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C. P. R. SOOST.

## DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

OF THE

Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes, Postal Cards, Etc., of British North America.

BY ARTEMAS.

### DOMINION OF CANADA.

#### *Adhesive Stamps.*

[Continued.]

1870-73. Designs similar to the last issue, but stamps smaller, size  $17\frac{1}{2}$  x  $21\frac{1}{2}$  mm. Impression, etc., as before.

- 33. 1c yellow.
- 34. 1c orange.
- 35. 2c green (1872).
- 36. 3c rose.
- 37. 3c vermilion.
- 38. 6c brown (1872).
- 39. 10c pale rose lilac (1873).
- 40. 10c rose lilac (1873).

#### Varieties, imperforate.

- 41. 2c green.
- 42. 3c vermilion.
- October, 1875. Similar design, larger size,  $20$  x  $24\frac{1}{2}$  mm.
- 43. 5c olive green.
- May, 1876. Similar design. Same size as issue of 1870-73. Impression, etc., as before.
- 44. 5c slate green.
- 1877. 15c of 1868 in new color.
- 45. 15c blue gray.
- 1880. Change of color.
- 46. 15c slate.
- July, 1882. Similar in design, but very small,  $15$  x  $18$  mm.
- 47.  $\frac{1}{2}$ c black.
- 48.  $\frac{1}{2}$ c black.
- Variety, imperforate.
- 1885. Stamps of 1870-76, but on ribbed paper.
- 49. 1c yellow.
- 50. 2c green.
- 51. 3c vermilion.
- 52. 5c slate green (No. 44).

53. 6c brown.  
 54. 10c rose lilac.  
 1888-90. Design of 1870-76, in new shades.  
 55. 2c blue green.  
 56. 3c lake red.  
 57. 5c gray.  
 58. 6c rich brown.  
 59. 10c carmine red.  
 1892. New design. Head of Queen (in widow's cap) to left in circle, with 'Canada Postage' above and value in numerals and words below. Size 19 x 25mm. Impression and perforation as before.  
 60. 20c vermilion.  
 61. 50c deep blue.  
 1893. New value in design similar to stamps of 1870-73, but head to left.  
 62. 8c slate.  
 1894-95, 8c and 15c, in new shades.  
 63. 8c black gray.  
 64. 15c gray violet.  
 1896-97. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ c on thicker paper and the 8c in a new shade.  
 65.  $\frac{1}{2}$ c black, thick paper.  
 66. 8c violet black.  
 1897. New design commemorative of the Diamond Jubilee of the Empress Queen. Large oblong stamp, size 31 x 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Two ovals, the one to the left containing portrait of Queen Victoria as taken at the time of her coronation, that to the right containing her portrait of 1897. Crown between 'Canada' and 'Postage' above; V R I between ovals; dates '1837,' '1897' and values below. Impression, perforation, etc., as in former issue.  
 67.  $\frac{1}{2}$ c black.  
 68. 1c orange.  
 69. 2c green.  
 70. 2c blue green.  
 71. 3c bright rose.  
 72. 5c deep blue.  
 73. 6c brown.  
 74. 8c gray violet.  
 75. 10c brown violet.  
 76. 15c steel blue.  
 77. 20c vermilion.  
 78. 50c pale ultra marine.  
 79. 50c bright do

80. \$1.00 claret.  
 81. \$2.00 dark purple.  
 82. \$3.00 yellow brown.  
 83. \$4.00 purple.  
 81. \$5.00 olive.

The above was a limited issue. The plates were destroyed after the following quantities were printed:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ c	150,000	15c	100,000
1c	8,000,000	20c	100,000
2c	2,500,000	50c	100,000
3c	20,000,000	\$1.00	25,000
5c	750,000	\$2.00	25,000
6c	75,000	\$3.00	25,000
8c	200,000	\$4.00	25,000
10c	150,000	\$5.00	25,000

The so-called variety of the 8c contains two tiny dots between the 'Eight' and 'Cents.' These dots are found (with a microscope) in the ten stamps of the top row in each sheet.

1897-98. Head of Queen Victoria (with widow's veil and imperial crown) to left within oval band containing 'Canada Postage' above and value below; maple leaves in corners; the whole inclosed by rectangular frame; white design on colored ground. Engraved in *taille douce* on white wove paper; perforated 12.

85.  $\frac{1}{2}$ c black.  
 86. 1c green.  
 87. 2c deep purple.  
 88. 3c rose red.  
 89. 5c deep blue.  
 90. 6c brown.  
 91. 8c orange vermilion.  
 92. 10c plum.

(To be continued.)

### That Stamped Envelope.

Some of our subscribers have not received their premiums because they have neglected to send a stamped and addressed envelope. Without this no premium will be sent. Subscribers in the United States and Newfoundland should send an addressed envelope with a 3c stamp *in* it instead of *on* it. Subscribers in other countries may send 40c, which pays for subscription, premium and exchange notice.

