introduction of stamps in this British colony.

Leaving aside all suppositions at first made by Mr. King, we will content ourselves with making public the documents which permit us to establish the history of the stamps of Nova Scotia in no uncertain manner.

Here is the notice to the public of the Postmaster-General :

"As postage stamps have been received from England, notice is hereby given that the 3 pence, 6 pence and one shilling can be bought at this office, Monday, September 1, next.

"NOTE.—Before using the stamps, they should be examined to make sure that they adhere firmly (for if they should come off, the letters will be considered as unstamped); they should be placed on the side of the address, in right upper corner. If this direction is not followed, letters bearing stamps might, in consequence of the rapidity with which the work must be done, be treated as unpaid and the recipient might have much trouble in obtaining reimbursement for dues collected by mistake.

"In case of reclamation for irregularities, the envelope of the letter (and the contents if possible) should invariably be saved and sent to the post-office, as they furnish the sole

means of making the necessary investigations for the reclamation.

"A. WOODGATE, D.P.M.G.,
"GENERAL P.O., HALIFAX, Aug. 25, 1851."

By this document it is proved that the 1 penny was not issued at first and that consequently there were only three values.

It appears that they were furnished through Treylayney Saunders, of London.

ISSUE OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1851.

Small octagon with crown in centre, surrounded by four stars containing the heraldic flowers of Great Britain; the rose (England) above; the thistle (Scotland) to the right—in memory, perhaps, of the Order of the Thistle; shamrock (Ireland) to left—the emblem of the country where St. Patrick preached the gospel in 431 and made use of the shamrock to explain the mystery of the Trinity; finally, below, the mayflower, a plant peculiar to Nova Scotia. The whole is enclosed in a lozenge-shaped frame with guilloche ground whose edges bear these inscriptions around the square: *Nova Scotia Postage* and the value in letters; in the corners a number.

Engraved by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London; colored impression on white paper.

A. The green gum has changed the paper, which appears blue.

3 pence, pale, vivid, dark blue.

6 pence, yellowish green, pale vivid, dark green.

1 shilling, violet, mauve.

B. The gum has not reacted upon the paper, which is white.

3 pence, vivid blue, blue.

6 pence, yellowish green.

1 shilling, violet.

It must be remarked that each of the three values were separately engraved, and that it was no doubt the gum which has acted upon the paper which sometimes appears blue on the reverse after the gum has been removed and, at least in places, white on the obverse.

There had been proposed a type which was not adopted. The *Stamp Collectors' Magazine*, June, 1863, gives a description of it which we copy from there.

ESSAY.

Figure 6 in an octagonal frame; inscription, *Nova Scotia* to right and left; six above;

pence below; figure in the four corners. Black impression on rose and white.

6 pence, black on rose.

6 pence, " " white.

For the issue of the 1 penny stamp, here is what has been discovered in a report of the Postmaster-General, dated January 7, 1854, for the preceding year:

"Stamps of 1 penny having recently been received from London and put into circulation can now be obtained at all post offices in Nova Scotia. There are now stamps of 1 shilling, 6 pence, 3 pence and 1 penny; the public thus has all facilities for prepaying letters to all towns to which they can be prepaid.

"As the Government has introduced the system of prepaying by stamps, it is a cause for congratulation that the public in general begins to feel and appreciate its advantages, a very much greater number having been issued from my office during the past year than the preceding ones, being an increase of more than twenty-five per cent., as will be seen from Report No. 1."

In the report of January 2, 1853, for the year 1852, the Postmaster-General says:

"Application must be made for stamps of 1 penny which should arrive shortly."

The 1 penny stamps were therefore not in circulation, but as the report of 1854 for 1853 speaks of them, it is thus certain that this stamp saw the light in this year, probably in the first months, as its arrival was foreseen in January.

ISSUE OF MARCH (?), 1853.

Portrait of Victoria in a lozenge-shaped frame with guilloche ground, having half of a star on the four sides, the whole enclosed in a rectangle with the same inscriptions as the preceding stamps.

Engraved in *taille douce* by Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London; colored impression on bluish paper; the same gum as the foregoing.

1 penny, brown red, pale and vivid.

Some very suspicious stamps are known whose paper is *white*.

ESSAY.

Same design, etc., but black impression on white paper.

1 penny, black.

