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The Telegraph Stamp of Canada

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The telegraph stamps of Canada are probably the least known of any of the stamps issued in Canada, and below will be a complete description of varieties that have been issued:

The first to issue Franks was the C. P. R. telegraph company, and the designs are as follows: It consists of a unique map of North America in a circle, around which are the words, "Canadian Pacific Railway" above, and "Telegraph" below, with half of the date at each side of the map. Below the circle is the signature of the manager, and below this, in a straight line, the word, "complimentary"; at the top of the stamp the word "Frank," and below this the registered number in red. They were issued as follows:

DATE	COLOR
1887	Black
1889	"
1890	"
1891	"
1892	"
1893	"
1894	"
1895	"
1896	"

This is a complete list, and these stamps are very rare. The only complete sets that I have ever seen

are the sets in pairs in my own collection. They were printed by the British America Bank Note Co. of Montreal, and came in blocks of 4 in books of 25 each. They are very hard to obtain, as it is only through the head office that they are disposed of.

The next company that issued them was the G. N. W. telegraph company, and these may be described as follows: They are all of the same design, only printed in a different color each year. These stamps, although not so finely engraved as the C. P. R., are lithographed and on a different class of paper. The design consists of "Great Northwestern telegraph company" in a half circle; inside this, a little lower, the words "of Canada"; below this, in two straight lines, "Frank No.;" and below this again a blank space, in which is printed the registered number; in a curved line across the bottom, "Complimentary"; above this a fac simile signature of H. P. Dwight, the vice-president and general manager; at the top, in each corner between the two dates, the word "the." The groundwork of the stamp is composed of fine engraved lines.

DATE	COLOR
1890	Blue
1891	Carminé
1892	Olive green
1893	Chocolate

1894	Dark green
1815	Pale violet
1896	?

The stamp for 1896 I have not seen, and therefore cannot tell the color of it. I have also a complete set of this last issue in pairs, and can proudly say that I have sold a complete set of these telegraph stamps to Philip La Von Ferrary, the greatest stamp collector, and another set to Mr. H. E. Deats, a well-known American collector.



Coming Prices

Scott's 57th (1896) Catalogue

The advance sheets of the new catalogue are out, and show a marked change in some of the various stamps. Lack of space prevents our giving a list of all; we will only give prices of such stamps as have shown an advance. Only U. S. and E. N. A. will be quoted:

NEW YORK

Large head of Washington.

	NEW	USED
1845, 5c. black.....	\$12 00	\$ 8 00
5c. " double line	40 00	25 00

PROVIDENCE

Eleven varieties of the 5c.

1846, 5c. black	\$ 6 50
10c. black.....	40 00

ST. LOUIS

Three varieties of the 5c., three of the 10c., and two of the 20c.

1845, 5c. greenish ..	\$250 00
10c. greenish	250 00
20c. greenish	

One variety of the 5c., three of the 10c. and two of the 20c.

1846, 5c. gray lilac	\$400 00
10c. " "	300 00
20c. " "	

GENERAL ISSUE

1847, 5c. brown	\$ 7 50	\$ 85
10c. black	20 00	4 50
1851-56, 1c. blue (type 1)	50 00	25 00
1c. blue (type 2) ..	3 00	30
1c. blue (type 3) ..	50 00	15 00
5c. brown	50 00	13 50
10c. green.....	15 00	1 00
12c. black	25 00	2 25
24c. lilac.....	100 00	
1861 (Aug.), 1c. indigo blue		
3c. brown red		
5c. brown		
10c. dark green....		20 00
30c. red orange....		
90c. dull blue		
1861 (Sep.), 1c. blue....	35	66
3c. pink.....	35 00	8 00
5c. yellow	50 00	8 50
10c. green	1 75	15
12c. black	2 00	40
24c. red lilac.....	10 00	1 50
30c. orange.....	6 00	60
90c. blue	20 00	4 00
1862-66, 2c. black	60	06
3c. scarlet.....	100 00	
5c. red brown	20 00	3 50
5c. brown	6 00	40
15c. black	7 50	50
24c. gray lilac	4 00	40
Laid paper.		
1c. blue		25 00
2c. black		
3c. rose		7 50
Embossing 18x16 m m.		
3c. rose	25 00	8 00
Embossing 12x14 m m.		
2c. black	40 00	7 50
3c. rose	20 00	2 50
Embossing 11x13 m m.		
1c. blue	6 50	1 50
2c. black	2 50	30
10c. green	5 00	1 00
12c. black	5 00	75
15c. black	25 00	5 00
Embossing 9x13		
1c. blue	6 50	1 25
2c. black	1 25	30
5c. brown	12 50	3 50
10c. green	5 00	75
12c. black	5 00	85
15c. black	7 50	1 50
24c. gray lilac	15 00	6 00
50c. orange ..	15 00	6 00
90c. blue	50 00	18 00

