

Technical and Bibliographic Notes / Notes techniques et bibliographiques

The Institute has attempted to obtain the best original copy available for filming. Features of this copy which may be bibliographically unique, which may alter any of the images in the reproduction, or which may significantly change the usual method of filming, are checked below.

- Coloured covers/  
Couverture de couleur
- Covers damaged/  
Couverture endommagée
- Covers restored and/or laminated/  
Couverture restaurée et/ou pelliculée
- Cover title missing/  
Le titre de couverture manque
- Coloured maps/  
Cartes géographiques en couleur
- Coloured ink (i.e. other than blue or black)/  
Encre de couleur (i.e. autre que bleue ou noire)
- Coloured plates and/or illustrations/  
Planches et/ou illustrations en couleur
- Bound with other material/  
Relié avec d'autres documents
- Tight binding may cause shadows or distortion along interior margin/  
La reliure serrée peut causer de l'ombre ou de la distorsion le long de la marge intérieure
- Blank leaves added during restoration may appear within the text. Whenever possible, these have been omitted from filming/  
Il se peut que certaines pages blanches ajoutées lors d'une restauration apparaissent dans le texte, mais, lorsque cela était possible, ces pages n'ont pas été filmées.
- Additional comments:/  
Commentaires supplémentaires:

L'Institut a microfilmé le meilleur exemplaire qu'il lui a été possible de se procurer. Les détails de cet exemplaire qui sont peut-être uniques du point de vue bibliographique, qui peuvent modifier une image reproduite, ou qui peuvent exiger une modification dans la méthode normale de filmage sont indiqués ci-dessous.

- Coloured pages/  
Pages de couleur
- Pages damaged/  
Pages endommagées
- Pages restored and/or laminated/  
Pages restaurées et/ou pelliculées
- Pages discoloured, stained or foxed/  
Pages décolorées, tachetées ou piquées
- Pages detached/  
Pages détachées
- Showthrough/  
Transparence
- Quality of print varies/  
Qualité inégale de l'impression
- Continuous pagination/  
Pagination continue
- Includes index(es)/  
Comprend un (des) index
- Title on header taken from:/  
Le titre de l'en-tête provient:
- Title page of issue/  
Page de titre de la livraison
- Caption of issue/  
Titre de départ de la livraison
- Masthead/  
Générique (périodiques) de la livraison

This item is filmed at the reduction ratio checked below/  
Ce document est filmé au taux de réduction indiqué ci-dessous.

10X	14X	18X	22X	26X	30X
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12X	16X	20X	24X	28X	32X



VOL. 1. NO. 2.]

ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, JULY 1, 1865.

[PRICE 5 CTS.]

We beg leave to offer our sincere thanks to our friends and the stamp collecting and trading community generally, for the generous support and patronage which they have conferred upon us in the way of advertisements, subscriptions &c., by which we have been enabled to defray the expenses incurred in the publication of our Journal. It affords us much pleasure to note this, for it shows that the want of a publication of this kind has been felt in these provinces and our attempt to establish one has met with the approval of those interested in the stamp movement. We respectfully solicit a continuance of the favours which have been extended to us thus far. We also take this opportunity of thanking the press of New Brunswick and other provinces for the many kindly notices with which they have greeted us. Again, we repeat, thanks, thanks to all who have in any way contributed to the success of our enterprise.

The following letter, which was received from a gentleman of this city a few days ago, will be perused with interest by the readers of the *Gazette*:—

“St. JOHN, JUNE 21, 1865.

“To the Editor of S. C. M. G.

“Enclosed please find fifty cents for one year's subscription to your journal. I highly approve of your plan of establishing a paper of this kind in St. John, and hope it will succeed. Two or three months ago I would have put it down as a useless undertaking, but a little incident which took place in my family changed my mind considerably. It happened that a gentleman from the country, who was staying with us a few days, was one evening engaged in a conversation with me, the subject of which was the politics, &c., of the German States, and I happened to make use of the expression free city of Bremen. My friend objected to it, believing me to be mistaken in supposing Bremen to be a free city, whereupon a little shaver, a son of mine, not quite ten years of age, looked up and said, “Oh yes sir,—Bremen is a free city—just like Hamburg you know.” And pray how do you know?” inquired the gentleman somewhat amused. And then the little fellow went on to tell how he had been putting some Hamburg and Bremen postage stamps in his “collection,” and wanting, (I think he said), to put all the German ones together, he had to refer pretty often to his Atlas, and by these means had obtained a very considerable insight into German geography. I was surprised at this, for that subject is not by any means a very simple one, especially to youngsters, besides which I knew that master Freddy was formerly not very fond of this branch of study. Feeling somewhat curious about the matter I questioned him pretty thoroughly, and found that he was about as well posted in the geography of other places as

in that of Germany; and although at first I could hardly believe it myself, I think I am safe in saying that he learned more geography from his stamp book than he ever did at school, which he had been attending for about three years steadily.

