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France, 54, 5c. green .. .. .	02
" 54, 80c lake .. .. .	03
" 54, 80c. rose .. .. .	03
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" " '78, 4 " .. .. .	07
‡Great Britain I R official 82, 1/4 d green .. .. .	10
" " I R official '85, 3/4 d slate .. .. .	09
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" " '72, 5 var., complete .. .. .	40
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Navy, 11 var.....	8 50	7 00
Post Office.....	2 50	1 75
State, 1 to 90, 11 var.....	7 00	7 00
Treasury, 11 var.....	4 50	2 00
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## CHRONICLES OF NEW ISSUES, ETC.

*Conducted by William C. Stone, Springfield, Mass., to whom all information respecting new issues, etc., should be sent.*

The figures in parenthesis after the names of the countries refer to the number of this paper containing the last previous notice. Colors in italics represent the colors of the surcharges. All envelopes unless otherwise stated are on white wove paper. All post cards unless otherwise stated are on buff cardboard.

AUSTRIA.—(29)—It is reported that there is a specimen of the 2 kreuzer 1850, in red, in the philatelic museum of Herr Fredl at Vienna. It is attached to a copy of the 3 kreuzer in its usual color.

AUSTRIAN ITALY.—In the same museum is also a specimen of the 30 centes, 1850, printed on both sides.

BAMARA (34).—Some of our contemporaries report full sets of the adhesives of the envelope type. While it is quite possible that this may be a mistake for some of the recent issues of the old type we are not surprised at anything in the stamp line from India and the French Colonies. We therefore give the full list:  $\frac{1}{4}$  anna, black on red;  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, black on green; 1 anna, black on yellow; 2 anna, black on red; 4 anna, black on red; 8 anna, black on rose lilac; 1 rupee, black on rose lilac.

BOLIVIA (30).—The *Philatelic Record* reports cancelled specimens of the 50 centavos of the first issue, (blue and red) which the editor believes to be reprints with forged cancel marks.

BHOPAL (31).—The  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna of the type with letters in corners has been re-engraved; the error "Nwab" occurs on each of the 32 varieties and there are numerous minor varieties:  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, red, imperf.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna red, perf., 7.

BRAZIL, EMPIRE OF. (25).—The *Monthly Journal* has seen the 10 reis orange Jornaes stamp of the 1889 issue imperforate horizontally.

BRAZIL, U.S., OF. (34).—The 100 reis of the 1890 Jornaes stamps is said to be lilac rose instead of carmine, according to the *Monthly Journal* while the *Stamp News* announces the issue of a similar value, pale violet on rose, "of the latest type." Are these the same stamps and to which 1890 issue do they belong?

Since the above was written the *American Journal of Philately* has come to hand and gives us the key. The stamp is of the first 1890 type and is perforate  $13\frac{1}{2}$ ; 100 reis violet. In addition to this there is also chronicled a 20 reis of the second (Southern Cross) type of the newspaper stamps. Perforate  $13\frac{3}{4}$  and 11; 20 reis light green.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—The stamps of the British South African Company have been surcharged "B. C. A." in black for the use of the countries north of the Zambesi under the administration of the British Consul General of Myassaland. 1 penny, black; 2 penny, green and yellow; 4 penny, brown and black; 6 penny, pale blue; 8 penny, rose and black; 1 shilling, brown; 2 shilling, scarlet; 2 shilling, 6p. lilac; 5 shilling, yellow; 10 shilling, green; 1 pound, blue; 2 pound rose; 5 pound, olive green; 10 pound, brown. The territory referred to extends from the Zambesi River on the south to the



lower end of Lake Tanganyika on the north and from Lake Nyassa on the east to the 25th meridian on the west.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA COMPANY (29).—Two pen and ink surcharges are reported by M. Moens. They were cancelled and may be all right but we chronicle them under reserve.  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, on 3 a., black on vermilion; 1 anna, on 4 a., bistre; The rate of postage to Great Britain having been changed a new denomination has been issued to meet it.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  annas, black on yellow.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO (29).—There is a new provisional reported by the *Monthly Journal*. 6 on 10 cents blue, *black*.

CHAMBA (23).—The following values have been seen with the error STATE, the  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna being already known. 1 anna, brown; 2 anna, blue; 3 anna, orange; 4 anna, olive.

CUBA (19).—The new 5 and 10 cent stamps were issued in accordance with a decree dated August 7, and the stamps of the old colors were declared of no value after September 1. By another decree dated September 20, is authorized the use of the 10c. stamps in halves diagonally as 5c. stamps the supply having run out. They are not good for foreign postage. 5 cent, claret ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of 10c).

CURACAO (23).—We have received from J. W. Scott a copy of the 30 cent stamp surcharged "25 CENT" in two lines of heavy block type. 25 cent on 30 cent gray, black.

FIJI (34).—The surcharged  $2\frac{1}{2}$  penny has been replaced by a permanent stamp of that value. The design is that of the other values except that the value is in figures in each of the lower corners with "Postage" between. Perforate 10,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pence, chocolate brown.

FRENCH COLONIES (2).—According to a correspondent of *Le Timbre Poste* the following is a list of the colonies that are to have individual issues of stamps in the near future. Congo, Diego Suarez, Quadeloupe, Guiana, India, Indo China, Martinique, Mayotte, New Caledonia, Obock, Oceania, Reunion, Saint Pierre-Miquelon, and Senegal.

HAWAII.—The *Monthly Journal* states that there will be a new 2 cent stamp issued soon with the portrait of Queen Liliuokalani as depicted on the current 1 cent post card with the frame of the present 2 cent stamp. The color is to be changed to purple.

HUNGARY.—We have neglected to state that the 5 kreuzer now has the numeral in black like the other stamps recently issued and with rose lined background. 5 kreuzers, black and rose.

