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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 upon receipt of 12 cents, 6d. sterling or 50 Pf., in current unused stamps. Advertisements inserted at 25 cents per square of 12 nonpareil lines each insertion, CASH IN ADVANCE. Squares will not be broken; more than one square counts two.

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NOTES.

It is said the original brass stamp used for cancelling the lake issue of Newfoundland is in the hands of a prominent collector.

The Canadian Weekly Stamp News has doubled up, and is now issued with a smaller page. I like the larger page better. This sheet supplies a want, and I trust it will have a prosperous career.

Mr. Wm. Brown, of Salisbury, England, is about to issue a new paper to be devoted entirely to advertisements, and to be sent out as a supplement to the Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.

The auction catalogues are beginning to come in. Three of Bogert & Durbin's and one of Gremmel's have been received. This auction season promises to be a lively one.

If you receive more than one copy of this paper, you will confer a favor upon the publisher if you will hand the extra copy to some philatelic friend.

The big find of Nova Scotia remainders is one of the most important since the birth of philately. Prices are now away down, and will be down much lower. Scott's Catalogue prices the set of five values, 1c, 2c, 8½c, 10c and 12½c, at \$15.50. They are advertised in the Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly at \$3.75, and I would advise intending purchasers of single sets to wait. There will be plenty to go round.

Some collectors buy none but the fashionable stamps, and consequently in most cases pay more than the stamps are worth. Others prefer to buy the stamps which for the time are unpopular, because they can buy them at a lower figure, and because they know that every stamp country, like every dog, has its day.

I purpose commencing in the January number of this paper a Chronicle of New Issues in the British Colonies.

A correspondent of the Daily Stamp Item professes to have information that the total face value of the recent find of Nova Scotia Stamps is about \$10,000. It seems that there were about twelve thousand of the 12½c, and probably about forty thousand each of the other values, except the 5c, of which there were no remainders.

WORDS TO THE TARDY.

Those who find a pencil mark opposite this paragraph are reminded that they have kept approval lots beyond the time allowed, and are requested to make immediate returns.

QUARTERLY PRICE LIST.

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.

I pay registration on orders amounting to \$5.00 or over. I cannot, however, under any circumstances, be responsible for letters lost in transit.

Remittance should be made by Post Office Order, American Express Order, or Bank Notes at current rates of exchange. Cheques or silver coin will not be accepted.

Fractions of a dollar may be remitted in current unused stamps of any country. Values not commonly used are preferred.

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.

ALL STAMPS SOLD BY ME ARE WARRANTED GENUINE.

SINGLE STAMPS AT BARGAIN PRICES.

Of most of the following stamps I have very few copies, and in some cases only one. First come, first served. FIRST ORDERS SECURE BEST SPECIMENS. Money refunded if stamps are sold. Every stamp in perfect condition, if not otherwise stated. Those marked * are unused.

United States.	Argentine Republic.
1847, 10c black, creased	\$3 00
1851-58, *3c red, o. g.	1 25
.. 10c green	1 00
.. 12c black	1 50
1855-60, *10c green, o. g.	1 25
*12c black, o. g.	1 75
1861, 90c blue, not well centred	2 00
1868, 30c orange, grizzled	3 00
1872, *1c ultramarine, small tear	1 00
.. 24c purple	1 50
1873, 7c vermillion, ribbed	20 00
1888, 90c purple	1 00
Unpaid, 1879, *50c brown, o. g.	1 50
.. 1889, *30c red-brown, o. g.	1 25
.. 1891-93, *30c bright claret, o. g.	1 00
Unpaid, 1891-93, *50c bright claret, o. g.	1 50
Unpaid, 1891-93, 50c bright claret	1 50
Executive, *1c carmine, specimen	3 00
.. *2c	3 00
Justice, 6c purple	1 00
.. 10c ..	2 00
.. 12c ..	2 00
.. 15c ..	5 00
Treasury, 24c brown	5 00
War, 7c red	5 00
Confederate States.	
1861, *10c blue	1 00
1863, 20c green	1 50
.. 20c .. on cover	2 00
Afghanistan.	
1877, *1sh grey, Scott No. 54	1 50
1883, *2ab vermillion, Scott No. 122	2 00
Antigua.	
1873-79, 6p green, inv. wmk.	2 00
Austria.	
1850, 6kr brown, thin p., o. g., cut rather close	3 00
Austrian Levant.	
1886, 10p on 3s green, Senf No. 14a	7 50
Lombardy-Venice.	
1858-59, *10s brown, o. g.	1 00
Tax, 1859, *4k red, reprint	2 50
Azores.	
1868-70, *5r black	1 50
.. 120r blue	2 00
Barbadoes.	
1859, 1sh black, cut rather close	1 00
1861, *1sh black, o. g.	2 00
1874, 6p orange, o. g., :: 12½	1 00
Bavaria.	
1850-58, 18kr yellow	1 00
1881, *50pf deep brown, o. g.	2 00
Tax, 1862, *3kr black	1 50
Bermuda.	
1875, 1p on 3p buff	2 00
British Honduras.	
1882, *1p blue, o. g.	1 50
1888, *20c on 6p yellow, No. 24, o. g.	1 00
.. 50c on 1sh grey, No. 31	1 00
Canada.	
1851, 3p red, laid	1 25
1857, 4p pink	3 00
1858, 3p red, ribbed	2 00

