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WHOLESALE & RETAIL.

Prince Edw. Isl.	1d unused, fine	75
"	" 4 1/2d " not quite centered	80
"	" 6d used " " "	1 00
"	" 9d unused " " "	50
"	" 3c used, fine	75
Ma ta, 1901	1/2d unused	02
Tasmania,	set of 3 " pictorial	70
Cook's Island	9 "	1 25
Canada, 1862	1c yellow block of 4 new,	10
"	3c bl green " " "	20
"	1/2c thin p. " " "	05
"	1/2c thick p. " " "	40
"	10c rose " " "	70
"	1/2c orange " " "	05
Newfd., 1898	3c orange " " "	12
"	5c blue " " "	10
Canada, 1882	10c rose used 3 for	30
1872	6c yel br. " 5 for	10
1882	1/2c bl ack " 20 for	10
1892	3c 'lav &c " 20 for	10
1898	1/2c numerals " 30 for	10
"	10c " " 3 for	10
Newfd., 1887	3c brow " 8 for	10
"	5c blue " 3 for	10
"	1c green " 8 for	10
1893	3c slate &c. used 3 for	10
1898	1/2c olive " 12 for	10
"	1c green " 10 for	10
"	2c red " 10 for	10
"	3c orange " 10 for	10
"	5c blue " 3 for	10
1890	1/2c black " 6 for	10
1897	3c cabot " 5 for	10
1898	1c carmine " 3 for	10
"	2c orange " 3 for	10

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GREAT BRITAIN.

1870.	1/2 p. red, block of 16 plate 11 unused o. g. with margin and plate No. on the corner of the margin	5 25
1833-84	1 1/4 p. violet (Cat. No. 101) black of 6 unused o. g.	1 00
1840.	2 p blue, no lines, strip of three used, dark shade v. l.	2 75
1840	1 p. black Strip of 8, the longest strip used known. Price on Application.	
Nova Scotia, 1869,	1c black, white paper, fine strip of 5 used.	2 25
France, 1852, 80c.	Like strip of 3 on cover, 1899. 5c. yellow green, unused, block of 4, two stamps are Type I, two Type II	50

SINGLE STAMPS.

Canada, gas inspection,	\$4 00	20
Manitoba Law, 1877, C. F. in black	10c green	07
"	20c "	07
"	35c "	06
"	50c "	05
"	1 00 "	08
Manitoba Law, L. S. in blue	10c green	10
"	20c "	10
"	50c "	05
Manitoba Law, C. F. in black and J. F. in red,	20c and 25c green, each	10
Canadian Revenues, 25 varieties	" 40 "	25
Quebec Law, \$10 00 blue, \$20 00 yellow, \$30 00 vermilion, V. F. the set,		50
U. S. 1869, 1c. blue		\$4 00
1861, 10c. green		35
Blank approval books, per 12		66
"	do per 100	85
Blank approval sheets ruled to hold 100 stamps, per 100		45

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Mint copy	12 ½ blue /68	Canada	\$1 00
"	1c. brown red	"	60
Used "	1c. yellow /69	"	25
	2c. green /68	"	8
Canada Revenues	4 varieties		10
Set of Supreme Court laws			\$3 25
Set of Quebec Laws	/69 issue		50
Revenue catalogue & 25 var. laws			15
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"	2 on 3c. surcharged the two kinds	02
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"	Revenues, 25 varieties	25
Great Britain	Postage 25 "	15
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	No. 1 to 40 with 10 stamp in each at	
	1 Packet 10 varieties	05
	6 " 60 "	25
	40 " 400 "	1 50
Canada	Envelopes cut square 3 kind. pr. 100	35
"	License Stamp \$2.00 brown " 10	10
"	10 varieties, picked copies " 100	10
Cuba	1878 25c. green per 10	10
"	1879 25c. ultramarine " 10	10
"	1880 25c. grey blue " 10	10
"	1881 5c. blue " 10	08
"	10 of each as above for only	30
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1d carmine 4c "	1d purple 4c "	1/- green & blue 16c "
2d brown 12c "	2d violet 8c "	2/- blue & green 50c "
2 ½ blue 12c "	2 ½ blue 3.00 "	2/6 brown & purple 60c "
3d mauve 16c "	3d blue 12c "	3/- green & blue 80c "
d sage-green 18c "	6d blue 18c "	4/- red & blue 1.15 "
5d lilac 18c "	1/- brown 36c "	5/- chestnut & green 70c "
1/- ochre 36c "		10/- slate & green 1.85 "
2/6 purple 1.00 "		
10/- brown 5.00 "		

