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# The Philatelic Advocate.

A MONTHLY FOR STAMP COLLECTORS.

VOL. 7. No. 6.

BERLIN, ONT., DECEMBER, 1899

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## An Interesting Error.

The \$2 Value of the Third Issue of Canada Bill Stamps with Inverted Medallion.

BY R. R. RUFIDICUS.

Today the collecting of oddities is not in as much vogue as it was a decade ago, yet an oddity that is really interesting is to day regarded by many in as friendly a manner as was an oddity ten years ago. By this I mean that a stamp that in some way differs from all others printed from the same plate or die in some salient point enjoys much favor in the sight of true philatelists. The tendency of collectors to possess something that no one else can secure is very manifest to anyone having dealings with philatelists. It seems to be an inherent trait of the human race for each person, to, in some way, differ in habits from the rest of humanity, and in collecting this trait is carried even farther than in every day life. Some collectors take pleasure from the collecting of oddities and errors of all classes, and certainly a collection of this kind presents a very pleasing and interesting appearance. If a stamp that differs only in the lacking or the addition of some unimportant feature is worthy of collecting at all surely the real oddities, such as the stamp being printed in the wrong color or the inverting of the centre portion of the stamp, are worthy of rank as really collectable classes. These show misunderstanding of orders or carelessness on the

part of the printers and are not accountable for by broken dies, worn plates, etc., but are the true oddities and and as such are well worthy of collection.

Chief among the class of inverted medallion varieties must necessarily come the revenues of the second, third and fourth issues of United States revenues. Various scribes have described and explained the issuance of these interesting issues in so thorough a manner that it would be unwise for me to say anything respecting them. But there is another specimen of this inverting of the medallion that, owing to the lack of definite information regarding it known, is even more interesting than those varieties I have mentioned. I refer to the \$2 value of the third issue of Canadian Bill stamps, than which to my mind, no more interesting stamp exists.

Very little definite knowledge is known regarding the number of such stamps issued, etc., but I will give a general view of how these stamps were issued to the public. This view may or may not be correct but as it is the generally accepted view of all collectors it is more than probably so.

These stamps were printed by the American Bank Note Co., New York, which company printed other classes of revenues as well as the Canadian Telegraph Franks. They were printed in two colors—red for frame and black for the medallion and it was necessary for the sheet to be run through the press twice, once for each

color. The sheet was first run through the press to receive the impression of not only the frame, as would be supposed, but also a small circular piece of red color, about one-sixteenth of an inch wide composed of fine vertical lines, running out side of, and inside of the usually seen red color, the white space left for the medallion. In the second run through the press the medallion in black was printed. The sheet was run through the first time and received the red color but when the sheet was fed to the press the second time it was fed upside down and in consequence the queen is standing on her head—a very ludicrous position for her Majesty.

This inverting of the medallion is not an unusual occurrence in a large printing house but the fact that such a sheet was allowed to get into circulation is indeed strange as they are usually promptly destroyed. For some reason, no doubt carelessness on the part of the printers the sheets was allowed to get beyond the walls of the printing house, where every stamp was worth two dollars. Here it could not be so easily recalled and the sheet was broken and some specimens sold and undoubtedly used. The date on which this sheet was issued is not known, and will probably never be but is thought to be some time after the stamps were first issued, 1869.

One writer has alleged that the sheet was the last one, used to fill a requisition from headquarters in the way. A demand was received and no other sheets being available several "cull" sheets were "run in" to help fill the order. Several sheets of poor impression etc., were used and this sheet with the inverted medallion was among those so utilized. Perhaps they thought it would make no difference—

and in truth, little difference it seems to have made. Another variety for the collector, then almost undreamed of, was the only result.

Only one sheet could possibly have been used at the most, and the stamp is very rare especially in unused condition and is possessed by but few collectors. It is rarer than its catalogue price—\$20 in used condition would indicate.

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## United States Minutes.

BY USONA.

The collectors of the world have come to the assistance of war-burdened Uncle Sam to such an extent that the issue of stamps sent by Captain Leary for use in Guam has been exhausted. The following U.S. stamps are now being over printed to supply the demand.

