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Imperial Penny Postage.


Herewith is represented to our readers a fac-simile of the new two-cent stamp that will appear to commemorate the inauguration of Imperial penny postage, which goes into effect on Xmas Day.

The rate will be two cents per half ounce on letters going between Canada, Great Britain and Ireland, Newfoundland, India, British Central Africa and British East Africa.

It is expected that this reduced rate will be accepted by all other British Colonies in a short time.

The Newspaper Stamps of France.
Il we open the Standard (Scott's) Catalogue at "France," we will find the following under the heading:


No. 254, 2c rose, \$ 1.25 . 75 255, 2c blue . 50 . 30
I do not intend in this article to criticise this catalogue, which from several points of view, is certainly one of the best published, as in my oninion a catalogue should not be a guide of what to collect, as the collector is the only one privileged to say what he will or will not collect. A catalogue should be what the name implies, a "chronicle of what is in existence," and the one mentioned is certainly one of the most complete issued.

But I will respectfully submit to the collecting public the following observations regarding these so-called newspaper stamps, and, before going farther will say that, in my opinion, they have no value, and are out of place in a collection of postage stamps, as they were never used to prepay postage on newspapers. In fact, they were not issued for that purpose.

They were intended merely to show that the fiscal tas or reveme levied on the publication had been paid. 'This was in accordance with the old Irench laws, (before the freedom of the press had been obtained), as at that time all newspapers or journals were taxed. These stamps were issned under rule of Napoleon III.

They replaced the old hand stamp that was formerly impressed on the paper to show that these fiscal duti.s had been paid (a similar stamp) is still in use for stamped payers, such as legal docmments. etc.).

I wonld like to ask why the 2c rose imperforate No. 252 of thosestamps (of which it is not known that indisput: be genuine used specimen exists in this imperforate condition) is listed at $\$ 50.00$ while they do not catalogue the cheaper stamps of the same series, such as:
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These prices are approximations from the leading European catalogues, It is very probable that the so-called errors are only essays like the 2c rose imperforate.

D: I have said, these stamps are of no value in a collection of postage stamps. as they have no claim to be such, being merely revenues (very similar to U. S. Document Revenues), the cancellation of which is merely the printed matter of the journal to which they were attached. But as these stamps are catalogued, and there is a space reserved for them in nearly all albums, many collectors will probably wish to secure them. I would warn them that there are now being circulated "reprints", or very fine counterfeits, of these stamps, which are dangerous, as they are sold by many of the leading firms in Fiance.

They were very probably manufactured by the same gang of counterfeiters who issued the fine imitations of the Unpaid Letter Stamps of France, which collectors should also watch for. I give a list of the stamps comnterfeit-ed:-

UNPAID IETTTER STAMPS.
Scott's No., issue ris9.70, square stamps: 201 10c black lithographed. 102 10c " typographed. 203 15c 206 25c
208 40c blue "
209 60c yellow $\quad \because$
210 60c blue
The counterfeits of the newspaper stamps are very perfectly executed. the principal difference I have been able to find is in the
paper, which, in the counferfeit, has a satin finish, somewhat similar to bond or light parchment paper.

As the imitations of these stamps are offered on part or on entire newspapers, especially set and printed with a date of about thirty years ago, it is very hard for the collector who does not know of this to tell the difference.
I would advise collectors of postal franks to drop these stamps from their list for three reasons:

They are not postage stamps in any sense of the word.

The genuine copies are very seldom found.

The counterfeits are so well made that even the best informed are deceived., and there is more probability of having a counterfeit palmed off on you than there is of securing a genuine specimen.

There are also some of the lower values of postage stamps of France that are offered as newspaper stamps. These stamps are canceled by printed matter, and were used to denote the payment of the fiscal tax on posters. handbills, etc. They have absolutely no value whatever.

In fact, the French Government has never issued a stamp especially designed for use on newspapers to prepay postage. Consequently there can be no newspaper stamps of France.

