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The Newspaper Stamps of the United States.

With the beginning of this journal I will begin a series of articles on the United States stamps in plain and simple language so that the youngest dealer cannot fail to understand what he is studying in these interesting bits of paper so dear to the philatelist heart.

To my mind there are no stamps more beautiful or interesting than the U. S. newspaper stamps. Beautiful in design and color, and interesting because so little understood and so different from anything else of the kind. The first ones were issued in 1865 and were very large stamps, the plate impression being 35x98 mm. They consisted of these denominations, 5c. blue, head of Washington, 10c. green, head of Franklin, 25c. red, head of Lincoln.

In 1867 there was another 5c. stamp (51x95 mm.) exactly like the former except there was a small margin of white on the stamp. This set was in use until 1875, when an entirely new series was brought out, consisting of twenty-four stamps (plate impression 24x

35½ mm.) ranging in value from 2 cents to \$60, and may be briefly described as follows: 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 c. black, all with figures of Liberty after Crawford's statue surmounting the dome of the capitol. 12, 20, 36, 48, 60, 75, 84 and 96 cent, carmine, all with figure of Justice. The 1.92 is brown man-evera, 3.00 vermilion, Goddess of Victory, 6.00 blue, Clio, 9.00 orange, Minerva, 12.00 green, Vesta 24.00 violet, Peace, 36.00 red, Commerce, 38.00 chocolate, Hebe, 60.00 violet, Minnehaha and in 1885 a 1c. stamp was added to the set with the same design as the other low values.

They are not used on newspapers, as many suppose but are pasted in a book for that purpose, and are sent to the Post Office Department with the office reports, and there they are destroyed.

Several years ago they could be procured at the different Post Offices just as you could buy ordinary stamps, but the law has been repealed and they are now very scarce.

The season used specimens are often seen, may be explained by the fact that the Lockport, N. Y. post office was burned some years ago and large quantities were pro-

cured at that time

There are dangerous counterfeits made in Europe, and marked fac simile and are sold at a very low price.

A Yankee in Canada.

The Canadian Errors.

The Canadian 2 c. registration stamp and the 3 c. postage were issued from the P. O. Dept. at Ottawa by mistake and a few sheets were sent out before the Department could call them in. I have shown these stamps to numerous philatelists and no two would agree to their origin. Some said that the change of color was due to the gum, others to a chemical changing, and very few called them misprints.

In conversation with a collector who was employed in a post office in Western Ontario, stated that in January 1887, they received four sheets all in a genuine brown, and he further stated that they were received direct from the P. O. Dept. at Ottawa in a brown.

In all the B. N. A. catalogue's we see mentioned the Canada Bill stamp, 3rd issue 2 cent brown. Why is this catalogued and not the 2 cent register or the 3 cent brown? There are the two stamps,

one is catalogued and the other is not. We do not deny that time does not change the color in stamps. While I was looking over a large number of papers in a public office there was a few envelopes with several registration's also several postage, which were a brown, and all who read this will agree with me, that these stamps are genuine misprints and I hope to see them in all catalogues very soon.

A. E. Dawson.

Nova Scotia Bill Stamps.

It has been a matter of curiosity among revenue collectors why the last issue of Canadian Bill stamps were surcharged N. S. in use in Nova Scotia, as the currency was apparently the same. This surcharging must have been done by a departmental order only, as there is no trace of it in the orders of Council or in the Dominion Acts. The idea was this, there was a difference of $2\frac{2}{3}$ per cent between Canadian and Nova Scotia currency, that is \$1 in Canada was worth \$1.03 $\frac{2}{3}$ in Nova Scotia. It will be seen that there would be a good opening for defrauding the revenue by the Canadian

merchants and others, buying their bill stamps in Nova Scotia. After being in use for a comparatively short time the currency was straightened out to agree with the Canadian, and the necessity for surcharging done away with, their use being limited to only one province and for such period of time has made them quite rare, especially the 7, 8, 30, 40 and 50 cents, and 1, 2, 3 dollar stamps.

We cannot see why this was not noticed before when the first and second issue was in use.

Canadian Registration Stamps.

By "CHRIS."

The Government of Canada in the year 1875 issued stamps of a special character for matters of registration only. Over and above the ordinary rate to all foreign countries except the United States at that time was 8 cents, but a favor was granted the United States, the fee being 5 cents, in Canada 2 cents.

Three kinds of similar designs were engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co. on white wove paper. They were narrow oblong with scalloped edges at top and bottom of the

stamps and at the two ends have labels with value in full. "Canada" is inscribed in the small straight label above with large curved label in the centre with "Registered" and small curved label with the words "Letter Stamp" in white Roman capitals. Large arabic numerals of value in the upper corners.

On November 15th 1875, the eight cent stamp was first issued and from that date until June 30th 1876, the end of the fiscal year this stamp was withdrawn from circulation in 1878, and the 75,000 remaining were destroyed by order of the Postmaster General. After a few years the stamp destroyed will be one of Canada's rarest stamps. The 2c. stamp was withdrawn from circulation in 1889, owing to an increase of the registration fee from 2 to 5 cents in Canada to make a uniform registration fee.

He and She.

He-Why are you so quiet, my dear?

She-I licked some of those new Columbian stamps, and my tongue is tired.

Be sure to read the Editorial.

Special Notice.

Perhaps the readers of this paper will ask what is the reason it is so late this month.

The copy for publication was sent to me in good time, but owing to sickness I have been unable to publish it in the required time. Trusting that this statement will rectify any misunderstanding. I remain,

F. F. Garden,

Printer of the Canadian Philatelic Journal.

Editorial.