1 cent green	\$150	worth
2 " red	\$1500	"
3 " purple	\$150	"
4 " brown	\$200	"
5 " blue	\$750	"
6 " magenta	\$300	"
8 " puce	\$300	"
10 " brown	\$1000	"
15 " green	\$750	"
50 " orange	\$2000	"
10 " special Del.	\$500	"
\$1 black	\$3000	"

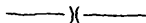
a total of \$10,700, which, added to the \$900 already sent there makes a total of 11,600 worth of stamps to be used by a population of 15,000 colored and illiterate (with the assistance of collectors). Rather an undignified way for a first class government to raise money: but then collectors are such "soft marks."

Money orders, the postoffice department has issued a circular announcing, cannot

now be issued here for payment in the Transvaal or Orange Free State.

The price of the Guam set has dropped to \$1, and should the new stamps have the same surcharge a still further drop will come, but if a different variety of type is used—!—!!—!!!—

The newspaper and periodical stamps are still on sale at the postoffices here, but as they are all to be destroyed after December 31, collectors desiring sets had better hurry up. They are the sets containing the reprints of the high values.



## Notes From England.

BY ANGLICANUS.

The stamp trade here is very dull for this time of the year. This is chiefly owing to reduction of prices in Gibbon's latest cataloguing.

A greater part of the east side of London Wall has been demolished to make room for a new block of buildings.\* This has had the effect of turning out no less than four stamp dealers, Messrs Alexander, Penny Bohn, and Williams.

There have been other changes; Mr Bannister removing from Moorsfields to Caphall Avenue. Mr Zusler from St. Martin's Lane to Charing Cross Road, and Messrs Bright from Bournemouth to the Strand.

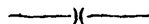
All London is greatly excited over the possibility of war between England and the Transvaal. Many far-sighted dealers are buying up the 2s, 6d, 5s and 10s. Transvaal values, which, at present are very cheap.

To take the place of the Stamp Collectors'

Fortnightly, a new journal is now about to be issued. It will be called the Stamp Collector's Guardian and will have the well known Mr. Percy Bishop in the editorial chair. The first number is promised in October.

The Colonial Stamp Co. has removed their business from Toronto, to London England. I hear also that one of Canada's largest dealers will soon transfer his business to England.

At Messrs Ventom, Bull & Cooper's auction on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 28 and 29 amongst others the following prices were realized: Spain 1851, 2 reales unused £25.10. Tuscany 2 soldi, unused, £22; Tuscany, 3 lire yellow, £35 and £43.10. Black Guiana, 4c orange, first issue, £30; British Guiana 8c green, first issue, £25.7.6



## Great Barrier Forgery.

"Quite a sensation was caused among the philatelists of this city when it came out that the 'Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post' stamps (?), with which the country has been flooded, had been printed, perforated and cancelled in this city. Although there has always been a strong suspicion that these stamps were not 'all right' it was hardly thought that they were being manufactured in this city.

The whole scheme was worked by the manager of the late Dominion Stamp Co., who is now on his way to South Africa with the Canadian Volunteers.

But this is not all, as it is said that in the same box in which the stock of Pigeon Post stamps were found, there were several hundred counterfeit 3 penny Canada which were evidently awaiting the cancelling stamp."—Montreal Notes in *Weekly Era*.

## The Philatelic Advocate.

With which is consolidated  
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*The Ontario Philatelist,*  
*and the Stamp Reporter.*

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MUST reach us not later than December 25th. Ads. received earliest get the best position. No attention given to ads. unless accompanied by cash.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

**Our Holiday Number.** Through an error in last issue we announced that our Holiday Number would be issued January 15th 1899. This should have read January 15th 1900. This error did not interfere with those who wanted space in the special issue, as we have already received a large amount of advertising. We have placed the rates as low as possible for the circulation (5000). See ad. on page 89. We accept unused U. S. or Canada stamps up to 5c values, at face, for any amount but *cannot accept Revenue stamps.* This issue is necessarily very small in order to gain time for the big issue.

The Philatelic Club of Toronto elected the following officers for the ensuing year. Pres. G. E. Davenport, Vice Pres. E. A. Corker, Secy. E. B. MacGillivray 47 Elizabeth St., Treas. A. Rene, Auc. Mgr. C. A. Crane, Librarian C. F. Mount. For information address the Secy.

We have often been requested to publish certain parties as frauds. Whenever any of our subscribers, are reported to us as frauds, we write them for an explanation. Last month we inserted the name of Mr. E. A. Sinclair of Coldwater, Ont. Owing to Mr. Sinclair's absence, his reply to our letter was delayed. He has explained the matter to our satisfaction and we are convinced that his name should not have been inserted as a fraud.

