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TELEGRAPH STAMPS.

In 1887, the Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Company issued the first of their yearly complimentary stamps. The design is a map of North America, surrounding this in a circle appears "Canadian Pacific Railway" above, and "Telegraph" below. The date of issue appears at sides in centre of each stamp. Stamps are numbered in red They are in blocks of four and perforated, put up in books.

1887	Black	1 00
1888		1 00
1889		1 00
1890		1 00
1891	"	1 00
1892		1 00
1893	. 46	75
1894	"	50
1895	166.	50
1896	46	35
1897	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	25

The other telegraph company in the Dominion—the Great North Western—began issuing their stamps in 1890.

1890	Blue	1 50
1891	Carmine	1 25
1892	Olive Green	1 00
1893	Chocolate	1 00
1894	Dark Green	75
1895	Pale Violet	75
	Vermilion	
1897	Light Blue	25

NOVA SCOTIA.

This Province has a stamp about the same size as an ordinary postage stamp having a crude half-length representation of Justice thereon, holding aloft balances, one end of same being a small weight, and all inside of an oval. "Law Library" is in curved line at the top, and immediately beneath, in gothic letters, is the word "Halifax." In curved line at the bottom appears "25 cents." Stamp is printed in green. It was issued for the purpose of adding new books to the law library of the Province.

1879 · 25c green

QUEBEC LICENCE.

1889 \$2 brown 1 00

QUEBEC ASSURANCE.

The Quebec government will redeem these stamps at face value, used or unused. In regard to the stamp, it is rectangular, with word "Quebec" in white letters across the centre in an oval frame. Above this in two curved and one straight line is words "Assurance Licence Stamps," and below this the value in words.

1875	1c g	reen			30
	2c	**			30
•	3c	* *			30
	4c	".	•		40
	5c	**			25
	10c	** ,			65
	20c				90
	30c	44		1	00
	40c	**	***************************************	1	25
g i	50c	4.6		1	25

1875	St lilac	3 00
	\$2 ''	5 00
	\$3 ''	6 50
	\$ 4 ''	9 00
	\$5 "	15 00
LO	WER CANADA REGISTRA	TION.
1836	5c red	25
	15c red	35
	30c red	65
	5c vermilion	25
	15e "	35
	30c "	65
	QUEBEC REGISTRATIO	N.
1871	5c green	10
	15e "	22
	30c "	35
		

When in 1800 the purchasing power of one dollar was worth many times that of the present time, the cost of sending mail matter was extremely high. To send a letter from New York to Boston, or vice-versa, would require the payment of 18 cents; or from New York to Washington would cost 2; cents. The length of time taken between Boston and Washington, via New York would be from 15 to 20 days, according to the season of the year.

AN OLD TIMER.

Business in those days was done in what would seem to us to-day to be very primative, for there were no postage stamps. no envelopes, no type-writer, in fact nothing of even the commonest office furnishings were used. Each merchant kept his own books and solely attended to his correspondence. In writing he used a quill, and when through writing, let the ink dry or sprinkled it with sand, no blotting paper existing.

The letter written, on one sheet as a rule, the paper was then neatly folded and sealed with wax, addressed, and then carried to the post office, as the e were no letter boxes then, and postage prepaid. A single sheet of paper, large

or small, constituted a letter.

FRANK H. BEST.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The series of stamps issued by the Nova Scotia government contemporary with the change of currency in 1860-62 have always been exceedingly interesting to collectors generally, on account of their beautiful designs and exquisite coloring. Interest in this series have received a new impetus recently owing to the discovery and placing upon the market of the remainders of five values.

These stamps were engraved and printed by the 'American Bank Note Co., and were not only finished in the highest style of the engraver's art at that period, but quite equal to any and far superior in delicacy of design and clearly defined colors and printing to much that this well known company has since produced.

Thr 12½ cent value was known among old time collectors as the queen of stamps and is indeed a beautiful engraving. It has always been a moderately difficult stamp to obtain, especially on original cover, having been used formerly to England and foreign countries.

One of the finest counterfeits ever produced of this stamp, was made many years ago, but what its history was and by whom made, I have never been able to ascertain beyond the fact that I found and purchased three specimens in Montreal some three years ago. The engraving is almost equal to the splendid workmanship evinced in the original, and the artist who produced the forgery exhibited ability worthy of a better cause. It may have been figured at that time that this stamp would become very rare like its distinguished predecessor, so much like it in general appearance, the famous 12 pence of Canada.

Just why these forgeries were never more widely circulated I am also unable to imagine, as they would readily deceive even fairly well informed collectors, but as a matter of fact they did not, and are worth for purpose of comparison, and interest to the specialist in British North Americans, far more than the original, so none may fear being swindled by counterfeits of Nova Scotia cent stamps, although there are miserably poor imitations of the 8½ and 10 cents in existence, and also fair imitations of the 1 and 2 cent values, also very scarce like the 12½ cent forgery, and worth far more now than the originals.