JAMAICA (29).—The surcharge on the  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny official stamp is now of the same type as that on the other values.  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny, green, *black*.

JHIND.—A few errors have been discovered in these stamps. The name of the state in the variety with horizontal surcharge is spelled "JEIND" and it is found on both the regular and official series.  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, green, *red*; 1 anna, brown, *black*; 2 anna, blue, *red*; 8 anna, purple, *black*; 1 rupee, slate, *red*; Service  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, green, *red*; 1 anna, brown, *black*; 2 anna, blue, *red*. Also the 1 anna of the current Service set with the first letter of "Service" missing. Service, 1 anna, brown, *black*.

LABUAN (34).—*Le Timbre Poste* says that "The stamps 10 and 25 centimes with the portrait of the new Grand Duke have been surcharged S. P., but contrary to the other stamps these are reserved exclusively for the house of Adolph." An Executive department series evidently.

MADAGASCAR (34).—There are six of the type set provisionals instead of three as announced at first. The colors of the two higher values is not yet learned. The number of each printed is given in brackets. 5 centimes, black on green, (18,000); 10 centimes, black on pale blue, (12,000); 15 centimes, ultramarine on blue, (12,000); 25 centimes, brown on buff, (3,000); 1 franc, (2,000); 5 franc, (1,000).

MAURITIUS (29).—The 38 cents has been surcharged "Two Cents" in capital letters across the lower part of the stamp. 2 cents on 38 cents violet, *black*. How many of our

readers realize that the cent used in this island is only about half the value of our own? Such is the case however, and not only in Mauritius but also in Ceylon and the Shyichelles the cent is the hundredth part of the rupee which has a nominal value of about half a dollar is much less actually on account of the fall in silver values. It will be well to hold this stamp in mind when purchasing unused current stamps from these places. Don't pay too big a premium over what *seems* to be their face.

MEXICO (34).—Mr. C. H. Mekeel has received a sheet of the current 10 centavos with the watermark CORREOSEUM ten times repeated in the sheet. The letters E U M stand for Estados Unidos Mexicana. The other values will soon follow we suppose. 10 centavos, vermilion.

NEGRI SEMBILAN (34).—This confederacy in the interior of the Malay peninsula has been supplied with the usual surcharge. 2 cents carmine, *black*. Although the name states that it is a union of nine states the confederacy now numbers only eight, Sungei Ujong having passed under British control some little time ago.

NEW SOUTH WALES (33).—It is reported that 150 sheets (18,000 stamps) of the 3 penny have been printed on paper watermarked "10." 3 pence, green. The current 8 penny (lyre bird) has been surcharged "O.S." *Official*, 8 pence, lake, *black*. The 3 pence of the lauranted set has been seen on finely ribbed paper and the 1 shilling of the 1860 issue in an unsevered pair perforate 13 around the outside and imperforate between the two.

NETHERLANDS (14).—We learn from T. F. Kohler that the new 5 cent stamp is the only one which will be issued at present and that the design will be quite similar to the current issue with the head of Queen Wilhelmine which will be represented with flowing hair and facing to the right. It will probably be in use by the time this paper reaches its subscribers. 5 cents blue.

NOSSI BE (26).—This time the postage due stamps have run out and the regular issues have been drawn upon to manufacture some provisionals. The surcharge consists of the numerals of value in the center with "Nossi-be-chiffre taxe" in two lines above and "a percevoir" below it. There are two types of the "Nossi-Be" surcharge, that on the 20, 30 and 50 cent stamps being 17-2mm. while the other values measure 14x3mm. The number issued of each is given in brackets. They were issued August 10. 20 cent on 1 cent, black on blue, *black*, (300); 30 cent on 2 cent, brown on bistre, *black*, (300); 35 cent on 4 cent violet on blue, *black*, (250); 35 cent on 20 cent, red on green, *black*, (250); 50 cent on 30 cent, brown on bistre, *black*, (1200); 1 franc on 35 cent, black on yellow, *black*, (700). The thought has just occurred to us that perhaps each of the fourteen or fifteen colonies will have full sets of unpaids as well as envelopes, post cards, letter cards, etc.

PAHANG (34).—*Der Philatelist* announces the 8 cents Straits Settlements with a surcharge for this place. Is this a new variety or is it the old one that was issued "by mistake" at the time the 2 cent was first issued?

PUTTIALLA.—The *Monthly Journal* gives the following with the error "Ruttilla."  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, green, *red*; 1 anna, brown, *black*; 2 anna, blue, *red*; 4 anna, green, *red*; 1 rupee, slate, *red*. Also with "Auttialla" in black instead of red.  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, green, *black*. *Le Timbre Poste* says that the  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna official stamp is now surcharged entirely in black. *Service*  $\frac{1}{2}$  anna, green, *black*.

PUERTO RICO (33).—Mr Corwin sends us the 5 cent in a new color; it was post-marked 12 Oct. '91, which is probably about the date of issue. 5 cent de peso, green.

REUNION (34).—The following additions to the surcharged set are given in *Le Timbre Poste*. 2 centimes, brown, REUN ON; 5 centimes green, REUN ON; 5 centimes, green, double surcharge; 40 centimes, vermilion; 1 franc, olive. The 30 centimes of the current colonial type has not yet been issued. On stamps of the 1879 issue of French

Colonies. 30 centimes, brown; 75 centimes, carmine. On stamps of the 1872-3 issue with head of liberty. 40 centimes, orange; 80 centimes, carmine.

