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# THE PHILATELIC ADVOCATE.

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## British Colonials.

By HERBERT IREY WATTS.

### 1. Nevis.

In this series of short articles I shall devote some space to describing the country as well as its stamps. I shall not try to enter into minor prints, but shall take up one colony in each paper and describe its postal emissions in as interesting a manner as possible.

This sketch is to be about the stamps of Nevis.

Nevis is a small island in the West Indies, located south of St. Christopher. It is only about twenty square miles in area, and of corresponding population, which will account for many of its early issues being so scarce.

The first postal issue was in 1861 and consisted of four values, viz: 1 penny, 4 pence, 6 pence and 1 shilling. The colors were lake rose, dull rose gray and green respectively. These were first issued on a bluish paper but were later printed on grayish paper.

Up to 1867 all the stamps of Nevis were issued imperforate, but in that year a supply was printed and perforated 15. These were all upon white paper, except the 1 shilling which is also to be found on laid paper. Those on laid paper are a yellowish green, while the ones on white, plain paper, are blue green.

The next supply was lithographed on white paper and perforated 15. This applies to all except the one shilling stamp which was also perforated 11½.

The one shilling perforated 15 are grayish green and those perforated 11½ are vermillion.

In 1879 these picturesque stamps were replaced by a commonplace design similar to those now used by most British Colonies.

These are all perforated 14. Several split provisionals occur in this issue, the one penny stamp being cut to supply the half penny. These are surcharged "Nevis" in small type.

In 1882 several varieties, which had been surcharged "Revenue" for use as revenue stamps, were used for postage to supply a sudden demand. They are very scarce.

The first postal cards of this colony were issued in 1879. None of them are rare.

## Notes.

By SIDNEY NICHOLS.

The director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing reports that the sale of stamps in the U. S. during the year 1895 was as follows;

Postage stamps . . . . .	\$3,025,481,467
Special delivery stamps . . . . .	4,666,270
Postage due stamps . . . . .	19,348,714
Newspaper stamps . . . . .	5,505,672
Total . . . . .	33,055,002.123

In addition to this the Bureau has made the following stamps for internal revenue purposes: 36,044,732 sheets of tobacco, liquor and playing-card stamps; 214,000 sheets Custom House stamps; besides a vast number

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## Counterfeits, Reprints and Seebecks.

By Jumbo.

Some beginners think that these three are all one and the same kind of stamps. But they are not and for the benefit of those who do not know what these mean I will try to explain.

Counterfeits are stamps that are printed from plates that are only imitations of the original. Though some of these are very cleverly made if the stamps of the original plate are compared with those of the counterfeit it will be found that all the lines are not the same.

Reprints are not counterfeits as some think.

There are two kinds of reprints (a) Government reprints (b) Private reprints.

(a) Government reprints--Suppose a country has stopped issuing a certain set of stamps which after a while become rare and the price is so high and the demand for them so great that most collectors cannot afford to buy them. Then the Government may consent to print more stamps from the original plates for the special use of the collectors. The Roman State's stamps that can be bought for a few cents, are a sample of the reprint.

(b) Private reprints--Sometimes the original plates are sold to private parties (by the Government) who print the stamps themselves. There is no difference in the stamps of the Government reprint and those of the private one.

Seebecks are stamps engraved under the direction of Mr. N. F. Seebeck by the Union Bank Note Co., New York. These stamps are supplied to the Cen-

tral American Republics. After he has supplied the different republics Mr. Seebeck is allowed to sell what he has left to stamp dealers.

## Philatelic Phunnigrams.

A missionary, lately returned from Africa, was addressing a meeting and telling of his visit to that country.

While speaking he noticed the attentiveness of a small boy in the audience. When he had finished the lad came to him and thinking he wanted to give his mite toward helping along the good cause the missionary said, "Well my lad, I suppose you want to give something toward the mission fund?" The boy hesitated. "No sir," said he, "I-I wanted to know if-if you had any foreign stamps.

We must admit that Philatelist as well as other people frequently become absent minded. The worst case we ever heard of was that of a man in New York, who had exhausted his mind by the work of mounting a few stamps. At the request of his wife to aid in putting the children to bed, he put the youngest child on the shelf, then, placing his album in the cradle he proceeded to sing the lullaby.