The recent discovery of remainders has disgruntled some speculators and large holders of these stamps, but it is a good thing for the philatelic world, as many collectors have now the opportunity of filling up this set at a small figure, which may decline still further yet. A careful examination of the remainders offered, show them to be genuine originals beyond all doubt, and enquiry at the American Bank Note Co. show that no reprints have been struck from the original plates. I regard the two papers as two different printings of this issue at two distinct periods.

The remainders come as follows:—2 and 10 cents on white paper; 1, 8½ and 12½ cents on yellowish paper. The 5 cent value being the ordinary domestic rate, seem to have all been used up, and none of this value were found unused. It is easily obtained in a used condition, however, cheaper than any of the others. The issue on white paper shows usually in the thickness of paper, especially on the 8½ cents, which is much thicker than same on yellowish paper.

The 10 cents on white paper used, 8½ cent on yellow, used, 12½ cent on white, new, 10 cent on yellow, new, and 8½ cent on white, new or used, with the 5 cent on yellowish, either new or used, are very difficult to obtain and underrated copies.

The 5 cent also comes on bluish paper—at least bluish on face of the stamp—caused by a shallow matrice in the plates and occasional neglect of the printer to

clean the ink from the same.

The 8½ cents is also a rarity on the original cover, and is usually found used to Newfoundland, Cape Breton, and the United States. The other values, except the 12½ cents, are not so difficult to obtain on original letters, but still are more valuable, and just about hard enough to secure in this shape to give zest and interest to collectors of entire covers.

Taken all in all, Nova Scotia is, I believe, a most interesting and satisfactory country to collect, and even the youngest amateur may now hope to have it complete some day, although the shilling of the pence issue may give him some difficulty to secure.

-Philatelic Era.

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Premier Murray, in a speech delivered before the House of Assembly at Halifax, touched on the matter of the Nova Scotia remainders. He states that the terms of sale were that the government would not divulege the quantities of stamps sold, but he gave the price they realized.

In the Nova Scotia House of Assembly Dr. McKay, leader of the opposition, asked the government:--

Whether the issue of postage stamps, for which the Province received the sum of \$18,000, was sold by tender or by private sale?

Were said postage stamps sold to a syndicate or a company?

Were well known philatelists communicated with in connection with the disposal of said stamps?

What was the total number of stamps sold, and the denomination of the various stamps?

Are there any remaining unsold?

Hon. Mr. Murray said that the sale of the stamps referred to was brought about as the result of correspondence with large dealers in London, New York and Nova Scotia. He was not in a position at that moment to say whether the stamps were to a syndicate or company, but while a label that more than one addition was interested in the matter, and all it is the sale was made to on person. He was not in a position to a very label so was as to whether well known parallel states were communicated within a mnection with the disposal of the stamps.

In reply to the question as to the total number of stamps sold, all he had to say was that he was not in a position to give the Honse any information on that point. He had in his possession a communication addressed to him by the retiring Provincial Secretary, in which the circu istances attending the sale was brought to his notice, and it was said that it was distinctly understood between the g wern neat an I purchaser, that the exact quantity of stamps sold was not to be ma le kno vn. This was considered an important condition of the sale, and he, understood that it was a condition that would be insisted upon by any purchaser who entered into business negotiations of. this character.

In reply to the question as to whether any stamps remained unsold, he would say there were none so far as he knew. This was all the information in his possession in respect to the sale of the stamps.

Dr. McK ty said that the question ask d was whether the Province realized the amount of money from these stamps that should have been received.

Hon. Mr. Murray said it was considered a remarkably good sale had been made, and he might say to the honorable member that the very people who bought the stamps, would be only too glad now to return them and get their money back, as down to that time they had not realized more than a quarter of the sum that they had paid. Some vendors in New York and London who were told in confidence of the number of stamps for sale, had offered very much less for them than the parties who finally bought them.

Dr. McKay asked whether if the stamps had been placed upon the market in blocks they could not have been disposed of for a larger sum.

Hon. Mr. Murray said that no doubt that a larger amount might have been realized for the stamps if they had been put on the market one by one, but he did not think that would have been good policy, and it was a policy he would not like to see the government pursue.

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louian Islands-the three values.

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Zululand—forgee surcharge on 5sh of Great Britain.

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A NOTICE from the president of the Canadian Philatelic Association will be found printed elsewhere. Our English cousins believe that under the leadership of Captain Wurtele, Canada will have a stamp society of which one can be proud.

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MR. Walter McMahon, of Toronto, has put on the market an album for Canadian Revenue stamps. This will be welcomed by collectors everywhere.

SPEAKING of the revenues of Canada, the demand is reported extraordinarily active at the present time. There are now published three catalogues of the revenue stamps of Canada, one by Mr. Ketcheson, another by Mr. Adams, and another is just announced by Mr. Hall The stamps are very attractive, and no collector should overlook them, as in the near future some of them will be almost unobtainable.

THE Scott Stamp and Coin Co. have favored us with a copy of their International Catalogue, for those who are not collecting the many varieties which appear of many stamps. The book is a marvel of cheapness, and should find plenty of purchasers.

THE Toronto Philatelic Club has disbanded until next fall.

MR. L. M. Staebler, of London, Ont., formerly well known in stamp circles, is reported to have retired from stamps and been appointed manager of the advertising department of the London Daily News.

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