SALVADOR (31).—We have received from J. W. Scott a 3 centavos stamp with the diagonal surcharge "5 Centavos" in type similar to that used on the provisional 1 cent issued a short time since. 5 centavos on 3c. lilac; *black*.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (34).—The 4 and 6 penny stamps have received the new type of "O.S." surcharge. *Official*, 4 pence, violet, *black*; 6 pence, blue, *black*. The following oddities are noted by our English exchanges. 2 pence red, 1859, rouletted, printed on on both sides: 9 pence, gray, 1859, double roulette on three sides; 10 pence black and yellow, (1868-9) rouletted, printed on both sides; 9 pence gray, 1859, double roulette on three sides: 10 pence, black and yellow, 1868-9 rouletted; printed on both sides but with value surcharged on one side only. 2 pence, orange red, current issue, with double "O.S."

SPAIN.—The *Stamp News* has received the 15 cent in orange, the shade being almost identical with that of the 10c. 15 centimos, orange.

SURINAM (23).—The *Philatelic Record* announces that it has received the 10 cent of the new unpaid series "similar to that mentioned on page 132 of the Record." There is no mention on that page of the magazine to any unpaid set but merely the announcement of the issue of the 1 cent of the numeral type. Possibly there is to be a new set of due stamps of a similar design. 10 cents, grey, lilac and black.

TASMANI (27).—The provisional 2½ penny stamp was at first issued in a much darker shade of blue than at present but specimens are quite scarce now. 7½ pence on 9 pence, dark blue; *black*. The current 3, 9 and 10 pence have been seen imperforate in unsevered pairs. The following list of local printings is taken from the *Federal Australian Philatelist*. ½ penny, brownish-yellow, wmk. T.A.S., type I, per 11½; ½ penny, orange, wmk. T.A.S., type I, perf. 12; ½ penny orange, wmk. T.A.S., type II, perf. 12; 1 penny, rose, wmk., T.A.S., type I, perf. 11½; 1 penny, rose, yellow, wmk., T.A.S., I. perf. 12; 1 penny, vermilion, wmk., T.A.S., type II, perf. 11½; 1 penny rose, wmk., T.A.S., type II, perf. 11½; 1 penny, rose, wmk. T.A.S., type II, perf. 12.

TRANSVAAL.—The *Philatelic Record* has seen the 6 penny stamp with enough margin to satisfy the editor of its being imperforate.

TURKEY (34).—The *Monthly Journal* has received the following stamps of the current issue on very thin greasy looking paper and in new shades. 1 piaster, grey blue, grey groundwork; 2 piastre, olive green; greenish groundwork; 5 piaster, orange buff, grey groundwork. A new design will come into use in March it is said. It comprises the Turkish arms in a circle in the center on white ground with inscriptions in that language above and below in oblong ovals; the numerals of value are found in each angle, those in the upper part being in Turkish and those in the lower in English. There is a lattice like groundwork and the value in French appears in the frame at the bottom of the stamp. The values are to be 10 and 20 paras and 1, 2, and 5 piasters. The reason for the "Imprime" surcharge is due to the fact that publishers are allowed a discount of 15 per cent.

URUGUAY (29).—The 5 cent violet has again been surcharged for use temporarily. It consists of "Provisorio 1891" in two lines in carmine. It was issued April 19. 5 centesimos, violet, *carmine*. The following errors have been noted thus far: ovisorio '91 isorio 1, orio, orio 1891.

ENVELOPES.—GOLD COAST.—The *Philatelic Record* for July announced that the British registration envelopes had received the surcharge of the name of this colony in large block capitals in black over the stamp on the flap. 2 pence, blue and black 15x98 mm.

GREAT BRITAIN [23].—The form of the insurance regulations on the registration envelope has been somewhat changed. It now specifies five limits of compensation as

follows the rates including the registry fee. 2d. £5, 3d. £10, 4d. £15, 5d. £20, 6d. £25  
 The *Monthly Journal* gives the following unlisted varieties of the compound envelopes  
 1s.x3d.x2½d, 2½x3d.x1s., 1s.x4d.x4d., 4d.x4d.x1s., 1sx2½x1½x1½x2x3d., 3x2x1½x1½x2½d.x1s

HAWAII.—*Le Timbre Poste* notes that the 1 and 2 cents are no longer lithographed but engraved. Two new varieties of the same values are also reported. Size 151x86 mm.  
 1 cent green on yellowish white wove; 2 cent carmine on dull white.

HAI DARABAD (18).—The 2½ anna has been on white laid envelopes with round garter on the flap. 2½ anna, yellow green

MANACO (34).—The 5 cent is announced on buff paper. 5 centimes, blue on buff, 153x117 mm.

RUSSIA (13).—The thunderbolt type is found on three sizes of the 5 kopee envelope. 5 kopees, violet on cream, 145x60 mm.; 5 kopees, violet on cream, 145x120 mm.; 5 kopees, violet on cream, 115x80 mm.

TASMANIA.—New registration envelopes have been ordered and it is supposed that the denomination will be changed to suit the new rates of postage.

POST CARDS.—AUSTRIA (22).—The journal of the Austrian Philatelic Club states that the current cards come in two varieties; one with the outer border measuring 129x81 mm. and the other measuring 127x79 mm.

GERMANY (34).—There is the usual installment. 5 pfennig; 791 g k.; 5x5 pfennig, 591 f.; 10 pfennig, 261 f.; M. O. 20 pfennig, 791.

NABHA.—The ¼ anna has been surcharged "Service" in black. ¼ anna, brown, *black*.

NETHERLANDS.—We have just received the new post card from T. F. Kohler. The stamp is at the left and bears a portrait of Queen Wilhelmine facing to the right. At the right hand side of the card are the national arms. Between in four lines is "Briekaart-(Carte Postale)-Algemeene Postvereniging-(Union Postale Universelle)-Zijde voor het adres best emd (Cote reserve a l'adresse.)" There are two dotted lines for the address and the reverse of the card is white. The frame of the stamp is like the current adhesives. 5 cents, blue on blue.