“My friend intends introducing stamp collections among his boys, and thinks it will have a good effect: not only interesting them in geography but in history also, and I believe he is right.

“You might send a copy of the *Gazette* to his address, which you will find enclosed, and most likely he will subscribe to it.

“I remain yours &c.,”

“What is the use of those old stamps,” is a question we sometimes hear asked. We often meet with certain individuals who, although they do not pretend to understand it, yet do not hesitate a moment to pronounce it to be such too childish and puerile an object to merit any attention whatever from a really sensible person. We would advise any such to peruse the foregoing letter from one who, although he might once have thought likewise, now sees that he was greatly mistaken, and, with most admirable promptness and candour, at once proceeds to acknowledge his error. It may be that they will do the same themselves, and perhaps be induced to admit that stamp collecting is not the mere useless waste of time they are now pleased to term it.

A wise man, whose name we do not remember, once said that the young should be taught that which would be likely to prove most useful when they grew older. Now stamp collecting has a decided tendency towards accomplishing this most desirable object, as our correspondent has very plainly shown, acting the part of Tutor in a most creditable and efficient manner.

There are many other advantages to be derived from the practice of stamp collecting which we may not enter into at present; but before closing our remarks we would observe that a knowledge of geography and history is not the only thing to be learned from it. To obtain even an ordinary collection necessitates a good deal of trading and exchanging, and thus habits of close calculation and observation will be acquired which will prove most valuable to all in after life, for the youth will thus be prepared for the more active duties of counting house &c. And even the young lady will not find these qualities altogether useless, either in the position of house keeper or whatever other station fortune may be pleased to assign her.

Much more might be said on this subject but space forbids. At some future time we may

speaking of stamp collections as an ornament and a curiosity; at present we have confined our observations pretty closely to those points touched upon by the writer of the above letter.

### Newly Issued Stamps.

Our list of new stamps this month is very meagre indeed; but we must not grumble, for have we not had new sets of stamps for Turkey, New Grenada, and Maldo-Wallachia, besides a new stamp for Prussia and Denmark; a local for Montreal, Canada, and soon we hope to chronicle a set of stamps for the United States, and another for Prince Edward Island.

THE new set for Victoria is complete, with the exception, we believe, of the 6 pence and 1 shilling.



Our engraving in this number of our paper is that of the Victoria 8 pence, the color of which is orange. It is the same in design as the current 1 penny, 2 pence, and 4 pence.

A 6d. envelope for Mauritius, large, like the 1 shilling brown, violet, has just appeared.

✓ WE forget to mention in our last number Mr. Hussey's new stamps. There are three varieties. One has the representation of a clock without hands, with the words, TIME POSTED, above; colours black, yellow, buff, or white and pale blue. Another has, in addition to the above, DAY and MONTH below, and the words, in small letters: *Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1861, by George Hussey, in the Clerk's Office, of the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District of New York,* go completely around the stamp; the colours are blue and black on white. The third stamp is like the first, but with HUSSEY'S POST below, and 50, WM. SR., between it and the dial. They are perforated. Two strokes of the pen by the sender, shows how long (to the receiver,) it takes the message or letter to reach its destination.

✓ PROVIDENCE, R. I., FIVE CENTS.—We give our numerous readers an engraving of this stamp, which was described in our last number. As a great many collectors and others have never seen this stamp, we were induced



to have it engraved. It will describe itself as to its appearance; but a few facts of the case may not be unwelcome. It was issued by the Postmaster of Providence, R. I., and by authority of the United States in the year 1846. The colour is black on white, and in shape it is oblong. The 10 cents stamp is the same, except in value.

A FEW stamps have appeared in different colors. The 'smallest stamp in the world,' that of Mecklenburg, Schwerni, 1 schilling, is now a plain white in place of the former dotted ground.

THE Two Annas of East India is straw-coloured.

THERE is to be an alteration in the new Turkish stamps: the figures in the corners are to be in the same colour as the stamp.

This closes our list of new stamps for this month.

### Postal Chat-Chat.

WHY is a postage stamp like a member of Parliament? Because it has M. P. at the end of its name.