We noted last year a 3 penny stamp surcharged "5c." in an oval, and M. de Ferrari has advised us that he has in his possession

the same value and the 6 pence stamped "5 cents," but without the oval. We have believed this a provisional employment. According to Mr. King, by a postal treaty concluded between Nova Scotia and the United States at a period which he cannot fix accurately, but which he believes to be about 1854, the rate for letters was fixed at 5 cents and the 3 pence stamp of Nova Scotia was considered as equal to that value.

All letters, prepaid or not, says Mr. King, coming from the west of Nova Scotia and destined to the United States were stamped on the side of the address by the post office forwarding the mail to the United States.

As the stamp employed for this purpose corresponds with these so-to-speak surcharges, it is probable that it sometimes was applied on the stamps, whence the discovery made later on of stamps surcharged 5c.

This reasoning seems admissible, but it needs confirmation nevertheless.

In 1857 the letter-rate to England was reduced from 1 shilling to 7½ pence; but as this value could not be composed of the stamps already issued, and the administration was inclined to be economical of the public shakels, it imagined a combination which is mentioned in the report of the Postmaster-General of January, 1852, which Mr. A. King quotes as follows:

"To remedy, to a certain extent, the serious inconveniences to merchants and others caused by the lack of current stamps of 7½ pence, by which parties might wish to prepay the postage on their letters to England, and as I do not wish to occasion any more expense to the province for obtaining another engraving, I think it might be well to permit the use of half stamps with those in use now to obviate this lack of adaptability of which complaint is made; a circular has been sent to my Deputy Postmaster and a notice given to the public, saying that letters may be prepaid to England with either a 6 pence stamp or two 3 pence stamps, combined with half of a 3 pence stamp. The 3 pence stamp being divided diagonally, the half is equal to 1½ pence. Only the 3 pence stamp can be employed for this purpose."

If the report which we have cited really is of the year 1852, what becomes of the statements of the *Philatelic Record*, which says that a direct service, *via* Halifax, was estab-

lished to England in 1857, and that it had an opportunity to ascertain at the Post-office-General, at London, that the letter-rate from Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was fixed at $7\frac{1}{2}$ pence?

This date is also confirmed by the appearance in Canada of a stamp of this value in June, 1857, and of the cut stamps of New Brunswick, which are met on letters of the year 1857.

Mr. King would therefore do well to make sure whether he has not made a mistake, and to search more diligently for that notice to the public which is mentioned in the report given above.

ISSUE OF JUNE, 1857 OR 1852?

Similar to the stamps of 1851, but cut diagonally for half of the value expressed.

Half of 3 pence, blue.

" " 6 " green.

According to the authority given by the department, there should be only 3 pence stamps cut in half; nevertheless we have seen the 6 pence (cut), and it is very probable that the 1 shilling was treated in the same manner by the public, which, in default of 3 pence or 6 pence stamps, cut the 6 pence and 1 shilling for half their value.

In consequence of a change of currency, the stamps were changed and the American Bank Note Company of New York was given the contract for furnishing the new set.

The following extract is taken from the report of the Postmaster-General for 1860:

"Postage stamps of the new design and adapted to the decimal system were with the consent of the Governor-in-Council obtained from the American Bank Note Company and put into circulation, October 1 last (1860).

"The design, the color and the value of the stamps are as follows: 1 cent, black; 5 cents, blue; $8\frac{1}{2}$ cents, green; 10 cents, scarlet, and $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents, black.

"A supply of 19,000 sheets, or 1,900,000 stamps, equal in value to \$132,000, was obtained from the above-mentioned firm on payment for their manufacture and accessories of \$901.88."

ISSUE OF OCTOBER 1, 1860.

There are three types.

TYPE I.—Profile of Victoria to left in a colorless circle with horizontally lined ground; above, *Nova Scotia* in the centre on a ground hatched in lozenge form; below, *one cent* or *five cents*; ornaments outside of this.

TYPE II.—Values $8\frac{1}{2}$ and 10 cents. The same picture, but *en face*, on a ground of oblique crossed lines; the upper and lower inscriptions are placed on flying bands with a horizontally-lined ground; ornaments outside like the preceding stamp.

