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SOME OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF NOVA SCOTIA STAMPS.

D. A. KING, in "The Halifax Philatelist."

The postal service of the British-American Provinces, until the year 1851, was directly under the control of the English P.O. Department. This, with the high rate of postage, the insufficient mail accommodation, and the stringent laws against a private person carrying or delivering a letter on the post road, was the cause of innumerable complaints on the part of the colonies, and gave the English P.O. officials the trouble of sending out long despatches.

The colonies complained that the English P.O. took a large amount of revenue derived from the postal service, which the colonies were not able to lose out of the country. The English officials said that there was an annual deficit in Nova Scotia alone of £2,000 per annum. This state of things existed for years, and every annual report of the P.O. commissioners which was laid on the table of the local legislature, was full of complaints under this head. To give a specimen of one of the reports of these P.O. commissioners, the following is extracted from their annual report for the year 1844 in Nova Scotia. After speaking in favor of a large reduction in postal rates, they say:—"This, with the use of post stamps from dies authorized by the proper authorities, would render the transit of letters and papers less complicated, and give the relief required by the people."

To this no answer was returned till some time in 1845, when a long despatch was received from the Postmaster-General of Great Britain, Lord Lonsdale, who thus gives his department's views of the issue of postage stamps for Nova-

Scotia as follows: "The suggestion that postage stamps for letters should be introduced into Nova Scotia is one which I cannot recommend to your Lordship (Viscount Falkland, then Governor of Nova Scotia) to entertain, as I cannot but consider that considerable objections exist to such a measure, and particularly from the facility which it would afford to the circulation of forged stamps, with but little chance of detection, while it is believed that the offence, if committed in the United Kingdom, could not be punished in the colony, while on the other hand, if committed in the colony, it would be visited with no penalty on parties in the United Kingdom." This will give some idea of the narrow-mindedness of the English postal administration of that time.

As a specimen of the postal accommodation of the Province, see this—from Halifax to Truro, by the coach road, was a distance of 83 miles, and between those two points there were only two post offices for all the people between these places. The mail couriers were not allowed to deliver mail on the way.

At last, by a united effort of all the colonies (Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island), the English Government turned over the postal administration to the different provincial governments. From this date, July 1st, 1851, the interesting part of the postal history of these provinces commences.

In the Post Office Department's letter book the first reference to postage stamps is in the following letter:

"Halifax, April 21st, 1851.

"Sir,

"As the period is fast drawing near when the reduced rate of postage is to take effect in Nova Scotia, and as I perceive by the Provincial Act that Provincial stamps are to be provided for the convenience of the public, and not being aware that any steps have been taken by the government to obtain them, I request to be informed whether His Excellency would authorize me to make application for a supply from the authorities of the general post office.

I would beg to suggest that a requisition for 5,000 sheets or more be made, each sheet containing 240 heads, which, at 3d., would be equal to £15,000, or £3 for each sheet.

Also £5,000 of 6d. stamps for double letters, or letters exceeding the half ounce; and also 60 'defacing stamps' for the use of the several postmasters throughout the province.

I would further suggest that the head be something similar to that represented in the margin; the field to be blue instead of red, or any other color His Excellency would prefer.

This supply would, I imagine, be sufficient for the first introduction of this reduced rate, when, should His Excellency think proper, other arrangements could be made for keeping up the supply.

Should the Lieutenant-Governor approve of this proposition, I will apply to the post office in London by the next packet.

I have, etc.

(Signed) A. WOODGATE.

The Hon'ble

JOSEPH HOWE."

A copy of the design mentioned in this letter is on the margin of the letter book. It is a large rectangular shape, in center the head of the queen, of a type somewhat like the early Mauritius, excepting that there is not any crown or wreath on head. This is drawn on a square of red—at top, "POSTAGE," bottom, "Three Pence," in small script writing; left side, "NOVA," reading up, and at right side, "SCOTIA," reading down; in each corner a small square with figure "3" in it. The whole look of the design is much like the early Mauritius.