**Scott's 58th.**

Last month we promised to devote considerable space in this number to the new catalogue. We now take up our pen to fulfil the promise. That the catalogue is one of the best half dozen that are published no philatelist will dispute. That the 58th is better than any former edition will be generally granted. That the catalogue is perfect in every respect not even its warmest friends will claim. So that while on the one hand we want to be ungrudging in our commendation of it, we want on the other hand to be conscientious in our censure.

We think it an improvement to have relegated the postal cards to another volume. We think it would be a further improvement to do the same with the United States locals, telegraphs and revenue stamps, and with the Chinese locals. We like consistency in a catalogue as well as in a man. The title of the catalogue does not truthfully represent the contents. There is no hint of revenue stamps upon the title page. The long lists of United States revenues and locals in the Scott catalogues are as much of a nuisance as the long lists of Russian locals are in those of Stanley Gibbons.

We like the alphabetical arrangement of the catalogue. It is the most convenient for reference. But we wish it were adhered to more closely. Senf's catalogue is far more convenient to refer to than either Scott's or Stanley Gibbons'. Senf's does not begin with the German Empire. A catalogue that aspires to be a standard for the philatelic world should not give the first place to the country in which it is issued. Stanley Gibbons' catalogue has only lately fallen into this error. We think it a mistake to group the Indian native states, but would prefer to see the alphabetical order adhered to without exception.

Some have found fault with the 58th because of the multitude of shades and

minute varieties listed. We cannot wholly agree with them. We do not think a standard catalogue can be too complete. But we could wish that more of the minor varieties were priced. And here we would like to see consistency too. Some countries are much more minutely catalogued than others. The varieties of perforation are given *ad nauseam* in Brazil, 1890-97. They are ignored in Roumania. The list of Canadian stamps is incomplete. The differences between Die A and Die B of the British Colonial stamps cannot be seen without 'a double million magnifying microscope.' The list of Greek stamps from 1862 to 1882 is a medley without any attempt at arrangement. Some of the most important varieties are omitted. But nothing is easier than finding fault. We might note omissions here and there in countries whose stamps we are most familiar with. The fact, however, remains that Scott's 58th is a marvel of research, completeness and accuracy, and that no better guide for the general collector is to be found among priced catalogues.

The paper, form and illustrations are everything that can be desired. The prices do not seem to be excessive when compared with English, German and French catalogues, but they are certainly too high for the present state of the American market. We trust that the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. will long be spared to issue many more of their indispensable annual standard catalogues.

The new Canadian stamps are neat, and the colors are well chosen. But postmasters complain that some of the colors are too dark, so that it is difficult at night to tell whether the stamps have been cancelled. They complain, too, of the absence of figures of value. This necessitates a close look at some of the stamps to discover the denomination. The gum is abominable—it will not stick.

### Massachusetts Items.

Gardner R. Kennedy, formerly with Frank P. Brown, informs the writer that he will probably locate in Worcester, Mass. He hopes to open business with a fine stock in a down town store, making a specialty of United States issues.

President Weaver of the Sons of Philatelia has appointed E. B. Horn, jr., resident vice president of the society for Mass.

A fraud by the name of Lyman J. Hastings and giving reference to the Suffolk National bank has furnished Boston with considerable free advertising during the past month.

The regular monthly meeting of the Boston Philatelic Society, held January 18th, was marked by a splendid attendance. Over fifty were present, including such old timers as Messrs. Trifet and Holton. Pres. Van Derlip presided. The reports of the officers showed a splendid financial condition and numerically over two hundred and fifty members. The treasury is strong to the extent of \$400. A. W. Dunning, Cambridge, was elected to membership and G. A. Flagg, manager of the Liberty Stamp Co., was proposed for membership. The newly elected officers for 1898 are: Pres., W. C. Van Derlip; vice president, H. E. Woodward; secretary, Geo. L. Toppan; treasurer, L. L. Green; superintendent of auction sales, E. L. Smiley; exchange manager, J. F. Johnson; board of directors, Edward A. Stevens, H. Corbett, M. H. Lombard, S. R. Sircorn and E. P. Sturgis.

The next meeting of the B. P. S. will observe the anniversary of the society and a very interesting programme has been prepared. Mr. John N. Luff, New York, and Mr. Francis Foster, Boston, are to take the prominent parts in the evening's entertainment. The members will be prominent when the refreshments are served.

Willard O. Wylie, Boston, is now

manager of the Boston Stamp Book. The February number is to appear February 15th and March number on time.

New England is favored with five handsome representatives of the philatelic press. We refer to the Eastern Philatelist, Weekly Era, Perforator, Philatelic Bulletin and the Stamp Book.

Drew's gilt-edged sale on the evenings of January 19 and 20 was eminently successful. Our department will not give us space to make extended quotations. His twenty second auction sale will be held Monday evening, January 31st, in Elks' hall, Boston.

The Springfield society has about fifty members in good standing. It is one of the best local societies in the state.

J. Francis Bowen, 39 St. James Avenue, Boston, has been posted for membership in the S. of P.

Howard Paine has been elected secretary of the O. C. P. S. and Otto C. Cliff exchange superintendent.

Boston, January 20th, 1898.

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CANADA.

## A List of British West Indian Stamps.

(Issued during 1897.)