1869. Embossing 9½ by 9½ m.		
1c. buff	1 50	75
2c. brown	1 25	20
6c. blue	4 00	85
10c. yellow	7 00	1 00
12c. green	5 00	75
15c. brown and blue	12 50	4 50
15c. brown and blue (picture framed)	7 50	2 00
24c. green and purple	20 00	7 50
30c. blue and carmine	20 00	3 50
90c. black and carmine	40 00	20 00
Same with picture inverted.		
15c. brown and blue	200 00	200 00
24c. green and purple	200 00	200 00
30c. blue and carmine	600 00	600 00
(Continued next month)		



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J. Edwards' Philatelic Press List No. 3 has been received by us, and is far ahead of their first and second numbers. It is chock full of good things, both for the medium and advanced collector and dealer. It can be obtained from J. Edwards, Montreal, Que.

Papers Received

Canadian—Canadian Philatelic Magazine, Stamp Lore, Philatelic Advocate.

American — Pennsylvania Philatelist, Boston Philatelist, American Collector, Philatelic West, Trans-Mississippi Stamp, "Herald" Exchange, Western Stamp, Post Office, Eastern Stamp, Allegheny Philatelist, New York Philatelist, Fireside Philatelist, Columbian Philatelist, Pennsylvania Stamp, Weekly Philatelic Era (4 numbers), Home Worker, Monthly Observer, Mekeel's Weekly (4 numbers), Texan Philatelist, Phil Literature Collector, American Journal of Philately, Philatelic Tribune, Evergreen State Philatelist, Michigan Philatelist, International Philatelist, Philatelic News-Letter, National Tribune, Metropolitan Philatelist.

Foreign — Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Phil Journal of Great Britain, Briefmarken Offertenblatt.

We have also received Auction Catalogues from Moses B. Page, Bogert & Slurbin Co., Henry Gremmell and W. F. Gregory; also Catalogues and Price-lists from R. Ralbrecht & Co., Bogert & Durbin Co., Hub Stamp Co. and H. E. Morey, all being acknowledged with thanks.

Take Notice

We have been sending you two copies of this paper since we started, and if this is marked you are on the list of papers who do not exchange with us, and no more copies will be sent to you unless you do. Send two copies to the editor if you wish to see us again, but if you do not desire to exchange before our next issue, your name will be marked off our books.

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88 King Street,
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We have not received the last instalment of "Ed. Bee's" letter in time for this number, and will have to go to press without it.

In future, all private postcards which contain the name and business card on the face of the card will be charged three cents postage.

All philatelic papers that contain the private advertisements of the publishers are to have their second-class rates taken away from them. Brother Adams, beware!

No, brother Jewitt, we did not

copy Scott's advance sheets from the Era, nor from any other paper, as we are independent as the rest, and do not wish it to be said that we cannot run our paper unless we have outside help.

Have you sent us in your advertising contracts for the coming winter season? If not, refer to our special offer, as you should not forget that we are already at work on our mammoth Christmas number, which will be a marvel of the printer's art.

So great has been the success of our premium offer that it has nearly cleaned us out of Revenues. In order to continue this till December, we have rearranged it so that we will now give some Canada and Newfoundland postage to make up the deficiency.

Another important change is that no newspaper published in Canada must contain a separate circular or price list sent out by leading merchants, as all papers found to contain such notices will be charged at the rate of 1 cent for every paper that has been sent out.