Canada.		Eastern Roumelia.	
1859-64, 1c pink, ribbed	5 00	1881, 1 piastres, black and blue,	
.. 2c .. small corner gone	10 00	"R. O."	4 00
1859-64, 5c vermilion, ribbed	3 00	.. *10pa mauve and black, o. g.	
1868, *15c violet, o. g.	1 25	Scott No. 9	1 00
1868-69, 1c brown-red, wmkd.	1 50	1881, 5pi blue and rose, perfs. cut off at top	1 75
.. 3c bright red, wmkd.	1 25	1884, *1pi blue, o. g.	3 00
1869, *1/2c black, ribbed	10 00		
.. *3c bright red, ribbed	10 00		
Officially Sealed, 1879, brown	2 00		
Cape of Good Hope.		Egypt.	
1868-74, 1p on 1sh green	1 00	1866, *2pia orange	1 00
		.. 10pia slate, not well centred	5 00
		1867, *5pia brown, o. g.	3 00
		1881, *20pa on 5pia green, inv. surch.	1 00
		Unpaid, 1888, 5pia grey	7 50
Antioquia.		Fernando Po.	
1888, 5c black on yellow, penmarked	1 00	1879, *10c rose	1 00
1889, *2½c red, No. 78	1 00	.. 50c blue	1 00
Bolivar.		France.	
1882, 5p blue and red	2 25	1849-50, 20c black, red postmark	7 50
.. 10p brown and blue	2 00	1853-60, 1fr lake, reprint	2 00
Cundinamarca.		.. 1fr lake, slightly skinned on back	5 00
1877, *20c green	1 25	.. 40c brown, Schaupmeier No. 281	1 50
Panama.		.. 80c carmine, Schaupmeier No. 297	1 50
1878, 20c red	2 00	.. 80c rose, Schaupm. No. 296	1 50
.. *50c yellow	2 25	1862, 40c orange, :: 7	1 00
1888-91, *50c brown, No. 10, o. g.	1 25	.. 80c rose, :: 7	1 50
Tolima.		Alsace and Lorraine.	
1871, 1p carmine, penmarked	1 50	1870, *2c red-brown, small piece out of side	1 00
1880-83, *1p vermilion, o. g.	1 25	.. 20c blue, inv. network	4 00
Costa Rica.		.. 25c brown, .. small corner gone	3 00
Official, 1883-87, *40c blue, o. g.,			
Scott No. 223a, "OFICAL"	2 50	Gibraltar.	
Cuba.		1889, 25c on 2p brown-violet, soiled	1 00
1855, *2rp carmine	1 00	.. *1p light brown, o. g.	1 25
1862-64, *4rp black on buff, o. g.,		Great Britain.	
.. small hole	1 00	1855, 2p blue, Scott No. 17	1 50
1879, *10c orange	1 00	1856, *1p red, Scott No. 18	1 50
Habilitado, 1868, *5c lilac, o. g.	2 00	1855, 4p rose, Scott No. 23	1 25
.. *10c blue, o. g.	2 00	.. 4p .. Scott No. 24	6 50
.. *20c green, o. g.	2 00	1856, 4p .. Scott No. 25	3 00
.. *40c rose, o. g.	2 00	1857, 2p blue, Scott No. 30	1 50
.. 1869, *10c brown	1 75	1864, *1p red, pl. 83	1 50
1883, *20c brown, o. g., Scott No. 115	2 00	.. *1p red, pl. 108	1 50
Cyprus.		1872-74, 6p buff, pl. 12	1 50
1881, ½p on 1p red, 18 mm, pl. 218	1 25	1876, *2½p claret, pl. 11	2 50
Unpaid, 1878-82, 2sh blue and		1880, *2½p blue, pl. 21	1 75
green	1 25	1883-84, 1 pound violet, small hole	1 75
Unpaid, 1878-82, 10sh carmine and			
green	2 25		
Unpaid, 30pa on 1pi rose	5 00		
Denmark.		British Levant.	
1851, 2rs blue	2 00	1893, 40pa on ½p vermilion	6 00
1853-57, 16s violet, Senf No. 16b	1 25		
1863, 16s violet, small corner gone	3 00		
1870, 48s purple and brown	1 00		

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APPROVAL SHEETS.