TYPE III.— $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents. Similar to Type II. and with the portrait on the same ground; the upper inscription, *Nova Scotia*, on a band with solid ground; the lower one is on a horizontal label, also with solid ground; the exterior ornaments are those of Type II.

Taille-douce engraving; colored impression on white paper; perforated 12.

A. Yellowish white paper.

Type I. 1 cent, black.

5 " dark blue, blue.

Type II. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " green.

10 " vermilion, vivid vermilion.

Type III. $12\frac{1}{2}$ " black.

B. Greyish white paper.

Type I. 1 cent, black.

5 " blue, vivid blue.

Type II. $8\frac{1}{2}$ " green.

10 " vermilion, vivid vermilion.

Type III. $12\frac{1}{2}$ " black.

ESSAYS.

These are essays printed on Chinese paper, viz.:

1 cent, black, red, green, blue, orange.

5 " " blue, orange.

$8\frac{1}{2}$ " " red, emerald, blue, orange, brown.

10 " " red, orange.

$12\frac{1}{2}$ " " green.

A reduction of rates gives us a new value which the Postmaster-General announces as follows:

"To enable me to execute that part of the Act (*County Postage Act*) passed at the last session, which reduces the letter-rate to two cents for letters deposited in a post office for the same county, it became necessary to procure for the public a stamp for the prepayment of this class of letters, and an order was given to the American Bank Note Company, of New York, for a supply and 5,000 sheets were forwarded to this department at the price of \$226, including the engraving.

"The reduction of the rate commenced on May 11 last, and for the first five months, including September 30 last (up to which time I have been able to make sure from the reports in my possession), shows, according to my estimate, a reduction in revenue of \$450 below that realized at the higher rate during the same period."

ISSUE OF MAY 11, 1863.

Type of the 1 and 5 cents of 1860, with profile of Victoria to left.

Taille-douce engraving; colored impression on white paper. Perforated 12.

2 cents, brownish lilac, lilac.

ESSAY.

Same type printed in color on Chinese paper, 2 cents, orange.

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EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

It is now some weeks since I rendered statements of account to all the members participating in the Exchange Department. And as very few have responded, only about 25 per cent. has been paid in and out. I shall hand in my list to the Executive Board unless the balances are paid in at once.

F. J. GRENNY

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Since my last report I have received a number more of the cards sent out for members to vote on the new Constitution.

I have received 68 yeas and not one nay, so that the Association have adopted the new Constitution.

Immediately after the issue of the official organ for February, I sent cards, with bill of dues endorsed "last notice," to every member whose number was published in that month. Thirty days are given for answers, and for remittances to be made. If this is not done, the names and addresses of delinquent members will be published.

I may say I have had several letters from members, complaining of receiving no benefits of the Association. Judging from the letters, several of the complaining parties had never asked for anything, and on enquiry it was found that this was so. If a member does not ask for any of the benefits of the Association, how are they to know what he wants. The Exchange Superintendent cannot send exchange books unless he is asked to, although it is thought very often he should. And this is to answer a number of letters sent me:—*If you want any benefit from our Association, ask for it.* Everyone gets the official organ and can, therefore, find the addresses of the officers.

The second notice of dues for the current half year have been sent out, and I hope the members will respond promptly.

I am pleased to say we have quite a good showing of applications this month, there being eight, but all are wanted, as the usual resignations at the first of the year are coming in.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS, NO. 19.

JOHN M. SHERIDAN, 295 Adelp St., Brooklyn. References, Donald A. King, Halifax, N.S.

W. J. PARRISH, 406 Holmes St. Kansas City, Mo. References, F. J. Grenny, Brantford; Donald A. King, Halifax, N. S.

W. L. GRANT, Queen's College, Kingston. References, H. F. Ketcheson, Peterborough, Ont.; A. B. S. DeWolf, Halifax, N. S.

J. D. MCCARTHY, Amherst, N. S. References, A. A. Bartlett, Charlottetown, P. E. I., A. J. Craig, Pictou, N. S.

REV. J. CROUZIER, Tasket Wedge, N. S. References, Donald A. King, Halifax, N. S.; H. L. Hart, Halifax, N. S.

T. C. HAWLEY, Lake Park, Becker Co., Minn. References, E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.; E. Y. Parker, Toronto.

WM. KLEINE, 410 E. 4th St. New York. References, Donald A. King, Halifax, N. S.; E. Y. Parker, Toronto.

