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The Philatelic Messenger

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The Philatelic Messenger is published quarterly, and contains reading matter and advertisements of interest to stamp collectors. It will be sent regularly for one year to any address in Canada or United States upon receipt of 12 cents, in current unused stamps. A stamp catalogued at 5 cents or more is given away with every number.

Notice.

With this number closes the first volume of the Philatelic Messenger. With the next issue, to appear October 1st, it will be changed to a monthly. The subscription price will be 25 cents a year; and no stamps will be given with the paper. Advertisers should engage space in the October number as soon as possible. Terms will be found on page 32.

Our Jubilee Stamps.

(By the Editor.)

No one can find fault with the Postmaster General for issuing a set of stamps to express the loyal devotion which we cherish to our beloved Sovereign and to celebrate the unexampled length and prosperity of her reign. Canada has been using the same stamps now for twenty-seven years, while other countries have been issuing new sets almost yearly. It is time for us to have some new stamps, and no time could be more opportune than the present joyful occasion.

The stamps themselves are beautiful to look at, and will add very much to the attractiveness of the many albums in which they will be placed. The colors are well chosen, but not sufficiently varied, considering the vast field of color-shades to be drawn upon.

But while the idea of the Postmaster General, if it originated with him, is a good one, and the stamps themselves are satisfactory, the manner in which they have been sold to the public is open to the severest criticism.

In the first place, there was no excuse for the issue of the \$2, \$3, \$4 and

\$5 values. The postal service does not require them, and their issue was a transparent and petty artifice to draw money from the pockets of wealthy stamp collectors.

But this pleasant little artifice of the P. G. has defeated itself. He could never have consulted with philatelists or he would not have supposed that there were only 25,000 stamp collectors in the world. By a little enquiry he might have elicited the fact that where one set would sell at \$16.22, a hundred would sell at \$2.15, the face value of a complete set of the Newfoundland jubilee issue. The P. G. of Newfoundland knew what he was about, as the sales will prove.

Let us see what the P. G. of Canada expects to realize from his little game.

150,000 ½c.	\$750 00
8,000,000 1c.	80,000 00
2,500,000 2c.	50,000 00
20,000,000 3c.	600,000 00
750,000 5c.	37,500 00
200,000 8c.	16,000 00
150,000 10c.	15,000 00
100,000 15c.	15,000 00
100,000 20c.	20,000 00
100,000 50c.	50,000 00
25,000 \$1.00	25,000 00
25,000 2.00	50,000 00
25,000 3.00	75,000 00
25,000 4.00	100,000 00
25,000 5.00	125,000 00

\$1,250,250 00

Now if the P. G. had consulted the veriest tyro in philately, he would have assured him that 500,000 sets at say \$5.00 would sell more easily than 25,000 at \$16.00.

Suppose the P. G. had issued 16 stamps of the following values: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75c. and \$1.00. The set would cost \$3.83.

Suppose he had issued 500,000 of these sets, and the needed supply of 1, 2, 3 and 5c. besides. He would have as follows :

500,000 sets at \$3.83,	1,915,000 00
8,000,000 1c.	80,000 00
2,500,000 2c.	50,000 00
20,000,000 3c.	600,000 00
750,000 5c.	37,500 00
	\$2,682,000 00

Instead of \$1,250,250, the sale of the stamps would bring in \$2,682,000, the people would be better pleased, the treasury bags would be considerably heavier, the government would be clear from the reproach of foisting high value stamps upon the public, the P. G. would sit more securely in his easy chair, and a disgraceful page of Canadian history would be unwritten.

But now that the stamps have been issued in certain given numbers and in the P. G.'s peculiar way, *where are they?* That is what a great many want to know and that is a question that *must be answered*. I know where some of them are. I had a letter from a postmaster's son at a small office in Quebec, asking me what I would give for 45 Sc. jubilee stamps. I had a letter from an office in P. E. Island, asking my prices for $\frac{1}{2}$, 6 and 8c. jubilee stamps. Collectors in the principal cities of the Dominion have seen whole sheets of $\frac{1}{2}$ c. stamps in the possession of post office employees. These little incidents may give one some idea where the stamps are.