Barbados.—The American Journal of Philately (Dec.) chronicles a Jubilee set issued by this colony in November. The stamps will be in use for a considerable time and no restrictions are placed upon their sale. In the farthing, 6, 8, 10 pence and 2 shillings 6 pence, the value is in a different color from the rest of the design. Wmk. Crown and C. C. Perf. 14.

If gray and carmine.

$\frac{1}{2}$ p gray green.

1p rose.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ p ultramarine.

5p dark olive brown.

6p violet and carmine.

8p orange and ultramarine.

10p blue green and carmine.

2s 6p slate and orange.

LEEWARD ISLANDS.—These islands celebrated the Diamond Jubilee by surcharging the whole series of current adhesives with a buckled garter inscribed 'Sexagenary 1897' and 'V. R. I.' in monogram in the centre.



$\frac{1}{2}$ p green and mauve.

1p carmine and mauve.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ p blue and mauve.

4p orange and mauve.

6p brown and mauve.

7p slate and mauve.

1s rose and green.

5s blue and green.

JAMAICA.—The 1, 2 and 5 shilling stamps were issued with C. A. wmk.

1s brown.

2s claret.

5s mauve.

St. VINCENT.—On July 13th new  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and 5 penny stamps were issued to take the place of provisional stamps of those values. Wmk. Crown and C. A. Perf. 14.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ p milky blue.

5p slate brown.

The 1 penny light lilac Revenue has been surcharged '3 PENCE' and it is

said will pay postage and registration fee to Grenada and St. Lucia. Wmk. Crown and C. A. Perf. 14.

3p on 1p light lilac, black s.

The 1 shilling stamp has appeared in a new shade, salmon instead of vermilion.

1s salmon.

TOBAGO.—The 4 penny Revenue was surcharged '4d. POSTAGE' in two lines. These stamps were not sold but affixed to letters at the post office. Wmk. Crown and C. A. Perf. 14.

$\frac{1}{2}$ p on 4p lilac, black s.

### Halifax Notes.

The annual meeting of the Halifax Philatelic Club was held at the rooms on Friday Jan. 7th. The following officers were elected for the year:

President,	A. M. Muirhead
Vice-president,	F. B. Reynolds
Secy. Treas.	Edward A. Whalen
Exchange Supt.	Jas. A. Peckham
Counterfeit detector,	J. Foster Rood
Auction manager,	W. F. Van Malden.

It was resolved to extend the scope of the club to the Maritime Provinces instead of Nova Scotia as formerly.

The 3ct. stamp of the new Canadian issue closely resembles the United State 2ct. in color, size and general appearance. Many people consider this new issue inferior to the old in design, and perhaps with some show of reason.

Your correspondent had an opportunity of interviewing Mr. Muirhead, President of the Dominion Philatelic Association, regarding the future of that organization in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Muirhead does not conceal his disappointment at the result of the late convention vote, and fears that but little progress will be made by the D. P. A. in Eastern Canada during the present year.

A few copies of the new Canadian post-card have been seen here. They are of the same color and design as the 1ct. stamp of the new issue.

Quite a number of soldiers and sailors take an interest in Philately. They have small collections gathered during service in foreign countries and occasionally purchase stamps from the dealer in "the city by the sea."

F. B. REYNOLDS.



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## Notes.

We have applied repeatedly to the postmaster general for second class privileges, but have not been able to secure them. It will make no difference in the publication of the *Messenger* and will not affect its circulation. But it amounts to this, that we are being robbed by a piece of official stupidity or malice of \$5.00 to \$10.00 per month. It is some consolation to see in the signs of the times pretty certain evidence of the speedy dissolution of the present government and

the restoration to office of men who are sane and sensible, none of whom could ever have been little-minded enough to be guilty of the Jubilee stamp fiasco.

We would not for a moment say or do anything which might affect injuriously the brothers Starnaman. We admire their pluck and rejoice in their success. May it ever continue and grow without limit. But it is the duty of a servant of the people, and that is what the postmaster general is, to deal out even-handed justice to all. We ask our readers if there is reason or justice in according second class rates to the *Philatelic Advocate* and denying them to the *Philatelic Messenger*.

We have been forbidden by the postmaster general to publish illustrations of foreign stamps. After the matter was ready for this issue, we were obliged to omit several cuts. Being ignorant of the law in the matter we wish to be technically in the right. We shall get legal advice before the next *Messenger* appears. We think it very likely that this prohibition is simply another example of meddling officiousness on the part of the post office department. It is strange if we have a law that prohibits what is lawful in every other civilized or semi-civilized country under the sun.

We have thought best to publish the documents we have received from the postmaster general. The full text of them will be found elsewhere in this issue of the *Messenger*. We shall send a copy of this number to the members of parliament and the principal newspapers of the Dominion, and we appeal to them against the decision of the post office department.

**Judgments From Ottawa.**

Post Office Department, Canada,  
Ottawa, 30th November, 1897.

SIR,—A copy of the October number of *The Philatelic Messenger*, published by you, has reached the Department, and I am directed to inform you that the publication of representations of Canadian or British postage stamps is against the law and cannot be permitted, and to request that you withdraw any such from your journal.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
W. D. LESUEUR,  
Secretary.