The Manager of the stamp department of the *Montreal Herald* still thinks that Montreal is the greatest philatelic spot on the map. When Montreal can show a stamp paper that issued forty numbers without missing a month or doubling numbers, it may be entitled to a more import-

ant place in philately. It is amusing to read an item in the *Herald* saying that collectors wonder who Mr. Chapman is. The writer says Mr. Chapman writes for about fifty papers. It is strange that collectors should wonder who a man is, if he writes for so many papers; the true fact is that Mr. Chapman does not write for more than six papers.

Toronto or Berlin is far ahead of Montreal philatelically.

At a convention of Postmasters held at Washington, D. C. recently, resolutions were unanimously passed urging the adoption of a limited postal note, of the size, form and text used in Great Britain and Canada, to be issued for a fee of 1 cent without war tax, denomination not to exceed \$2.00.

We have received price list No. 7, from F. Massoth & Co., 204 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill. It is the neatest price list we have received for some time. The prices are very reasonable and as this firm has been in business since 1885 they are reliable. The list is free. MENTION ADVOCATE.

## Dominion Philatelic Association.

Organized Sept. 1, 1894.

### OFFICERS.

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## Count. Detector's Report.

Fellow Members:—

The only contribution this month for the counterfeit collection was made by Mr. Hew R. Wood.

One stamp was also examined, for another member.

Don't be afraid of using this dept.

Yours fraternally,

FRED J. GARRATY.

## Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

365. Sydney Mulhull, Liverpool, N. S.

366. Nelson S. Couquest; Cotswold, Ont.

367. C. E. A. Holmes, Montreal, Que.

368. Philip R. Lyster, Lisgar, Ont.

369. Mrs. T. E. Kelly, Neenah, Wis.

370. Objections filed.

371. Os. Hardwell, Pickering, Ont.

372. Robt. H. Platt, Phelepston, Ont.

373. Owen J. B. Yearsley, Little Britain, Mariposa Station, Ont.

374. Ralph B. Bartoo, St. Ansgar, Iowa.

The above will receive their membership cards on payment of dues to Jan. 1st 1901 amounting to 31c.

APPLICATIONS.

Harry E. Davis, Upper Melbourne, Que. Age 17, Refs. Percy T. Coburn, Newlands Coburn.

Chas. A. Daly, 326 W. 44th St., N. Y. City. '20, stamp dealer. Starnaman Bros George Ferrier.

Hiram Gough, Drawer 52, Nanaimo, B.

C. 15. E. E. Gough, Geo W. Starnaman.

George A. Kirkup, Sturgeon Falls, Ont.

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R. H. Baker, Starnaman Bros.

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Printer. C. Bailey, Jas. Wurtele.

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student. P. T. Coburn, Newlands Coburn.

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30, Rotterdam, Holland. 27, clerk. Cecil  
Rawson, Geo. W. Starnaman.

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E. E. Elster, 96 Swan St., Buffalo, N.  
Y. 40, stamp dealer. Chas. F. Robinson,  
D. F. Miller.

W. I. Skill, 59 Frederic St., Toronto,  
Ont. 17, apprentice. Chas. Bailey, Wm.  
Meyers.

H. R. Sanders, Chapleau, Ont. 29, C. P.  
R. Storekeeper. Geo. W. Starnaman, T. J.  
Mulligan.

C. H. Tywang, 39 Henry St., Port of  
Spain, Trinidad, B. W. I. 20, Pharma-  
ceutical student. Starnaman Bros. A. Sou-  
blette & Co.,

J. W. Adams, Jr., 233 W. State St.,  
Mason City, Iowa. 15, stamp dealer.  
Starnaman Bros, Anna Summerfield.

W. A. McDonnell, Stobie Mine, Sudbury,  
Ont. 23, office clerk. Starnaman Bros, Dan  
McNaughton.

The above will be admitted to member-  
ship Dec. 15th provided no objection is filed  
with the Secretary before that date.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

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Cecil Rawson, 1417 Tioga St., Phila., Pa.

