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# IN THE INTERESTS OF STAMP COLLECTING. 

## THE ISSUES OF I894.

By Lezivis G. Quackenbush.

In these days of Philatelic opulence, when so many of tie nations of the earth have recognized Philately as a moneyed power, and opened financial relations with her, the writer who descants of new issues in a voluminous chronicle each month has little time for star gazing or philosophy. Yet the monthly chronicler has a light and easy task compared with that of he who attempts to speak, however briefly, of the issues of a year. The postage stamps of '94 wrold fill a volume in themselves, and he who tried to touch upon them all in a single article would find himself involved in the compilation of a pathless catalogue. In such an article as this then, all that can be done is to take a general survey of the twelve months to summon before us in review the brigade of ' 94 's recruits, and, sweeping the ranks with the field glass of philatelic criticism, to remark upon their general behavior and probable fate.

The stamps of '94 are chiefly remarkable not for quality but for quantity. The number of varieties first secing the light in the year recently ended was incredibiy large. If, in footing up the totals of the year, we are to include the innumerable variations of type, color, paper, and perforations that are now faithfully chronicled beside the parent stamps, the number thus disclosed will be simply appalling to the heart of the generalist, at least. The lessons of each passing year emphasizes anew the doom of generaliom, and '94 has added a stout, unyielding nail to the partially completed coffin.

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Perhaps the most encouraging point disclosed by a careful examination of the issues of ' 94 is the comparative scarcity among them of surcharged stamps. A certain amount of surcharging is still indulged in by the smaller countries and colonies; but the surcharge system as a philatelic auxiliary is in exceeding bad odor: and Philately is rapidly convalescing from the dangerous and debilitating surcharge fever.

The decadence of the surcharge is certainly a hopeful sign, and were it not for the deepeding shadow of the speculative issue, we might legin to dream of the philatelic millenieum. But, $t$ must be regretfuliy admutted that the prevalence of speculative stamps is from a philatelie standpoint the most striking feature of the year. No sane and sober student of Piniately can fail to reaize that a large proportion of the new issues are wholly unnecessary. The motives of the postal officials who shove their puppets on the stage of Philately are thin and transparent. Personal gain, not public necessity, controls the actions of the peanut postal magnates, and the blindest one among lis cannot fail to clearly see it. We can read between the lines in the new issue column, and what we see there is not pleasant food for thought. The chronicler must nowadays make use of eternal caution. There are few stamps that he dares to unceservedly commend, for he well knows that out of the many but few are worthy He is, in fact becoming almost a detectiver. His is the task to separate the sheep from the goats : to sift the wheat from the chaff. His is the duty to warn us of the speculative cholera whenever it appears, and his warnings, alas, are becoming all too frequent.

The Seebeck stamps for $9+$ were no less artistic than their predecessors. Nicara; ua, Salvador, and Honduras all presented handsome sets, which would be welcome additions to our albums were it not for their unfortunate speculative disability. The dollar values of the Salvador set, depicting various scenes in the life of Columbus, a la our own Columbian issue, form a very tasty and handsome series. Only the consideration of their source has prevented these Salvador Columbians from being highly prized.

Jubilee issues, also were plentiful in `94. Portugal started the ball rolling early in the year with a series ostensibly born to commemorate the centennial of Prince Henry, the navigator, but, doubtless, actually issued to counteract a leanness in the Portugese exchequer. The set was, however, a financial failure of the most dismal kind. The stamps became a drus on the market, and the expected profits failed to materialize, greatly to the disgust of the Portuguese statesmen (?) who advised the issue, and to the substantial delight of philatelists at large, who see in the average jubilee issue only an unusually ingenious attempt to filch the philatelic pocket. Japan and China both issued jubitee stamps during the year: the former on the occasion of the silver wedding of the Mikado, and the later on

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the birthdayof the Empress Dowager. Likewise did the little republic of San Marino (which appears to require for its postal service morevarieties of stamps and envelopes than the United States itself) cover itself with glory of a dubious character by a widely advertised series of jubilee stamps, issued (so the circulars said to commemorate the inauguration of the new palace. The stamps are neither especially handsome nor artistic ; and San Marino is hardly likely to become rich out of the transaction.