ORANGE FREE STATE.—There is a provisional half-penny card with adhesive stamp surcharged like that of the 1 penny noted a short time ago but without any border. ¼ penny, black on white.

TASMANIA.—The *Philatelic Record* informs us that a local issue of the 1 penny card was printed not long since on account of the non-arrival of the usual supply from England. As was the case before the printing was coarse and the card of poorer finish than the regular issues.

LETTER CARDS.—BRAZIL U. S. OF. (29).—The letter card is now said to be issued on pink card with white interior. 80 reis., carmine and blue on pink.

RUSSIA (23).—The 10 kopec now has the instructions in both Russian and French. 10 kopecs, blue and rose on grey.

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We have received the catalogue of the 4th auction sale of the Western Philatelic Union Branch. One sale to be held Nov. 27, 110 lots are offered and among them many desirable stamps. The next sale will be held Dec. 23rd. List may be had by addressing auctioneer B. S. Ross, 34 Wieland St., Chicago.

After Dec. 31st the subscription price of this Journal will be 50c per annum. The prices charged for good Philatelic Journals has been altogether too low for some time past. We do not publish this paper for amusement so cannot afford to give it away. All subscriptions received up to Dec. 31 will be at the old price 25c per annum. Now is the time to subscribe.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the members of the C.P.A.:*

The following is a list of the new members: No. 257 A. S. Butchart, Hartney, South Manitoba; 258 Alvin Smith, 27 Green St., Boston, Mass.; 259 John Kerr Box 242, St. John, N. B.; 260 E. L. Weatherhead, Brockville, Ont.; 261 Geo. P. Ferguson, Box 1015, Hudson, N. Y.; 262 Chas. E. Osborn, 1421 Fairmount Ave., Pailadelphia, Pa., and I have received the following

APPLICATIONS.—Frank S. Scannell, 15, 17, 19, Smythe Street, St. John, N.B. References, D. A. King and H. L. Hart.

W. A. Buchanan, Norwood, Ont. References, H. F. Ketcheson and T. S. Clark.

I had hoped to publish a longer list of applications and trust you will do better next month. Some more of the old members have paid up and altogether matters are looking brighter for us.

Yours philatelically,

T. S. CLARK, Secretary.

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## EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Business in this department is very brisk at present, and I have more requests for books than I can supply. Books Nos. 1, 4 and 7 have completed circuit. From No. 1, 35 per cent. was sold; from No. 4, 55 per cent., and from No. 7 every stamp was sold, nothing reaching me except the cover and empty sheets. I would like every member to send in sheets to be placed on circuits. Blank sheets can be had from me at 5 cents each.

H. F. KETCHESON, Superintendent.

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## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

I expected to have been in a position to publish this month a catalogue of the Library, but I regret to say that I have not yet received any of the books held by Mr. Hooper. As soon as I do it will not be long before the members know exactly what the library contains. I have no gifts to report this month, but I hope that I will not have to report the same thing next month. Members must have lots of publications which they can spare, and which would be very useful for the library.

Yours truly,

A. E. LABELLE,

MONTREAL, *Nov. 9, 1891.*

Librarian C. P. A., 202 St. Hubert St.

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THE Southern Philatelist for October to hand. This is one of our brightest and newsiest Exchanges. With this October number they begin their third volume. We trust they may be favored in the future as in the past, and that the stamp collectors, one hundred years hence, will be still reading the Southern Philatelist.

WE have received from Mr. W. H. Bruce of Hartford, Conn., his sixteenth annual price list. Anyone beholding the juvenile countenance of Mr. Bruce would not think that he had been dealing in stamps for the last sixteen years. however, his list is a good one and if you have not already a copy you will find it to your advantage to send for one.

WE have received from Mr. T. S. Clark, of Belleville, Ontario, a catalogue of his auction sale of stamps to be held in Montreal on Dec. 5th. In all a little over 400 lots are offered and among them many of the rarest of B. N. A. stamps such as genuine Connel, Prince Edward Island, 2d Rose rouletted, etc. Any of our readers who have not already received a catalogue may do so by applying to Mr. Clark.

CAN anybody tell us the name of the new society that Canadensis is trying to organize? In the last number of the Southern Philatelist it is given as Canada's Philatelic Society, in a number of the other journals as the Philatelic Society of Canada, and in the last number of Mekeel's Weekly the Canadian Philatelic Association of London. It is spicy to have variety, but we would really like to know what the name is.

THE Staten Island Philatelic Society gave an entertainment on Oct. 14th, which, from all accounts, was a great success. The Staten Island boys know how to entertain, as the Editor of this Journal can testify having spent many pleasant hours with the President, Exchange Manager and Treasurer, and others at the Post Kellar, their N. Y. headquarters. We have to thank them for an invitation, but owing to business engagements could not possibly attend.

EVERY collector and dealer in Canada should be a member of the Canadian Philatelic Association. All its departments are now in first-class working

order. Any stamp collector may become a member of this Association by applying to the Secretary ; such application shall be signed by at least two members of the Association. The Secretary shall thereupon cause the name and address of the applicant and his reference to be published in the next number of the Official Journal, and if no objection shall be received by the Secretary within one month after such publication, the applicant shall be considered elected, and entitled to receive the membership card of the Association. If you would like to get acquainted with the foremost collectors and dealers join the C. P. A. If you would like to see forgeries abolished and swindlers put down join the C. P. A. and lend your assistance. If you would like to dispose of your duplicates to good advantage and get stamps you want in return, join the C. P. A., and patronize the Exchange department. The Official Journal is sent free to every member. For further information and applications for membership, write the Secretary.