Ottawa, 11th December, 1897.

SIR,—With reference to your further communication of the 5th instant asking that postal privileges be extended to *The Philatelic Messenger*, I have to say that as the paper in question does not appear to be a newspaper in the sense understood by the statute, the Postmaster General is unable to comply with your request.

As regards the publication of representations of Canadian or British postage stamps, even of reduced size, I am to inform you that it is against the law and cannot be permitted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
W. D. LESUEUR,  
Secretary.

Ottawa, 22nd Dec., 1897.

SIR,—Referring to your communication of the 16th instant, further upon the subject of transmission by post of *The Philatelic Messenger*, I have to say that the Department has always held that the statutory privilege of free transmission does not apply to any publication which is issued as an adjunct to another business in which its owner is engaged.

The regulations of the United States post office department are similar in this respect to those of the Canadian post office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
W. D. LESUEUR,  
Secretary.

Ottawa, 26th January, 1898.

SIR,—Referring to your communication of the 13th instant, further upon the subject of free transmission by post of *The Philatelic Messenger*, published by you at St. Stephen, I have to say that the Department is still of the opinion that your publication cannot be recognized as a periodical in the sense understood by the statute.

The Department must be governed in such a case by what appears on the face of the paper, and the fact that you offer as premiums so extensive an assortment of stamps must be regarded as an indication that the paper is connected with a stamp business.

I am to say further that the law prohibits the imitation not only of Canadian, but also of foreign stamps and that it will be therefore necessary for you to discontinue entirely the reproduction of postage stamps.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
W. D. LESUEUR,  
Secretary.

**Hamilton Notes.**

The newly organized local stamp club, branch No. 4 of the D. P. A., held a social evening on the eleventh of this month at the home of the secretary, Mrs. R. S. Mason. The president gave a short but instructive talk on "Paper" (laid, wove, etc.) and explained many things that the members were in doubt about. A number of papers were donated to the library, which by the report of the librarian shows the number of magazines, etc., on hand to be about one hundred, which is a first class showing for so young a society. During the evening the auction manager held a sale of a few stamps which were eagerly bought and fairly good prices paid for them. Mr. Harris is proving himself to be a good auctioneer and is just the right man in the right place.

Leading dealers here report business very brisk at present and we hope to see things continue to be so.

Robert Knox, one of Hamilton's best known collectors and an active member of the local stamp club, has left Hamilton for Grimsby, Ont., where he will be engaged in the "Bank of Hamilton" of that place.

Ed. A. Marris has been appointed Canadian correspondent for the "Herald Exchange" and the "California Stamp." C. S. APPLGATH.

### Detroit Notes.

The article on "Entire or Cut Square Envelopes," by S. A. D. Cox, in the last number of the *Columbian Philatelist* was the best article of the kind that we have ever read. The point made by Mr. Cox that a cut square specimen is not available for postal duty is a good one. We cry about collecting labels not good for actual postal use and at the same time calmly collect cut square envelopes. Is this consistent? Not at all, and the fact is becoming more apparent every day. A cut square envelope is of as much philatelic value, or should be, as an adhesive with all but the main design cut away. One is of as much intrinsic value as the other. In envelope stamps cutting a stamp square mars the beauty of it, as an envelope stamp always looks best when entire as it was intended to be. The cut round envelopes have given way to the cut square specimens and these are slowly retiring in favor of the entire envelopes.

We are glad to see the *Messenger* so favorably commented on by papers on this side of the line. It shows that quality and not quantity counts.

Being so near the Dominion we have naturally received the new Canadian issue nearly as soon as sent out and it seems to be the general trend of opinion here that, with the exception of the half cent, the issue is remarkably pretty.

Quite a number of the Newfoundland surcharges have been offered for sale here of late, and the majority of collectors are extremely wary about purchasing.

Mr. T. L. W. Porte has one of the first collections of Philatelic literature in the western states. His library is nearly complete and by a system of filing and indexing that is entirely his own he can refer in a moment's notice to almost any article wanted.

Mr. I. E. Paterson has just returned from a month's trip through Canada. Mr. Patterson reports business there as being fairly good.

Detroit has been very dull philatelically for the past two months. We hope to chronicle an improvement next month.

AMERICAN.

### Toronto Notes.

Chas. A. Needham of Hamilton and H. C. Stork of Brampton have been in town during the past month. Both report business prospects as very good in their respective towns.

All the values of the new issue are now for sale at the Toronto general post-office, post cards and letter cards included. A very poor specimen of the printer's art is the new one-cent post card. It is a disgrace to the country.

Canada is to have a new money order system. Postal notes will shortly be issued for amounts under \$5, payable to bearer without identification. This will be much more convenient and less expensive than the present system.

Business has been fair during the past month, considering the holiday season, and it continues to increase. Canadian revenues are in great demand at present and bid fair to continue so.

The Canadian Philatelic Advertiser is announced to appear from this city about the 1st March as an advertiser of philatelic publications and supplies.

Some of the values of the old issue (1869) promise to be scarce. Collectors having any of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 6, 10, 15, 20, 50c., should keep them for future use.