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NEWS OF THE MONTH

The set of stamps chronicled last month for Southern Nigeria has considerable historical importance, being an evidence of the important political events that are now taking place in that part of Britain's Colonial Empire, situated in West Africa. This issue is to supersede the stamps of the Niger Coast Protectorate and Lagos. The press despatches inform us that negotiations are now in progress, in diplomatic circles, by which that constant source of friction—the French shore rights in Newfoundland—is to be terminated, by the French Government relinquishing their treaty rights in exchange for the colony of Gambia. If this report is based on fact, a sudden demand for Gambian stamps is to be expected, and a consequent rise in prices.

Our list of new issues is somewhat shorter than usual this month, the order having come from our publisher to close forms sharp on time, and no copy to be sent in after the 10th. Our journal has been appearing about ten days late for the past three or four months, the delay being caused by the contractor not furnishing "cuts" on time as agreed. Last month we had no new cuts, those that should have appeared, arrived one day after the paper was printed, and they are used for this month's chronicle. We hope to get this annoying difficulty adjusted ere long, but cuts or no cuts our publisher has determined that the paper must be out sharp on time for the future.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.



ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(New 3c. and 15c. values of current set.) The 15c. announced in our December number has been issued, its color is light blue, a 3c. orange has also been added to the

current set and the 16c has been suppressed.

BERMUDA.—($\frac{1}{4}$ d. stamps regular and provisional. A farthing rate of postage for newspapers having recently been decided upon, $\frac{1}{4}$ d. stamps were ordered from London. As a new design could not be made in time for the date when the new rate was to come into force, 240,000 1 shilling, printed in grey, were surcharged ONE FARTHING. These were bought up the first day they were placed on sale by a few speculators, who are endeavoring to dispose of the stamps at 25c. each. As the entire issue only represented a face value of \$1200.00, our speculative friends on the island hope to clear about \$58,800 if collectors are silly enough to allow them to unload.



CHILE.—(Fiscal 5c. used for postage.) We illustrate the new type of the 5c revenue stamp, which as reported last month was, during a temporary shortage, used to replace the regular 5c postage stamp, during the month of October, 1900. Mr. H. A. Chapman has kindly sent us specimens of this, and of the previous issue of revenues, used on original envelope, for which we tender our sincere thanks.

COSTA RICA.—(2, 5 and 10 colones of the new set.) Three additional high values have appeared.

2 colones, carmine and green, J. R. Mora,
5 " brown and black, Jesus Jimenez,
10 " green and red, National Arms.



We illustrate the 1c and 2c which we reported last month.



ECUADOR.—(Change of colors.) The following changes have been made in the current bi-colored set, the vignettes remaining black as before.

1c scarlet formerly blue
2c green " lilac
5c lilac " lake
10c blue " violet



GREECE.—(Surcharges on Olympic Games type.) In addition to the 25 l and 50 l reported last month, *Ewen's Weekly S. News* is our authority for the following surcharges on the Olympic game type.

5 lepta on 1 drachma
1 drachma on 5 drachma
4 " on 10 "

The 1 dr. transformed into a 5 lepta, and the 5 dr. in turn made into a 1 dr. looks speculative, very! but perhaps some explanation may be forthcoming, so we give them the benefit of the doubt, before listing in our column of speculative and counterfeit stamps.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(Change of color of 3d Stationery.) Future printings of the 3d wrappers, post cards, and envelopes, are to be in green to correspond with the color of the 1/2d adhesive. The 1d wrapper will also be changed from brown to carmine. (*Edward VII stamps.*) It is semi-officially announced in the London government organs, that no immediate change of type will be made, but that stamps with the profile of Edward VII will be introduced gradually as existing stocks become used up.

GRENADA.—(1d envelopes.) A 1d carmine on white laid paper envelope, of the same type as the wrappers, has been issued.



HUNGARY.—(New 2 and 5 Crown.) Our European contemporaries list as issued, the two new high value stamps, announced by us last month, namely the 2 korona ultra-

marine, and the 5 korona claret, of the annexed type.

ICELAND.—(New values, 25 aur and Official 4a.) A German contemporary *Der Philatelist*, reports a 25 aur blue and yellow brown as added to the regular set, and a 4 aur grey to the official set.

