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NEWS OF THE MONTH

The year opens with the issue of the King Edward stamps in Great Britain, and a prospect of similar new issues from nearly every British Colony. We hear that the sales of the new stamps in England have been enormous; many post offices were sold out in a few hours. This will evidently be a record year in the annals of philately.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

ABYSSINIA.—(*Provisional issue.*)—When the current Abyssinian stamps were offered in complete sets in Paris much below face value, the same series remained on sale at the post offices of the Kingdom for postal purposes at their former prices. A new issue had been ordered from St. Petersburg and it was not supposed that the demonetized stamps would ever be used for postage. They soon found their way into the country, however, and the postal revenue suffered in consequence. To meet this contingency, the stamps sold at the post offices have now to be surcharged with a hand stamp ETHIOPIE and stamps without this overprint are not recognized. The full set, 1/2 to 1/6g, has been issued with the surcharge.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(*Official stamps.*) A correspondent in Buenos Ayres informs us that a set of official stamps of special design was to appear December 1st, the series to consist of:—

- 1c grey.
- 2c brown.
- 5c vermilion.
- 10c green.
- 30c blue.
- 50c orange.

BAHAMAS.—(*A new set promised.*)—It is reported that stamps of the value of 1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, 1s, 5s and £1 bearing the King's head are to be issued this month, also 5d, 2s and 3s, with the "Queen's staircase" design.

BOLIVIA.—(*The new set.*)—We illustrate the 1c violet and 2 bol brown, the lowest and highest values, of the new issue, the 2c green and 5c red have portraits of other Bolivian notables, the frames being of a



slightly different arrangement for each value. The 5c also appears lithographed in red on envelopes. Two other values, 10c blue and 20c violet with dark green centre, have so far only been issued on envelopes, but these values may also be expected as adhesives. Wrappers impressed in relief with a stamp of very similar design to that of the current Mexican envelopes have also been issued, 5c carmine and 6c orange. All the stamps of this issue are the work of the American Bank Note Co.

BRITISH NEW GUINEA.—(*Will be soon obsolete.*)—We learn from the *Australian J. of Ph.* that the government of the Australian Commonwealth is to take over the administration of British New Guinea as soon as legislation to that effect can be put through parliament. The set of stamps described in our October number will, therefore, become obsolete upon the issue of the promised series for the Australian Federation.

BULGARIA.—(*Unpaid letter stamps.*)—As a complement of the recently issued postage stamps, a series of unpaid letter stamps is in preparation.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—(*Provisional 8 cents.*)—Mr. Huguenin has shown us a letter mailed at St. Thomas, Jan. 3rd, the postage on which was prepaid by what is apparently a new provisional stamp. It is the current 10c. brown and slate surcharged in three lines 8—CENTS—1902.

DUTCH INDIES.—(*New stamps and post cards.*)—The low value stamps of Netherland (with figure in oval) have been adapted for this colonial possession, by altering the inscription to read NEDERLANDSCH-INDIE for the following values—1 cent olive, 2

cent brown, 2½ cent green, 3 cent orange, 5 cent rose. The same type is also used for post cards, 5 cent rose on reddish and 7½ cent lilac on white with blue tint on one side.

GERMANY.—(*Change of inscription*).—An agreement between the postal departments of the Empire and that of Wurtemberg has been made, for a period of four years, commencing April 1st, 1902, by which the two postal systems are to be amalgamated. The Wurtemberg administration exacts that the inscription on postage stamps shall read DEUTSCHES REICH instead of REICHSPOST. The new wording will be adopted on stamps sold after April 1st and may first appear as a surcharge.

GREAT BRITAIN.—(*Edward VII.* ½d, 1d, 2½d and 6d).—The much heralded King's head issue made its appearance on New Year's day. Only four values—½d green, 1d carmine, 2½d blue and 6d lilac, all of the same design—have been issued as yet. Water-



marked a crown.

LABUAN.—(*New values, 10 and 16c*).—The two new values described under the heading of North Borneo also appear with the surcharge LABUAN for this country.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—(*The reported new 2c. post card*)—Last month after the forms were made up a valued correspondent in Quebec informed us that new 2c post cards with the King's head had been issued, giving the information word for word as we published it. To make room for the item we had to take out another considered of lesser importance, again close the forms and get to press without delay. After the paper was printed we noticed that the 2c card of 1880 was the work of the British American Bank Note Co., while the current 2c stamp is made by the American Bank Note Co., and it occurred to us that a combination of the work of the two rival companies in one printing was scarcely possible. On further enquiry our Quebec correspondent informed us he had borrowed the information from the *Timbrophile Belge*, and sent it to us in haste, forgetting to mention its source. We have since ascertained that the 2c King's head cards do not exist; a neatly trimmed 2c adhesive was affixed on one of the Queen's head 2c cards, and so cleverly done as to deceive our Belgian contemporary, which reported it with an illustration as a new issue. We cannot too strongly impress on our correspondents the importance of stating in all cases the source of their information, especially when taken from a philatelic journal.