Some recent changes that are to be made by the new Liberal Government will interest our philatelic friends, which are as follows: The British American Bank Note Co., who have had the printing and engraving of all bonds, bank notes

and stamps, have received notice that their contract will be cancelled in six months. The secretary-treasurer, G. H. Burland, who is a strong conservative, receives the neat sum of \$200,000 each year for his work.

The placing upon the market of Nova Scotia remainders is a hindrance instead of a help to philately, although it is true that the average collector can now place these stamps in his collection, yet in consequence it will hurt the dealers and speculators to a certain extent who expected that they would realize a considerable revenue on these, and this great find has made some of them feel very blue over the results of too much speculation. It has also been reported that a large lot of remainders of the pence issues of Canada has been discovered, and if this should be the case it will prove a serious loss to those who have been holding the 7½ and 12 pence. Time makes great changes, and let us hope that this year will put an end to the philatelic speculator.

The directory of Virginia Philatelic Address Book has been sent to us by Mr. H. B. Vesey, Norfolk, Va. The book is neatly gotten up, and will be found very useful to those who wish to increase their business. It can be obtained from the above named gentleman for only 10c.

Notes and Comments

R. G. Widdicombe

Nearly every philatelic paper you pick up announces the appearance of another.

In looking over a philatelic journal, I notice an item stating that Cuban stamps are very fashionable now. I am of the opinion that Canadian revenues are quite as fashionable just at present.

The stamp business is beginning to pick up again, and the dealers look forward to a brisk trade this season. Moral: Advertise in THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST if you wish to increase your winter's trade.

The talk of organizing the Ontario Philatelic Society seems to have about died out. A good thing could no doubt be made out of it if some few energetic collectors would take hold and push it along.

The D. P. A. is now in fine running order. If you are not a member, send to the secretary-treasurer, Mr. A. H. Adams, Whitby, Ont., for application blanks and full information regarding benefits, etc.

The majority of the members of the Dominion Philatelic Association seem to be in favor of amalgamation with the C. P. A. A committee has been appointed to negotiate

with Capt. Wurtele, president of the C. P. A., and, if satisfactory terms can be arranged, such a thing will no doubt be a reality in the near future.

Work on the Ontario Philatelic Directory is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. I hope to have it in the printer's hands in the course of a month or so, but when it will appear is more than I can say at present.

Address Books seem to be all the rage just now. H. C. Beardsley announces the Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Colorado and Southern States Address Books and Directories of Philatelic Societies and Philatelic Journals. Next?

One reason why the dealer finds it to his advantage to place his advertisement in our columns is because we do no advertising ourselves, so that we cannot cut prices for stamps, as some publishers do. Bear this in mind when you make your contracts for the fall and spring trade, and don't forget THE ONTARIO PHILATELIST.

Special attention should be called to the advertisement of C. Bailey of Toronto. It is, in our opinion, a bargain.

Send us a trial advertisement, even if small. We feel confident that you will be surprised at the numerous answers received from it.

We have received a copy of the California Philatelic Address Book for 1896. It contains 20 pages, and has a list of some 200 names of collectors in that state, and is by far the best list of California collectors we have yet seen. Those who desire correspondents in that state should procure a copy, which can be obtained for 10c. from Facts Publishing Co., Riverside, California.

Messrs. J. M. Bartels Co. have our thanks for a copy of their U. S. Plate Number Catalogue. The book is of convenient size, and is neatly bound, and is invaluable to those who collect them. It should be in the hands of all who are interested in these interesting stamps. It is worth double the price asked for it, being obtainable for fifty cents from the publisher, J. M. Bartels & Co., Washington, D. C.

Stamps Stolen

On Oct. 6th, Vol. 1 Scott's 1894 edition, with U. S. and other countries alphabetically to Liberia, included all the current British Colonials, new (except Leeward Islands), up to 20 shillings.

If any stamps liable to come from the above album have been offered for sale by any party at St. Johnsbury (Vt.), or any other party appearing suspicious, please wire particulars at once at my expense.

S. A. STEVENS,
Portland, Maine, U.S.A.

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