I also have a pretty good idea where the stamps are not. A prominent Toronto dealer laid \$100.00 on the stamp counter the first day of sale, and was tendered two specimens of the $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and 6c. stamps. At Montreal, Toronto, St. John, Halifax and all the principal cities, not more than two specimens of the $\frac{1}{2}$, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c. stamps were sold to the same person, that is, of course, outside of the post office staff. I have it on good authority that there is not a stamp

dealer in Canada who has 100 of the $\frac{1}{2}$ c. value, unless he happens to be a post office employee also. The stamps are not in the dealers' stock books then, for they have not been able to get them. I wrote to Fredericton the other day for a few 10, 15, 20 and 50c. stamps and the postmaster returned the money, and said they could be supplied only in complete sets. One meets with the same reception at nearly every office. What were the stamps made for if not to be sold to the public as the public wants them? What would be thought of a furniture store where one could not purchase a table or a chair, but must take a whole set? The thing is ridiculous.

If all the post offices had been supplied with some of every value, there would not be so much to complain of. But numbers of offices in this county of Charlotte applied again and again when the stamps were first issued, for $\frac{1}{2}$, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c. stamps, and received none but 1, 2, 3 and 5c. The postmaster at St. Stephen, one of the most important offices in New Brunswick, informs me that, although he sent orders to Ottawa some time before the stamps were issued, that important office never received a single specimen of the $\frac{1}{2}$, 6, 15, 20 and 50c. stamps except in complete sets of $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to \$5.00.

In addition to the 25,000 of the $\frac{1}{2}$, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c. required to work off the high values, there were the following quantities printed :

125,000	$\frac{1}{2}$ c.
50,000	6c.
175,000	8c.
125,000	10c.
75,000	15c.
75,000	20c.
75,000	50c.

Where are they? Stamp dealers did not get them. Comparatively few were sold over the stamp counters. Where are the rest of them? That is what the public want to know. Is the P. G. reserving the most of them until he has compelled an unwilling public

to purchase 25,000 \$5.00 stamps? Or have they been cornered by post office employees?

The way in which the issue and sale of the stamps have been managed is very discreditable to the Postmaster General, and may have the effect of lessening the interest in them. But this effect will be temporary, and very few collectors will want to be without at least a partial set of these beautiful stamps.

I understand that New York dealers who tried hard to corner some of the values, are condemning the issue as speculative. Remember the fox and the grapes. No doubt the issue was speculative in part, but not as much so as the U. S. Columbian issue, and that is responsible for the pernicious example of containing the high value stamps. The present \$5.00 United States stamp is purely speculative. The postal service has no use for it. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

Perhaps, after this gentle criticism, it will be of no use for me to make any suggestions to the P. G. I understand from the parliamentary reports that he does not take criticism very well. At any rate, when he gives us another issue I hope there will be no stamps of a higher denomination than the postal service requires.

I suppose the jubilee plates are now destroyed, and the P. G. cannot have another edition run off. But he can do the public the justice of letting the \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 stamps sell themselves (and the P. G.), and selling the balance of the stamps now on hand in sets of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c. and card, at \$1.22 per set. There are lots of Canadians who would like to be loyal and get a few sets, but who are too poor to pay so high for them.

I expect to have more to say about these stamps in next Messenger and shall be thankful for fresh information.

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT'S Quarterly Price List

Of Postage Stamps for Collections.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Which Should be Carefully Read
Before Ordering from this List.

(This List annuls all previous quotations.)

Terms: Net cash in advance. No DISCOUNT WHATEVER. Remittance must in every case accompany order, together with sufficient for return postage if order amounts to less than \$2.00.

Letters of value should be registered, as I cannot, under any circumstances, be responsible for letters lost in transit.

Remittances should be made by Post Office Order, American Express Order, or Bank Notes at current rates of exchange. Private cheques will not be accepted.

Fractions of a dollar may be remitted in current unused stamps of any country. These should be folded so that they will not stick together. Stamps stuck together will be returned at sender's expense.

Money orders should be made payable at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, or Calais, Maine.

Every communication should bear the sender's address in full, to avoid all possibility of mistake.

Correspondence in English, French and German.

ALL STAMPS SOLD BY ME ARE WARRANTED GENUINE.

New Issues Wanted.

Correspondents in Africa, Asia, Australia, South America and the West Indies are requested to send me stamps to the value of \$1.00 or \$2.00 of any new or provisional issues that may appear, and I will remit the amount by return mail, with 10 per cent. cash commission for ordinary issues and 20 per cent. cash commission for provisionals, if the stamps are sent within 30 days after their appearance.

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REMITTANCES.—Unused current stamps of any country are taken in payment for subscriptions and advertisements to the amount of \$1.00. Large amounts may be remitted in bank notes at current rates of exchange, or by post office order, payable at St. Stephen, New Brunswick, or Calais, Maine.

Address all letters plainly to

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT,

Oak Hill, Charlotte County,

New Brunswick, Canada.

Circulation of this issue, 1,000.

Notes.