NORTH BORNEO.—(*10 and 16c values*).—Two more pictorial stamps have been added to the labels issued by the company that controls the administration of this



country. The 10 cents brown and grey violet depicts a bear on the branch of a tree, and the 16 cents dark green and brown presents a landscape in which a railway train figures as the prominent feature. Later on we may expect these stamps surcharged BRITISH PROTECTORATE and POSTAGE DUE in various positions to accommodate collectors of pretty pictures.

SURINAM.—(*½ cent stamp*).—The figure type of Netherlands, with altered inscriptions, is evidently to be adopted for the low value stamps of the Dutch colonies; a new value in this type, ½ cent lilac, has been issued with the inscription above SURINAME. We fancy the other values from 1c to 5c will also appear in this type as fast as old stock is used up.

TASMANIA.—(*The pictorial ½d.*)—We reported in our July number on the authority of an Australian paper that the issue of the ½d. pictorial was to be discontinued. The same journal now reports that there has been, only a temporary exhaustion of the stamp, and that there is no intention to withdraw it from use.

VICTORIA.—(*£1 and £2 stamps*).—In our June number we announced the prospective issue of high value stamps for correspondence posted in bulk having the King's head for design. The printing of the stamps has been delayed for various reasons, but the £1 carmine at last made its appearance about the end of November the £2 was to be issued, according to the *Australian J. of Ph.*, about Dec. 15th.

NEW ZEALAND NOTES.

(By H. BOLITHO, Auckland, N.Z.)

Since writing last, the 1d brown surcharged Cook Island has been all sold out. I sent to the Islands for several varieties of the stamps last mail and had my money returned, no stamps being in the Islands, all sent to New Zealand, either to be surcharged or the New Zealand stamps to be put into use there, I have not been able to find out which, but from what I have heard the stamps are being surcharged and will be sent to the Islands by the boat going at the end of this year. The new perforating machines are at work on the New Zealand stamps, and the stamps are just coming through from the G.P.O., Wellington, perf. 14. So I would advise you to stick to all Colonial prints, rough perf., you have on hand.

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EDITORIAL.

PHILATELICAL-POLITICAL ECONOMY.

Our English contemporary, *Stamps*, with true British bull-dog tenacity, holds on to its untenable position, namely, that the word "philately" means the collection of stamps because they represent taxation, and to maintain this absurd proposition it is forced into another absurdity, to the effect that postage is a TAX. We can only repeat that the collection or fondness of the representatives of taxation could be, and in the early days was, named PHILATELY and that the term PHILATELY does not, never did, and cannot apply. Major Evans' erroneous definition is of no more weight than that of the authority from which it is supposed to be taken, namely, the definition of the word as given by Mons. Herpin, its inventor. There we find the word was expressly chosen because postage stamps represented freedom from the heavy taxation that was placed upon correspondence before their introduction. The editor of *Stamps* classes himself amongst a coterie of "old fogies," whom he pretends were the inventors of the word nearly forty years ago, and hence professes to have a better idea as to its true meaning than we can have. This is a pretty piece of misappropriation of literary property. The word was not made by any coterie of "old fogies," the editor of *Stamps* had no share in its invention, and was not even consulted about its adoption. To Mons. Herpin belongs that honor, his original article on the subject defined its meaning and to that interpretation we adhere. In our August article we proved by contemporaneous writings that whatever meaning the word might acquire with "the roll of years," at the time of its introduction it had not the meaning now tacked on to it. Dr. Legrand, an authority on stamps equal to Major Evans, and far superior to him on the subject of fiscals, adopted the term Timbrology because Mons. Herpin's word only applied to postage and not to fiscal stamps.

In regard to *Stamps'* second absurdity, introduced to support its first, the payment of postage is no more a tax than would be the purchase of a passenger ticket on a government railway line. In

both cases the payment is for a service for which direct value is given. A service that is accidentally, not naturally, a government monopoly, because its proper execution directly affects the entire populace. To scientifically answer the question, "What is a tax?" would take us into the domain of political economy, and open our columns to political discussion; free traders consider customs duty a tax, protectionists reject the idea with scorn. We have no wish to open a debate on Cobden or his theories, or have Liberals and Conservatives, Republicans and Democrats using up our limited space propounding political platforms, so we will briefly state that the generally accepted idea of taxation is a charge that everybody kicks against, simply because no direct service is rendered for the money paid, or at least that the amount assessed is far in excess of the actual value of any direct service, such as the excessive charges for carrying a letter before the invention of the postage stamp. The editor of *Stamps* should confine his writings to subjects within his ken, such as color names for instance, and avoid political economy, for he is sure to make an awful mess of it, if he rambles into fields outside of his domain.