BROWN and JONES meet at the Post Office.—Jones complains of a bad smell about the office, and asks what it can be? Brown docsn't know, unless it may be the *dead letters*.

IF A CHIFFRE TAX of a higher value than 15 centimes is required in France, the post master crosses out the 15, and inserts another number on the side of it.

WE learn by advices received from Prince Edward Island, that the new set of stamps for that Colony will be out shortly.

✓ IN March last a number of the old-fashioned worn out mail pouches, from some of the Western post offices, were received at the Washington post office. In one of them a letter was found postmarked "Vandalia, Illinois, March 2d, 1836." It contained information in regard to a lawsuit before "a justis" upon which an appeal had been taken, requiring "twenty days' notice," and came to light twenty-nine years and twenty-three days after it was mailed, having been carried about all that time for ten cents.

✓ "THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY"—The curtain has fallen on the drama of "the confederacy," and that glorious institution is "played out." That eminent and enlightened citizen, J. Davis, Esq., whose scraggy countenance has ornamented the Confederate State Stamps for the last four years, is at present enjoying the hospitality of the United States in one of the casemates of Fortress Monroe, there to ponder o'er his misspent life and the mutability of human renown; while in the distance, grand, gloomy, and peculiar, the apple tree of acid renown lifts its portentous branches to the sky, and a voice cries to the arch traitor "even as ye have sown, so shall ye reap." The Confederate Stamps are obsolete, and their paternal ancestor will soon be obsolete also. In Richmond, a Confederate \$3,000 bond is worth five cents; will some mathematician favour us, pro ratio, with the value of the Confederate two cent stamp? We pause for a reply.—Stamp Collector's Record.

**INGENIOUS LETTER-BOX TRICK.**—The latest trick in the way of extracting letters, and one which seems to have been of late put into pretty general practice, is the following:—A piece of lead of a conical shape has its base carefully besmeared with some adhesive substance. A cord is passed through it which can be wound and unwound round the finger. The lead is then lowered by the motion of the finger to the bottom of the letter box, and the letter adhering to its surface raised to the aperture and extracted. As of late many letters have been missing, owing it is believed to such means, it would be well that merchants and others should be on their guard.—*Glasgow Mail.*

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**TIMBROPHILIST.**—The 4 and 6 pfg. of Prussia were issued in the year 1861.

**R. McL., Montreal.**—On reference to our advertising columns you will see that we have made the necessary correction in regard to your advertisement.

**S. S., Fredericton, N. B.**—No, thank you, we do not want any of the "warranted genuine blue set. New Brunswick essay, issued in 1861." Your kind and very considerate offer of sending us one for a year's subscription to the *Gazette* is respectfully declined.

**H. W. S.—No, Sir.**—We have no "personal animosity against Mr. Connell," on the contrary, we esteem that gentleman very highly both in the position of private citizen and politician; yet we must say that in the little circumstance connected with that famous stamp, we think he acted very unwisely. You are wrong in supposing that our "remarks were directed chiefly to Mr. Connell;" they "were directed partly" to the writer in the *Record*, and more especially to those persons, who, from reading his absurd statements, would most likely obtain and hold very wrong ideas on the subject.

**J. A. N., Montreal.**—This correspondent informs us that we were in error when we stated in our first number that the fictitious "College Stamp" was issued in Montreal. He says that it was got up in *Albany, N. Y.* Can our friend of the *Record* enlighten us on this point?

\* \* \* Several letters stand over to be answered in our next.

[FROM THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S MAGAZINE.]

#### MEMOIRS OF A NOVA SCOTIAN POSTAGE STAMP.

SINCE first I was stamped by the fatal post-mark I have travelled much, I have been in many a hand, and am not yet sure of ending my days in peace.

Now that I am stationary, and before sleeping for ever, allow me to relate my travels through the world.

You know, probably, dear collectors, the amiable queen whose image I represent; and you know also that the obliteration does not prevent my being worth more than I cost before I was used.