OLIVER PARDOE, Ingersoll, Ont. References, F. J. Grenny, Brantford, Ont.; C. W. Price, Plymouth, Mich.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS, NO. 18.

222—MILO C. REYNOLDS, Eagle Bridge, N. Y.

223—H. F. MOOERS, Box 638, Kingston, Ont.

224—C. VAN DEUSEN, Westfield, Mass.

RESIGNATIONS.

13—N. E. CARTER.

134—W. S. ALDRICH.

82—ALVAH DAVISON.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. A. KING, Secretary.

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I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following for the C. P. A. Library during the month of February:—

	<i>No. Pieces.</i>
W. D. Boyd, Simcoe, Ont.....	38
W. A. DeWolf Smith, New Westminster, B. C.....	32
Geo. H. Watson, Roselle, N. J.....	25
E. F. Wortelle, Que.....	16
J. D. Bartlett, South Amboy, N. J... 8	8
H. H. Wilber, Cambridgeboro, Mass., 5	5
E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.....	3
J. W. Scott Co., New York.....	3
H. C. Beardsley, Minneapolis.....	3
Dr. T. J. W. Burgess, Hamilton, Ont. 1	1

Total pc's134

All of the above are valuable additions to the Library, and I must thank Mr. Smith especially for again favoring our Ass'n. Dr. Burgess sends Maury's last catalogue—a good one. I lament the fact that only two or three publishers send their paper to the Library. I again ask publishers if they will give us a copy or two to preserve on file. By dropping me a card I will acknowledge their intentions. The complete files and packages of papers sent by Messrs. S. C. Scott, and H. C. Kendall over two months ago, have not arrived here as yet,

I am sorry to say. In conclusion I must not forget Mr. Watson's contributions. Again and again he sends apparently the best and just what is needed.

In the bonds of Philately,

J. R. HOOPEN,

559 King St., Ottawa.

Librarian.

THE STAMP SWINDLE.

THE 1,000,000 POSTAGE STAMP SCHEME STARTED IN GERMANY.

Now and then some one announces himself as the victim of the one-million postage stamp hoax. It is firmly believed that if 1,000,000 stamps are collected and forwarded to some one, a bed will be provided for an invalid boy in some hospital, or a home for an orphan. Christian churches have been the special victims, and there is hardly one in England, the United States, Australia, India, or in any other country that has not had several members begging, borrowing, and even stealing postage stamps in order to make up the million that will go to clothe and feed some orphan.

This swindle originated in the fertile brain of a postage stamp collector at Stettin, Germany. He desired to get vast collections to sort out and sell again, and hit upon a plan to set the whole civilized world to go to work for him free of charge. He preyed upon the sympathies of the people by announcing that an orphan would be cared for in the "Syrian orphan home" for every million stamps sent to him. This worked well; and the next dodge was the starting of a mythical mission in China, the Holy Sisters of which agreed, for every million stamps sent to them, to save from the jaws of the crocodiles of the Yellow river at least one Chinese baby, and educate and Christianize it. The stamps were to be sent, not to Jerusalem or China, but to Munich or Stettin. The last claim on the sympathy of the world that has been made by this German is that for 1,000,000 stamps a home for an old lady or an old gentlemen will be provided in one of three homes—one in London, another in New York, and the third in Cincinnati. For 500,000 stamps a bed will be endowed in a hospital, and for 1,000,000 a home will be

found for an orphan for one year. There are agencies in various cities to forward stamps to Stettin. It is estimated that this swindler has collected over 100,000,000 stamps in the United States alone, and that these were worth from \$500,000 to three times that amount.—*Good Housekeeping.*

Toronto, Dec. 31st. 1889.

DEAR SIR:—Perhaps an incident which lately occurred in this city may be of interest to the readers of your valuable paper, as it shows one of the numerous methods adopted by those who attempt to reprint stamps, and also the power the law has over such.

