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## On Local Stamps.

The study and classification of local stamps has ever been a much neglected branch in the science of philately. Recently however collectors have had their attention called to them, by the articles which have appeared lately on those of the United States, Confederate States, and Irussia. Although these are the most prominent, yet there are many other countries where locals bave been used, which should have quite as much attention. The object then, of the present article is to bring formard into the full glare of philatelic light, the long but undeservedly neglected study of local stamps; to show what should and what should not be collected, by distinguishing betveen the real and the sham; and in a word, to give a concise history of all stamps issued for local purposes.

Locals are geuerally understood to mean private as well as local stamps, even if not used in one particular locality alone; taking this, then, as the definition of the term, wo at once have two divisions, namely "Offcial or government locals" and "Unofficial or private locals."

Official locals may be divided into tro classes:
I. Stamps issued by the government for use in some particular province or state, as those of the Şwiss Cantons, Alsace and Lorraine, Antioquia, and others.
II. Stamps issued by the government for use in some particular city, as those for Madrid, Stockholm, the Russiap towns, etc.

The stamps of the first class form the boundary between emissions for local and gencral purposes, and ot them we do not intead to treat in this article, considering them alrost altogether out of the province of local stamps. Those of the second class are issued either by the general government for local purposes, or by the local authorities for their own use, but whether one or the other they come under the head of locals.

Unofficial locals may be divided into three clusses:
I. Stamps used for strietly postal purposes, namely those representing the fee for delivering letters.
II. Stamps used for purposes not strictly postal, such as those which represent the fee for the delivery of parcels.
III. Stamps made merely for sale and Which if ever used in any way, are nothing better than advertising labels.

Haviug now dissected our subject, as tho doctors say, we will proceed to the stamps themselves; it is probable that many of our readers may imagine that we intend considering the stamps belonging to each of our divisions separately, this we had at first purposed doing, but for readiness of reference we have decided to take exch country in alphabetical order, butshall frequeut-
ly have occasion to refer to our divisions and classes.

Austria.-The only geauine Austrian locals are the emissions of the Danabian Steam Navigation Company. These stamps are still in actual use; they $r$ present the tax claimed by the Company on letters posted on board their steamers after hours, ard were first used in 1866, when the 10 soldi lilac and 17 soldi vermillion were isused. In 1868 the 17s. was withdrawn from service and the 10 s . issued in green; last year (1871) by an error of the printer several sheets of the latter were printed in red, these are rarc, and we have never seen any used specimens. Although in design these stamps are very simple, such bright colors are chosen, that they have quite an effective appearance.
Numeral of valuc in circle, with anchor on cach side, in transverse oval frame inscribed Erste K K pr Donau Dampfschif-fahrt-Geseleschaft, ground work of horizontal lines. Col. imp. obl. perf.
10 soldi lilac, $17 s$. vermilion.
10s. green, 10s. red.
The Leitmeritz Express stamps are spurious and should not be collected, we believe that .there never was any such Express Company in existence. There has appeared two issues of these "vermin," the first in 1867 which consisted of five types, $5,10,15,55$ and 50 kreuzer printed in eleren different colors. The second series was issued in 1869, and comprised ten values, but this time only the same number of colors.

1. Numeral of value in centre, various frames inscribed Express Compagnie-Leit-meritz-Ed. Hofrr, ground work of crossed lines. Blk. imp.
5 kr . (rect), 10 kr . (square), 15kr. (square). 25 kr . (trij).
Dove carrying a letter surrounded by words Geld Guter u. Postraket beforder-bngs-Speditions d. Eommisions Bureat, in octagonal frame inscribed as above, value at sides. Blk. imp. 50 kr (octagonal).
Wach of these stamps is printed in eleven shades :---rose, pale bluc, dark blue, green, brown, yeilow, lilac, iron-gray, pale green, orange and drab.
2. Arms (lion) in oval, surrounded by ornamental work in rectangular frame, inscribed Ed. A. Hofer---Leitpmeritz.Express fur hocal Briefe.
Numerals of value, at lower corners of inner rectangle.
1kr. pale blue $10 \%$. vermilion
2" carmine 12 " dark blue
3 " yellow 15 " violet
4 "yellow brown 20 " brown
5 " dark green 50 " pale green
The Gallician Railway Company issued a set of four stamps in 1867, which although genuine, ean hardly be called postage stamps, as they are only used to prepay packuges of newspapers, which are treated as freight, to be delivered to the consignee.
Numeral of value on shield in circle, above
3. ז. below Priv., surcharged at angles
g. c. x. e. (Charles Louis, Gallicia, and Eisenb:ihn.) Grourd of ornamental work. Black and red imp. rect. perf.
37 r . buif 10 kr . green
5 " lilac 20 " rose
10kr. dark lilac (error of impression)
Bavaria.--In 1869 a set of locals which would come under eur third class, was introduced to the philatelie world. These stamps were said to prepay letters and packages, forwarded by "The Privileged Express," from Kissengen to Schwienfart and wice versa; the Company is said to really exist, but the stamps were manufactured by some speculating dealer for purposes, the reverse of honest.
Arms enbossed, surrounded by oval frame,
inscribed Kissengen Schweinfurt Express privilig, groundwork of horizontal lines, numeral in each angle. Col imp.