"CANADENSIS," through the columns of *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*, is trying to throw a doubt on the Canada reply cards "errors with stamp on the left hand side." He states that by procuring the uncut sheet, and cutting the heads on the right hand row, you will then have a supply of these cards. In the first place you cannot procure uncut sheets of Canada cards, unless you care to buy \$1000 worth at a time. In the second place you cannot cut them as he states, owing to the fact that there is not sufficient space between the scroll, at the top of the card, and the stamp, to leave one-half the margin that is to be found on the errors, and last but not least the stamp on the error cards is much different in many respects from that to be found on any other Canada postal card we have ever seen. Also the scroll at top and the inscription, "Address to be written on this side," are printed with much heavier type than on the regular issue. These cards have been seen, at the time they were issued, passing through the mails, by such veteran collectors as F. J. Grenny, of Brantford ; F. Gottorff, of Hamilton, and ourselves, all of whom can testify to their genuineness.

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

*To the Editor of the Dominion Philatelist.*

SIR,—The Galveston's Philatelic Association's 14th semi-monthly meeting was attended by a large majority of active and several passive and honorary members. President A. Drouet, Jr., occupied the chair.

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m., sharp. The call of the roll of membership revealed the fact that only two members were absent, viz.: L. B. Higgins and G. T. Austin. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved several prominent philatelists were admitted, among whom was Mr. John C. Becker of Bloomington, Ills., and Mr. Fred Martini of Galveston. Thanks were extended Mr. Jno. C. Becker for his handsome donation to the now large library of the association. Mr. Martini was appointed temporary librarian in the absence of Mr. G. T. Austin. This was followed by the election of Mr. W. E. Grover as an honorary member, and on motion of Mr. J. B. Weiley the two young Uedemann Bros., local Philatelists, were admitted. Mr. A. Drouet donated a handsome set of counterfeits to the association, followed by a donation by Mr. Weiley, to increase the library by a copy of Mekeel's stamp collecting directory. Mr. M. C. Herris also donated a copy of Merrill's fraud list of Phila-

telists. Upon motion a vote of thanks was tendered the above gentlemen for their liberality. An amount of money was appropriated for the printing of more approval sheets for the exchange department, also, another appropriation for printed membership credential cards. The last letter of Mr. Roy F. Green, Editor of the "Spy Glass," the official organ of the "G. P. A.," was read, and thanks extended him for the interest he has taken in behalf of the association. After transaction of other business of less importance, the meeting adjourned to meet next on 26th inst.

The 'G. P. A.' convention will be held at the rooms of the association on Dec. 26th, 1891, at which candidates for office will be nominated, and the election shall occur one week thereafter, at the second semi-annual meeting of the association.

Interest manifested by the press in Philately is becoming more pronounced every day. Recently the "Galveston Daily News" came out with a two column item devoted to Philately. Most of the information was gleaned from members of the "G. P. A." and headed "Galveston Philatelic Society."

At the last meeting of the "G. P. A." there were some fine specimens of stamps exhibited, among which was some fine higher values of the "U.S." revenues.

Mr. J. B. Weiley, "our Philatelist humorist," always has an audience before and after the meetings of the "G. P. A.," telling his Philatelic jokes and experience, and generally keeps every one convulsed with laughter while he is around.

Philatelists, if you have any papers of counterfeit stamps do not throw them away, but send them to the "G.P.A." library and for its album, and the same will be accepted wsth thanks.

The "G.P.A." is now one of the leading societies of the South, Official organ, the "Spy Glass" for application blanks and information. Address, WALLACE SMITH, Sec'y, C.O.R.C. DUN & Co., Galveston, Texas.

WALLACE SMITH, Sec'y.

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### QUEBEC NOTES.

QUEBEC, *November 2, 1891.*

Desiring to ascertain some information about the undermentioned stamps, I herewith request philatelists to be good enough to answer the questions either directly or through the DOMINION PHILATELIST, the latter I think is preferable, as the information which may be conveyed, may prove interesting to others as well as to myself.

UNITED STATES 3 CENTS, BLUE (LOCOMOTIVE), ISSUE OF 1869. UNPERFORATED.—I have obtained from an advanced collector, of Montreal, the above mentioned stamp, and as stated is "Unperforated," also grilled and is cancelled. I have made a careful searce though Scott's, Bogart's, Durbin's and Stanley Gibbon & Co's. Catalogues and failed to find mention made of this variety. In looking over the *American Journal of Philately* I find in Vol. 1, 1888, page 33, that the stamp is chronicled as under: 3 cents ultramarine, unperforated, accidental, but no value is given. Will some one conversant with the subject state probable number issued in this state, and what may be considered the value of this accidental issue?

MANITOBA LAW STAMPS.—In comparing the Manitoba Law Stamps in my collection with a couple sent on approval, I found a great difference between them. The main points of difference may be summed up as follows;—The figures of value (\$1.00), are smaller, the lettering more distinct, and the back



ground of the figure of justice is much darker in the one than the other. The outer frame on the one has 11 points on the side and 8 at the bottom, to 8 and 6 respectively on the other. The one has two outer lines of equal thickness, while the other has the inner line very heavy. Between the second line and the square enclosing the figure of justice in the one there are three distinct wavy lines parallel to the outer edge, while in the other case there are but two. The above differences are so marked that I am led to believe there must have been an issue from a separate die, but for what reason I am unable to state. I trust I may have the pleasure of seeing the matter discussed and this difference satisfactorily accounted for.

**DUTIES OF TRUSTEES.**—In order that the Trustees may be in a position to give reliable information, when called for, concerning the "black list" which is one of their duties, the chairman will be pleased to receive from members of the Association, the names of any person known to have ever dealt in counterfeit stamps or aided in their production. In the event of receiving names they will be kept on record and members requiring a copy of same will obtain it on application by complying with the regulation contained in the by-laws. No name will be placed on the list unless the charge is fully substantiated.