## What they think of us.

One of our Toronto subscribers expresses his opinion of the ADVOCATE in the following lines.

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of U.S. bonds, bank notes etc.

The Following figures were given in the President's message :

	Mail Matter.	Weight.	Revenue.
Letters and Cards	65,337,343		\$60,624,464
Newspapers	348,688,648		2,996,403
Books seeds, etc	78,701,143		10,324,069
Merchandise	19,950,187		3,129,321
Free matter	94,480,180		
Rec'd for Box rent			5,424,951
Total	607,457,515		\$82,499,208

A rumor has gone abroad that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, contemplates making an entirely new set of postage stamps or, keeping the present dies and changing the colors.



W. A. Starnaman, the subject of this sketch, was born at Berlin, Ont. in 1875. At the age of twelve years he began collecting and now has a fine collection. When quite young he took a fancy to the printing business, and in May 1896 formed the firm of Starnaman Bros, which in Sept. began the publication of the "Philatelic Advocate." Besides this Mr Starnaman is Record Keeper for the Knights of the Maccabees; Fin. Sec'y of the Canadian Home Circles. He is a member of the D. P. A. and Epworth League and is and is junior partner in the Awning, Tent and Picture Frame business of Starnaman & Son, Berlin, Ont.

## John K. Tiffany.

By H. I. WATTS.

John Keer Tiffany, the famous philatelist is dead. Known the wide world over, not merely by his personal friends, but by those who met him through the medium of the printed page, his death must be deplored.

Dying at the age of 55 years he leaves behind him works of great importance to Philately. Beginning his collection before there were many printed aids, it is but natural that he should, by careful study, become an expert.

Being extremely wealthy he had much leisure and devoted much of it to his Philatelic Library, which is noted as being the most complete in the world. It may truly be said that John K. Tiffany was one of the very few men who are real Philatelists. He not only collected stamps but studied them, and in his research made a large collection of counterfeits in addition to his regular collection.

He was a man who collected stamps not for their commercial value but for their interest to him; who sought not only those of rarity, but those which had a historical value, and as such he represents the ideal philatelist.

In the philatelic world he will never be forgotten. Years hence when all our present collectors are gone, and their deeds have become history, the magic name of Tiffany will still linger, high upon the scroll of Philatelic fame. Even when generations of collectors, yet unborn, have lived and died and been forgotten, his name will still be remembered.

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We wish to exchange TWO copies with ALL Philatelic publishers. Send one copy to the publishers and one to the editor.

Your subscription has expired if this paragraph is marked. Please renew promptly.

Entered at the Post Office at Berlin, Ont., as Second class matter, Dec. 1896.

## Editorial.

After reading the poem in the Jan'y "Lone Star State Philatelist" we began to look about us for some safe descent to "terra firma." It is exceedingly elevating.

The D. P. A. has not been blessed with an official organ any too regular. We hope the "Philatelic Canadian" will do better.

The new Ont. Philatelic Co. report business brisk in their line.

The P. S. of A. nominations are now coming in. S. M. Hamilton is in the field for president. He will likely be opposed by the present sec'y, Chas. Beamish. Miss Mabelle Jones is a can-

didate for Librarian and will no doubt be elected judging by the support she is receiving from the various papers. Clarence Thurston casts longing eyes on the secretaryship and will likely get there with both feet.

The following letter explains itself.

..... N.Y. 3, 18, '97.

Starnaman Bros. . .

Gents:

I have perused with interest the article headed "D. P. A. Injustice" in the March Advocate and must say I heartily agree with you. My copy of the Official Journal came too late for my vote to reach the Sec'y. . . . I believe in giving everybody a fair show. Your paper is the promptest of all the Canadian journals and there was no reason why it was left off the list of nominations for Official organ.

Respectfully,

..... D.P.A. No. . . .

As we have not asked permission to publish the above letter we withhold the name of the writer.

C.S. Applegath, Hamilton, Ont., has been appointed general agent for the Advocate in Hamilton and vicinity.

Does your neighbor subscribe to the Advocate or does he borrow yours? Don't lend it; get him to subscribe.

For 50 cents we will give 4 yearly subscriptions, without premiums.

