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British Colonials.

By HERBERT IREY WATTS.

II. Cape of Good Hope.

Cape Colony, or as often called, the Cape of Good Hope, is located in the most southern part of Africa and has been under British rule since 1795 or more than one hundred years.

Its area is 217,895 square miles and it has a population of nearly 2,000,000

Cape town is the principal city and is also the capital.

The Cape is famous in the Philatelic world as the originator of the triangular stamps, having made three issues of that shape.

As these are the most interesting of all this colony's numerous stamps, most of the space at my disposal for this article will be devoted to them.

It appears that the first issues were made from plates engraved by Perkins, Bacon & Co., an English firm, who afterwards turned them over to another firm.

None of the first or second issues are extremely rare, but in 1861 these stamps were out of stock and to meet the demand a printer in the colony made an issue.

This issue, all of which are rare, contains two errors which are due to the method of printing. Some collectors at one time claimed that they were printed from "wood blocks" (or wood cuts) and they are so listed. But the better opinion is that they were printed from stereotypes made from engravings on wood

A number of these cuts or plates being cast singly they were then mounted on a large block. This large block or plate contained 64 of these small cuts and it was due to a mistake in making them up that the errors occurred. A one penny cut was accidentally put on the four penny plate and vice versa. Thus the one penny error is in blue instead of red and the four penny in red instead of blue.

These errors are worth \$300 each.

In 1865 these unique stamps were replaced by the common-place design yet in use. The 1865 issue consisted of four varieties, one penny red, four penny blue, six penny lilac, and one shilling green. The three higher values were surcharged in 1868 to produce one penny and four penny stamps for an emergency. Also in 1879, 1882 and 1891-4 several new varieties were created by surcharging, none of which however, are rare.

In 1865 an imperforated revenue stamp was used for postage, and in '83 several were used. The last were all perforated. The Cape also has a number of interesting envelopes (including registration) and post cards. The envelopes are of a design similar to those of Great Britain, though some of the post cards are of distinctive design.

All the rarer stamps of this colony have been counterfeited and some reprinted, so that care must be used in buying them.

PAPER.

By A SUBSCRIBER.

I have noticed that it is and always has been a great source of trouble to beginners to tell the many different kinds of paper.

For the benefit of those collectors who do not know I will try to explain.

1. Wove paper is ordinary paper of an even texture. Most newspapers, books etc. are on wove paper. It has no watermarked lines on it.

2. Laid paper has parallel lines running through it. There are two kinds of laid paper, (a) vertically laid and (b) horizontally laid. These lines can be detected by holding the paper to the light.

3. Ribbed paper has rough watermarked parallel lines on both sides of it. These lines may run vertically or horizontally.

4. Carton paper is very thick. See stamps of Rampour.

5. Gold Beater's skin is a tough transparent paper of soluble gelatine.

6. Batonne paper is a kind in which almost transparent lines can be seen if you hold it to the light. These lines are farther apart than in laid paper and are often used as guide lines in writing. The paper between these lines may be either wove or laid. It is sometimes called foreign note paper.

7. Granite paper is a silk paper the fibres of which are so small that they can hardly be seen with the naked eye.

8. Silurian paper is another name for Granite paper.

9. Manilla paper is common wrapping paper and is generally coarse.

10. Mince paper is thin and brittle.

11. Native paper-a very crude paper made by the natives of India.

12. Rice or Silk gloss paper is a soft

silky paper made from rice straw. It is used principally by the Chinese and Japanese.

13. Old paper is a paper having an old shabby appearance. Revenues are sometimes printed on it. See first issue of U. S. Match stamps.

14. Pelure paper is made of thin, tough fibre and is almost transparent. It may be either wove or ribbed.

15. Papier Moire is a paper on which wavy lines have been printed. See 1875 issue of Spain,

16. Silk paper- a paper in which there are small pieces of silk.

17. Straw paper is made from straw. See current Canadian wrappers.

18. Verge paper is laid paper with the watermarked lines running obliquely.



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I remarked in the April "Herald exchange" that I had heard of a letter prepaid by a newspaper stamp.

I am now able to say that I have seen a letter so franked. The other night a postal clerk friend of mine on the "Knickerbocker Special" running between St. Louis and New York showed me a letter bearing a 36c periodical. This was the only stamp on the envelope. The clerk said he would turn it in as a "nixie" i. e. not paid. This may bring forth fresh developments. Herbert Irey Watts,

Hamilton Notes.