Scarcely arrived at Southampton, I was ruthlessly torn off by a post-office clerk. Oh! how I should have liked to see the astonishment of the receiver of the letter on which I was placed, for I fancy I was a collector! How many times did he exclaim against the clerks of an office which nevertheless renders him many a service. But, not to digress, I was now in the possession of my plunderer; but do not sup-

pose it was for a collection of his own that he stole me; it was merely to please a stamp-maniac: he meant to give me to a child. [The stamp collector is of no particular age: you see some scarcely six years old; you will meet with some of sixty years, and even more.] This youth had already one of my fellow-countrymen, worth one cent, like myself; he hastened, then, to send me to one of his correspondents at Havre. You cannot imagine the pleasure derived from my appearance by this young collector: he did not trouble even to read the letter that was written him; he was never tired of looking at me. 'Look, what beautiful engraving!' said he to one of his young friends, to whom he was displaying his collection; 'look how clear the letters are! Who would believe that such masterpieces were destined to be marked some day with black or blue?' His friend, not being a collector, did not partake of his enthusiasm; he could not comprehend the pleasure of storing up little pictures more or less soiled. If people wanted the portraits of any sovereign or other celebrity, cannot photography supply their *cartes de visites*? If they fancied an engraving, would it not be much better to purchase one of a reasonable size? But he gave no vent to his thoughts, for that would only have caused an interminable discussion. After having been over and over again examined, I was placed in an album.

I stayed there quietly for some time. You probably wonder what caused my removal:—my master received one of my brethren less obliterated than myself, I was incontinently turned out, and passed into the hands of an ignorant collector.

He ought to be thankful to the authors of manuals and the compilers of albums; for, were it not for them, he would not have known where to put me. Classifying his stamps in a geographical order, he would most likely have placed me between those of Greece and those of Prince Edward Island. Were it not for printed albums, if you told him Nova Scotia is situated near Australia, he would have readily believed you. He could not take much delight in collecting, since he had no notion of geography; so he soon sold his stamps, and I fell into the hands of a dealer.

Alas! how cruelly was I treated by that Jew: he sent me here and there. He sent me to Switzerland, whence I soon returned because he set too high a price upon me; I went to Paris, to Rouen, to Brussels, and back again. He was in despair; he could not get the two francs he wanted for me. The dealers not choosing to have me at that price, he had recourse to the collectors. 'I have a Nova Scotia stamp,' said he to every stamp-maniac he met, and forthwith exposed me to their curious gaze, boasted much of my rarity, and always terminated his chatter in these words: 'You do not possess this magnificent stamp; I sell it you for two francs; it is not dear.' Often did the collector reply, not daring to comply of the exorbitant price:

'Thank you, I have been promised one.' The holder ones used to say, 'I don't want it,' without giving any reason.

(Conclusion next month.)

The *Royal Gazette* of Wednesday, June 28, contains the following appointment:—The Hon. Wm. H. ODELL, to act temporarily as Post-master General, with full authority to discharge the duties incumbent to the office.

(Signed) A. H. GILMOUR, JR.,  
Secretary's Office, 10th June, 1865.

**PROMPTNESS** is our motto! **Small Profits!** Quick Returns! CRAIG & MELVIN, Stamp and Coin Dealers, Princess Street, Saint John, N. B., have constantly on hand a full stock of Colonial Postage Stamps, including the 3d., 6d., and 1s. New Brunswick.—1d., 3d., 6d., and 1s. Nova Scotia,—and 2d., 3d., and 6d., Canada. We regret to announce, for the information of those who have written us concerning the 1s. New Brunswick Stamp unused, that we are unable to procure them. We have, however, a few 3d. stamps, unused, which we will dispose of at a low rate.

We take this opportunity of thanking our many customers for their kind forbearance in waiting till we obtained a further supply of the "BALDWIN'S RAILROAD POSTAGE," and we would state that we will be prepared to accommodate them all, on the 15th of July, inst., having made fresh terms with the PROPRIETOR. Through the kindness of a gentleman in the Southern States, we are enabled to announce a few *genuine CONFEDERATE STAMPS* at a low figure.

Dealers would do well to order our PACKET of COLONIAL POSTAGE STAMPS, well mixed, \$1.00, 6 PACKETS, \$5.50, or 12 PACKETS for \$10.00.

We can also offer a very cheap article in mixed CONTINENTAL STAMPS, or mixed CONTINENTAL and COLONIAL. A good stock of CONNELL PHOTOGRAPHS at 7 cents each, or 75 per dozen.

ONE GENUINE CONNELL STAMP still remaining. FOR SALE.—A COLLECTION of 1100 stamps. PRICE \$150 in Gold. This Collection includes a *Genuine CONNELL*, New Brunswick 2 cent ESSAY, red, and many rare and obsolete stamps.

ALSO.—A COLLECTION of 650 stamps. PRICE \$20.00 in Gold. This Collection includes a *Genuine CONNELL*. Complete sets of the old issue of CANADA, unused; U. S. ENVELOPES, unused; OLD U. S. POST OFFICE, unused; U. S. issue, 1857, unused; Portugal, (*Donna Maria*), unused; obsolete BRAZILIAN, etc., etc., etc.