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain has remonstrated with the Canadian government for infringing the laws of the Universal Postal Union by undertaking to reduce the postage on letters from Canada to the United Kingdom without consulting the other members of the Union. As I intimated in my notes last month the announcement had been made that after January 1st the letter rate to Foreign countries would be three cents per ounce instead of five cents per half ounce as before. This announcement (made no doubt as a political "bluff") has caused considerable difficulty in the post office department. When the new year came parties writing to England took advantage of the reduced rate and only put on three cents postage. Orders were then given the postmasters to supply the extra postage and notices have been posted in the general post office to the effect that the postage is five cents per ounce instead of three cents as announced.

WALDO.

# Our Premium List

FOR 1897-98.

## For 25 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year, and give you FREE a 20 word exchange notice, not counting the address. If you send a stamped and addressed envelope, we will send you one of the following premiums—*your own choice*. Remember, you get the exchange notice too.

1. A nice collection of 100 different foreign stamps.
2. Brit. Honduras, 6c on 10c, violet, red surcharge, unused, cat. value 20c.
3. A set of 4 Canada Jubilee, 1, 2, 3 and 5c.
5. A set of 7 Canada postal cards, 1871-97, cat. value 30c.
6. A Canada postal card, unused, catalogued at 30c, Scott's 57th, No. 417.
9. A set of 10 Greece, 1862-82, cat. value 26c.
10. A Mount Athos stamp, catalogued at 50c.
11. A set of 6 Newfoundland, obsolete, cat. value 21c.
13. Surawak, 1892, 1c on 3c brown, and Siam, 1889-91, 1a on 3a, both unused, cat. value 30c.
14. A set of 6 Servia, 1881, 5p to 1d, cat. value 26c.
15. Straits Settlements, 3c on 32c violet rose, and Selangor, 3c on 5c rose, both unused, cat. value 27c.
16. A set of 9 Switzerland, 1881, unused, 2c to 1 fr, cat. value 30c.
17. A set of 10 Turkey, cat. value 25c.
18. Adams' Catalogue of Canadian Revenues. (The stamped envelope need not be sent for this premium.)
33. Canada Jubilee, 10c., brown violet, unused.
31. Set of Guatemala, 1887-95, cat. value 25c.
35. Set of 10 Jamaica.
36. Set of 4 Japan, 1896, Memorial, cat. value 30c.
37. Set of 9 Mexico, 1885, 1c to 20c, cat. value 31c.
38. Set of 3 Newfoundland postal cards, 1c 2c and 2 & 2c, unused.
39. Set of 8 New South Wales, 1882-91, inc., 3p and 5p, cat. value 29c.
40. Set of 8 Tunis, 1888-93, 1c to 40c, cat. value 29c.

## For 35 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year, and one of the following premiums. Send us a stamped and addressed envelope, and tell us which one you want. You get an exchange notice, also.

19. A set of 9 Cape of Good Hope, 1881-94, 3p to 1s, cat. value 29c.
20. A set of 7 Costa Rica, 1889, 1c to 1p, unused, cat. value 41c.
41. Canada Jubilee, 8c, violet, unused.
42. Canada Jubilee, 15c, steel blue, unused.
43. Confederate States, 1863, 2c, red, unused, catalogued at 35c.
44. Set of 5 Newfoundland, 1897, inc., the scarce 1c and 2c Cabbot issue.

## For 40 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year, and one of the following premiums. Send us a stamped and addressed envelope, and tell us which one you want. You get an exchange notice also.

21. A set of 7 Bolivia, 1894, 1c to 100c, cat. value 51c.
22. A set of 10 Bulgaria, 1889, 1s to 1 lev., cat. value 50c.
23. Ceylon registration envelope, 1885, 12c, rose, size 6 by 11 inches, unused and entire, cat. value 60c.
24. A set of 8 Ecuador revenues, used postally, cat. value \$1.45.
25. A set of 20 India, 1865-92, cat. value 63c.
26. A set of 9 North Borneo, 1887-92, 4c to 10c, cat. value 43c.
27. A set of 8 Queensland, 1882-91, 4p to 1s, cat. value 44c.
28. A set of 10 Thurn & Taxis, including 5 and 10 sgr. and 30 kr., unused, cat. value 45c.
29. United States envelope, 1875-79, 1c blue on fawn paper, unused and entire, catalogued at 75c.

## For 50 Cents

We will send you the *Philatelic Messenger* for one year and one of the following premiums. Send us a stamped and addressed envelope and tell us which one you want. You get an exchange notice too.

30. A set of 4 British Guiana provisionals, 1890, 1c on 1, 2, 3 and 4d, cat. value 63c.
31. A set of 7 Labuan, 1891, lithographed, 2c to 40c, cat. value \$1.10.
32. A set of 5 Peru, unpaid letter, 1883, 1c to 50c, surcharged with triangle, cat. value 30c.
45. Canada Jubilee, 4c, black, unused.
46. Set of 6 Cuba, 1896, 1c to 20c, unused, cat. value 65c.
47. Cuba, 1897, 40c, orange brown, catalogued at 60c.
48. Set of 4 Newfoundland Cabot, 5, 6, 8 and 10c, unused, cat. value 55c.

