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Forgeries of Venezuela Stamps.

(By Henry Hechler.)

Philatelists require to be very cautious in acquiring Venezuela stamps, as numerous forgeries—all in a used condition—are afloat, of the sorts named below.

1st.—All denominations of the issue 1859. The execution is very inferior, being much blurred. In the inscription at the top of the stamps; “Correos de” in a straight label; and “Venezuela” an arc; the letters considerably smaller and more extended in the forgeries than they are in the original.; the arc also quite irregular as are also the letters composing the values at the bottom of the stamps in a straight label; the ground work—perpendicular lines—is indistinguishable; the several colors are of brighter lines than they should be and the paper is of a different texture having a glazed surface which is not found in the genuine.

2nd.—Issue of 1863. The above remarks are applicable to the forgeries of this series also.

3rd.—Issue of 1866. The poor execution, the different texture of the paper and shades of color between the genuine and the forgeries of this series betray the latter at an even cursory glance. A minute examination of the ornamental works at all the four corners will reveal a marked difference therein; the inscription in the octagonal frame surrounding the coat of arms is very irregular; the coat of arms which occupies the centre of the stamps and the branches on either side thereof are very indifferently executed and the scroll band beneath it which is supposed to bear the word “Venezuela” is not legible; the crossed cornucopias over the shield can hardly be recognized as such—they do not at all resemble those on the original; the ground work about the shields, and the shields themselves are very indistinct. In fact the whole is a coarse, bungling attempt, and would be flattering to call it an imitation.

There is danger that our Philatelic friends may inadvertently be led astray by the fact that these forgeries bear an obliteration mark. But they will observe: 1st, that all these forgeries are cancelled in exactly the same way; 2nd, that they consist merely of the outside circular band with the usual “Correos de Venezuela”, the space inside

remaining untouched, showing no date whatever as it would if genuine. By examining the genuine stamps, anyone will readily see that a different style of cancellation was used with almost each issue. The originator of these forgeries was so sad a bungler that he did not think of these details which immediately strikes a Philatelist.

Stamp Collecting.

Judging from the numerous articles which have been written concerning the advantages to be gained from stamp collecting, the subject would seem exhausted and that nothing remains to be said. If such were the case, there are good reasons for keeping the arguments, so often advanced, before the philatelic fraternity, to encourage the older members and enlighten the latest accession to our ranks. The votaries of philately are almost universally intelligent, well bred boys, for no others could have an inclination for such a pursuit or diversion. They have, too, those qualities so necessary for success in any enterprise, energy and persistence.

Given collectors of these qualifications, it is easy to see to what extent the pursuit of their hobby will increase their knowledge of the location, extent, kind of government, history and general characteristics of the countries of the world, information which will be of the greatest value to them in after life. There is no risk in saying that collectors of the kind referred to far excel, in accurate knowledge of the world, all boys who have had only the advantages of even the best schools. The latter have as a rule only vague notions of the existence of many of the most remote and least known parts of the globe and of their form of government, political relations, etc., while the former must from the nature of their favorite amusement, become familiar with all these things.

Is there no reason for inferring that the boys now engaged in collecting stamps, will within a few years, be amongst our most energetic, intelligent, and consequently most successful business men?

Advertise in the *Nova Scotian Philatelist*, if you want your advertising to pay. The special number for September will be 20 or 30 pages, printed in four colors, 3000 copies.

U. S. Notes

No 1 of Philatelic Puck is out.

The Model Stamp Co. of Valpariso, Ind. has failed.

The Chicago Philatelist has changed hands, Mr. Ferris will hereafter be the editor and publisher.

P. M. Wolsiffer has been elected treasurer of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

It is reported that a boy in Palmyra Wis, has collected a million stamps.

The New England Stamp Co. of Boston are newcomers, but evidently intend to get a good share of trade.

The Columbus number of the Pennsylvania Philatelist has not appeared yet.

Rogers Philatelic Blue Book has at last made its appearance.

It is almost impossible to procure the high values of the Columbian issue in the used condition, except to buy them unused and send them through the mail.

The A. P. A. Convention will be held in Chicago from August 14 to 19. The S. of P. will hold their convention soon after that of the A. P. A.

A recent issue of the New York Herald devoted the greater portion of a page to an illustrated article about G. H. Watson's collection of postal cards.

The Sons of Philatelia are preparing to publish a souvenir which is announced to be ready in July, it will contain matter especially concerning the society, 1000 copies will be printed.

Large Collection Sold

M. Berchutt, a prominent French collector of Havre, recently disposed of his collection for a little over \$10,000. to another French collector. This is believed to be the largest collection that has changed hands, intact in France since Messre Calillebolles sold their large collection for \$35,000. some years ago.

The Coombs Forgeries.

H. L. Coombs of St. John, N. B. and his brother B. F. Coombs, stand convicted, (by the full admission of H. L. Coombs) of stamp forgery of the gravest character. Their plan has been to get the common 5c. issue of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, on the original envelopes, selecting specimens where the cancellation covered the stamp only, and did not extend to the envelope; the original stamps being then removed and rare (sometimes impossible) "splits" were substituted, unused remainders being cut in two for this purpose, and then cancelled with rubber stamps, made in exact imitation of the old gridiron cancellation of these provinces. These were advertised for sale at rather low prices, or to exchange for rare stamps of B. N. A and U. S. A.