The "defacing" or cancelling stamp's design was very much like the one adopted, being the same oval shape, but the lines on face were perpendicular

instead of horizontal, and the space for inserting the office a diamond instead of circular shape.

This design for stamps did not likely go further than the office of the Provincial Secretary, to whom it was written, as it appears that stamps must have been ordered before this, as there does not appear to be time enough between this date and that when stamps were issued (Sept. 1st, 1851), to have designs approved of and plates prepared. It is more than probable that the Hon. Joseph Howe, the Provincial Secretary, who I am informed was in London the winter previous, had designs then submitted to him and approved of, and ordered the necessary stamps without the knowledge of the Postmaster-General. At the same time he apparently had the power to decide on the design of the New Brunswick stamps, as may be inferred from the following memorandum, or perhaps the stamps of both colonies were bought together for the sake of economy. The memorandum is dated the 8th July 1851, and is copied from the same letter book.

MEMO.

"When Mr. Howe made the application for stamps, it was proposed that after the first supply had arrived the plates could have been sent out, and impressions taken off by engravers in Halifax. As Mr. Saunders, however, seems to report against the proposition, I would beg to suggest for the consideration of the government that £10,000 worth of stamps for Nova Scotia, and a similar amount for New Brunswick, viz.:-

3d.	£5,000
6d.	2,500
1s	2,500

be furnished for immediate use, or should this amount be considered too small, to double the above numbers.

I would also recommend that 200 half-pound canisters of obliterating ink be also provided—100 for the use of this province, and 100 for New Brunswick, and directions for its use.

(Signed) A.W.

W. H. KEATING, Esq.

July 8th, 1851.

What amount of stamps were ordered could not be found out, nor can any trace of further orders be found until 1857, when an application letter was sent to the Provincial Secretary, and which will be copied later on.—*To be Concluded.*

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Editorial.

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We have recently bought some old files of philatelic papers and shall reprint some of the best articles therein. In this number will be found an interesting

article on the early Nova Scotian Stamps, by Donald A. King, which appeared in the Halifax Philatelist in February 1889. Other articles from old Canadian papers will be reprinted by us from month to month.

There are some excellent articles in these old magazines, and we propose to give our readers the benefit of perusing them. We shall in future omit short notes as much as possible, and leave them to our three excellent weeklies. Personals shall in future be entirely omitted. This rule we shall carry out, in spite of all "baiting" in other papers.

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We must apologize for not issuing a July number, but it was impossible for the printer to get same through on account of pressure of work.

We received a great many cards from subscribers, enquiring for this number, and to those we must express our thanks for the interest they take in the M. P. But what think you, gentle reader, of a person, who having been sent two sample copies, without his sending the needful 25c. in return, coolly writes "What is the matter with M.P. for July, I did not receive a copy yet." This beats all "sample copy fiend" experience we've had.

Chronicle of New Issues.

Compiled from various sources.

British Bechuanaland—Der

Philatelist has received a $\frac{1}{2}$ d stamp surcharged as follows:—"B" in each of the upper corners, "1d" in the centre and "1d" in each of the lower corners. On the specimen seen by our contemporary there was also applied a triangular surcharge, or cancellation, with the letters "I.V." It is probable that this is only a cancellation.

Adhesive stamp.

Provisional issue

1d on $\frac{1}{2}$ d vermilion, black surcharge

British Guiana—It appears that the 2c. surcharged on the 5c. envelope on blue paper exists both in red and in black. We have thus far chronicled only the black surcharge, and now add the other.

Envelope.

Provisional issue

Red surcharge

2c on 5c blue, bluish paper

The 5c. has also been surcharged TWO CENTS. In a sheet just received, we find only one variety, a $\bar{\text{H}}$ sideways passing for E in cents.

Provisional issue. Surcharge TWO CENTS on 5c. black and green. Variety TWO CENTS.