By CHAS. S. APPEGATH.

Hamilton has always been regarded in Philatelic circles as the city of few collectors. This is a mistake. A census recently taken for the purpose of compiling a directory, shows that there are a very large number of collectors as well as about a dozen active dealers in the ambitious city.

I recently came across a peculiar specimen of the common one penny Victoria, present issue. In addition to the perforations on the four sides there was a row of perforations running through the words "one penny" as though to divide the stamp into two parts. Can anybody explain this?

The majority of collectors here have have put away their collections until the hot weather is over, when we may expect them to resume their collecting with renewed interest.

Messrs Lawson and Chapman seem to have the run of Canadian Revenues in this city.

In the May number of this paper "Canuck" says, "Hamilton can now boast of four full fledged stamp dealers." We wonder where he got his information. If he had been in this city last winter he could have seen five times as many dealers as he says we have.

Two well known collectors are compiling a directory of the collectors and dealers of this city.

We are pleased to hear that the D. P. A. convention is to be held at Berlin. It is so near our city that we expect to have a good representation at the great annual meet.



Vote for the Advocate for Official Organ of the D. P. A.

Philatelic Pencilings.

By CANUCK.

Among the many fine Philatelic libraries in the possession of Canadian collectors there is one that is well worthy of mention. I refer to the library of A. G. Allison, of Belleville Ont. He informs me that his library is about complete, containing some of the oldest and rarest Philatelic literature in existence and will compare favorably with those of some of the advanced collectors in the U. S.

The Can. Phil. Magazine, Philatelic Canadian and Canadian Weekly Stamp News have been consolidated and will be published weekly under the latter name.

Toronto dealers report business satisfactory and the sale of Canadian Revenues on the increase.

In the quest of stamps I recently called on an old fifty year resident of Toronto. Among the old correspondence in his possession were letters sent from Europe in 1816-21-30. The postage paid on these was 60c, 36c and 24c respectively. But to my regret most of the letters that had been pre-paid with stamps were destroyed and those had retained he could not be induced to part with.

I recently saw a copy of an English publication of 1872, containing a descriptive catalogue of counterfeits and a copy of each bogus stamp mounted on the margin of the pages. By this means collectors can readily see the difference between the genuine and the counterfeit.

It is rumored that Newfoundland will shortly issue a set of seven varieties to commemorate the the Diamond Jubilee.

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Editorial.

What terrible calamity has happened? We have three deaths to record this month, and we are sorry to have to say that they are all Canadian papers, viz: the Canadian Phil. Magazine, and Phil. Canadian, both of Toronto, and the Ontario Philatelist, of St. Catharines. Then there is Stamp Lore, probably it is "not dead but sleeping." We are afraid some hypnotist has put it to sleep and is unable to awaken it. At all events they have not as yet issued their Feb. number.

The death of these papers gives this paper another advance. We are now

the oldest regularly issued Philatelic monthly in Canada.

There is a small duty
A Duty which we feel bound to perform in order to place

Mr. I. E. Patterson in a right light before our readers. Several months ago we published an editorial reflecting on his actions re. last D. P. A. convention. We have since learned to our entire satisfaction that the course he took was the only one possible under the circumstances.

Our March number contained an article headed "D. P. A. Injustice" which, it seems, has offended the editor of the Ontario Philatelist. After writing to the most interested parties we concluded from the replies received that the official organ was to blame for the omission of our paper in the list of nominations. The editor of the O. P. has explained the matter and we find that it was not his fault therefore we retract the statements made regarding him.

Ye editor of that Western
Shot. sheet the Omaha Philatelist is apparently somewhat blind. He says that our last number contained only eleven columns of reading matter. If he will take the glasses out of his spectacles he will see that we had fourteen columns. We admit that his paper contained sixteen columns. Over two of them were society reports. When we wrote the item we considered the O. P. one of the exceptions.

Twice has Amy L. Swift, the popular reviewer for the Home Worker, criticized articles that appeared in this paper saying "It does not give any information not contained in the catalogue." Every one is not the poss-

essor of a catalogue—in fact the writer collected for eight years without one and “there may be others.” To these he information contained in the catalogue is as welcome as that not found therein.