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CANADIAN NUMERALS.

In reply to our request for the production of any of the 1898 issue of Canada with the design wider than 18 m.m., the *Adhesive* states it has not seen any. As the design on the plates from which all the stamps are printed measures $2\frac{1}{2}$ x 18, and as the great majority of the stamps themselves, of all values, are of exactly that size, those measuring $\frac{1}{2}$ m.m. less one way or the other, must have contracted by shrinkage as explained by printing and paper experts in our October number. The earlier printings of these stamps seem to have been more affected by shrinkage than the later ones. This is perhaps due to the quality of paper, of which various grades have been employed.

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THE SCOTT CATALOGUE—1902.

The 61st edition of the *Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue* was issued Dec. 21st and is doubtless now in the hands of most

of our readers. The mechanical work, binding, etc., is better than in the last edition, but much of the type shows signs of wear. In arrangement and scope it is practically a duplication of the 60th edition with the addition of new issues, which increase the number of pages by 40. A catalogue as full and complete as this is, in one volume, is certainly a great convenience to the majority of collectors, and it will no doubt be as heretofore the standard guide for American philatelists in the arrangement of their collections. That it is a reliable guide in regard to prices is open to question, as little attempt has been made to follow an independent course as regards values, being to a great extent a copy of Gibbons' including the mistakes. The under-pricing of some Canadian stamps and over-pricing of others is continued, especially as regards those stamps to which we referred in our October number. Proof of this plan of copying Gibbons' prices is furnished by the price quoted for Bechuanaland Protectorate, No. 4, 3d violet on yellow. Gibbons listed this stamp by mistake at 5 shillings, but corrected the quotation in subsequent *errata* to 5 pence; in the American edition it is 10c. Scott gives it at \$1.00, a glaring over-price for a current unused stamp whose face value is only 6c. We notice on almost every page used stamps priced at a higher figure than the same unused, for instance Prince Edward Island, Parma, Zululand and many others, and yet the publishers state in the advertising pages that they are not experts on the subject of cancellations, and absolutely refuse to express an opinion upon them. Such being the case how can they venture to offer for sale a single stamp whose enhanced value is in the cancellation for which they admit they are unable to give a guarantee. An explanation of this remarkable inconsistency is in order.

VARIETIES, MAJOR AND MINOR.

If, as said Carlyle, genius consists of an infinite capacity for taking pains, then, indeed, may many a philatelic minor variety hunter claim possession of that particular form of (to quote a certain clever essayist) insanity! Few of us would dare to deny that the craze for microscopical varieties in postage stamps has been carried a great deal too far. When philately first came into being, and when the good

old name of stamp collector was deemed sufficient appellation for the best of us, no one looked upon the microscope and the millimetre-measure as necessary items in the stamp-fancier's outfit. Nor can we see that such tools are imperatively needed now, save for the detection of counterfeit stamps and forged surcharges.—S.C. *Fortnightly*.

A BELGIAN OPINION OF BELA SZEKULA.

(Translated from *La Revue Postale*).

A Gentleman Not Over-Scrupulous.

Mr. Szekula Bela of Budapest, stamp merchant, "bunco-steerer" for Hungarian lotteries, and publisher of a philatelic journal to boot, has found out a cheap method of illustrating the headings of his "cabbage leaf" journal: he simply reproduces the designs of other magazines. It is in this way that our cut "*Les Nouveautés*," specially drawn for the *Revue Postale* by Mr. Ad. Crespin of Brussels, has been found worthy to figure in the columns of the *Szekula Bela Advertiser*. This publication being more of a monthly price list than a serious journal, we do not worry ourselves much over this violation of the rights of artistic property; it is, besides, more than certain, considering the heavy rate of interest for which the Hungarian lump sum is pledged, that it will have ceased to live in a few months.

DESCRIPTION OF MY COLLECTION WITH A FEW COMMENTS.

BY H L. HART.

(Continued from December)

The 6d also have an entire sheet of 20, a used one on wmkd. paper. A sheet of 1sh, 8 used copies of the same, and 7 used 6½d. In the cent issues the 2c 1866 have a block of 25, a single unused on yellowish paper with 4 used copies, 5 copies of the 5c brown, two are on original envelopes. The 10c yellowish paper is very hard to get unused as is also the 12c. I devoted an entire page to the 24c which shows up this fine stamp in good style.

A block of four 5c black looks well, but I have yet to get one used on original.

A rare provisional, of which I have seen but two, came to me in a peculiar way, a person brought half a 10c on yellowish paper, for which I offered a few cents, but also said if he could bring me the envelope from which this was removed I would give him dollars instead of cents. In due time it came and the stamp fitted in exactly to the postmarks. We were

both made happy. I consider it a very rare cover and price it regardless of cost.