Some weeks ago B. F. Coombs called upon Mr. R. W. Hannington, a St. John Barrister and Solicitor, formerly of Dorchester, in order to purchase some N. B. 5c. green, on originals. Mr. Hannington noticed that Coombs selected only such specimens as were not cancelled on the envelopes as well as on the stamps, and, his suspicions being excited by the circumstance, he made a memorandum of the address on each envelope so sold to Coombs. A few days later Mr Hannington learned that B. F. Coombs had ordered from a St. John rubber stamp manufacturer, a rubber stamp, to be made in exact imitation of the old Nova Scotia cancellation, a specimen of which, on the original stamp and cover, he left as a pattern. The Stamp Manufacturer—to his credit be it said—refused to fill the order, but Coombs had no difficulty in getting the stamp elsewhere. A few days after this the younger brother H. L., also called upon Mr. Hannington for a further supply of 5c. of N. B. and N. S. and, as before, only imperfectly cancelled covers were selected. Mr. Hannington, as in the former instance noted the address on each envelope.

Feeling quite sure that fraud was being practised, Mr. Hannington then sent a notice to a number of Philatelic journal, warning collectors to look out for bogus "splits" from St. John, and offering to examine and report upon any that might be sent to him for his opinion. Several specimens were sent to him in response to his notice, and in every instance the envelopes to which the so called "split" was attached proved to be one of those purchased from Mr. Hannington bearing, originally, the common 5c. variety.

One envelope bearing a unique rarity, two 2c. plus $\frac{1}{2}$ 2c. of N. B. (provisional 5c.) had been sold to a well known collector for \$19., another, an impossible specimen, was $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2c (provisional 1c.) used on a sealed envelope which had been sent from St. John to Hillsboro, thus bearing a lie on its face, (as the person to whom it was addressed pointed out.) for even at this date no sealed envelope can be sent from one town to another for one cent. Except in this case, however, most of the "splits" were of a very dangerous type.

Mr. Hannington then summoned Messrs Coombs to meet him, and the younger brother only responded. When charged with these frauds, he lied with a persistency and facility that was pitiful indeed, but as, one after another, Mr. Hannington pointed out that the envelopes used by him had all been obtained from Mr. Hannington himself, and contradicted Coombs' account of the origin of the stamps by a letter Coombs had himself written to one of the persons whom he was defrauding, the culprit weakened and finally admitted (not confessed) every circumstance of the charges. Besides the N. B. forgeries, he admitted that he and his brother had practised the like frauds with the stamps of Nova Scotia and (worse still) P. E. Island. Mr. Hannington told him that every "split" sent for examination would have to be redeemed for the full price paid, to which Coombs agreed to. Any further operation of this nature will result very seriously for the operators, a fact which was impressed upon Coombs very clearly. It is a noteworthy circumstance that the only regret expressed by Coombs throughout the interview, was that Mr. Hannington had published his name and that of his brother as frauds and forgeries. He was forsooth, quite indignant at this.

In all probability, since their names are now widely advertised as frauds, the Messrs Coombs will still attempt to carry on their operations under some other name, as that of a Company, for instance, Mr. Hannington is determined to drive them out of business entirely, and if anything of this nature is attempted he will put the whole matter in the hands of the Post office Inspector, and let the law take its course, in the nature of a criminal prosecution.

In the meanwhile, any persons who have obtained doubtful stamps from H. L. or B. F. Coombs will assist the cause of philately by sending such specimens to Mr. Hannington for examination.

Canadian Notes.

Mr. W. H. Brouse of Toronto is the lucky possessor of five copies of the Canada 12 pence.

Hamilton, Ont. has organized a philatelic society, as there are many collectors in that city, it ought to be successful.

The agitation for the repeal of customs duties on stamps is growing.

There are three distinct colors in the new letter cards, viz: pink, brown, and red brown.

Mr. T. S. Clark and wife, of Belleville, Ont. have gone on a three months visit to Europe.

The Ottawa Philatelist has again discontinued publication, owing to difficulties with the postal authorities.

Part III of the Hooper Collection will be sold in Chicago during the A. P. A. convention, August 14-19.

Several very successful auction sales have been held in Amherst by the Maritime Philatelic Association.

The current Canada 1 cent and 3 cent stamps are now appearing in different shades.

A number of Canadian collectors are going to the World's Fair, and will make Mr. P. H. Delg's residence their headquarters.

The New Canadian 8 cent postage stamp will be sage green; the head of the Queen to left; and will be used extensively to pay the registration and ordinary letter rate.

"The Nova Scotian Philatelist" is going to issue a special number in September which will contain photos of many prominent philatelists, with brief sketches of each.

It will be contributed to by leading writers.

The British American Bank Note Co. has brought an action against the government to recover the values of a quantity of stamps which were prepared by that Company and held in stock by them at the time that the change in the series and denominations of stamps in 1883 took place.

Maritime Philatelic Association.

Amherst has every reason to be proud of its stamp collectors, they are the most active and energetic collectors of the provinces. On May 1st, an association was organized, to be known as the Maritime Philatelic Association. Any collector in the Maritime Provinces wishing to become a member may, by forwarding the application together with the annual dues of 25 cents to the Secretary. Further information regarding the association can be had on application to E. R. Morrison, Sec , Amherst, N. S.

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As the months of June and July are the dullest season for Stamp dealing, and each dealer wishes to keep their business well before the collectors whom they expect to do business with after the dull season is over, we have reduced our advertising rate to suit the times. For the said two months we will reduce the rates to 25 cents per inch. Remember that no advertisement will be inserted unless accompanied by cash.

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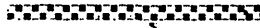
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