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\text { red.brown } \\
2 " \text { rose } & 3 \text { " bluc }
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British Colombia.-- Four Express Companies, besides Wells, Fargo \& Co, have had offices in this Colony for the delivery of letters. They are: "British Columbia and Victoria Express Company," "Ballou \& Co's Cariboo Express." "Barnard's Carriboo Express," (evidently successors to Ballou), and "Dictz \& Nelson's British Columbia and Victoria Express." The first tro together with Dietz \& Nelson have
issued franked envelopes, these always bear the goverament post-office hand-stamp, in addition to the company's frank, and may be considered as geauine postage stamps, as they represent the company's charge for doing the work which was but inefficiently performed by the post office. Barnard has issued two labels, which have however no postal value, they are inscribed Barnard's Cari300 Exirress Paid, on orange-red paper, and Barnard's Cariboo Express Collect, on green paper; Dietz \& Nelson have also issued several labels of the snme kind on vermilion paper. Wells Fargo \& Co make use of their usual imprint which will be described further on, among the Californian locals.

The only genuine locals then, in British Columbia are as follows:

1. British Culumbla and Vigtorta Ex press Company, inscribed at top of envelope; below Paid from Victoria to Lytron or Lilooet. Blk. imp on white.
2. Same inscription above; below, Paid from Victorla to Yale or Douglas. Blk. imp. on white.
3. Ballou \& Co's Cariboo Express Paid, impricted on left hand upper corner, in fancy oblong frame. Blls. imp. on white.
4. Paid, Dierz \& Nelson's Britise Colvmbia and Victoria Express, inseribed on scroll in left hand upper corner. Blk. inp. on yellow.
It has been stated that Dietz \& Nelson were successors to Barnard, but this is not the case; we find in the British Columbia directory "F. J. Barnard, Express," while Dietz \& Nelson are now in partnership with a Mr. Moody in the lumber business. . Mr. Barnard was formerly a resident in Quebec, and is well known by many persons here.

> (To be continued)

## Newly Issued Stamps.

United States.--Stamped wrappers for newspapers of the value of 1 cent have appeared; they bear the current Ic envelope stamp impressed in blue on brown and buff paper with the usual watermark, but very indistinct. Size $9 \frac{1}{3} \mathrm{in}$. by $6 \frac{7}{2} \mathrm{in}$. cut round at one end.

Canada.---The current 20. bill stamp has changed its color from red to browno This is, we believe, a printer's error, as upon our making inquirics at Ottawa, the officials did not seem to know anything about the change, and infermed us that they were not aware if any alteration would tike place in the colors of the other values.

Sr. Vincent.---The American Journal of Philately mentions the 1s. stamp printed in red.

Japan.-..The same magazine gives the values of the new perforated set as fol-lows:--
$1 \frac{1}{2}$ tempoes, brown 3 tempocs, vermilion 2 " blue $7 \frac{1}{2}$ " green

The Philatelist states that the value of the green stamp is a $\frac{2}{2}$ tempo, and that the other colors have the same value as the corresponding ones in the first issuc, but why twr colors should be used for the ? tempo we cannot imagine.

Russia. --A new stanip for Livonia has appeared, it is very similar in design to its predecessors, but has an arm holding a sword in the centre oval. It is inscribed Briepmarke Wendenschen Kreises, and is printed in two colors on white paper, centre green, and the rest red.

Prince Edward Island.-We have received information from a trust-worthy source that no stamp of the value of 10 cents has been issued.

Sweden.--Le Timbre-posic states on the authority of a correspondent that new. envelopes and post-cards of the value oi 10 ore will be issued on January 1st. The new set of adhesives consists of the follow-ing:-


3 ore brown 20 ore red
5 "green 24 " yellow
6 " purple 30 " d'k brown $12 "$ blue $50 "$ pink

1 rix-daler blue and buff
We give an engraving of the bighest value, in the lower values instead of the arms, the figure of value appears in the centre. Two more values -9 and 17 ore are expected.

Trinidad.-.-The Stamp Collector's Guide announces the I shilling stamp, printed in maize instead of violet.

Mexico.-.-Our Belgian confrere has received the 6c. of the nery set withoat the moire design on the back.