NOVA SCOTIA.

I take great pride in this part of my collection. The 1d is represented by a single and pair unused. Six used, single, a pair, and two strips of three, one being perpendicular. Also two strips of three on original, and another envelope with, two 1d and a 3d, addressed to Newfoundland. A 1½d Provisional on the original is the only one I have seen. It was mailed at Amherst for Halifax, but a tax of 3d was imposed, thus recognising the 1½d as part postage.

I can boast of an unused block of six 3d, light blue with original gum. Have but a single dark blue unused, which appear to be very scarce. The used I have arranged in a diamond shape design, starting with the lightest of light blue and ranging the shades to dark blue almost a black, 36 in all. A unique provisional is two halves of 3d placed like two triangles, and cancelled over the cuts. Four shades of the 3d provisionals made by cutting 6d in halves, two are on blue paper and rare.

I have the 6d both shades, and 1 shilling on one page which is the most valuable in the collection, catalogue value of \$850.

The 6d light unused, original gum, six used copies, four are on original envelope. Dark green, one unused and ten used, five are on original, some with nice combinations with the 3d

Have four N.S. shillings all different shades, including one unused with original gum. Have two varieties of the provisional 7½d. One 6d and half of 3d, the other two and half of 3d. A nine pence provisional consisting of 6 and half of 6d is a fine cover, and I consider it very rare.

The cent issues out of the ordinary are as follows, a strip of five 2c used, pair of 5c unused, Provisional 5c (half of 10c), 8½c on original and a pair used. The white paper unused are scarce as is also the yellowish paper used.

Have the 12½c, also a 12½ and 1c on original. A 12½c with double perf., on right side is a curiosity.

The 12½c provisional is an old friend. It is made up as follows, 10c, two and half of 1c. This envelope I had in my first collection and sold it in New York. It came back to Halifax on approval from England when I bought it back again.

Another 12½c provisional was two and a half of 5c. A fine provisional obtained only lately is a 10 and half

of 10c, making a registration rate of 15c.

While talking of provisionals I had in my first collection a 7½d, composed of half a shilling and half 2d placed together as one stamp. I received the same experience as with the ¼ shilling New Brunswick mentioned before.

Another envelope I was loath to part with was a 3d, 6d and two shillings N.S., all in splendid condition and lightly cancelled.

When I first started collecting I despaired of ever getting a shilling, many a long walk my friends gave me on a wild goose chase. The first one was found by a friend who with myself had permission to look over old correspondence. By the way the second such keen enjoyment has yet to come. We had found quite a few scarce stamps and a great number of letters marked "paid", when my friend caught sight of a shilling Nova Scotia. It was so unexpected that his fingers went together with a rush, crushing the paper and stamp all together. Fortunately in calmer moments the stamp was smoothed out and proved to be a fine one. That however ended stamp hunting for that day.

Strange as it may appear, I once received a large package of common stamps by mail, only one stamp was worth purchasing and it was a shilling N.S. On another occasion I had purchased a pair unsevered of the first shilling of Great Britain, and paid 25c for them. About three months after I received a letter demanding the balance due on the two N. S. shillings sent, and my correspondent was surprised that I had not remitted before. Fortunately I still had the pair, which I returned and in return received back the 25c. I have often wondered how my correspondent received the true value of the stamps which must have been learned sooner or later.

I have in my collection three envelopes which are a family curiosity. Two are addressed by grandfather Hart, one with a 3d, the other a 5c N.S. Also one addressed by father with a 2c N.S. doing duty for county postage.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The large perforations 2, 3 and 6d unused are scarce, and have but one of each. I have however a fine strip of three 2d perf. 9, used, and five shades of the 6d. The provisional 3d, consisting of a 2 and half of 2d, large perf. is rare. Have a large number of shades in the 1d, and a single one on original envelope, very rare in this condition as they were used for circulars only.

The 2d on yellowish paper is very scarce unused, and although I was fortunate enough to get a pair and block of four, and the same with the 3d, cannot even get a good copy of the 4d on this scarce paper. On the white or bluish paper have the TWC error of the 2 pence, both unused, and one on the original envelope.

Have scarce provisionals on original envelopes, in the half of 6d for 3d, and half of 4d for a 2d.

An entire sheet of the 4d on white paper also the error F O U P pence, and a single 4d on original.

A block of 20 of the fine 4½d, and entire sheet of 6d. Block of 20 of the 9d.

Have all the cent issues used, but none in pairs except the 2c, which I consider a rare envelope with these two stamps. The two provisional 3c are very rare, especially the first as follows, a 2 and half of 2c. One other is half a 3c.

I still want the 4½d, 6c and 12c on the original.

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