Both the above COLLECTIONS are mounted in ALBUMS. Intending purchasers will please apply at once. COINS ON HAND. Foreign Stamps sold on Commission. REFERENCES given if required. U. S. LOCALS and ESSAYS constantly on hand.

PRICE LIST free. COMMUNICATIONS answered by return post. Dealers will please send their lists, and Publishers their publications.

All Communications must be pre-paid and addressed  
CRAIG & MELVIN  
Box 145, P. O.,  
St. John, N. B.

P. S.—The "Stamp Argus" will be issued on the 15th of every month.—No. 1, July 15. Annual subscription, 50 cents. C. & M.

**J. A. NUTTER, BOX 519, POST OFFICE, MONTREAL, CANADA EAST**, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS, has always on hand a large and varied assortment, which he offers for sale at reduced prices. New PRICE LIST just out, and will be forwarded on receipt of a stamp for postage to any address. LOCAL AMERICAN and ENVELOPES in great variety, at cheap rates. All kinds of NORTH AMERICAN STAMPS on hand. All communications to be pre-paid.

TENDERS wanted for 5000 used Austrian STAMPS, various issues, in lots of 1000 each.—Address immediately, post paid,  
J. A. NUTTER  
Box 519, P. O. Montreal, C. E.

**CANADA POSTAGE STAMP DEPOT, BOX 86½ MONTREAL.** Postage Stamps of all sorts kept constantly on hand. Wanted, a lot of old and new style New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland. Also some of the rarer coins of these provinces.

PRICE LIST, which has been pronounced to be the best in America, sent on receipt of 10 cents. A Foreign Stamp given away with each.

R. McLACHLAN.

**J. W. T. HUNTER, QUEBEC, C. E.**, has always on hand a large assortment of FOREIGN AND COLONIAL STAMPS, including OLD SWISS CANTONAL, sets of Sicilian, and many other rare Stamps. Send for list. All communications to be pre-paid.

**ALPHA, BOX 181½ P. O., MONTREAL**, has a large lot of used 1c., 2c., 5c., 10c., 12½c., 17c., present issue. Also, 2½d., 3d., and 6d., old issue, Canada, for sale. State best offer per doz. in CASH.

**HUGH W. BECKETT & CO., DEALERS IN BRITISH, FOREIGN, and COLONIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.** Box No. 19, P. O. Montreal.

**ANGUS J. MCINTOSH, Montreal, C. E.**, has constantly on hand a large assortment of FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POSTAGE STAMPS, newly issued and rare, used and unused, and which he will sell at the lowest prices. His \$1 Packet contains 40 varieties of Foreign and Colonial. Also, his 50 cent Packet contains 20 varieties of Foreign and Colonial. Send for his Price List (16 pages) for 10 cents, free. It gives the prices of a very large number of Stamps. American Locals always kept on hand. Wanted to purchase (state price) or exchange, rare stamps. All communication to be pre-paid, (and will be answered by return of mail, certain.) and addressed  
ANGUS J. MCINTOSH,  
Box 133½, Montreal.

**A. C. KLINE, 824 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA., U. S. A.**, dealer in American and Foreign Postage Stamps, Coins, Medals, Minerals, Shells, Indian curiosities of all kinds. Large assortment of all the above on hand. Orders and Exchanges solicited, when prompt returns will be made.

**A FEW CANADA, NOVA SCOTIA, & NEW BRUNSWICK ESSAYS:** also—10d. Canada, can be bought by applying to  
A. J. MCINTOSH,  
Box 133½, Post Office, Montreal.

**29 DOZEN OF THE OLD ONE SHILLING GREAT BRITAIN OBT.** just received, and for sale low by the dozen only. Address  
G. STEWART, JR.,  
St. John, N. B.

DEALERS are requested to send their Price Lists to GEORGE STEWART, JR., St. John, New Brunswick.

**R. McLACHLAN, DEALER IN FOREIGN AND COLONIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.** PRICE LIST sent on receipt of 10 cents in unused postage stamps. BOX 86½, P. O., MONTREAL.

## THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY GAZETTE,

PUBLISHED ON THE FIRST OF EVERY MONTH.

TERMS, 50 CENTS PER ANNUM, IN ADVANCE.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.—5 cents per line for each and every subsequent insertion.

Printed for the Proprietor, GEORGE STEWART, JUNR., at the Dispatch Printing and Publishing Office, Saint John, New Brunswick.

All communications must be post-paid and addressed to  
GEORGE STEWART, JR.,  
St. JOHN, N. B.