**PHOTOGRAPH OF THE OFFICERS OF THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.**—The officers are requested to send me their views on the following proposition, and as to whether in favor of the undertaking, and if so which of the two plans offered is considered the most desirable. I have seen Mr. Liver-  
nois, the well known Quebec photographer, and am enabled to present cost of photograph in either of two cases. My object is to get the photographs of the officers, nine in number, cabinet size, to have them mounted in a suitable manner and a photograph taken of the whole. Upon receipt of answers from all concerned I will immediately notify each officer whether to send their photographs, and as to the plan to be adopted. In my calculations I have considered that each officer would take one photograph. Size of photograph, 12x15; size of photograph, mounted, 16x20. 1st proposition.—9 photographs to cost \$12; printing name of Association and members with official office at the bottom of the photograph, \$1.50; total \$13.50. Equal to \$1.50 each. To which must be added cost of packing 25 cents, and say express charges 25 cts, making a total cost for photograph delivered of \$2.00. 2nd proposition consists in having the name of the Association and of the officers worked in on the photograph, the work to be well done and to present a fine appearance. This would cost about \$5, and would increase price given above about 40 cents each, making the cost delivered at say \$2.50. The advantage of the latter proposition is that if an unmounted photograph is desired that the name and names of officers, etc., would be on the picture, while on the other hand these particulars being on the card would not go with it. The original photograph would become the property of the Association. I trust the officers will give this matter their serious consideration, and give me an early answer, as I am anxious to get the work done if it meets with the approval of the parties concerned. Needless to say that in the event of any of the individual members requiring a copy that I will be only too well pleased to attend to the matter for them.

ERNEST F. WURTELE.

## THE PRICE OF STAMPS IN 1863.

D. A. KING.

A friend of mine has very kindly lent me a price list of stamps issued in July, 1863, by Thomas K. Jenkins, Halifax, N. S. Judging from the way it is priced Mr. Jenkin's trade must have been English, as although the currency of Province was then dollars and cents his list is priced in English money. The list is a single sheet, printed on both sides and sold for 4d. He has a manuscript note added to his list that he is selling off at half the printed price, in this, preceeding a number of the stamp dealers of the present day. As, however, the printed price was probably the market value of the stamps at that time we will only use it in the comparison with the prices of the present day, that we intend to make. Anyone curious enough to know Mr. Jenkin's cash prices can get them by halving the prices hereafter mentioned. He starts with Antigua 1d and 6d. The prices are 1d used 8 cents, unused 20 cents, 6d used 12 cents. At that time those stamps were in use for about a year only. It is possible that in those there might have been some of the imperforate that are said to exist. At any rate the 6d would likely be the unwatermarked one, priced now unused at \$1.50, and the 1d would be the star watermark now used 25 cents.

His Austria are the 1850, 3, 6 and 9 Kr. at 8 cents each used, now worth 1 cent each, the 5, 10 and 15 Kr. of 1858 at 8 cents each, now worth only 1 cent each. Austrian stamps were better stock then than now. The Baden are a little mixed, the 1 Kr black is first at 4 cents, now 5 cents, then the 3 Kr. yellow, unused, at 12 cents, this was evidently the 1851 issue, it is now worth in same condition \$1.00. The 6 Kr. orange, 1861, was worth 8 cents used, now 12 cents, an increase of 4 cents in twenty-eight years. In Barbadoes he has the 6d, 1s, and Blue. Then, your chances are good to get these three stamps imperforate, and it is likely that they were what he would have, he wanted 4 cents for the 9d, 12 cents for the 1s and 4 cents for the blue. Not being sure whether they were imperforate or perforate a comparison cannot be made. Bavaria has nine varieties priced, ranging from the 1 Kr., pink, at 4 cents to the 18 Kr., yellow, at 12 cents. Those can now be had, the 1 Kr. at 3 cents, and the 18 Kr at 40 cents. Belgium has the 1861 issue at 1 cent unused, at 4 cents, now 20 cents, the 10 cent unused at 8 cents, now 50 cents and the 20c. and 40c. used at 4 cents each.

The list of Bergedorf is for unused specimens. The only representative of Bremen is the 3 grote, black, at 10 cents, unused, probably the rouletted one issued in 1861. It is now worth \$2.00.

British Guiana has the 1860 issue used, 1 cent, black, at 4c. now 40c., 1 cent red, at 6c., now \$4.50, 2 cent, orange at 8c. now 30c., 12 cent, lilac, at 8c. now 35c. Brunswick has some topsy turvy prices. The  $\frac{1}{4}$ s. gro of 1857 is priced unused at 6c., now catalogued at \$5.50, and used at 4c. now 60c., the  $\frac{1}{3}$ s. gro, green of 1857 at 12c unused now worth only 5c.

The Cape of Good Hope are in full, the 1d at 8c, now 40, the 4d at 12c, now 15c, the 6c at 8c, now 60c, and the 1s at 12c, now \$1.25. At that date we might reasonably look for wood blocks among the 1d and 4d and emerald green amongst the 1 shillings.

Ceylon has  $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 5d, 6d, and 1s, those were probably the perforated issue of 1861. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d was priced at 10c unused now \$5.00, the 1d and 2d at 8c each, now 25c and 50c respectively, the 5d and 6d at 12c each, now at 60c and \$1.50, the 1s at 15c now at 25c.