Some time ago a young gentleman professing to be a stamp dealer, took up his quarters in one of the leading buildings of this city. As soon as settled in his pretentious place of business he began his trade in an equally pretentious manner, fine letter heads, cards, etc. One day he walked into his printing establishment with what he called a very rare stamp worth a few hundred dollars. This he desired to have engraved in the finest way, *exactly* like the original in every respect, and printed in brown on his business cards, which he required to be of thin paper (unlike the usual style). They must also have a wide margin all around the stamp; this he dwelt on particularly of course. The stamp was engraved splendidly and quite a few printed according to the specifications, when a doubt arose in the printer's mind as to the lawfulness of reprinting stamps. He forthwith went to the postmaster who instructed him to see a lawyer. This last person advised him to destroy the stamps and plate, as it was not lawful to print them, which he accordingly did. When the dealer heard this he appeared astounded and demanded that he might see the destruction of them, (of course this precaution was to prevent any others from getting the benefit of them) but they were already destroyed and his scheme was defeated. "The way of the transgressor is hard." This actually took place, and the "Connel" had a narrow escape at the hands of an unscrupulous dealer who had intended to reap a neat profit

by perforating the stamp printed on his so-called business cards.

With wishes for a prosperous new year for your excellent paper, I am

Yours truly,

WILLIAM CALDWELL.

CHRONICLE.

R. R. BOGART.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—There is a new 40c. stamp, olive green, with portrait of Dr. Moreno in oval, "Correos y Telegrafos., above.

BAMRA.—The *I. B. J.* notes two stamps, 4a. black on yellow and 8a. black on rose. They are type set, and contain the words, "Bamra—Postage" in two lines with native inscription below.

BAVARIA.—The colors of the stamps have been changed as follows: 3pf. brown; 5pf. green; 50pf. red-brown.

BRAZIL.—Der Ph. illustrates unpaid letter stamps with figures of value, "Taxa" above and "Devida" below, all in oval, above which is "Correio" and below Brazil. Values 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 1,000 reis, carmine. Rouletted.

CHAMBA.—The *A. J. P.* reports the 1-2 and 1a. envelope with arms in blue, on white laid paper.

COLUMBIA.—The same journal informs us that there are new cubiertas, 10, 20, 30, 40, 60, 70, 80, 90c. and 1 peso, all in blue.

CUBA.—In addition to the values of the new stamps mentioned last month, there are $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, mils red brown, 2c. blue, 10c. lilac-brown.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—New envelopes and cards are reported.

FINLAND.—Of the new type there are the 2, 5, 10 and 20 penni.

FRANCE.—The 5fc. was surcharged some time ago "20 piastres" in black.

GRENADA.—The 2sh. yellow and green fiscal is now surcharged in three lines "Half—Penny—Postage" in black.

GWALIOR.—Envelope, $\frac{1}{2}$ a. white laid paper, arms in black.

HONDURAS.—New stamps are in use here. The arms, consisting of pyramid, etc., are in

oval frame, surrounded at top and sides by "Republic de Honduras." In upper corners, the figures of value, and at the bottom, "Centavos (figure of value) Centavos." 1c. yellow-green, 2c. red, 5c. blue, 10c. orange, 20c. yellow-brown, 25c. rose, 30c. violet, 40c. blue, 50c. brown, 75c. blue-green, 1 peso rose. All perforated 12. The envelopes have same arms in large oval frame, with figures of value and fasces at sides. 5c. blue, 10c. orange, 20c. brown, 25c. rose, on white and blue paper. Wrappers, same design, 1c. green, 2c. red, 5c. blue, 10c. orange, on manila paper. Cards, with stamp similar to adhesive, in centre, "Republica" at left, "Honduras" at right on scrolls, all enclosed in ornate frame. 2c. and 2+2c. (T. 4.) vermilion on buff, 3c. and 3+3c. (B. 4.) blue on white.

JHAND.—Envelopes, $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 anna, on white laid paper. Arms in black.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The Ph. R. describes an envelope of white wove paper, commercial size, having two one penny stamps of the new type.