This number of the Messenger being wholly given up to Jubilee stamp matters, the features of the paper which are now omitted will be given greater prominence in the October issue.

In the October number of this paper will be commenced a Descriptive Catalogue of the postage and revenue stamps of British North America, illustrated with cuts of the different types. This will be more complete than any yet issued, and will be worth ten times the annual subscription, 25c. a year.

Now that Canada has descended to the level of the United States, the Central American Republics and other countries guilty of speculative issues, we are no longer eligible for membership in the S. S. S. S. How can we hope to retain even our self respect outside of that high toned association? Cannot the Postmaster General be persuaded to change his mind, even at this late hour, and make the jubilee issue a permanent one? What undisguised jubilation it would create among the post-office clerks! Greater

men than the Postmaster General have changed their minds with beneficial results.

We would strongly advise our readers not to pay any fancy prices for ½, 6 and 8c. jubilee stamps. We believe that most of the post-office clerks who have bought them will be compelled to unload before long, and 150,000 ½c., 75,000 6c. and 200,000 8c. will go a long way.

If our publisher charges \$1.75 for ½c. to 8c. Canada jubilee stamps, it is not because he thinks they are worth it, but because he has to purchase a whole set up to \$5.00 in order to get one each of the ½, 6 and 8c. But he would much rather sell complete sets at \$17.50.

25c. for the ½c. jubilee stamp, 50c. for the 6c. and 25c. for the 8c. are the highest prices that anyone ought to pay for these stamps. The probability is they will be sold cheaper when the post-office fraternity begins to sell out.

15c. each for the ½c. or 8c. jubilee, and 25c. each for the 6c., are the highest prices that the publisher of this paper will pay, and it is no use for post-office clerks to offer them to him at higher quotations.

All the ½c., 6c. and 8c. jubilee stamps which our publisher is able to purchase from post-office clerks who have held them, he will sell to his customers, one specimen of each value to each customer, at a slight advance over cost. Let not our readers be impatient. Everything comes to him that waits.

My Advertisement in Weekly Stamp News.

My advertisement in this excellent weekly brought me so many orders for jubilee stamps that I could not possibly fill them on the day when received. It would have been a pleasure to me to fill them as requested if the stamps had been obtainable. I was

compelled, however, to omit the ½, 6 and 8c and \$1.00 values, simply because these could not be obtained separately, and I could not purchase a \$16.00 set to fill a 25c. order.

If it had been possible, I would have filled orders for partial sets even at a sacrifice, coming, as many of them did, from those who could not understand why the ½, 6 and 8c. could not be furnished. As it was, I sent out the 10, 15, 20 and 50c. as long as I could procure them, at 10 per cent. premium as advertised. Only at the last when order after order sent to different post offices came back unfilled, and my stock was almost gone, did I raise my premium on the 10, 15, 20 and 50c. to 50 per cent.

I sympathize with my customers in their disappointment, but I wish them to understand that I did the best I could.

Of orders which came from Canadian dealers and collectors for 50 or 100 sets of the ½c. to 6c. at 25c. a set, perhaps I had better not say what I think.

Some few customers wanted me to pay the postage of letter in ½c. jubilee stamps, and one wanted to know if I would use ½c. jubilee to pay the postage on the July number of the Messenger, but in general I thank my correspondents for their courtesy and sweet reasonableness.

MATTHEW R. KNIGHT.

This Stamp Gratis.

With every number of this paper is given away a stamp catalogued at 5 cents. If you are a subscriber, you will find the stamp pasted on the square below this paragraph.



Matthew R. Knight's Quarterly Price List

Canada Jubilee.

A beautiful and interesting set. Will be sure to increase rapidly in value. Only 25,000 complete sets issued. Unused and in mint condition. Postage, 3c. extra.

1, 2, 3 and 5c.	\$0 18
10, 15, 20 and 50c.	1 40
½, 6 and 8c.	4 75
\$1.00,	4 00
\$2.00 to 5.00, 4 var	14 25
\$1.00 to 5.00, 5 "	15 50
½c. to \$5.00, 16 "	17 50

Card free with each set.

SINGLY.

The ½, 6 and 8c. stamps cannot be purchased except in complete sets of ½c. to \$5.00. The following are the lowest prices at which I can sell them :

½c. black,	\$1.25
6c. brown,	2.50
8c. slate-violet,	1.00

These prices are provisional. I am compelled to charge them now, because I cannot obtain the stamps at a reasonable price except in complete sets. But if customers buying ½, 6 and 8c. stamps from me at these prices desire to return them at any time within two years, the amount paid will be refunded.