Ceylon—The *London Philatelist* has received the new values, the appearance of which was heralded some time ago. The design of the 6 and 75c stamps is of the currant type and the higher values are surcharged in figures on the old 2 pupes 50c.

Adhesive stamps.

Watermarked Crown and C. C.

Perforated 14

6c pink and black

75c slate and brown

Watermarked Crown and C. C.



1r 50c on 2r 50c slate, black surcharge
2r 25c on 2r 50c orange yellow, black surcharge

Canada.—The 3c. stamp has appeared, bearing the surcharge 2 cents.

The 5c. numeral has at last appeared. The 2c. red has also been reported, but is not on sale here yet.

Adhesive, perforated 12.

2c. on 3c. red numeral issue.

2c. on 3c. red. 4 Maple Leaf issue

2c. red.

5c. blue.

Variety Thick Letters 2c. on 3c. Maple.

Mr. Jas. Wurtele, stock clerk of the International Stamp Co. has shown us a 2c. map stamp, with the sea area in an entirely new color, a sort of mixture between sea and olive green. The stamp presents a striking appearance. Mr. W. states, that though they have handled over two hundred thousand "maps," this is the first one of this shade he has seen. The stamp is cancelled Brockville & Westport M. C., May 27th, '99.

Weights and Measures.

(Revenues.)

The new weights and measures, prepared by the American Bank Note Co., are in the hands of the officials here and will be issued when the present stock is exhausted. The values are said to be 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50 cents and 1 and 2 dollars. They are beautiful stamps and again bear out the statement made in a previous number, that the American Bank Note Co. turns out better revenues than postage stamps.

Quebec Registration.

Quebec Law.

New designs of these stamps are now being prepared.

Ecuador.—The flood of provisional stamps continues and we can only hope that the appearance of the new issue will finally put an end to them. Mr. Witt, besides showing us the 10c. stamp of the new issue which bears the portrait of Mejia, has also shown us the 10c. of the 1897 issue, surcharged diagonally "Cento Centavos." In addition to this *Der Philatelist* has received the narrow 5c. revenue stamp with the surcharge "Un-Centavo," used as a postage stamp, as well as the 2c. of the 1897 issue, with the same surcharge.

Adhesive Stamps

Provisional issue.

Perforated.

1c on 5 light blue, revenue stamp, black surcharge.

1c on 2c vermilion, black surcharge.

5c on 10c dark brown.

Regular issue.



Perforated.

10c lilac and black.

Guatemala—Mr. Eichla of Guatemala has sent the publishers of *Der Philatelist* two revenue stamps surcharged for postage, of the same type as the 1c chronicled last month.

Adhesive Stamps.

Provisional issue

Blue green surcharged

Perforated

5c violet, surcharged "Franco" on revenue stamp

10c green surcharged "Franco" on revenue stamp

Hawaii—The 1c. stamp has now appeared in dark green, the type being the same as that of the orange stamp, issued in 1894.

Adhesive stamp

Perforated 12

1c dark green

Newfoundland—We have received the new 5c blue, with portrait of the Duke of York.

**Adhesive stamp**

Perforated

5c blue

Norway—Mr. H. Dethloff has sent us the new 2 ore stamp with the word "Norge" in Roman instead of Egyptian capitals.

Adhesive stamp

Watermarked Crown

Perforated 14½ x 13½

20 Yellow brown

Queensland—*Der Philatelist* quotes from a contemporary a 1d wrapper on yellowish paper in the new type.

Wrapper

Yellowish paper

1d red

Russian China—The new stamp for the Russian possessions in China have been prepared and will be sent to Port Arthur without delay. The current Russian stamps have been surcharged in Russian characters.

Adhesive stamps

Perforated 15

1 kop orange, black surcharge

2 kop green, red "

3 kop carmine, blue "

5 kop violet, blue "

7 kop blue, red "

10 kop blue, red "

Soudan.—The postal cards of 5m single and reply, have been surcharged 4m and 4x4m, respectively, in the same type as the Egyptian cards chronicled some time ago.