Remit in current unused stamps of any country. Subscribers in Canada are requested to remit, when convenient, in 3, 2, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20 and 50c stamps. The 10, 15, 20 and 50c stamps must be well centered and with full gum.

Subscribers in the United States will please enclose a 3c. stamp in the directed envelope. Attention to this will prevent delay in the forwarding of premiums.

Subscribers outside of Canada, the United States and Newfoundland must add 15c to each of the above offers, and are requested to remit in well-centred stamps of as many values as possible.

It will be sufficient to give the number of the premium you want.

Address all letters plainly to

**MATTHEW R. KNIGHT,**

Oak Hill, Charlotte County,

New Brunswick, Canada.

### The Postage Stamp King.

The Hachette firm has just placed on sale a volume which, under the title, *The Postage Stamp King*, by Gerard de Beauregard and H. de Gorse, is destined to kindle the enthusiasm of young collectors as the Robinson books have excited the imagination of botanists. It is a story in the style of Jules Verne. The hero, William Keniss, the Postage Stamp King, (as we have railway kings and oil kings,) and Miss Betty Scott, are Americans. He is twenty-five years old, forty times a millionaire; she is twenty-two years of age and sixty times a millionaire. Both are members of the American Philatelic Club, which none can hope to connect himself with if not a 20-millionaire and possessing a collection in keeping with his fortune. This, if we may be permitted to disenchant the admirers of great fortunes, belongs only to the domain of fancy. It perhaps will yet be true, if stamps continue to increase extravagantly in value. The whole of this philatelic romance consists in the pursuit of a unique stamp of Brahmapootra, which William Kennis and Betty Scott desire, to make their collection absolutely complete. The turns of the story are extremely curious, and the reader is transported, after an animated voyage by sea, to England, France and Italy. The story ends with the marriage of the two collectors, and their collections become one.

The illustrations are numerous and such as the Hachette firm knows how to produce. They are signed by E. Vuilliemin.

In sending us this work, the authors, whom we have not the honor to know, have afforded us personally a surprise. In fact, in their passing through Paris the Postage Stamp King and Miss Betty Scott make us a visit, because the famous stamp of Brahmapootra has been sold by our firm for—can you guess how much?—100,000 francs!

This visit introduces a description of our store and offices, and under the name of M. Mouligneau, our portrait is given. The authors, very skilfully, exaggerate the details somewhat. For example, they accord to this worthy M. Mouligneau the respectable age of 65 years.—*Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste.*

The new 1c. postal card is plain but neat. The stamp, in the right upper corner, is of same design and color as the 1c. adhesive. The legend CANADA POST CARD is 12-point Gothic extended type, and underneath, in 6-point Gothic, are the words, THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

In the near distant future, we expect to issue a special illuminated and illustrated hand number containing portraits and biographical sketches of a number of philatelic gentlemen by whom we have been victimized in sums ranging from \$3.00 to \$75.00.

Now that our friends over the border are to have an inexcusable from any standpoint issue of stamps to advertise the Omaha exhibition, we shall probably have a let-up with reference to the Canadian Jubilee.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of auction catalogues from the Bogert & Duroin Co.; Messrs. B. I. Drew & Co.; Mr. Raymond Lee Perry, the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. and Mr. P. M. Wolsieller; also Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co.'s special catalogue, No. 4.

We have received from Messrs. J. M. Bartels & Co. the third edition of their Plate Number Catalogue. It is a neat little work of 37 pages, and gives the prices of strips of five of all the U. S. stamps issued from 1800-08.

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### Press Review.

The January American Journal of Philately is largely devoted to U. S. stamps. The Catalogue for Advanced Collectors has reached the United States and treats of the general issues down to 1875. An instalment of Mr. Luff's valuable work on U. S. stamps deals with the issues of 1861-66. The beautifully clear illustrations give a good idea of the *premieres gravures*.

With the December number of the *Collectionneur de Timbres Poste* appears a supplement containing a catalogue of all the adhesives, envelopes and cards issued during 1897. The list covers 32 double column 8vo pages. At this rate fifty years more will add 1600 pages to our already rather bulky catalogues. We pity the general collector in 1948. Canada and Newfoundland have not made the largest contribution to the total issue. China may be credited with 29 new adhesives, Ecuador with 35, Salvador with 41 and Zanzibar with 36.

We always find something interesting in *Filatelie Facts and Fallacies*. An article in the December number exposes about two dozen approval sheet frauds. We notice two whose acquaintance we have made to our sorrow. These are S. H. Rosenfield and Robert T. Harris.

The *Herald Exchange* for January does not contain as much reading matter as usual. The Chicago notes contain an interesting sketch of the late Mr. Hesing.

The interesting contents of the *Home Worker* are presented in a very attractive form.

The December *Lone Star State Philatelist* opens with Historical, Postal and Philatelic notes about Cyprus. It promises a surprise in next number.