In Chili there is only the 1 and 5c, the 1c is priced at 18c, now at 15c and the 5c at 24c now 2c. The Confederate States are represented by a complete set of the "Richmond Express" stamps at \$3.00. How many varieties is not stated. This is an issue unknown to the present generation. Denmark has three unused ones, the 2, 4, and 8 skillings at prices from 6 to 12 cents each, these prices cannot be compared with the present ones, as there are several varieties of these values that he might have had. France is well represented but the stamps are all cheap and no difference exists except in the 80c rose of the Empire, which is priced at 24 cents used or unused, It is now worth \$1.50 unused and 4c used. In Germany the only stamps are Thurn and Taxis, Northern and Southern states, they are priced from 4c to 18 cents each, agreeing fairly well with the present catalogue value. Grenada has only the 1d green used at 12c now worth 5c. With Greece he prices by the set used or unused, there is the 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, and 80 lepta used for 72c and unused for \$1.32 Paris prints would probably be found in plenty. A set of Hamburg Boten 10 varieties for 90c.

Hanover has 3 pf for 12c now \$1.00, the  $\frac{1}{10}$ ,  $\frac{1}{15}$  and  $\frac{1}{30}$  Thaler in several tints of paper now uncatalogued at 30c each used and 90c each unused. The unused are now priced at about what the used were then worth. Hong Kong had only the 2c brown, unwatermarked, priced unused 30c now at 25c. Hawaii Island 5c blue were worth 60c unused, now 50c. The  $\frac{1}{2}$ d buff Malta was 8c unused, now \$1.50. Mauritius had 1, 2, 4, 6 and 9d used at 12 cents each, these were probably the 1860 issue and are now worth from 50c to \$1.50 each. The 1s green and the 1s vermilion at 12c each, the latter is now worth \$1.00, the 1s green may have been of either type, Britannia or Queens'head, in either case it is now worth \$3.00 to \$6.00. The Italian states were evidently scarce, for the 5, 10 and 15d of Modena are priced at 40c each, worth now from 5 to 10c.

In New South Wales there is the 1d and 2d at 12c now 15 and 25c each, 2d old probably a laureated head at 12c, now 25c, 3d old laureated head 12c, now 75c, 6d brown large square at 6c, now 75c, and 1s red at 12c, now 50. New Zealand has the 1d and 2d at 6c each. Those would be imperforate worth now 25 to 75c, the 6d at 4c each, now 40c and the 1s at 12c, now 75c. Nicaragua 2c blue at 60c. This stamp is now priced at 10c. Oldenburg has the  $\frac{1}{4}$  gro. orange, unused at 12c now \$1.50, the  $\frac{1}{2}$  gro, brown, unused, at 15c, now \$2.50. the 1 gro blue at 12c, now 50c and 3 gro yellow, at 12c, now \$2.00. The 5, 10 and 25c of Parma are priced at from 36 to 48c each, now 10 to 25c. In Queensland there is the 1c and 6d at 10c each. Those would be the large star watermark and are worth \$1 25 to 50c. Saxony is well represented but the prices are very much the same as now. South Australia has the 1s orange at 12c, it is now catalogued at \$3.00. In Switzerland the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  Rappin red is priced at 36c, now worth from \$1.00 to \$4.00. The Geneva 5 cents is quoted at 48c now \$3.00. The 4 and 6 Rappen Zurich are 48c each, it now takes \$20 to buy the pair.

Trinidad blue and red stamps are offered at 4c each. Those would be the imperforate without value, probably lithographed ones among them the pair would now cost \$5.00 Victoria 1d, green, was worth 4c, it would be very difficult to say which 1d this is there are a number of varieties, 2d lilac at 8 cents, 3d blue at 8 cents, 6d blank 6c, 6d yellow at 12c, this might be the scarce 1861 variety now catalogued at \$15, 1s blue at 6c and 2s green at 12c. There are so many varieties of these Victoria stamps of the same color that they cannot be identified. West Australia has 1d pink at 18c now 10c, 2d orange at 20c, this is probably the vermilion 2d of the 1860 issue, 4d blue at 24 cents, not now priced, used, unused at \$3.00, and 6d carmine at 24c. This last stamp is not to be found in any catalogue. The gems of the list was evidently Turkey which were price unused at 36c for the 20 pairs, 48 cents for the 1 piastre, 75c for the 2 piastre and \$1.08 for the 5 piastre, the set complete for \$2.40. After a lapse of 28 years they are now catalogued at \$2.50 not much of an increase.

What impresses us the most reading the list is the complete absence of British North American stamps. There is only one country named British Columbia, and not one stamp priced.

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### STAMP COLLECTING IN ITALY.

CONTINUED FROM AUGUST NUMBER.

*By the Author of "The Fight at Dame Europa's School."*

It was this strange infatuation which thwarted all my efforts to obtain possession of some of Professor Giobbini's duplicates. The day which followed our agreeable evening party was Thursday, a general half-holiday all over the Continent of Europe, and the Professor expressed his readiness to receive me at any hour in the afternoon. I called upon him at two o'clock, and was not surprised to find that three or four of his pupils had looked in to see the fun. It was very poor fun for me. It was simple tantalization. The Professor wanted 10 francs for a Modena 1 lira white; 15 francs for a Papal red Scudo; 50 for a 50 grana Naples; 45 for a set of Romagna; and 100 for the first three issues of Sardinia. They were all used, and in splendid condition, but the price was utterly beyond my means, and the Professor would not hear of being beaten down. "You have your English Catalogue in your hand," he kept on observing; "what does the Catalogue say?" I looked, and in every case where I wanted a little help the Catalogue said nothing at all.

If somebody would only publish a complete and trustworthy price list of all rare and early stamps, how much easier it would be for a traveller to pick them up when they happen to come in his way! At present, the Standard Catalogue gives you no assistance whatever. It simply tells you what Messrs. So-and-So have got in stock, which nobody particularly wants to know. It gives you the price of all the penny and two-penny stamps, which you might have guessed for yourself, and leaves you hopelessly in the lurch as regards those which you are likely to want to buy. Even an approximate value would be better than nothing; but how am I to decide off-hand in a dealer's office whether such and such a stamp is worth five francs or fifty?