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E. J. Gifford, 702 W. Ave. S., LaCrosse,  
Wis.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance on hand last report.....	\$29.45.
Received for dues, etc.....	6.74.
	<u>36.19.</u>
Paid Official Organ.....	2.69.
" postage.....	1.24.
Stationery.....	.50.
Balance on hand.....	31.76.
	<u>36.19.</u>

For application blanks and full informa-  
tion address the Secretary-Treasurer

GEO. W. STARNAMAN, Berlin, Ont.

## 16th Auction Sale.

Dear members:—

I must be very brief;—Have  
twice as many lots as there is room for but  
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Bids must be in by the 19th; Rules free  
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5.	" 4 *2c Registers	.25
6.	" 2 *15c Gray lilac	.40
7.	" 2 *6c Jubilee (fine)	.70
13.	Great Britain 1p black	
14.	606 Good foreign mounted on app.	3.00
15.	20 *2c Registers	2.00
16.	12 U. S. War Dept. env. ent. six	.35
18.	30c, 50c Columbian 50c Omaha new	.48
20.	25 Var. German Rev.	.12
22.	20 Austria "	.15
23.	50 Mexican "	.5
26.	3700 U.S. Columbian 2c (soaked)	
27.	43 Ass. env. & p. c. cut sq.	
31.	5 sets U.S. Doc. Rev. 10 var.	
34.	1500 asst. " " 4 "	
35.	250 " " Prop " (few dam)	
36.	1/2 to 4c " " 10 var.	
39.	2000 Columbians	
41.	set 3 var. Bosnia	
43.	Set 1899 *Cuba 4 var.	.16
44.	100 U.S. Int Rev. 5th issue	
45.	100 " Doc. 4c 1898.	
47.	100 diff. stamp papers.	
48.	100 each Can. '99, 1c, 2c purp 2c red.	
49.	100 ass. 4 leaf 1, 2, 3c.	
50.	50 maps and surcharges asst.	
51.	2 Gibraltar *1p	10
52.	50 British Colonies in app book	19
53.	12 U. S. Envelopes ent, new, face 55c.	
54.	560 Barbados 5 var, ass.	
55.	85—5c Argentine,	.20
56.	15—1p Malta	
57.	85 Mixed Mexico	
58.	25 Australia	15
59.	3 Canada 1c letter cards	
60.	75 reprints 11 var.	
61.	417 assorted Foreign mounted	2.00
62.	75 diff stamp magazines	.35
63.	22 var Canadian Revenues	
64.	About 1000 Foreign	.20

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Stamps.**

If you are interested in this sale, and are not a subscriber to this paper let me know and I will mail you a copy of the paper containing the sale.

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Berlin, Ont., Canada.**

**The Collectors Weekly.**

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**THE WEEKLY PHILATELIC ERA,**

**502-506 Congress St., Portland, Me.**

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I shall give 100 diff stamps free with every purchase of 50c from my approval sheets at 50% com. I have just placed a large collection on approval sheets and will give first buyers the best bargains. Send ref. and stamp for sheets. Scott's 59th Cat. 58c postfree. **A. A. Van Wie, Shenectady, N. Y.**

## 10c Packet. 50 Stamps.

Canadian, U. S. A., European, Canadian Bill stamps, map, maple leaf, numerals, etc.

Also will exchange cactus or other plants for stamps or coins.

**LUCIA T. FALCONER,**  
BOX 114, SHELBURNE, ONT.

## Uwantum! what?

Why a selection of my net approval books. They are fine. Also a packet of 20 foreign stamps cataloguing 75c price 10c.

**Geo. E. Bramble,**  
Sandwich, Illinois.

## Again We Offer U. S. War Revenues 1898

½c to 1 dollar, 10 var., good copies price per set 10 cents post free.

\$3.00 revenues at 8c each.

**Central Stamp Co., Indianapolis, Indiana.**  
3 mos. sub to this paper free to purchasers

## Missionary Stamps.

1000 Mixed from 30 countries	.25
1000 Mexico, well assorted 15 var.	1.50
1000 " Revs well asst. 25 var.	4.00
1000 India " " 10 "	1.50
1000 Japan " " 10 "	1.00
1000 Cent. America and Mex. 25 var.	3.00
500 Same Rate.	

**G. C. Rheinfrank, 709 Ferry St., La Crosse, Wis.**

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Have you heard of it? If not send at once for FREE particulars and sample copy. **S. P. LEV, Publisher,**  
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## We Mail Your Circulars With Ours For 10c per 100.