Mekeel's *Weekly Stamp News* is unreviewable in our limited space, it contains so much and of so good a kind. Mr. Hopkins' Review is sprightly and just. The notes from the centres are

a strong feature. Mr. Severn's criticisms on the advertisements keep the advertisers stirred up to try their best. And solid articles are interspersed among the lighter matter.

We have received No. 1 of the *Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*, from Valetta, Malta. It is quite creditable for a first number.

The *Monthly Bulletin of the Postal Card Society of America* is small, but good, and of considerable value to those who make a speciality of postal cards.

The *National Stamp Collector* is the organ of the National Stamp Exchange. The January number contains some short articles of value.

We must confess to not having read the December issue of the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde*, as our knowledge of Dutch is, to say the least, limited. We are afraid the editor of the *N. T. v. P.* is not much better versed in English. He reads "Halfpenny" on our new  $\frac{1}{2}$ c stamp. The journal contains 17 large  $7\frac{1}{2} \times 10$  inch pages of reading matter, well printed and freely illustrated with good cuts. The only pity is it is—Dutch.

The January *New York Philatelist* contains two noticeable articles, the best being on "The Historical Associations of French Stamps."

The *Perforator* is unique. When it comes we sit down for an enjoyable half hour. Mr. Chapman has succeeded in giving it a character distinctly its own. It is full of news and full of sunshine.

The *Philatelic Advocate* for January is the best number yet. The *Inside History of the Advocate* reveals energy and perseverance that demand the highest praise.

We think the *Philatelic Bulletin* improves steadily. The issue for January contains matter of considerable interest.

Messrs. Baumbach's paper, *Die Post*, contains at least one valuable article

each month, besides the Chronicle. The January article is on the stamps of Colombia.

The December number of Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal has a fuller table of contents even than usual. An article on the surcharges of the Zanzibar stamps (French office) is illustrated with full plates. A new department, Notes and Queries, promises to be a valuable feature.

The Stamp Reporter is a bright paper. It improves with every issue.

An excellent paper in every way is the Virginia Philatelist. Its contents have been above the average from the start five months ago, and in typographical appearance it beats them all.

One of the few philatelic journals that collectors find almost indispensable is the Weekly Philatelic Era. In No. 243 Mr. E. L. Smiley writes trenchantly against the high prices of stamps in the standard catalogue and his points are well made.

In this month's review we have made mention of almost all our exchanges. We cannot afford the space to do this every month, but in the course of each quarter at least we shall try to notice them all.

The second edition of the Ontario Philatelic Directory shows considerable improvement. It is a little book that both collectors and dealers will find very useful.

A very useful little manual is Stewart's Guide to the Color of Postage Stamps. The first part consists of an alphabetical list of colors, and under each color are grouped several common stamps to be found in almost every collection. The second part consists of a small album containing a space for one stamp of each color. This album can easily be filled, and the color guide is complete. We would suggest as an improvement that in future editions of this unique and handy work the alphabetical arrangement be sufficiently departed from to bring all the related colors together.

### Philatelic Journal Directory.

Exchanges which come to us regularly will be entered under this head once every year.

Allegheny Philatelist, mo., Emil W. Kiefer, B. 75, Allegheny, Pa., 25c.

Bric-a-brac, mo., J. W. Palmer, 261 Strand, W. C., London, G. B., 43c.

California Stamp, mo., Chas. D. Lowe, 277 21 st., San Francisco, Cal., 25c.

Canadian Philatelic Magazine, mo., 9 Adelaide st. E., Toronto, Ont., 25c.

Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste, mo., A. Maury, 6 Boulevard Mostmartre, Paris, France, 30c.

Columbian Philatelist, mo., J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Pa., 15c.

Eastern Philatelist, mo., F. H. Pinkham, Newmarket, N. H., 25c.

Evergreen State Philatelist, mo., R. W. French, The Dalles, Or., 25c.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies, mo., W. Sellschopp & Co., 108 Stockton st., San Francisco, Cal., 25c.

Herald Exchange, mo., H. E. Pub. Co., 9 E. 108th st., New York, 25c.

Home Worker, mo., Ray Fenton, Knoxville, Tenn., 25c.

International Philatelist, mo., H. C. Beardsley, B. 216, St. Joseph, Mo., 10c.

International Stamp, mo., Eben S. Martin, Station D., Minneapolis, Minn., 25c.

Lone Star State Philatelist, mo., Roy B. Bradley, Abilene, Tex., 35c.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, I. A. Mekeel, S. W. Cor. 9th and Locust sts., St. Louis, mo., 50c.

New York Philatelist, mo., A. Herbst, 106 E. 111th st., New York, N. Y., 25c.

Omaha Philatelist, mo., R. L. Shepard, 2004 Wirt st., Omaha, Neb., 30c.

Perforator, mo., E. A. & W. A. Chapman, B. 1234, Hartford, Ct., 30c.

Philatelic Advocate, mo., Sternama Bros., Berlin, Ont., 25c.

Philatelic Bulletin, mo., Nauskeag Stamp and Publishing Company, box 29, Salem, Mass., 25c.

Stamp Reporter, mo., Bradley & Oswald, St. Catharines, Ont., 30c.

