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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 "Canȧdiän 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 | . . | 100 |
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| 1888 | ' |  | 100 |
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| 1892 | " |  | 100 |
| 1893 | . ${ }^{6}$ |  | 75 |
| 1894 | ${ }^{6}$ |  | 50 |
| 1895 | $\cdot{ }^{6}$ |  | 50 |
| 1896 | * |  | 35 |
| 189\% | " | .......................... | 25 |

The other telegraph company in the Dominion-the Great North Western -began issuing their st:amps in 1890.
1890. Blue

150
1801 Carmine....................... 125
1892 Olive Green................... 100
1898 Chocolate .............. ..... 100
1894 Dark Green................... ... 75
1895 Pale Violet.................... 75
1896 Vermilion..................... 50
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 uloft 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 boctom appears "2\%-cents." Stamp is printed in green. It was issued for the purpose of adding new books to the law library of the Province.
1879. 25 c green

QUEBEC LICENCE.
1889. \$2 brown

100
QUEBEC. ASCURANCE.
The Quebec government will redeem these stamps at face value, used or unused. In regard to the stamp. it is rectangular, with wo:d "Quebec" in white letters across the centre in an oval frame. A bove this in two curved and one straight line is words "Assurance Licence Stamps." and below this the value in words.
1875 1c green ....................... 30
2c " ...................... 30
3c " ....................... 30
4 c ". ...................... 40
5c ".................
10c ": .................... 65
20c " ...................... 90
30c " ........ ............. 100
40c " ...................... 125
9: 50c ". .....::.................... 125


LOWER CANADA REGISTRATION.
1836 5c red......................... 25
15 c red .... ......... ........ 35
30c red ............ ............ 65
5c vermilion................ 25
15 c "............ 35
30c " ................ 65
QUEBEC REGISTRATION.
1871 bc green .................... 10
15 c " ................... 22
30c " ................... 35

## AN OLD TIMER.

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 Poston, or vice-versa, would require the payment of 18 cents; or from Now York to Washiligton would cost 2 ; cents. The length of time taken between Roston and Washington, via New York. would be from 15 to 2.) days, according to the season of the year.
Pusiness 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 typewriter, 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, lit 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 postagn prepaid. Asingle sheet of namr, largo
or small, constituted a letter.
Frank H. Best.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

The series of stamps issued by the Nova Scotia government cuntemporary with the change of currency in 1860-62 have alwas's been exceedingly interesting to collestors generally, on account of their beautiful designs and exquisite coluring. 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 $121 / 2$ 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 Eingland 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 tn imagine. as they would readily deceive even farly 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 $81 / 2$ and 10 cents in existence, and also fair imitations of the 1 and 2 cent values, also very scarce like the $121 / 2$ 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 25 two different printings of this issue at two distinct periods.

The remainders come as follows :-2 and 10 cents on white paper ; $1,81 / 2$ and $121 / 2$ 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 $81 / 2$ cents, which is much thicker than same on yellowish paper.

The 10 cents on white paper used, $81 / 2$ cent on yellow, used, $121 / 2$ cerit on white, new, io cent on yellow, new, and $81 / 2$ 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 stampcaused by a shallow matrice in the plates and occasional neglect of the printer to
clean the ink from the same.
The $8 \frac{1}{2}$ 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 $121 / 2$ 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.

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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

- I' to it i!ndic te er company, but while 11 o lit't that more than one nd $\cdot \mathrm{i}_{1} 1 \mathrm{w}$ wis interested in the matter, .- AHM lit l'te s.ale was made to :3: - winn. lie wis in it in a position to
1.v. ${ }^{\prime}: \cdot 11 \mathrm{~s} \cdot \mathrm{~m}$ as to whether well k(1 i.,., ,'l la.elists were communicated wit inc muection with the disposal of the stanlps.

In reply to the question as to the total num'rer of sta:nps 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 adlresied to him by the retiring Provincial liecretary, in which the circu intone; attending the sale was brousht to his $n$.tice, and it was said that it was distinctly und:rathod between the g wern ne.it an I parcha, er, that the exact quantity of stamis sold was not to be ma le knionn. This w.ts co.ssidered.an important condition of the sale, and. he, unilerston, that it was a condition that would be insisted upon by any purchaser who entered into business negotiations of this ch.ar.tcter.

In reply to the question as to whether any stam, 1 s remained unso!d, he would saly ticere wire none so far as he knew. This w is al! the information in his possession in respect to the sale of the st.ımps.

Dr. McK ty said that the question as'ed iv is w'rether the Province realized t'ue d:nomt of money from these stamps t?at s'rould have heen reccived.

Hlon. Mir. Miurray 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 $t 00$ glad now to return them and get their money back, as down to that time they had not realized mire 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. Murrity said that no doubt that a litrger 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.

## FORGERIES.

Divers of our contemporaries give waining on the subject of the following imitations, most of which emanate from an Itrlian source, and some of which are good enongh to be dangerons. They may lee met with unused, used, and on the original letter: !

Austria rind: Alustrian Italy-envelopes of 1861, reprints with forged adhresses and obliterations.
'Brazil-1at issue, on original letters.
Cape of Good Hope-triangulat, rll values.

Gambia- 4 p and 6 p imperf ; $\frac{1}{2}, 1.2$ and $6 p, 1880$ issue.

Lonian Islands-the three values.
Italy-with forged surcharges, "Estero".or " Eritren."

Mautitius.
Naples-all the engraved stamps, and some of the 1861 issue.

Nevis-1p and 4p.
Nova Seotia-the cents issure.
Patma-1859, 80c.
St. Helena-all varieties of surcharge.
St. Lucia-rarious.
Siecily-1858.
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Zalluland-forgere surcharge on Exh of Great. Britain.

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The Phiatelic Jomral of Groat Britaín now has a new pditor in the person of Mr. G. B. Durrst, of Manchoster: Mr. J. Scott Stokes, the firsteditor, having retired.

A notice from the president of the Canadian Philatelic Association will be found printed else"where. Our Enghoh cousins belipen that undar the leadership of Captain Wurtele, Canala will have a stamp society of which one can be prond.

Pricr lists have been received from Scott Stamp and Coin Co., New Yok; Bright \& Son, Bournemouth, Eugland;

Standard Stamp Co., St. Louis ; E. TT. Parker, Bethlehem, Pa.; specimen page of blank album from P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago ; C. F. Rothfuchs, Washington, D.C.

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

Spaniing of the revenues of Canada, the demaud is reported extrandinarily actives at the present time. There are now published three catalugues of the revenue stamps if Canada, one lig Mr. Ketcheson, another by Mr. Allame, and another is just announced lis Mr . Hall The stampsare very altartive, and no collector should overlook tiactil, as in the norat future some of them will be alnosat 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 variotios which appear of many stamps. The book is a marvel of chiapness, and shouid find plenty of purchasers.

The Toronto Philatelic Club has dis. banded until next fall.
Mr. L. M. Staebler, of Lobdon. Ont., formerly well known in stamp circles, is reported to bave retired from stamps and been appointed manager of the adrertising department of the London Daily News.

Ontario is not to have a Provincial society after all, at least so say its promoters. It is just as well that such is the case, as two national societies are plenty fur the Dominion.

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