If you want to start a collection, the first thing to do is to send for a packet of 500, 1000, 1500 or 2000 varieties, according to the amount you wish to expend.

The next thing to do is to send references, or a deposit of \$2.00 or more, and receive some of my APPROVAL SHEETS, containing stamps from 2c to \$1.00, arranged according to countries. Then you can see the stamps before you buy them, and select none but good specimens, although you will find on my sheets very few stamps to reject because of their condition.

The discount on my Approval Sheets is generally from 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ to 50 per cent., and all stamps as far as possible are priced by Scott's Standard Catalogue. But for collectors somewhat more advanced, I have APPROVAL BOOKS of scarcer stamps, the discount on which is from 10 to 25 per cent. One or two trials will convince you that for variety and quality my Approval Sheets and Books are unsurpassed.

My conditions are: POSTPAID AND REGISTERED AGAINST POSTPAID AND REGISTERED. This rule must not under any circumstances be departed from. Parties who do not purpose to spend at least \$1.00 each time need not apply. No discount is allowed when purchase is less than \$1.00. Sheets must not be kept more than 5 days, exclusive of time occupied in transit.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—I cannot send approval lots to minors without guarantee from parent or guardian.

HAPS AND MISHAPS.

Fortune is indeed a fickle maid. On December 6th, 1895, I sent an approval lot of stamps, value \$15.35, to Chas. L. Wilcox, of Hastings, Minn. Mr. Wilcox claims that the letter was stolen by a boy who drove a milk wagon for him, and while he has made some promises, has made no remittance. On the 8th of February last I sent another approval lot, value \$18.01, to Richard Goerke, 3631 Robert Avenue, St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Goerke says that this particular lot was carried off by the memorable cyclone, and he refuses to pay anything. If the lot had been returned in reasonable time, it would not have been in the cyclone's path. To a gentleman in Kansas City, Mo., I sent, on the 24th of April, a lot, value \$74.36, and he claims that a friend in whose hands he left the sheets carried them off to New York. He has not been successful in getting them from his friend, and I have had no returns. I cannot say that I hope to have other mishaps to record in next issue of the Philatelic Messenger, but I shall try to prepare a faithful chronicle of them, be they few or many.

ACCOUNTS FOR SALE.

The following accounts will be sold to any dealer or collector at 50 per cent. discount. The first column gives the date when the approval lot was sent out.

December 6, 1895.	Chas. L. Wilcox, Hastings, Minn.,	\$15 35
February 5, 1896.	Harold E. Stewart, Colorado Springs, Colo.,	8 23
February 7, 1896.	Arthur A. Taylor, New York,	14 42
February 8, 1896.	Richard Goerke, St. Louis, Mo.,	18 01

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The following lots have been out three months or more, and if not returned in the meantime, will be advertised among Accounts for Sale in next issue of this paper:

G. H. W., \$74.36; C. E. B., \$11.39; W. S. Co., balance, \$1.25; J. P. R., St. Thomas, Ont., \$3.96.

THIS STAMP GRATIS.

With every number of this paper will be given away a British Colonial stamp worth 5 cents. If you are a subscriber, you will find the stamp pasted on the square below this paragraph.

**SINGLE STAMPS.**

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Turkey.

Unpaid, 1870, 25pia yellow-brown, Scott No. 327, not well cen- tered	25 00
Unpaid, 1892, *20pa blk, imp., o.g. 1 00	
.. .. 1pia blk, imp., o.g. 1 25	

.. .. 2pia black, imp.	1 00
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1865, *5pia blue, o.g.	1 25
1874-75, 10pa violet, imp., blue sur- charge	3 50
1876-78, 10pa violet, Scott No. 716	1 00

Turks Islands.