Stamps, mo., F. L. Heygate, Rusden, R. S. O., Eng., 37c.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 291 Strand, London, W. C., Eng., 40c.

Texas Philatelist, mo., Walter C. Lowry, Abilene, Tex., 15c.

Virginia Philatelist, mo., F. Stearns, jr., B. 6, Richmond, Va., 50c.

When writing to our advertisers please mention the *Messenger*.

**Exchange Notices.**

One notice under this head is allowed to each subscriber for a year. With his remittance for a year's subscription. Extra notices 10c. each insertion. To non-subscribers 42c. each insertion. Notices are limited to 20 words, not counting address. Extra space 3c. per line. Eight words average a line. Offers to buy or sell cannot be accepted as exchange notices.

Foreign collectors sending me about 300 common stamps of their country will receive in exchange same amount of U. S., etc. C. A. Wilson, Box 77, Beverly, Washington county, Ohio, U. S. A.

SEND me 25 to 100 Canada stamps catalogued at 2c each, and over and I will send you good, and different, foreign stamps of same catalogue value. Arthur S. Knight, Oak Hill, Charlotte Co., N. B., Canada.

I HAVE a quantity of used Canadian Jubilee which I would like to exchange for U. S. revenue or British Colonials. Correspondence solicited. Address W. F. Graham, Smith's Falls, Ont., Can.

Used Jubilee stamps, 1, 2 or 3's, taken in cash for stamps from my approval sheets at 50 per cent. discount. Give references. Jos. Gibson, jr., Ingersoll, Ont.

EXCHANGE desired with collectors all over the world. Send sheets and receive mine. Common wanted in quantities. Klein, P. O. Box 247, New York City.

1, 2, 3 cent of new and old Canadian issue exchanged for Newfoundland stamps. Post cards exchanged. H. E. Pearce, 664 Queens Ave., London, Ont.

EXCHANGE wanted with stamp collectors in any foreign country. Basis of exchange Scott's 58th catalogue. Address, A. Knowles, Palmerton, Ont., Canada. (13)

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Post marks to exchange for stamps. Over 2000 varieties. Each post mark against 2c catalogue value of stamps. Barton Lewis, Woodbury, N. H.

COLLECTORS sending me stamps of their country will receive same value Canada or United States. Basis of exchange Scott's 58th. C. P. Sutton, Box 383, St. John, N. B.

1000 CANADIAN, U. S. and foreign duplicates to exchange for other U. S. and British colonies. cat. for cat. W. H. Thurston, publisher Advance, Flesherton, Ont.

CORRESPONDENCE desired with collectors in foreign countries with a view to exchanging duplicates and assisting one another in securing specimens. David Longfelder, 291 N. Wabash St., Wabash, Ind., U. S. A.

I WANT to exchange U. S. greenbacks, high denominations, for stamp collections. Lots of cash to exchange. Jerome Williams, Rondout, N. Y.

79 VARIETIES of United States stamps, general issues, catalogued \$1.00 by Scott's 1895-96. What will exchange for them? Wm. T. Sievers, 541 West Fullerton Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

JAPAN stamps are wanted in exchange for those of other countries, cat. for cat. Albert M. Knight, Oak Hill, Charlotte Co., N. B., Canada.

FOREIGN collectors, send me 50 or more common stamps of your country and receive same number of United States. Address, S. Lionel Posteki, 109 8th Avenue West, Ashland, Wisconsin, U. S. A.

**Special Notices.**

Under this heading short advertisements will be inserted at the very low rate of three (3) cents per line; eight words average one line. Name and address are counted. Minimum charge is 12 cents. Ads. are set in solid non-pareil, no display.

SEND ten cents to me and see what I will send you. Thos. J. Renaud, P. O. Box 1290, New Orleans, La.

APPROVAL SHEETS. I have some fine stamps on approval sheets, which I will send to responsible parties at 50 and 65 off Scott's 58th. Edgar W. Frost, Owen Sound, Ont., Can.

CANADA POSTAGE STAMPS, 10 varieties 7cts. post free. Beginners send for approval sheets at 50 com. Write us for Rubber stamps and Novelties, Delhi Novelty Co., Delhi, Ontario.

**Dealers' Directory.**

Advertisements of not more than 25 words, counting address, will be inserted 12 times under this heading for \$1.00, cash in advance. Extra words 2c each.

PHILATELIC MESSENGER. -- Oak Hill, Charlotte Co., N. B., Canada. Read our Premium List and you will find something you want.

**Business Cards.**

Half inch cards will be inserted under this heading, 12 times for \$1.50. No card will be inserted for less than 12 times. Only name, address and speciality (the latter not exceeding 5 words.) Cash in advance.

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[ NO. 4 ]

\$2 Col. used, \$1.25 net. 3c. Rose '68 issue on env. used for \$1.00 net, cat. \$8.00. App. books at 33 1/2 and 50% discount, also net books. We are going to give away a set of unused Col. 1c. to \$5 to the person who sells the most stamps between January 1st and August 28th. Remit by money order.  
**W. M. WATERBURY,**  
Box 50, Ithaca, Michigan.

Have you seen a copy of our Premium List. If not, write for one.



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