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NEW ISSUES

That have appeared, or are about to appear:

Antioquia.—The 1 centavo is now violet.

Bahamas.—Four new stamps have appeared: 1 penny, rose; 4 penny, yellow; 5 shillings, green, and £1, brown. They are similar in design to the 1 shilling.

Barbados.—Is about to issue now registration envelopes.

Belgium.—A 25 centime, blue, has been issued. The color of the 5 centimes has been changed to green.

Brazil.—Has issued a 50 reis postal card.

Canada.—The reply post card now has the stamp impressed on the left hand corner.

Ceylon.—The 2 cent stamp is now green, and the 2½ cent, brown.

Chili.—A 3c. postal card has been issued, red on grey.

Cyprus.—We have received specimens of the 1 piastre revenue stamp used as postage.

Cuba.—The 2½c. has been changed to bistre.

Gambia.—The *Monthly* states that a ½ penny reply card has been issued.

Gold Coast.—The 2 penny stamp has been changed from green to grey.

Great Britain.—We hear that the ½ penny stamp is to be reduced in size.

Malta.—The new stamps are as follows: ½ penny, green, 1 penny, carmine; 2 penny, grey; 2½ penny, blue; 4 penny, brown, and 1 shilling, violet.

Natal.—Has issued a ½ penny postal card.

Norway.—The color of the 5 ore has been changed to sea-green.

Shanghai.—The 20 cash is now green, and the 60 violet.

St. Kitts.—Has issued a provisional 4 penny on 6 penny.

Sweden.—We have received one of the new issue, viz.: the 10 ore, bearing the profile of the King to left; the color is carmine.

Trinidad.—The 4 penny stamp has been changed to grey.

United States of Colombia.—A 50 centavo stamp has been issued, the color is claret.

Victoria.—The 2 shilling stamp-duty is being used for postage.

A MANITOBA POSTMASTER.

From a Lake Winnipeg Letter.

The population around us chiefly consists of half-breeds and Indians, with a sprinkling of English settlers. They are most hospitable, but extremely rough, dirty and uncivilized. Our post-office is four miles away, and we can send off and also fetch letters once a week. Let me describe the interior of this postoffice one day when I had occasion to call there. The postmaster is a very rough Canadian; his wife is a half-breed, a tall, handsome woman. When we drove up she was out of doors in the snow chopping firewood. Her lord and master was sitting in his only down stairs room, with his feet on the stove and a pipe in his mouth. In the same room, which was bare of carpet or curtain, and contained the family bed, were three children, a boy aged 7, swearing lustily; a girl about 5, sucking her fingers, who began to howl as soon as I spoke, and a baby of 2 years, seated in a frying pan on the floor, engaged in carefully wrapping up his bare feet in a dish cloth. Their mother followed us into the house and, promptly seizing the handle of the pan, proceeded to eject the baby and to wipe out the pan with the afore-mentioned cloth. Next she broke about a dozen eggs into the pan, fried them and, having made tea and produced her solitary teaspoon, she invited my husband and myself to partake, or as she phrased it, to "sit in" with a family. It is needless to add that, after what I had just witnessed, I declined the hospitality as graciously as I know how. This is my nearest female neighbor.

Counterfeit silver dollars of 1882 are circulating largely in Boston.

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NOTES.

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The number of letters posted in the world every year is said to be 52,000,000,000.

We want agents in every city and town in the world to get subscribers for this paper.

The British government has provided £25,000 for extra mail facilities across the Atlantic.

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A meeting of the stamp collectors of this city will be held on Friday, the 24th inst., at the office of the Toronto Philatelic Co., 18 Orde street, for the purpose of forming a Philatelic Society.

In a Trenton store window there is on exhibition a revenue stamp of the \$5,000 denomination. According to an inscription on the frame it is "the largest and highest value adhesive stamp ever issued by any government in the world." Its size is $4\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Quite a number of the stamp collectors of this city are deaf-mutes.

The schools of British Guiana are supported entirely by the profits arising from the postal department.

If the philatelic public will help us in the way of subscription, we shall then be in a position to enlarge our paper.

An old stamp dealer of this city prophesies that the stamp business will not thoroughly revive until the winter after next.

A machine for moistening postage stamps is the latest. Some happy day we shall be able to worry along without the office boy altogether.

We have received a copy of Mr. Lyman H. Low's catalogue of confederate issues. It is one of the best, if not the best, that has come under our notice.

The first number of the *American Journal of Philately* is to hand. It presents a fine appearance, being a large 16-page journal; well printed and on good paper. We wish it success.

We have received the following stamp papers up to date:—The *Hermes*, The *Collector*, *Canadian Philatelist*, *Dealers' Advertiser and Collectors' Exchange*, *Philatelic Advertiser*, *Collectors' Companion*, *Empire State Philatelist*, *Capital City Philatelist*, *Philatelic Courier*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Philatelic Journal of America*, *Philatelic Herald*, *Chair City Collector*, *Philatelic Star*, *The Gem*, *Philatelic World*, *Illustrated Monthly*.

. Publishers of philatelic papers will confer a favor on us by sending two copies of each issue, and we shall be happy to do so in return.

There were 28,090,000 silver dollars made in 1883, and but 300 in 1839. The most ancient date is 1794. From then until 1804 they were coined continuously. Then a skip of thirty two years occurred. The trade dollar is the only thing that has marred the issue since 1836, with the exception of 1837, when none were coined. The silver dollar of 1804 is the rarest American coin. But two genuine ones are believed to exist, and their owners have refused \$1,000 each for them. The 1794 dollar brings \$40. Those between 1795 and 1863, \$3 each; 1836, \$4; 1839, with flying eagle, \$25 each; 1851 and 1852, \$35 and \$40 respectively; 1858, \$36. The trade dollars issued from 1873 to 1878 are destined to become rare.

To the Editor of the T. P. J.:

Toronto, 11th April, 1885.

Dear Sir—Those interested in the collection of postage stamps, cards, envelopes, etc., in this city and vicinity would find it much to their advantage to form themselves into a society whose objects would be the diffusion of knowledge on philatelic subjects, the exchanging of specimens, etc., etc. If you will bring this matter before the collectors of Toronto through the medium of your paper, I have no doubt that you will have a response. There need be no large expense connected with the society. The meetings could be held at the houses of different members once a month, or oftener as agreed upon. If you will call a meeting for a certain evening all details could be arranged.

I am, sir, your truly,

T. J. McMINN.

To the Editor of the T. P. J.:

Toronto, 3rd April, 1885.

Sir—In my collection are two stamps which are not described in any standard catalogue, and I have never seen them in any other collection. A brief description may, therefore, be of interest to your readers.

The 2 k. of the Hungarian emission of 1874 is described as violet in color, and is perforated 14x15. I have a specimen, used, perforated 11x15, and of a dark blue color, similar to that of the 10 k. of the same issue.

I have also the 2 d., 1873 issue, of Victoria, violet on yellow paper, perforated 12x15. I am unable to ascertain the date of issue, but conclude that it was probably in 1878, at the time of the emission of the 1 d. on yellow paper.

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