ITALY.—(New set in preparation.) King Victor Emmanuel has at last been suited by his portrait painter, and a picture in which he is represented "full face" has been accepted as the central device for the stamps of his reign. They will be slightly larger than the current issue.

NEW ZEALAND.—(The new 1d stamp.) Regarding the new penny stamp the *Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* states:—The stamp was intended for universal penny postage, but the consent of the neighboring Australian colonies and of the Universal Postal-Union not having been obtained, its use is for the present restricted to postage on letters posted for delivery within the Colony or to any British possession. For letters addressed to Australia the postage from New Zealand remains at 2d. the 1/2oz. and for all foreign countries at 2 1/2d. the 1/2oz.

PERU.—(1c. Commemorative.) In commemoration of the new currency, according to *Mekeel's W. S. News*, a 1c. stamp, green and black, has been issued.

SARAWAK.—(1 cent in changed colors.) The 1c now appears in blue and red instead of lilac and black.



SPAIN.—(The new set.) We illustrate the new stamps now in use, a list of which was given in our January number.

URUGUAY.—(The new set.) The stamps described in our November number are now coming into use, we illustrate the 5c blue and 10c violet, the 1c green is also to hand.



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—(2½d. stamps of new design.) We are enabled to *Michael's W. S. News* for the first mention of a new design for the 2½d. blue.

SPECULATIVE STAMPS AND COUNTERFEITS.

The stamps described under this heading, we would advise collectors to avoid, as they are manufactured either by official authority or by private individuals for their own gain at the expense of Philatelists.

ROUMANIA.—(*Another Commemorative set reported.*) We suppose the recently announced set with a special large watermark, to be sold in blocks of twenty-five, was not considered sufficiently commemorative of the inauguration of the new Post Office at the Capital, as it is reported that another set is now in preparation to commemorate the same important event. They are said to be of Parisian manufacture, the design of the values from 1 to 50 bani to show a postman as central device, whilst the 1, 2 and 5 lei are to represent the King's portrait surmounting a picture of the new post office building.

SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP NOTES.

By H. RUDD,

Oudtshoorn, 27 Jan., 1901.

The following paragraph regarding the censoring of letters by the military will no doubt be interesting to most readers as an envelope bearing an impression of the indian-rubber stamp, or the labels used by the censor to indicate that such letter has been passed by him, will be included amongst Philatelic curios.

CENSORSHIP OF MAIL MATTER.—So far as the Post Office Department is concerned, there has been and is no censorship whatsoever, in connection with the war, over mail matter, the law of the Colony prohibiting the opening of any letter passing through the post otherwise than in the Returned Letter Branch in the case of unclaimed correspondence

sent in for return to the sender. In the districts where Martial Law has been in operation, however, the Military Authorities have exercised a partial censorship; but, at the request of the Department, all letters opened for examination were required to be closed by means of a label indicating the circumstances under which the right of censorship had been exercised.

Letters addressed to British prisoners of war were, by regulation, ordered to be posted open for inspection, and, after examination by the Military Censor, were sent forward to destination *via* Loureou Marques, likewise open to inspection, in order to be passed by the Censor appointed for the purpose by the authorities in the Transvaal.

In a similar manner all letters for Boer prisoners were delivered by this Department to the Censor appointed by the Military Authorities here, by whom they were examined prior to being handed to the addressees.

The labels used are of all shapes and colors, and usually bear the words ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE above, OPENED UNDER MARTIAL LAW below. The Cape Coat of Arms and the initials of the Censor in the middle. In the case of letters of "prisoners of war," they being posted open, an indian rubber stamp with the words CENSOR PRISONERS OF WAR is used to indicate that such letter has been passed by him. These envelopes are already fetching a good price.

The following statistics taken from the latest annual post office report may prove interesting: 24,273,466 letters, post cards, newspapers, book packets, etc., were despatched from Cape Colony Post Offices. The stamps used represent a value of £125,400. The number of ordinary letters which passed through the returned letter branch were 222,669, while the registered ones reached a total of 2,371,369,644 letters, 1,750,000 papers and books were despatched to the United Kingdom and countries served through it. The weight of mails despatched reached 5,246,461 lbs. Enclosures consisting of bank notes, drafts, cheques, money orders, postal notes, coin, and stamps, to the value of over £4,000 were found in letters opened in the returned letter branch.