I have a small quantity of the 10, 15, 20 and 50c. on hand, and may not be able to get any more. While they last the prices will be :

10c. puce	15
15c. slate blue,	25
20c. vermilion,	30
50c. bright blue,	75

Newfoundland Jubilee.

Another beautiful set. Unused and in mint condition. Postage, 3c. extra.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6c.	\$0 35
1c. to 8c., 8 var.	0 60
1c. to 15c., 10 "	1 00
1c. to 30c., 12 "	1 85
1c. to 60c., 14 "	3 25

Used Jubilee Stamps.

I want to purchase large quantities of Canada and Newfoundland jubilee stamps, used, and will give good prices in cash or exchange.

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Exchange With Collectors.

Collectors may dispose of their duplicates profitably by sending them to me in exchange for stamps from my approval sheets and books. I want only stamps catalogued at 5 cents or more, in good condition, and for these I allow from half to two-thirds of catalogue price. The stamps must be sent to me for inspection, and I will return what I do not want, with approval lot to select from.

British Colonials Wanted.

I want to purchase sets of current and obsolete British Colonials, used, in lots of ten sets or more, and invite offers. I will pay cash or give good exchange. Correspondents wanted in all British Colonies.

Stamps on Approval.

To responsible parties who are prepared to purchase at least \$1.00 worth each time, I am always pleased to send stamps on approval, arranged according to countries, priced in general by Scott's 57th, and I allow a discount of 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ to 50 per cent.

I do not ask for references, but require a deposit of at least \$2.00 with every application for approval sheets. The approval lots submitted will be worth from four to six times the amount of the deposit.

This rule will not be welcome to approval sheet frauds, nor will it please those who write for rare stamps and buy 25c. worth; but no honest collector who wants to buy good stamps will find any fault with it.

Send \$2.00 or more, and state plainly what you want, and I will do my best to serve you.

I do not expect to hear from you until you have tried the dealers who are selling off at 75 per cent. discount. Get all the bargains you can out of them and then write to me.

Black List

The following parties have kept approval lots six months or over, and either take no notice of my requests for settlement, or refuse to give satisfaction. Their names will appear in this list from time to time, until settlement is made. Dealers and collectors having had unsatisfactory dealings with them are requested to communicate with the publisher of this paper.

- Chas. L. Wilcox, Hastings, Minn.
Dec. 6, 1895.—\$15.35.
- Harold E. Stewart, 115 E. Boulder St.,
Colorado Springs, Colo.
Feb. 5, 1896.—\$8.23.
- Arthur A. Taylor, 350 Columbus Ave.,
New York, N. Y.
Feb. 7, 1896.—\$14.42.
- Richard Goerke, 3631 Robert Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.
Feb. 8, 1896.—\$18.01.
- A. B. Frantz, Lebanon Stove Works,
Lebanon, Pa.
March 10, 1896.—\$7.91.
- Geo. H. Warwick, 2312 Park Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.
April 24, 1896.—\$74.36.
- Clarence Handy, Waterport, N. Y.
July 2, 1896.—\$6.02.
- Chas. S. Lewis, 765 E. Main St.,
Rochester, N. Y.
Aug. 5, 1896.—\$15.32.
- Willie C. Wagoner, Washington, Ind.
Aug. 14, 1896.—\$8.43.
- S. Rolla Hurston, Bay City, Mich.
Aug. 19, 1896.—\$12.53.
- Alex. S. Schmidt, Box 316, Corvallis,
Oregon.
Sept. 17, 1896.—\$9.08.
- A. J. Clifford, 210 S. Division St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.
Oct. 26, 1896.—\$8.50.
- Clarence A. Pore, Rogers, Arkansas.
Nov. 20, 1896.—\$15.60.

Bargains for Dealers.

CANADA POSTCARDS.

I have now in stock a large quantity of the first and second issues of Canada postcards, used. To close them out, I offer them at the following remarkably low prices. Carriage to be paid by purchaser.

		Per 10.	100.	1000.
Scott No.	401,	\$0.15	\$1.25	\$10.00
" "	402,	8	60	5.00
" "	405,	8	60	5.00

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Obsolete Greece.

I have also a large quantity of the first type of Greece, 1880-82, 1, 1, 5, 10 and 20 lepta, five varieties, cat. value 11c. per set. I offer 100 sets for \$2.00; 250 sets for \$4.50; 100 sets of 5, 10 and 20 lepta, three varieties, for \$1.50; 500 sets for \$6.25. I offer 20 lepta, rose, 1882, for \$1.00 per 1000. Postage extra.

Adams' Catalogue of Canadian Revenues, 1897.

Subscribers to the Messenger may have this catalogue, the Standard, for 12 cents in stamps. Regular price, 25 cents.