Kind reader, how are you impressed with this, our first number? It was our intention to produce a much larger paper, but owing to other business we were compelled to do with what we had on hand and trust that our next number will be more instructive than this is.

We may also mention that for the next 60 days it is our intention to give subscriptions for only 15 cents per year in order to get 1,500 circulation. "Ad." rates will remain the same which is within the reach of all and you are therefore REQUESTED TO SUBSCRIBE and ADVERTISE AT ONCE.

There is a provisional fiscal stamp used in Manitoba, the 25 cent green law stamp surcharged L. S. with pen in red ink.

It would be a good thing if some enterprising stamp publisher were to issue an album for British North American Stamps, illustrated, in the same style as Mekeel's U. S. album.

We have seen the 2 cent blue Prince Edward Island the 1 in 18-land being a letter L, which adds another variety to the many already found.

It is the intention of the P. O. Dept., in the near future to issue a new set of adhesives from one half cent to fifteen cents similar in design to the third issue, bill stamps in widow's weeds, and no doubt they would be handsome, and we hope to see them adopted.

Has anything been done towards the removing the duty on postage stamps, collectors here still have to pay 25 per cent. Can any of our readers enlighten us on the subject?

Read the account of Hooper's trial on next page

Read the notice of our Dealers directory on page 5.

SPECIAL

HOOPER ACQUITTED.

The Jury take nearly three hours to agree.

Joliette, Jan. 19.—John Hooper, of Ottawa, charged for the murder of his wife, was acquitted by the jury. The judge charged the jury against the prisoner, but they could not agree on a verdict, and it was nine o'clock when they came in the court room to answer their names. The clerk then asked them if they had agreed on a verdict, and they answered him, "Not Guilty."

Hooper was remanded to the gaol till Thursday, pending action to the Louisville attempted murder. He seemed to be in high spirits before the jury delivered their verdict as if confident of the result.

It is estimated this case will cost the Government \$10,000, and that it will cost the defence the half of this amount.

In our next number we will start a dealers directory, the rates will be: three or four line card \$1 per year, each extra line 30 cts. payable in advance, also an Ex-

change dept., rates 1 2 cent per word, no display whatever.

CLIPPINGS

THE COLUMBIAN STAMP IN TROUBLE. Ten miles from Ashville, N. C., is a post office known as Chandler, Mr. J. S. Henry, of Charlottesville, sends a good many letters there, and lately has been using the columbian stamps. The other day he received a letter from his correspondent there saying that the post master at Chandler had made him pay regular letter postage on every letter that he (Mr. Henry) had sent with the Columbian stamp on it, and compelled him to state who it was sending letters "with them pictures on them for stamps" so he could "have the man indicted." In vain did Mr. Henry's correspondent explain and remonstrate. The letters with Columbian stamps on them were not forthcoming until, as the postmaster said, "the postage was paid."

REVIEW

By L. S. G.

The first paper to reach us is The Post Office, and is exceedingly good and contains among

other things is an article on "Counterfeit Grills," by Dr. E. S. Clark and A. Davidson, which is of special merit, and other articles of interest.

The Southern Philatelist is celebrating Christmas with a bright red dress and contains some good articles for all collectors

Put us on your exchange "Gus."

The Philatelic Era for Dec. 15 is to hand and is a good number.

The Reporter for January received and shows great improvement over previous numbers, and we hope to see it continue to do so in future numbers.

The Capitol Philatelist is a four page sheet containing a few interesting notes.

The Dominion Philatelist is a good number and contains a list of the postal laws in Canada, and much information for the Canadian collectors.

We have also received the following: The People's Argosy, (formerly The Philatelic Argosy,) Youth's Magazine, Weekly Philatelist, Mekeel's Weekly, also wholesale list no. 6 of H. Gremmell, 80 Nassau st., New York.

Dealers can obtain same by sending to above address

The Weekly Philatelist is our information that two new weekly's are to appear, The Canadian Weekly, from London, Ont., and the Collectors Weekly, from Reading, Pa.

The Philatelic Lasso.

About the last of March, or the first of June, number two, of the Philatelic Lasso will be issued, and will be sent free to all s. of p. and A. P. A. members.

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ED. C. BIGGER,
Niagara Falls, South, Can.

SOCIETY NOTES

The semi-monthly meeting of the "Lincoln Philatelic Club" was held in room 3, County buildings at St. Catharines on December 15th at 8 P. M. The following members were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. A. Beatty, Vice-President, E. Newton, Treasurer, H. Hewson, Secretary, L. S. Graham, Merritton, Excl. manager, F. Hemple. No business of importance was done. A number of applications were received for membership and if no objections are received they will be elected them at next meeting. Sample copies of stamp papers also price lists wanted by the secretary and proper acknowledgement will be given in these columns

The monthly circulars of the A. P. A. shows great strides which the Association is making and in a

few months it will reach its 1000 and every stamp collector in the world should be enrolled on the books of this vast army of philatelists. Blanks can be furnished by addressing

A. Davidson, N. Y.

The resignations have been coming in to Sec'y. Miller of the S. of P. at a great rate and it is thought they are the ones who were dissatisfied at the manner in which the late elections that were held in August were conducted, and in the last number of the Pennsylvania Philatelist are most of the names for application to the Philatelic Sons of America.

The Canadian Sons of Philatelia

Now being organized, initiation fee 10 cents, dues 25 cents per year. Those interested should communicate with any of the undersigned, correspondence solicited suggestions desired. address, Alex. M'Winhead, Halifax, N. S. L. S. Graham, Merritton, Ont, W. T. M. Mackinnon, Amherst, N. S.

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