The handsomest stamps of the year (perhaps the handsomest ever issued) are those of The Congo liree State, with their finely executed pictures of African scenery. Another exreedingly handsome set which is, however a little too gaudy for good taste, is that of North Borneo which, like the Congo set, was printed by :Waterlow of London, whom one would almost be inctined to dub the English Seebeck, though the evidence of Seebeckism on the part of Congo and Borneo is, thus far, purely circumstantial.

The year also brought forth a few stamps refreshingly unique in design. Foremost among them are the triangular stamps of liberia, the "camel stamps" of Obock, bearing a more or less faihful picture of the "ship of the desert"; and the new series for Mexico, comprising a number of striking pictures, representing the development of the Mexican mail service, from the day of the Indian rumer down tw the era of the lightning express. Brazil, Bolivia, and other of our sister American republics have also issued siumps of rather novel design, and the view of Rio Janeiro harbor on the new Brazilian set is one of the best delineated landscapes in the somewhat limited range of philatelic art.

A number of new names were last year added to the list of countries in the generalist's album ; but most of them were merely minor colonies of small geographical importance. The roll of French dependencies issuing stamps of their own has been considerably ex-

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tended: among them need only be mentioned the two African countries, Abyssinia and Somali Coast. The principality of Trinidad, a small islaud in the south Atlantic, has also astonished the world by briuging out a set of stamps. It is safe to say that nine-tenths of the philatelic army were wholly unacquainted with the location of this little islet before it attained its recent philatelic prominence.

Among all the issues of 94 none have been more widely discussed than the Chinese local stamps issued by the municipal councils of the various "treaty ports" of the Celestial kingdom. These stamps need not be spoken of at length here, since they are now generally conceded to belong to the same class as the United States locals, and similar stamps of purely private parentage; but to omit all mention of them would be a sad mistake, since they were certainly the most picturesque emission of the year. The curious symbols and quaint designs utilized on these messengers from the far east are eloquently expressive of the crudeness of Asiatic civilization, and as relics of China-Japanese war (though hardly war issues in the strict sense of the word) they will always posse sa certain historic interest, apart from their philatelic value which. it may be remarked in passing is not high.

Lack of space prevents the consideration of many other interesting stamps that are to be counted among issues of 1894 , such as the new United States stamps; the Fresno bicycle local; the apocryphal issues of Garzon and Melilla, the new stamps for the Cape of Goud Hope, the multitudinous provisionals of San Marina and Hawaii ; the curious surcharges of Peru; the crude stamps of New Caledonia, and many others. Few stamp issuing countries failed to add something to our task last year. Every one chipped in an issue ; and the result of it all was unsurpassed in magnitude. But it is quality, not quantity, that tells and judged by such standards, '94 must rank belo'v its immediate predecessors.

Clark's Auction Sale took place Saturday evening, Jan. 26th, at rooms of Toronto Philatelic Club, Yonge Street Arcade, Toronto. About 25 faced the Auctioneer, Mr. Wm. Dickson, who rated the boys' on their apathy and kept things going at a brisk pace. The principal lots sold were:-Canada, $71 / 2 d$ fine, $\$ 10.25$; Cape of G. H., id wood block, punctured, $\$ .00$; (Great Britain, $£ 5$, orange, $\$ 10.00$; New Brunswick, Comell proof. $\$ 527$; Newfoundland, 1 - lake used, $\$ 5.25$; Nora Scotia, split ro cents, part of cover, $\$ 6.00$; Tasmania, 1853 , 4 d orange, unused, pair, $\$ 6.00$; U. S., Newspaper $9 c$., unused, $\$ 7.75$. Mr. Clark proposes to hold another Auction Sale about the end of March. Keep your pocket money for this sale.