1882-84, 4p grey	1 00
Zululand.	
1894-95, 6p mauve & black, Scott No. 19	1 25

**CHEAP SETS OF BRITISH
COLONIALS.**

The following sets contain used stamps only. Postage extra. Orders unders 25c respectfully declined.	
10 Cape of Good Hope, ½p to 5sh	25
10 Ceylon	30
6 Gambia, ½p to 6p	50
8 Gold Coast, ½p to 1sh	60
3 Grenada, unpaid, 1p, 2p and 3p	35
20 British India	35
7 Labuan, 1894, lithographed, 2c to 40c	1 00
8 Natal, ½p to 1sh	40
6 Newfoundland, 1887-90, ½c to 5c	12
9 North Borneo, 1887-92, ½c to 10c	40
5 Queensland, 1p to 1sh	15
5 St. Lucia, ½p to 4p	75
5 Sarawak, 1872-75, 3c to 12c	15
3 Perak, 1892, 1c, 2c and 5c	15
3 Selangor, 1892, 1c, 2c and 5c	15
4 Trinidad, ½p to 4p	12

NEW ISSUES, 1896.

The following stamps are all unused.
Orders under 25c respectfully declined.
Postage extra.

Barbadoes, ½p	2
British South Africa, ½p	3
.. .. 1p	5
.. .. 2p	10
Chamba, 1½a	8
.. 2½a	15
Cyprus, 30pia mauve and green	6
.. 1pia rose and blue	6
.. 2pia blue and maroon	12
.. 4pia olive and purple	25
Falkland Islands, 2p red-lilac	12
Fiji, 1p red-lilac	5
Grenada, 1p red and lilac	5
Gwalior, 2½a	15
Johore, 1c	2
.. 2c	4
.. 3c	6

VARIETY PACKETS.

The following packets contain no
locals, revenues, cards or telegraphs;
all stamps are in good condition. Post-
age extra.

500 varieties	2 25
750	5 25
1000 ..	7 50
1500 ..	20 00
2000 ..	35 00
1000 mixed stamps, No. 1	25
1000 .. No. 2	50
1000 .. No. 3	2 25

WANTED TO PURCHASE.—British
Columbia, New Brunswick, Old Cana-
da, New Brunswick, Newfoundland,
Nova Scotia and P. E. Island stamps,
loose or on cover. Must be sent for
inspection.

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Greece.

1860-61, 1 lept dark brown, Senf No. 1a	3 25
.. 1 lept dark red-brown, Senf No. 1b	3 75
.. 5 lept green	1 00
.. 10 lept orange	3 75
1862-76, 2 lept yellow-brown, Scott No. 9	1 00
.. *1 lept pale pink-brown, Senf No. 11c	1 50

1875, 60 lept green, Scott No. 43

1862-76, 10 lept orange, Tchak. No.

815

.. 10 lept orange, Tchak. No.

816

.. 20 lept ultramarine, Tchak.

No. 818

Unpaid, 1878, *40 lept green and black, :: 10½

Unpaid, 1878, 100 lept green and black, :: 10½, small piece from right margin

Unpaid, 1878, *200 lept green and black, :: 10½

Hamburg.

1866, 1½s rose

Heligoland.

1871-73, ½s green and rose

1879, *1m green, rose and black, Senf No. 19b

Iceland.

Official, 1873, *8s mauve

India.

1866, 6a lilac, Scott No. 29

Official, 1866, 8p lilac, wmkd.

Bhopal.

1888-84, *½a green, "ANAWAB"

Jummoo.

1870, *½a light ultramarine

.. *½a ultramarine

.. *½a carmine-red

1874, *½a sage green

Gwalior.

1885, *½a green

.. *½a brown

.. *2a blue

Nabha.

1887-94, *2a blue, Scott No. 21, o.g.

Patiala.

1885-91, 4a green, Scott 23, o.g.

Italy.

1851, *20c blue

Malta.

1863-64, *½p golden yellow, ribbed

Mauritius.

1878, 2r50c on 5sh mauve

Mexico.

1872, 50c yellow, Scott No. 192	1 50
1879, 85c purple, Scott No. 267	1 00
.. 100c black, Scott No. 268	1 50
1884, 1p blue, wove	2 00

Netherlands.

1852, *15c orange, o. g.	1 25
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New Caledonia.

1881-84, 25c on 35c, blk on yellow	2 25
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Newfoundland.

1857, *1p violet-brown	2 75
.. 3p green, o. g.	1 25
.. 5p violet	9 50
.. 5p violet-brown, o. g.	1 25
1863, *6 ½p lake, o. g.	2 00
.. 8p lake, o. g.	2 25
.. 1sh lake, o. g.	1 25
1866, 13c orange, used or unused	1 00
1867-73, *1c lilac, o. g.	1 25
.. *1c violet brown	1 00

New South Wales.

1853, 6p grey	1 00
1860, 6p violet, wmk. "5," small corner gone	1 00
Registration, 1853, red and blue creased	3 50
Registration, 1860, red and blue	1 50

New Zealand.

1873-78, 2p rose, wmk. large star	1 00
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Nova Scotia.