Cuba.---From the same source we learn that the annexed design, said to be adopted for this colony, was or, Spain, but after two millions were printed, it was discosered that they were so badly done, as not to give "a
 very high opinion of his Majesty" King Amadcus, and consequently the design was discarded. Whether it will be really used for the Spanish Colony remains to be seen.
Maunitios.---Still drawing on M. Moens. we find that he announees tro new envelopes, 10d. rose, and 1s. Sd. bluc; also a 10d. adhesive in "Morocco eolor and gold. ${ }^{\text {r }}$

Portugese Indifs.-..-In our first number we spoke of a set for the Portugese Indies, and there mentioned that its genuine character was doubted. We are now prepared to state that all doubts are removed and we have perfect faith in the stamps. The sế consists of

| 10 reis black | 200 reis yellow |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| $20 "$ vermiiion | $300 "$ |  |
| 40 violet |  |  |
| $100 "$ blue | $600 "$ |  |

There are numerous varicties of engraving, shade, perforation, and paper.

Great Britain.--All the stamps higher in value than $2 d$ are to receive a slight mo: dification in design. At present the corner letters are white or color, but as fast as the plates now in use wear out, the new ones will be altered so as to print the letters color on white. The onc shiling stamp, thus altered is to be the first issued, and as our correspondent has seen a proof impression, it may be expected very shortly.

Chill.---Two new post-cards, and a set of envelopes are now being prepared by De Inabue d Co. We give an iliustration of
the lower value of the former, it will bes scen that it closely resembles the Englisk card; the copies from which we describe are cut out, but we are informed that the cards are surrounded by a frame like that
 of the English, they bear the Crilian coat of arms and the .ords Carta IArjeta. The values and colors are 2 centavos, red brown, and 5 centavos purple a shade brighter than is employed in Eingland, in size they are the same as the first issue of the last named country.

With regard to the envelopes we quote our correspondent's words:--" The values and colors will probably....in fact almost certainly be as follows :-

Dos (2) cintavos brown
Cinco (5). " purplo
Diez (10) " blue
Quince (15) " pink
Viente (20)" bronze green
These will be divided among about fifteen differently colored envelopes, and wili form a very beautiful collection. The head will be that of Columbus."

Jamaica, British Honduras, New Zealand and Bermuda...-De LaRue \& Co are also peeparing $\frac{1}{2} d$ Jamaica, 3d Britisk Honduras, a complete new set of New Zealand, and 3d Bermuda. The Jamaica is we believe now ready for use, the design is the Queen's head surrounded by wavy lines; a new set for New Zealand has long been a "consummation devoutly to be wished" and we hope that the hideousness of the old set, will be redeemed in the new. Collectors should be saving of the three values whichchanged their colors in the Beginning of the year, as they will doubtless soon become scarce.

## The Orthography of the Russian locals.

Most of the names of the Russian towns are incorrectly spelled in the magazines. Our publishers have shown us a price list published in Moscow which they have lately received, from this we have compiled
the following list.


## To Our Correspondents.

For the guidnace of our regular correspondents, aud our subscribers in general as well, we address the following remarks, with the hope that they will be acted upon.
to our subscribers abroad.
Whenever a ner issue of postage or telegraph stamps appears in any country where our readers may live, or when there is a change in the color, the paper, the watermark, or the perforation of the existing series, we beg that they will forward us several complete sets, and also a large number of stamps of low values, always unused. Envelopes, stamped sheets, newspaper, wrappers or post eards should be left entire, and when there are several tints of paper employed, or several sizes, we wish to have at least one specimen of each

With regard to revenue stamps they should send one complete new set, or all the values up to $\$ 1$ unused, and the higher values obliterated; under the head of revenue stamps, are comprised all stamps other than postage and telegraph, such as receipt, bill, law, and proprietary stamps.

Local stamps can also be sent, but only with such proofs as establish their authenticity, as so many forgeries under this name have been issued, that all stamps calling themselves locals are, unless decided proot to the contrary be given, viewed with a great deal of distrust.
Our publishers will keep account of these remittances, and will forward to the senders, post-free, either cash or whatever stamps they may choose, adding on a premium of 15 per cent, to the value of the stamps that have been serit.

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Thanks to the remittances of our foreign correspondents, and the assistance of our countrymen, we can promise that our magazine will not only be, as it is at present, the best ever published in Amerioa, but equal in importance and value to any published elsewhere.

Letters and packets intended for the editor should be addressed, post paid, "Editor of The Canadian Philatclist," Quebec, Canada.

## Correspondence.

## To the Editor of the "Canadian Philatelist."

Dear Sir.-I was indeed glad to receive No. 1 of the new series of "The Canadian Philatelist," and bog to congratulate you on its contentsand appearance. It hes been re-issued just at the proper time, as winter is now drawing nigh, and collectors are about setting themselves to work again.

Stamp Collecting in this city, I am inclined to think has somewhat fallen off during the last few years, but I am pleased to find that at the present moment it is rapidly increasing.
I was much pleased with your article on the collection of envelopes, it will be of much valuo to our collectors. Wishing you success in your valuable undertaking.

## I am <br> Yours \& c .

Toronto
E. Lomboce,

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C. H. Coster.-Thanks for information gent, you will see, we have made use of it in the present namber.
F. A. Gray.-Our publishers desire us to state that they sent livo numbers, and cannot understand why you did nots receive the first. They cannot $d \theta$ the same thuy ayain.
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