We illustrate the Uruguay stamp chronicled by us last month :



St. Thomas and Prince—The 2½r brown newspaper stamp of 1894 has been surcharged "Provisorio" in blue

Adhesive stamp

Provisional issue

Perforated

2½ brown, blue surcharge

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GREAT BARRIER ISLAND

With regard to the remarks in the London Philatelist last month that these stamps were like Caesar's wife, no better than they should be, we have received some correspondence from Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co. As we read it, it quite bears out that firm's contention that the stamps in question are legitimately used, though they are undoubtedly LOCALS. Among the papers shown us by Messrs. Whitfield, King & Co. is a letter from one of the Post Office officials at Auckland admitting the use of the stamps. Among other things are two photos of the head quarters of the post in Auckland, showing the pigeons and also two original messages one stamped with a copy of the first issue and the other with a copy of the second issue, and both are duly obliterated.

The stamps are decidedly interesting as pigeons are being regularly used for the first time to carry individual messages. At the siege of Paris in 1870 the messages that pigeons carried were placed on a screen and photographed into a small space, and it was the photograph of many messages the pigeon carried.—*Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, August, 1899.*

The Remarks in the "London Philatelist" in question have been re-printed in several American papers.

From our regular Australian Correspondent.

PHILATELIC NOTES.

—FROM—

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

BY RALPH W. GOSSET.

Now that the winter is well in, things philatelic are looking up considerably. Several collections are reported to have changed hands at good prices, in this city. A good number of new collectors are expected to join the ranks of philatelists this winter; and the dealers are all looking forward to brisk sales.

Samoa. The latest surcharges on the stamps of this Island are as follows—

- 1½d in Blue on 2d yellow (previously orange)
- 3 " " Black on 2d yellow " "
- 2½ Carmine on 1/- rose
- 2 Black on 1/- rose
- 2½ Carmine on 1/- green

Of some of these surcharges a limited number only was printed and should very soon command good prices

The colonial printing of our new issue (which was formerly done in London) will be started in the colony almost immediately, at the Government Printing Office. All the plates, (but the altered ones of the ½, 1d, 2d, and 4d) have arrived in the colony. The issue is to be printed on "Small Star, N.Z." paper and perforated 11 until the machine is worn out when the finer perforations will be adopted.

The following is a cutting from the "N.Z. Herald," of May 31st. in reference to the proposed changing of colours of some of our new issue; from which it will be seen that it is definitely decided to change the ½d, 1d and 2½d.

NEW ZEALAND STAMPS.

COLOURS TO BE ALTERED.

(By Telegraph.—Press Association.)

Wellington, Tuesday.

The Postal Department notify that in order to meet the requirements of the Postal Union, agreed upon at the Washington Convention, it has been decided

to alter the colours of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d stamps in use in New Zealand from an early date. The $\frac{1}{2}$ d will be printed in green, 1d in red, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d in darker blue. This change is also to be adopted by the Australian post offices. The colours of the 4d and 6d stamps will, owing to this change, require to be altered, but the new colours have not yet been decided on.

The 2d brown lake, State Life Insurance Stamp has been appearing in several shades of colour lately and also one or two varieties of perforation.

Cook Islands.—From the latest news from these Islands I gather that the 1d blue with Queen Makea's Head on is to be changed back to the old colour 1st brown. The perforations and paper will remain the same as the previous issue of the 1d brown. The reason for changing was to defeat a fraud which was believed to have been practiced on the revenue of Cook Islands. When the colour was changed all the remaining 1d blues in stock were changed into $\frac{1}{2}$ d by surcharging them in black as per my last letter. Of course the 1d brown will fall in price now and the 1d blue go up. The stamps are printed at the Government printing offices, in Wellington, New Zealand.