NICARAGUA.—New stamps have been issued inscribed "Correos y Telegrafos." The word, "Nicaragua," extends across the centre, above which is a locomotive and tender, and below, a telegraphic instrument. At the top, the arms in a small triangle, and "U. P. U., 1890." The value is at the foot. 1c. brown, 2c. vermilion, 5c. blue, 10c. slate, 20c. red, 50c. violet, 1p. dark brown, 2p. green. 5p. rose, 10p. orange. For Official use the same values have been printed in ultramarine and surcharged "Franqueo—Oficial" in red, in two lines. The envelopes have arms on a shield, in large oval frame, with figures of value at sides, and "1890" below. 5c. blue, 10c. grey, 20c. rose, 30c. red-brown, 50c. violet, on amber paper. Wrappers, 1c. green, 2c. green, 4c. green, on amber paper. Cards, stamp in upper right corner; at left, "Republica de Nicaragua"—"Tarjeta Postal"—"—Para el Interior;" ornamental frame. 2c. and 2+2c. (T. 4.) brown on pale buff. Stamp in middle, with "Tarjeta—Postal" on scroll, similar frame. 3c. and 3+3c. (T. 4.) blue on pale buff. All the cards have a pale brown groundwork, with the design in the lower part similar

to that on the late cards, with diverging rays, etc.

PERAK.—The 2c. rose is now surcharged "P. G. S." in black, stand for "Perak Government Service."

PERU.—The *A. J. P.* informs us that the current set is surcharged in vermilion with the word "Gobierno" in an oblong frame 18x12mm. for use as official stamps.

SALVADOR.—A new series of stamps has been issued with date "1890," very similar to the 3c. brown. 1c. green, 2c. brown, 3c. yellow, 5c. blue, 10c. violet, 20c. orange, 25c. rose, 50c. mauve, 1p. salmon. Envelopes with embossed figure of Liberty in large oval frame with figures of value at sides, in small shields. 5c. blue, 10c. red, 11c. yellow, 20c. rose, 22c. yellow. These all come on four colors of paper—white, amber, blue and green. Also wrappers of same design, 3c., 6c., 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., 25c., all brown on both white and blue paper. The cards have stamp in upper right corner, and similar stamp in left corner, with large figure of value in oval. 2c. and 2+2c. brown on buff, and 3c. and 3+3c. orange on white. The reply paid cards are T. 4. and rouletted.

SANTANDER.—The *A. J. P.* notes a 5c. red and 10c. violet on thin bluish paper, perforated 13 $\frac{1}{2}$.

SERVIA.—*Der Ph.* illustrates a new series of stamps which bear the head of the young king. Figures of value in lower corners in rectangles. 5p. green, 10p. red, 15p. blue, 20p. orange, 25p. brown, 50p. lilac, 1 dinar violet-red. Perf. 13.

SHANGHAI.—Mr. Rechert has shown us new stamps with two dragons supporting a shield with Chinese inscription in oval band, inscribed "Shanghai Local Post." The figures of value are in the lower corners, in circles. 2c. brown, 5c. rose, 10c. black, 15c. blue, 20c. lilac.

SIAM.—The 2att. red and green is surcharged "1" over the figure of value, and a native character in lower left corner in black.

ST. THOMAS AND PRINCE I.—The 20 reis rose is surcharged "5—Cinco—Reis" in black, in three lines.

TOLIMA.—From *Le T. P.* we learn stamps have been issued resembling the last stamps of

Antioquia, perforated. 1c. black on rose, 2½c. black on blue, 5c. black on yellow, 10c. black on green.

TRAVANCORE.—Three envelopes have been issued, with stamp of circular form with couch in centre. 1ch. blue, 2ch. red, 4ch. green, on white laid paper.

UNITED STATES.—The new stamps, except the 4, 5 and 6c., were issued Feb. 22, and being, no doubt, in the hands of our readers will need no description. 1c. blue, Franklin; 2c. carmine, Washington; 3c. purple, Jackson; 4c. dark brown, Lincoln; 5c. light brown, Grant; 6c. vermilion, Garfield; 10c. green, Webster; 15c. blue, Clay; 30c. black, Jefferson; 90c. orange, Perry. It remains only to say that both in design and execution they are the poorest stamps ever issued by this country.

VICTORIA.—The 1sh. 6d. stamp, at first printed in blue, is now changed to orange.

WURTEMBERG.—The 3pf. is now brown, 5pf. green. 25pf. orange, and 50pf. red-brown.

There are hundreds of collectors in Canada who would join C. P. A. if the benefits of membership in such an association were shown them. Every member should act as a missionary.

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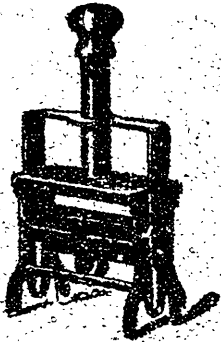
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