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Very few of the members have so far paid their dues for 1895 and if YOU $\therefore$ ave not done so, sit right down and send me what is necessary to keep you in good standing.

I have at last received some sheets from the Birmingham Philatelic Society and hope to have them on circuit by the time this reaches your eye. They are not as good as I expected but still there are some good stamps.

Don't forget to send in your ducs!!!

## The $\mathbf{T o m i n i o n ~ \mathbb { P b i l a t e l i s t } - ~}$



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The following from the Philatelic Monthly, in reference to the rarest stamps in the world, may prove interesting to our readers. We note the following list of rare stamps in The Illustrirtes Briefmarken Fournal, giving their comparative rarity and value as usually considered cerrect:-1, Mauritius, Yost Office, Id, $£ 800$; 2, Mauritius, Post Office, 2d, $£ 400$; 3, Sandwich Islands, Ist issue, 2c., $£ 240$; 4, British Guiana, IS56, Ic., carmine, £145; 5, British Gu:ana, 1850, 2c., rose, $\npreceq 100$. It is however claimed that the following list is nearer correct, basing their claim on the actual number of each stamp known to exist: $I$, British Guiana, 1856 , Ic., carmine ; 2, Sandwich Islands, Ist issue, $2 c . ; 3$, British Guiana, 1850, 2c., rose ; 4, Mauritius, Post Office, Id.; 5, Mauritius, Post Office, 2d. There is but one specimen of the British Guiana, 1856, Ic. known, which is in the hands of a collector, who would not sell it at any price. Of the Sandwich Islands only four are known. The British Guiana 2c. brought $£ 202$ at the De Coppet sale, a low price considering that only six specimens are known, whereas of the Mauritius Id. and 2d. about sixteen are known. An unused pair of these sold for $£ 680$ some time ago. There are a few other stamps, among which we might mention the Milbury and New Haven, which are undoubtedly rarer than some of the duove named stamps.-Stamp News.

Mr. Jack Thomson, a member of the Quebec Philatelic Society was one of the delegates from his city to the Y. M. C. A. Convention at Belleville, recently. Mr . Thomson stands $6 \mathrm{ft} .4^{1 / 4}$ inches in his stockings and is an enthusiastic collector and ardent believer in Canadian Revenues. We had the pleasure of travelling with him from Belleville to Montreal and spending part of the day together while there and very much enjoyed his company. We hope to meet him again soon.

Remember, we allow subscribers to insert free in the exchange column of this Journal, once, an exchange notice not to exceed 50 words; this alone is worth the price of subscription. If your name is not already on our list subscribe at once.
"WE are in receipt to-day of a copy of a special edition of Copp, Clark \& Co's Canadian Almanac for 1895 , printed :or the enterprising corporation of H. H. Warner \& Co., Ltd., of London, England, who are now sole proprietors of ' Warner's Safe Cure.' It is full of valuable information and reflects credit on the publishers as well as on the enterprise of the English Coupany."

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## To the Officers and Members, Canadian Philntelic Association.

Gfithemen.-I take the present opportunity of wishing you all the compliments of the season, and at the same time to impress upon the individual members the importance of making a strong effort to increase our membership during the current year.

In lieu of the establishment of other societies in Canada, it should be the object of the C. P. A. to get such as are contemplating the organization of other societies to join our ranks and make it more than ever the National Association of this country.

It will certainly tend to the advancement of philately in this country to combine forces and work for a common interest, namely, the placing of our Association in the front rank of philately, and by so doing increase its usefulness in the exchange as well as the other objects to be attained by our existence.

Trusting that an effort will be made in that direction and to see the continued prosperity of the C. P. A.

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Quebec, 8 th January, 1895.
The January meeting of this club was on the 7 th inst at the residence of the Secretary, 124 St. Augustin Street. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Mitchell proposed that a vote of thanks be passed to the President for the past year, Mr. M. Joseph, for the kind and efficient manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the Club. Mr. A. J. Turner seconded the motion, which was enthusiastically carried.