Ghorge Carion.

## Hamilton Notes.

It was of great surprise to all collectors here that the Ontario Philatelist had changed hands

We regret to lose the O. P., as it was newsy, and one thing
above all was that it was always on time.

We only hope Mr. and Mrs. Stamp Reporter every success in their new life.

There are about sixty special delivery stamps on envelopes passing through the mail a month for delivery in the city. These stamps are eagerly sought for by both collectors and dealers.

Canada's 6 c numeral used are being bought up by dealers at $11-2$ cent each. The demand for them is great.

Foreign exchange has got to be quite a hobby of late among collectors and the result is that many new dealers, or so-called, start up. This has hurt the approval business badly of late.
Much to our pleasure, fine specimen and medium value stamps are bringing much higher prices than a year ago. I think it would be better for all dealers who sent the better class of stamps out, to allow only 25 per cent and $331-2$ per cent. It would be to his interest to do so, and a great help to philately.

The 4 maple leaf Canada is a scarce article in this city. They seem to have been all bought up, and now that the rush on, it is a hard matter to scrap them up to fill it. The demand for these stamps is great, and the result ls that high prices now rule.

Business within the past month has been of a brisk nature; mostly local trade.

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The publisher would be pleased to have all advertising accounts settled at once.

An aticle from the pen of Raymond S. Baker will appear in our January issue.

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Mr. W. A. Beatty is offering some fine snaps this issue. Look up his two-page advt.

Mr. W. Kelsey Hall, of Peterborough. sends us his first trial advt. this month. Give him a chance.

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These are but a few of the many that will be found on our advertising pages.

Special to The Stamp Reporter.
Officers of the D. P. A. Meet.

Reportid by John Hulame Lows:
Thanksgiving Day in Toronto turned out fine and cold, which did not seem to affect the attendance of officers of the Dominion Philatclic Association.and others who had answered to the summons of President Bailey for a meeting, to settle a few differences of members and officials.

The meeting was called to order about two o'clock, by President Chas. Bailey, in the handsomely furnished club room of the Philatelic Club, of Toronto.

The following officers were present:-

Chas. Bailey, Toronto.
Geo. Starnaman, Berlin,
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Findlay I. Weaver, Berlin,
C. Applegath, Hamilton,
N. Matches, Hamilton,
G. Hicks. Mttchell,
R. S. Mason, Hamilton,
W. Grant, Hamilton,

Among other D.P.A. members present were:-

Wm. Myers, E McGillvray, W. McMahon, C. Morden and John Hulme Lowe, all of Toronto. Some of the members of the Philatelic Club of Toronto, were also in the audience. We noticed Ww. Myers, the President, E. McGillvray and F. A. Brereton.
WORK OF THE AFTERNOON.
The button submitted by Mr. R. S. Mason, as an official emblem, which it was thought, the society was in in need of, was brought up for consideration. After a discussion of some time,
it was accepted, on the condition that the price of the button offered should exceed ten cents. It is the same design of button that was submitted at the Hamilton Convention this summer.

Complaints regarding the auction manager also took up considerable time, which was finally settler amicably. The rules now are in the auction department, that amounts over twenty-five cents shall be registered at the expense of the department, and amounts under this to be sent at buyer's risk.

Mr. G. Starnaman stated in his remarks that the D. P. A. now has 161 paid $n p$ members, which for a society that Mr. Muirhead said last fall would be dead. goes to show that gentleman to be not so good a prophet as he is a personal journalist.

A resolution of confidence was also passed to auction manager Norman Matches, moved by C. Applegath, and seconded by W. Grant.

During an interval Mr G . Hicks and C. Applegath, who proved themselves kodac fiends. and had brought their cameras with them, took snapshots of the assembly.

We were surprised, dnring the course of the afternoon, to notice the editors of the two Canadian Philatelic Weeklies in close and confidential conversation with each other. Both papers will, however, retain their original names.

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