I had an opportunity of visiting the local depot of the Great Barrier Pigeon Gram service the other day. (I have written about the stamps of this private mail company in the last two numbers of the M.P.). The message is written on rice paper, a stamp affixed and then folded in narrow strips about the width of the stamp and wound tightly round the leg of the bird and tied with cotton thread and the birds are released and generally reach Auckland in about an hour. Great Barrier Island lies distant from Auckland about 65 miles in a north easterly direction. Some of the older birds employed in the service fly this distance in 50 minutes and generally carry two messages, and some birds carry five. Out of the thousands of messages sent, only one has ever been lost in transit and then the pigeon was supposed to have been blown out to sea in a gale, or caught by a hawk.

Later.—Just as the mail was closing I heard a rumour that the reason the penny blue was changed to brown was because the former was forged, (will write more about this next mail.)

By the southern mail just arrived bringing up the southern portion of the New Zealand mail to Frisco, I learn privately that some of our new issue have been seen on "Star N.Z." watermarked paper. Although so far they have not yet been issued to the public.

It is generally supposed that those seen watermarked are the first batch printed in Wellington as now the Government have the proper machinery, and also some of the dies.

In the April issue of "Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal" there is another article on the Great Barrier Island pigeon gramme stamps, but therein it states that the messages are tied under the pigeons' wings, and as I have seen the whole system and had it thoroughly explained home; I may state that no messages whatever are tied under the birds' wings but they are all carried on birds' legs.

The 1d rose and 2d yellow, Western Australian laye just appeared with their new watermarks *Crown and W.A.*

The $\frac{1}{2}$ Cook Island surcharged which I have already written about has now been completely sold out at those Islands, and the 1d brown has already appeared. The only difference between this and the 1st brown (with Queen Makea's Head) is in the perforation, and the previous one measuring $11\frac{1}{2}$ and the new one 11: only $\frac{1}{2}$ a perforation in difference! The surcharge is already selling for eighteen times face value in this city and promises to go up in price a good deal yet.

Rumours are going round that some sheets of some of the values of our new issue have been struck off with the new machinery in Wellington, on the watermarked "Star N.Z." paper. They are only proofs and have not yet been offered for sale to the public.

The new issue are often found imperforated vertically (some dozen or so stamps in a strip), I surmise that the sheets were not placed correctly in position and the perforating machine did not reach to the end of the sheet. I enclose you a sample.

I hear the new issue of Tasmania is to appear soon. By the way, this Island issued a new 10d stamp lately, colour-lake and deep green, perf. 14, watermarked T A S (the letters not joined.)

When the Australasian Colonies federate a uniform issue of stamps (it is presumed) will be issued for the new common wealth. This will, of course, necessitate the stamps of six colonies changing viz: New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania; and, if our colony federates also, it will be the seventh to change issue.

I call from the N.Z. Blue Book for 1898 the following figures shewing the postal revenue of the Cook Islands (which are controlled by the N.Z. Government) from 1892 to 1896. The first issue of stamps at the Cook Islands appeared on 7th May, 1892.

Revenue from 7th May 1892 to 30th June 1892, \$123.53

1892-93.....	245	5	9
1893-94.....	278	2	3 1/2
1894-95.....	228	0	1
1895-96.....	120	8	5

Next letter I will give some interesting facts and figures about these Islands.

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I am sorry to see such a small report this month, but then I suppose that in this hot weather societies are forgotten. The fall season will soon open, and then we want to place the L. C. P. on top. I have appointed Mr. Wurtele as Auction Mgr., and the first sale will appear in the next No. The reason I have superseded Mr. Marris is, that the officers of this society must do their duty. Our present librarian is also seldom if ever heard from and I am open to receive nominations for the post. This society cannot get along, unless, both officers and members join together in one grand effort. I request all members to participate in the sales and Auction Departments.

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 Sorry to have so short a report. Dues
 come in very slowly, I will however give
 one more month, before publishing
 names of those members whose dues are
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REPORT OF AUCTION MGR.

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