Crown Packets.

The following packets contain no locals, revenues, cards or telegraphs. They invite comparison with any other packets on the market:

No.		Price.
1	contains 100 varieties	\$0.15
2	" 150 "	25
3	" 200 "	45
4	" 400 "	1.60
5	" 500 "	2.00
6	" 750 "	5.25
7	" 1000 "	7.50
8	" 1500 "	21.00
9	" 2000 "	37.50
10	" 3000 "	100.00
11	" 100 " Br. Colonials	1.25
12	" 100 " Orientals	1.25

All packets are sent postpaid, and Nos. 7, 8, 9, & 10 postpaid and registered, in Canada and the United States. To other countries the postage is extra.

Cheap Sets.

This list has been carefully revised. Every set is now in stock. Comparison is invited with prices of other dealers. Orders under 25c. respectfully declined. Postage extra. Read special notices on page 31.

*Unused.

15	Argentine	\$0.20
11	Austria, '90, 1-50kr	20
4	Austria, '91, 30-50kr	8
*3	Baden, Land Post	12

*6	Bavaria, '70-'75, 1-18kr	20
*3	Belgium	
	Brussels exh, 5, 10, 10c.	10
12	Belgium, packet, '79-'94	25
6	" " '95	30
7	Bolivia, '94, 1-100c.	25
8	Bosnia, 1-25n	12
20	Brazil	25
4	British Guiana, '90,	
	1c on 1, 2, 3, & 4d	45
9	Bulgaria, '82-'88, 1-50s	15
10	" '89, 1s-11	30
12	Canada, '59-'93, inc. reg.	15
*11	" '70-'95, 1-50c	1.35
4	Canada, '97, 1, 2, 3, & 5c.	10
*4	Canada, cards,	
	cat. value 42c. post free	20
7	Canada, cards	12
9	Cape of Good Hope,	
	'81-'94, 1p-1s	15
10	Cape of Good Hope, '81-'94,	
	1p-5s	30
10	Ceylon	30
*6	Congo, '94-'96, 5c-1fr	60
*3	Constantinople	3
*7	Costa Rica, '89, 1c-1p	20
*6	Cuba, '88, 1-8m	10
*6	" '92, 1-8m	10
*6	" '94, 1-8m	6
*6	Cuba, '96, 1-8m	6
*6	" '96, 1-20c	60
*5	Curacao, '89, 1-5c	12
25	Denmark	25
14	Dutch Indies, '70-'89	30
*7	Ecuador, '81-'87	8
8	" revs. used postally	25
8	Egypt	8
*2	German Empire,	
	'71, 10 & 30ge	12
8	Gold Coast, 1p-1s	50
7	Greece, '62, 1-80l	25
15	Greece, '62-82	25
*4	" Olympian games	10
*5	Guanacaste, '89, 1-20c	25
5	Guanacaste, '90, small surch.	20
4	" '90, large "	10
*5	Guatemala, '82, 1-20c	20
6	" '87-'95	
	inc. provs,	12
*4	Holkar, '92, 1-2a	18
*2	Honduras, '65	6
8	Hungary, '88, 1kr-1fl	6
10	Iceland	40
20	India	25
13	Italy, '63-'67	15
8	Italy, newspaper, '78	12
*6	" " '91	10
3	Italy, unpaid, '90	10
3	Jamaica, official	4
13	Japan, 76-'92, 1r-1y	15
15	" "	12
2	" '94, 2 and 5s	10
4	" '96, 2, 2, 5, 5s	15
*6	Johore, '96, 1-6c	30
7	Labuan, '94, 2-40c	45

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Cheap Sets.

15	Luxemburg	20
8	Newfoundland	20
*5	Nicaragua, '69-71, 1-25c	25
*5	" '78-80, 1-25c	25
9	North Borneo, '87-'92	25
*4	Nowanuggur, '80-'88	15
*3	" '93	8
*3	Paraguay, '84	10
3	Peru, '95, 1, 2, 5c	10
5	Peru, unpaid, surcharged triangle, 1-50c	45
*4	Philippines, '86, 1c, 1, 2, 5m	12
*4	" '94, 1c, 1, 2, 5m	5
*4	" '96, 1c, 1, 2, 5m	5
*5	Port. Indies, crown	12
*6	Porto Rico, '82, 1-8m	12
*6	" " '92, 1-8m	10
*4	" " '94, 1-4m	5
*4	" " '96, 1-4m	4
*8	Queensland, '82-'84, 1p-1s	25
*3	Roumania, '66, 2, 5, 20p	50
25	" '72-94	25
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