The end of it all was that Signor Giobbini and I could not come to terms. A few of the lower values I managed to secure, but anything approaching to a

rarity was out of the question. The pupils were evidently disappointed, as they expected to see the mad Englishman throw down his money, and ask no questions. It is a popular belief in Italy that the British tourist has no other object in travelling except to scatter sous and francs among the native population. I scattered very little that day, and was clearly regarded as one who had failed to fulfil the purpose of his being.

So the pupils produced their Albums, and tried to negotiate a few exchanges, in the course of which I received a piece of information so entirely new to me, and so charming in its simplicity, that I really thought it deserved to be recorded for the benefit of others. One of the lads had a few Ceylons, and could not make out the watermarks. The CA and CC bothered him sorely, and sometimes, even when he had cleaned and washed his stamps with the greatest care, he complained that he could find no watermark at all. "Why, of course not, you stupid," broke in one of his school-fellows, just as I was beginning to explain; "don't you know that English and Colonial watermarks always *come off with the gum?*"

I came off very badly in the exchange of duplicates. My young friends were by many degrees too sharp for me. So long as I had only one copy of a stamp, they admitted that it was a fair subject for bargaining; but if by any chance I had more than one, they made me hand over like a parcel of young brigands.

"Why, you have got *two* of those!" they kept on exclaiming—as much as to say, "of course you can't possibly want to keep them both." And it was done in such a charming way, and accompanied by so many wistful glances at the stamps in question, and so many tributes of admiration (*Oh! bello, bello!*), that I found it quite impossible to withstand their onslaught. Upon the whole, I am not sure that it is a good plan to have any duplicates at all. You fancy they will be useful for exchanging, but you seldom, if ever, get their value in return. At any rate boys should never be allowed a sight of them, and I do not know that grown-up people are much more to be trusted. They clearly think that you have no right to keep them.

"I never buy Stamps," said a friend to me one day.

"Indeed," I replied, "how then did you contrive to get such a desirable lot together?"

"Oh, I don't know," he answered, "I managed to pick them up somehow. By the by, have you got any duplicates?"

I modestly admitted that I had a few hundred, which I kept for the purpose of exchanging, and produced the Album. My friend looked casually through it, in an absent off-hand kind of way, as if the inspection rather bored him than otherwise; and then quietly and unobtrusively, with the air of a man who was conferring a favour, took a fancy to some six dozen of the best, and transferred them to his own collection. I no longer wondered at his finding it unnecessary to buy stamps, though I coveted wickedly the 'cheek' which enabled him to enrich his album on such delightfully easy and comfortable terms.

The rapacity of my young friends had now become so barefaced that I felt the necessity of checking their inroads. Even the philatelic worm will turn, and I really could not afford to see all my pet duplicates vanish into space before

my very eyes. So I suddenly shut the book, discovered all at once that it was uncommonly hot. and proposed a bathe in the river.

"Bathe in the river!" they all shouted in a breath; "you can't bathe in the river."

"Why not?" I mildly enquired, with the air of one who simply sought for information. "What else was the river made for?"

"Oh, I don't know," said the lad who had evolved the wonderful discovery about British watermarks. "I suppose the deep parts were made for the fish, and the shallow parts for the washerwomen, but nobody ever thinks of bathing there."

"Well," returned I, "somebody is going to bathe there this afternoon. Who will go with me?"

I very soon found that I should not want for company. The mad Englishman was going to drown himself, and the sight was not to be missed. So marvellous indeed did the proposal seem in the eyes of these young people, that I took the precaution of stipulating, before leaving the room, that the expedition should be strictly limited to the select few then assembled. Had I not done so, I should have been escorted to my fearful doom by half the juvenile population of the town.

"I must go to my room to put away my stamps and fetch a towel," I observed. "Will you come with us, Signor Giobbini?"

"Not while I am in my senses," replied the Professor, drily. "When I want a bath, I take a warm one at the Inn; but it never yet occurred to me to jump into a cold river. Can you swim?"

"Can I walk?" rejoined I; and so we went off in a gang to the *Albergo d'Italia*.

Having deposited my stamps in a portmanteau under lock and key, and possessed myself of the best apology for a towel which the Inn afforded, I joined my body-guard in the Piazza, and strolled quietly down to the banks of the *Aterno*. It was a delicious stream, clear and rapid, yet quite sufficiently deep for a plunge, and fringed down to its surface with a thicket of wood, only broken here and there by a gap through which the thirsty cows in the adjacent meadows might approach the water. I never saw a more tempting river, and I could not help thinking how in England it would have been crowded with skiffs and lined with troops of bathers. There is not a boat in Aquila, and certainly not a dozen people in the town could swim as many yards. To be sure the river flows about 2,000 feet above the sea, and the city itself stands nearly 600 feet higher; but even at this appalling elevation, the temperature could scarcely, one should suppose, be sufficiently Arctic to terrify the youthful inhabitants into a shudder.

To my intense disgust, the first likely place was peopled by a bevy of washerwomen. They had found a convenient little creek, with a few large flat stones on the margin of its shallow water; and they were banging their clothes about with a ferocious energy only less frightful than the horrible discordant yell with which their voices kept time. I never heard such a row or saw such thumping. How the linen in Italy ever comes back from the wash, with half a dozen stitches holding together, is a solemn mystery.

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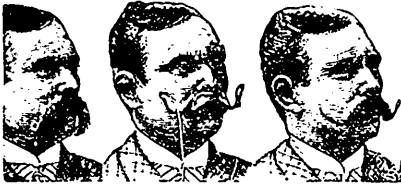
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