Would it not be a good idea to get up a membership contest in the D.P. A? I think it would be the means of nearly doubling the present membership.

We admire:—

**The Other** The regularity of the  
**Fellows.** Evergreen State Philatelist and the Home

Worker.

The independence of Brer Muirhead

in the Halifax Philatelic Magazine.

The neatness and get up of the Philatelic West.

The impartial review contained in each number of the Home Worker.

The neat printing of the Lone Star State Philatelist.

We don't like:-

To see the official reports of a society take up more room than the general reading matter.

The size of the Eastern Stamp.

Vol. 2 no. 2 of the Trans-Mississippi Stamp. Not because of what it contains but what it does not contain. This is a double number but it has only four pages and cover. Most of these are taken up with ads.

To see a paper exaggerate too much. The Philatelic Canadian was late but dating it Jan. 1896 was too much—ah! a printer's mistake was it? Why certainly; what else could it be?

To hear a publisher blow about his big circulation when he sends us five copies in exchange in one month.

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H. I. Watts, Winchester, Ind., says; "I received twenty-seven answers to my adv. in March no."

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### Next D.P.A. Convention

Is going to be a corker. You must be there. If you are in ill health be at the meet and get well. If you are asleep in Philatelic matters be at the convention and you will wake up. If you want a good time be there. If you are not a member write to A. H. Adams, Sec'y Whitby, Ont. for information. Full particulars about the convention will be given later.

### Exchanges Received.

Jan'y Nos:- Lone Star State Phil., International Philatelist.

Feb. Nos:- Lone Star State Phil., Phil. Canadian, American Collector, All Around Stamp Advertiser.

March Nos:- The Stamp Advertiser, Home Worker, Evergreen State Phil., New York Philatelist, Eastern Phil., Weekly Phil. Era, Halifax Philatelic Magazine, Herald Exchange, Phil. Literature Collector, Official Bulletin, Our Philatelia, Phil. West. Omaha Phil., Trans-Mississippi Stamp, American Collector, Can. Natural Science News.

We have received Price Lists from the following dealers, J. Foster Rood, Halifax. N.S.; Excelsior Stamp Co., Keyport, N.J. W.H. Ladd, Franklin, Conn.

Auction List received:- From P.M. Wolsieffer, 201 S. Clark St., Chicago, who will hold his next sale Apr. 9-10.

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- 15 ditto with your name printed on.
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## Post Card Column

Under this heading we will publish any question you wish to ask, which can be written on a post card, and will throw it open for our readers to answer. Please send in questions and answers as early in the month as possible

### Questions.

Can any one tell me why we never see newspaper stamps on newspapers?

Why wont the postmaster sell them to any one that wants them? S.N.

A.D.S. asks. What are grilled U.S post cards?

### Answers.

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### Large stamp Co. in trouble.

The affairs of "The C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Pub. Co." have been placed in the hands of a trustee, Mr. W. Becktold, for the benefit of the creditors. The firm filed a chattel mortgage for over \$13,000. This practically amounts to an assignment for the benefit of their creditors.

I.A.Mekeel will continue the publication of the "Weekly Stamp News."

Possibly you may have received a copy of this paper as a free sample without having sent for it. If so we hope you will accept it as an invitation to send 25 cents for a year's subscription.

We notice an error on page 32 of this issue. Miss Mabelle Jones is a candidate for International Secretary instead of Librarian.

### Notes and Comments.

By R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

Capt. E. F. Wurtele is now going ahead with the re-organization of the C.P.A. and hopes in a very short time to have it in fine running order. He has my best wishes for success.

Sometime last fall I sent in my application for membership in the L. of A. P. and in the February number of the Philatelic Newsletter, received a couple of weeks ago, is my application. These L. of A. P. people must be hustlers.

Every Canadian collector was sorry to hear of the death of John K. Tiffany.

There is a woman in St. Catharines who is trying to collect a million stamps I could not say for sure, but really believe that she has 6 penny and 10 penny Canada's by the dozen. In a little book in which she keeps one of each variety she has, are two of the finest specimens of the 6 pence perf. and 10 penny Canada I ever saw. She will not let you see them, other than those in the book, and it is useless to try to persuade her to part with them.

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