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Argentine	Set of 2	All for 1 cent & 2c postage.
German Locals	" " 3	
Sardinia	" " 3	
Denmark	" " 3	

Send names of 2 collectors in your town with order. Only one to each buyer.  
**Acme Stamp Co.,** Dorchester, Wis.

## Fall Bargains.

The Colonial Stamp Co., formerly of Toronto, Canada having removed their business to London, England, take this opportunity of notifying their customers and can offer.

British North Borneo	9 var.	.20
Bolivia 1894	5 "	.10
Brazil 1894 10r to 300r		.12
Bulgaria 1889	8 "	.12
Costa Rica 1889	6 "	.10
Dutch Indies	9 "	.12
Guatemala 3 var surcharged cat 30c		.14
Labuan 4 var cat 35c		.18
Malta 6 var complete		.25
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## Want to Boer you

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100 mixed U. S. including old issues, dues.  
Sp cial Delivery, Columbian, Omahas, guaranteed to cat over \$2.00 40c  
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Jubilee. Unused.		Maple Leaf. Unused.		
4c for	20c.	Set 3c to 10c		.50
10-1c	15c.	<b>Numerals.</b>		
25-1c	35c.	Set 4c to 10c		.45
10-2c	30c.	6c for		.08
20-2c	55c.	8c "		.10
10-3c	40c.	10c "		.12
25-3c	95c.	10-2c map		.30
10-5c	70c.	25-2c map		.70
25-5c	\$1.75.	25 sur. numeral		.65
6c for	40c.	25 sur maple leaf		.70
8c "	13c.	50 sur maple leaf		1.40
10c for	15c.	100 " " "		2.75
20c for	30c.	Orders under 25c, 2c		
50c for	70c.	extra for postage.		
<b>Special.</b>		<b>Used.</b>		
100 Canadian guaranteed	16 diff only			.05
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25 Can postcards	5 diff			.10
	5-5c beaver	15c.		
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	25-2c "	50c.		
	20-5c "	20c.		
	50-5c "	50c.		

Postage 2c extra on orders under 25c.

Fred B. Filsinger, Box 470, Waterloo, Ont

## Holiday Bargains

Canada	100 1c Figures	.05
"	100 2c purple Figures	.05
"	500 2c purple figures	.22
"	100 2c red figures	.06
"	500 same	.25
"	50 5c 4 leaf	.45
"	50 1c Jubilee	.35
"	50 3c Jubilee	.14
"	50 map stamps shades	.30
"	50 1c 4 leaves	.12
"	100 Foreign assorted	.04
U. S.	1890 2c good per 1000	.30
"	1890 1c blue 100	.05
"	1893 2c Columbians 100	.05
"	1995 Env cut [ ] per 100, shades	.05
"	18: 2-87 2c 2 shades 100	.05
App Bool s	hold 120 stamps per doz	.10
	Orders under 25c postage extra.	
	The above 17 lots for only \$2.30. We have other stamps for sale. We buy stamps too. Address.	

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## Bargains in British Colonial.

Barbados,	1892, *1-2d green	14c
"	1892, *1d carmine	24c
"	1885, 24d blue	1c
Br. Guiana	1891, 5c ult.	4c
" Honduras	1892 *1c on 1d green	24c
"	1891, *2c rose	24c
Fiji	1892, *1-2d grey	14c
Gold Coast	1891, 24d blue and or.	1c
Labuan	1894, *2c rose	3c
Mauritius	1893, *1c violet	14c
"	1891, *1c on 2c violet	24c
Queensland	1891, *1-2d green	2c
St. Lucia	1883, *1-2d green die A	2c
St. Vincent	1888, *1-2d green	14c
Seychelles	1892, *3c on 4c c and r	34c
Straits Set.	1892, *1c on 8c green	14c
Tasmania	1892, *1-2d or and mauve	14c
Trinidad	1883, 2 1-2d blue	1c
"	1883, 4d slate	2c
	* means unused. Postage 2c extra.	

Approval sheets for commercial reference.

A. R. Butler,  
8 & E. Sts. N. W., Washington, D. C.



### SHE WAS BLIND.

A blindness comes to me now and then. I have it now. It is queer—I can see your eyes but not your nose. I can't read because some of the letters are blurred; dark spots cover them; it is very uncomfortable.

I know all about it; it's **DYSPEPSIA**. Take one of these; it will cure you in ten minutes.

What is it?

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