1860-64, 10c vermillion	1 50
.. 12 ½c black	1 50

Persia.

1868, 4s blue	2 50
.. 8s vermillion, cut close	2 00
1878, 1k carmine on yellow	1 00
.. 4k blue	1 00
.. 5k gold	3 00
.. 5k violet-bronze	7 50

Arequipa.

1883, *25c red & black, Scott No. 4	1 75
1883, *10c blue, Scott No. 30	2 50

Cuzco.

1882-83, *10c red, Scott No. 9	2 00
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1884, *5c olive, Scott No. 12	2 00
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Moquegua.

1884, 5c blue and red, Scott No. 5	1 00
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Pasco.

1884, *5c ultramarine and red	1 25
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Portugal.

1867-70, 240r violet	2 75
1871-75, *150r blue	1 00
.. 240r violet	5 25

Prince Edward Island.

1868, 4p black, on cover	1 00
1872, 1c orange, on cover	3 50
.. 1c orange and 2c blue, on cover	8 50

Prince Edward Island.		South Bulgaria.
1872, 3c rose	1 50	1885, 5pa rose and blue, Scott No. 23, o. g. 2 50
.. 3c rose, on cover	2 00	.. *5pa violet, Scott No. 24, o.g. 1 50
.. 3c rose, variety PRINCE EDWARD WARD	5 00	.. 10pa green, Scott No. 25, o.g. 1 50
.. 4c green, on cover	5 00	.. *20pa carmine, Scott No. 26, o. g. 2 00
.. 6c black, on cover	5 00	.. *1pia black and blue, Scott No. 27, o. g. 1 50
Queensland.		
1875-81, 2sh 6p vermilion, pen-marked	2 00	Spain.
.. 5sh orange-brown, pen-marked	1 75	Official, 1854, ½ yellow 1 00
1872, 1p lilac, Scott No. 139	1 25	
Roumania.		Perak.
1858, 40pa blue, bluish p	3 00	1883, *2c rose, Gibbons No. 42, o.g. 1 00
.. 40pa blue, white p, cut close	1 25	.. *1c on 2c rose, Gibbons No. 58, o. g. 1 50
.. 80pa red,	2 50	
1862, *3pa lemon, tete beche, o. g.	2 00	Sungei Ujong.
.. *6pa carmine, tete beche, o.g.	1 00	1881-83, *2c brown, Scott No. 11, o. g. 1 50
.. *30pa blue, tete beche, o. g.	1 00	
1865, *5pa blue, laid, o. g.	1 00	Swazieland.
1868-70, *18b rose	1 50	1889-90, *2sh 6p yellow, o. g. 3 75
1869, *10b blue, o. g.	1 00	
.. *25b orange and blue	1 00	Switzerland.
1871, *15b carmine, o. g.	1 25	1850, *10r yellow, Scott No. 23 1 200
.. *50b blue and red, o. g.	6 00	
1871, 10b yellow, laid, very rare	15 00	Trinidad.
.. *10b ultramarine, laid, rare	10 00	1869-72, 4p gray, :: 12½ 1 00
1876-78, *5b blue, error, reprint	3 75	
.. *5b rose, error, very rare	35 00	Turkey.
.. 5b rose, error, used, excessively rare	50 00	1863, *20pa yellow, tete beche, o.g. 2 00
Russian Levant.		.. *1pia slate, thick p., tete beche, o. g. 2 00
1866, (20k) blue and red	2 25	1867, 2pia blue 1 00
1879, 7k on 10k, Scott No. 24	1 25	.. 5pia rose 1 50
.. 7k on 10k, Scott No. 25	1 25	.. 25pia vermillion, very rare 25 00
San Marino.		1869, 25pia dull rose 5 00
1877, *30c brown	1 00	.. *10pa lilac, imp., o. g. 1 50
Saxony.		1871, 10pa lilac 1 00
1855-56, 10n.g. blue, very small piece gone at bottom	2 50	.. *2pia red, o. g. 1 00
Servia.		.. *2pia red, imp. vert., o. g. 2 00
1866, *1pa green on rose, o. g.	1 25	.. 25pia dull rose, not well centred 2 50
.. *2pa red on lilac	1 10	1874-75, 10pa violet, imp. 1 25
.. *10pa orange, :: 12	2 50	1876, 25pia claret and pink 2 75
.. 10pa .. :: 12	3 75	1880-84, 1 piastres, black and blue, im. 1 50
.. 40pa blue, :: 12	1 50	1880-84, 1 piastri, black and blue 1 00
.. *10pa orange, pelure paper, o. g.	1 50	1884-86, *5pa likac 1 00
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