We most heartily endorse the action of Hon. Wm. Mulock, Postmaster-General, in not allowing a few wealthy dealers to gobble up the majority of the Jubilee stamps. By his method of disposing of them through the post offices only, the poor but energetic young collector may obtain them at face value instead of having to pay exorbitant prices to dealers later on.

Another letter to D.P.A. members
Fellow Members:-

Since my letter on page 50 was in print I have decided, much against the wishes of my friends, to withdraw my name as a candidate for the office of Sec'y-Treas and I now solicit your votes for trustee

Yours Fraternally
W.A. Starnaman.

Our candidates for Trustees are W.A. Starnaman, C. Bailey and W.A. Lydiatt. For Sec'y, A.H. Adams.

Don't refuse to take this paper out of the P. O. because it is sent as a sample copy. We do not compel any one to subscribe.

The greatest disappointment we have had for some time was given us when we received the second number of the 'Canadian Weekly Stamp News.' We expected something better. This number contains 12 columns made up as follows, advertising 5 cols, Society reports nearly 3 cols., reading matter and editorials 4 cols. D. P. A. members will receive it semi-occasionally, when it contains the doings of the society. Oh give us back the Canadian Philatelic Magazine and Philatelic Canadian.

When the Philatelic Canadian discontinued publication the trustees of the D. P. A. appointed another official organ. 'Rea' in Mekeels Weekly says, the trustees have “as much authority to appoint a Viceroy of China as to appoint an official organ.” It seems, though, that the President has power to appoint an official organ, Auction manager or anything he chooses. We wonder if it was on his authority that Canada is getting a new issue of stamps.

See our Prize Contest on back page of cover. It's free to all.

Next month we will announce a D.P.A. Membership Contest. Over \$10 in prizes.

We have received the Official Bulletin of the Post Card Society. Parties interested in this branch of collecting should write to the Secy, W.C. Stone, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

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D. P. A. Matters.

A Letter to D. P. A. Members

Fellow members:

Having been requested by my friends to stand as a candidate for the office of Sec'y-Treas. of the D. P. A. I have decided to comply with their wishes and therefore appeal to you for your votes and influence.

As I am a stranger to many of you a few words regarding my experience in offices of this kind will not be out of place.

I have been Record Keeper for the K. O. T. M. of this town, for nearly two years; Financial Secretary and Treasurer of the O. C. H. C. for eighteen months and Cor. Sec'y of Wat-erloo Epworth League for two years.

In seeking election I can truly say that I have no friends to favor no interest to serve, but that of advancing the welfare and prosperity of our noble order the D. P. A.

Not being under any engagement to be absent from home I can give all necessary time to the duties of the office.

Yours Fraternally,
W. A. STARNAMAN,
D. P. A 196.

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Our Ticket.

As the time for the convention and election of officers draws near it is necessary that we should "show our colors." It is evident that there is a great deal of dissatisfaction regarding the present officers. Some of these grievances have been aired through the columns of the philatelic journals.

We are of the opinion that a change must be made unless we wish a split in our society.

The following is our ticket. Vote this ticket for Progress and Prosperity.

President, Alex. M. Muirhead.

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Official Organ, THE PHILATELIC ADVOCATE.

A few reasons why the Advocate should be elected Official Organ.

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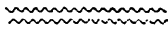
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We think the above reasons should convince all sensible members that they should mark their ballots for the **PHILATELIC ADVOCATE** for Official Organ.



We have received the Monthly Bulletin of the Postal Card Society of America. This society is in a flourishing condition, having about 150 members. For further information address the Secretary, Wm. C. Stone, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

Wm. R. Adams, Toronto Ont., has sent us a copy of his Catalogue of Canadian Revenues. The price of this handy reference book is 25 cts, but the publisher will send a copy for 8c to all mentioning this paper.

The editor of The Perforator claims to give credit for reprinted articles. We noticed several articles in May number which were reprinted without credit being given.



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Canada Jubilee Stamps.

It is the intention of the Government to issue a set of Jubilee postage stamps Such stamps will be put into public use by being delivered to postmasters throughout Canada for sale in the same manner as ordinary stamps are sold. There will be a limit to the quantity to be issued. The denominations and total number of Jubilee stamps to be issued are as follows:

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As soon as all the stamps in the foregoing schedule are issued the plates will be destroyed in the presence of two of the head officers of the department.

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