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In March " 7 3 " "	
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In May " 3 1 " "	

Editorial.

**Number out April 15th
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USED OR UNUSED STAMPS.

A constantly recurring question
amongst stamp collectors is that of
"used or unused." We reproduce in
another column part of a carefully written

article by Miss Amy Swift, a writer who
is always entertaining, even if she does
now and then insist on that prerogative,
conceded to the ladies, to be as illogical
as they please. It will be seen that Miss
Swift gives the preference to used stamps
of current issues, because she judges they
are likely to possess a greater monetary
value in the future, than the same stamps
unused. We also reproduce an editorial
opinion from *Ewen's Weekly*,
based, as in Miss Swift's article, on cata-
logue figures, in which the author claims
to score "another point in favor of
collecting stamps unused."

The reasoning in both cases is "phila-
telically" unsound because it appeals only
to an incidental issue, that is the com-
mercial side of the question. As we
have before pointed out in these columns,
used stamps can have no commercial value
independent of their scientific value. It
is the demand caused by collectors, who
want them for more or less scientific
purposes, that gives any value whatsoever
to used stamps. Hence if solely con-
sidered from the commercial standpoint,
the unused have the advantage, inasmuch
as their face value represents so much
cash, which, except in countries which
demonetize their obsolete issues, is a
permanent fixed value. The only way
this much debated question can be
settled is by deciding whether an unused
stamp has more scientific value than a
used one. That the unused appeals
more to the artistic taste than the used
is not disputed; a page of clean bright
unused stamps in an album is certainly a
thing of beauty; whatever they teach of his-
tory, of chronology, of geography, or of
the many other sciences, can perhaps be
better learned from their undefaced
features, than from postmarked speci-
mens. Yet the unused stamp has not
accomplished its mission; it was intend-
ed to perform a certain duty, and until it
bears evidence of that service rendered

it is incomplete. Postmarks are of themselves an interesting study, they fix dates of issue, indicate place of service, and in many ways are as instructive as the stamps themselves, but can they ever really increase the value of a stamp as some catalogue quotations would seem to indicate. As we see by the quotation from *Even's Weekly*, genuine postmarks can always be applied to stamps long after they are obsolete; we know of no rule anywhere that forbids postmasters obliterating a stamp of any kind, and as a matter of fact what difference is there between a stamp postmarked to order and one or more affixed to an envelope and mailed with the express object of getting some unusual combination postmarked. In this connection we recollect one of our foreign correspondents who always requested us to put a Canada revenue stamp on our letters close alongside of the postage stamp, so that it might receive a share of the postmark; we have seen United States postage stamps obliterated with Canadian postmarks and vice versa, but that did not prove they had done postal duty. The Scott Stamp Co. regularly advertise "we do not pass upon the genuineness of cancellations," and even if possible to so pronounce, can any one guarantee that a postmark admittedly genuine was regularly applied as a cancellation in the ordinary course of postal business.

These few random thoughts, pro and con, simply prove that appeals to the commercial aspect can have little value to settle the question, whether cancelled or uncanceled are most deserving of collection. If appeal is made to the scientific aspect, so much can be urged on both sides that he would be a judge of things philatelic, of extraordinary ability that would attempt to finally decide the point. It is one of those subjects that must be left to the individual taste of the collector. Probably the

best way to collect is to do as so many of our leading collectors do, secure specimens of both kinds. But it is quite certain that that kind will maintain the highest value in the future, for which there is the greatest demand, and the least supply. If any one is able to settle this point in advance, a fortune awaits him.

CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

The valuable collection of the present day is one which consists mainly of unused stamps of old issues. Every collector is well aware of this, and is entirely too prone to take it for granted that the collection which is to be valuable must be built up on the same lines. But must it? The old issues are worth so much more in unused condition, very few having been saved by either dealers or collectors. A glance over the issues now, and recently current will show that there are fully as many unused as used to be had, in some cases far more. Hence it follows that the unused of the current issue will never be so scarce, nor from a pecuniary standpoint so valuable, as the unused of the past. If collectors would but give a few minutes careful thought to the prevalence of unused stamps offered in the approval books and advertising columns of our dealers they could hardly fail to be impressed (not to say disgusted) with the result of their meditations. In many instances it is almost impossible to obtain used stamps of a set that in unused condition is common. As the issues add years to their age this difficulty will become more and more evident, until by and by we may hear of a used collection bringing as high a price at auction or private sale as the unused of old issues do now. Really, the unused of the present are becoming an actual burden; just pictures which philatelists are expected to buy instead of stamps prepared for postal necessities.