The Exchange Superintendent read his statements for the past month.
The President (Mr. Mitchell) made a few interesting remarks in a short but instructive speech. He said we could look back on the past year, as one of which we might feel proud; our membership and financial standing was stronger than ever before, but this must not prevent us from working with a will one and all to make the Q. P. C. in 1895 even more successful than in 1894 . He thanked the retiring officers for their very efficient work in the past year and hoped the new board would be as diligent.

His speech was loudly applauded.
The meeting adjourned shortly after 10 o'clock.
FRED O. JUDGE, Sec.-Treas.
Mr. Dawson A. Vinden has tired of the quiet life of a stamp dealer in London, Eng., and is returning to the wilds of Australia; not however as a stamp dealer.

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## To the Editor Dominion Philatelist.

SIR,-A few days ago I received a letter asking for cancelled stamps, and the request to forward three copies of it to friends and one copy to Miss Edna Brown enclosing ten cancelled stamps, as a certain Medical Institute had consented to receive a crippled girl on receipt of a million stamps. I was also asked " not to break the chain, as it would cause great financial loss," However, I broke the chain, as I felt convinced it was a fake of some kind. It seems, then, that the wave has struck Canada, and it would be an enlightenment to many if you would kindly publish the following item clipped from an Ohio paper.

Yours sincerely;
Anti-Humbug.

## CANCELLED STAMP SCHEME.

Many Ohio people have received letters from friends requesting them to send cancelled stamps to a Kanesville, Ill., girl, besides forwarding three letters to friends to do the same, Requests like the above have been granted by the numerous people here, who will be interested in reading the following from Aurora, Ill., in the Chicago Inter Ocean :
"The newspapers are asked to discourage the sending of cancelled stamps to Miss Edna Brown, in the little village of Kanesville. Some time ago a chain of letters was started on the plan of geometrical progression. It started with three letters, each recepient being asked ten stamps to Edna Brown and write three others and so on. Now they do not know how to stop the flood. From i5,000 to 20,000 letters a day, containing stamps, besides numerous packages, both by mail and express, are received. The postmaster and mail carrier are both waxing indignant, seventeen large sacks of mail matter daily preventing the carrying of passengers or freight in the stage."

The Kansas City Star which has investigated the matter, discovered that Edna Brown lived in Kanesville, but that she was not a cripple, but that she had a sister-in-law who was, and that the medical institute was a myth. She has received between ten and fifteen million stamps and considerable money during the

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last three months, and is still receiving from 10,000 to 15.000 letters a day, many of them containing money orders.

Computing modestly, Edna has received nearly $\$ 2,000$ worth of cancelled stamps at the current price for such, and if she received money orders of the average value of 20 cents each, she has received considerably over $\$ 1,000$ a day for at least two days from that source.




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## KING JAMES I. OF TRINIDAD

THF; is the name of the self-styled prince who recently issued the stamps of the Priacipaute of Trinidad. But have we come down so low as to recognize his stamps without knowing the very curious history of the part in question? Well, this is what we learn from the "Dailies":-" Eighteen months ago a French journalist, the former Editor of a Parisian paper, "Le Triboulet," with the highsounding name Jacques Harden-Hikey landed on a deserted Island (somewhere in the neighborhood of Rio de Janeiro). Seeing that it was not inhabited he determmed to annex the island. After marrying the daughter of the New York millionaire, John Flayler, he sent a circular to all Governments notifying the fact that he, the Prince James I., of Trinidad, was a fact, and an established one, and he wished to be recognized as such according to International Law The South American States recognized him at once, but we hope European Governments have not lent themselves to such a farce. However the stamps are duly trumpeted about by every philatelic paper, and now the question arises whether there is no means of stonping such an obvious attempt at obtaining good money for rubbish." We camot but express our opinion that this rubbish should in no way be chronicled. If British philatelic papers would only make a start we are -ure other countries would soon follow. There again what an immense amount of good could be done if we had a real Philatelic Protection Association.Exchange.

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