Look through the catalogue, and note how many stamps are priced in unused condition only. I have not counted, but believe myself safe in saying that fully half of those issued since 1890 have that doubtful honor, while of the other half a goodly proportion are either placed on the same plane as the used or on a lower one. It was never so with the old issues, bar-

ring out remainders of course; the two are sometimes priced alike, but it is rarely indeed, that the used is quoted as being the most valuable. This being the case, is it not fairly certain that a collection of recent issues should be formed of used specimens, the scarcest, if the owner wishes it to grow in value with the years?—*Miss Amy Swift in Bay State Philatelist.*

Mr. N. C. Horwood, writes:—

"I have been offered some Virgin Island stamps (Gibbons numbers 28, 31, 32, 35, 38, and 41), lightly postmarked "A 91." If I remember rightly I saw some mention of these stamps so post-marked in E. W. S. N. some time ago, I shall be glad if you will let me know if they are all right and if you think them a good investment at about one-third of Gibbons prices for used copies as I can get them for that." The specimens referred to are very probably part of a large batch (postmarked to order), that have recently come on the market. Genuinely used copies are very scarce as may be seen from the following prices given in Gibbons' last catalogue.

28	Virgin Is., 1/2d, green, unused, 4s. 6d.
31	" 2 1/2d, blue, " 2s. 6d., " 7s. 6d.
32	" 1d, red, " 8d., " 15s.
35	" 4d, chestnut " 12s. 6d., " 25s.
38	" 6d, violet " 7s. 6d., " 40s.
41	" 1s, brown " 12s. 6d., " 60s.

It would appear that a considerable quantity of the Virgin Is. remainders that were sold about 1891 were shipped back to the Islands (in 1899 or 1900?) and lightly cancelled with the A91 post-mark. The owner has recently been trying to unload these on collectors on the basis of the catalogue prices of genuinely used copies, and we advise every reader to have nothing to do with them. All of which is another point in favour of collecting stamps unused.—*Even's Weekly Stamp News.*

An ingenious automatic device for weighing and indicating the necessary postage for samples and third class mail packages has been regularly installed in the French G.P.O., writes a Paris correspondent. Instead of handing such packages to the employees for weighing, one simply places them on the scales, and almost instantly there appears a little card stamped with the weight and the denomination of the stamp or stamps required. Any package placed on the scale that exceed the maximum amount

allowed for that class of mail matter immediately causes to appear a card with the words, "Too heavy."

THE ALUMINIUM STAMP MAY FOLLOW.

It is stated that experiments with aluminium as a substitute for paper are now under way in France. It is now possible to roll aluminium into sheets four thousands of an inch in thickness, in which form it weighs less than paper. By the adoption of suitable machinery these sheets can be made even thinner and can be used for book and writing paper. The metal will not oxidise, is practically fire and waterproof, and is indistructible by worms. Aluminium paper may be followed sooner or later—later, we expect—by the aluminium stamp.—*Stamp Collector's Fortnightly.*

FRENCH MACHINE TO LICK POSTAGE STAMPS.

Paris, Feb. 22.—As a result of the persistent complaints of persons to licking postage stamps, the Minister of Posts, Telephones and Telegraph, instructed the engineers attached to his department to design a slot stamping machine. Two types are now being experimented with. In one, after the coin is inserted, the machine wets and affixes the stamp automatically if the letter is properly placed. The other weighs the letter, shows the amount of postage required, and immediately upon the insertion of the price the stamp is printed directly from the inked plates. Both machines are speedy and reliable. Every French post office will be provided with several as soon as they can be manufactured.—*Press Dispatch.*

LEAGUE OF CANADIAN PHILATELISTS SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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- No. 193 Chris. Goulden, Montreal.
No. 194 A. C. Botterell, Ottawa.
No. 195 William P. Colman, Washington.
APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.
No. 196 G. C. Cuenod, Box 273, Galveston, Texas, Bookkeeper. Ref. W. J. Wurtele, H. Smith.

Where is our list of applications for membership this month? I am afraid the members are not exerting themselves much in trying to get new names. Let us all see what we can do for the next report.

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