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The Stamps of Great Britain.

BY WALDO.

The postal names of Great Britain are for many reasons more interesting than those of any other part of the world. Commencing in 1840 the 1d. black, with stars in corners (it was imperforated and finely engraved on white paper) was probably the oldest adhesive stamps ever issued, with the exception, perhaps, of one or two doubtful locals. During the same year it was issued provisionally with V. R. in upper corners instead of stars. This variety is worth about \$75 unused, and over \$100 used. The ordinary 1d. black is worth about 8 cents used and \$2 unused. A 2d. blue stamp of the same design as the 1d. was in use at this time, having no white lines under the word postage.

The next penny stamp (1841) bore the same design as the 1840 issue, but was printed in a brick-red color and can be obtained on white or blue paper, the blue being caused by a chemical action of the gum. This stamp has been seen rouletted. In the 2d. blue stamps of this issue white lines were inserted under "postage" and over "twopence."

In 1854 the first machine perforated stamps were issued: they

were the same as the preceding series in color, design and value, but, as I have said, were perforated (small 16). They can be found on white and blue paper, and have a very small crown watermark. Unused specimens of 1d. red, on red, are very rare. The same year the perforation was made larger (size 14) and also the watermark changed to a much larger crown, easily distinguished. These can also be found on blue paper. The 1d. red of this set exists in many shades, from a light rose to a yellowish brown. Specimens of these stamps can be found with small perforation and large crown watermark and vice-versa, though they are not common.

Next after the above came the octagonal stamps, which are generally put down as one set, although issued at different periods. They consist of the 6d. lilac, issued in 1854, 10d., brown, issued in 1848, 1s., green, issued in 1847, (Dates subject to correction.) These stamps are very rare in the unused state.

Now we have the first stamps issued with plate numbers. These were the 1d. red and 2d. blue, of the same design as 1840 and 1854, with large perforations, large crown and watermarks and various plate numbers. In the 2d.

blue the thickness of the lines under "postage" and over "two-pence" can be found in two varieties. Two distinct shades of this stamp occur, a rather light prussian blue and a dark violet blue.

In 1855 there was issued a 4d. carmine on blue glazed paper—design quite different; watermark small garter. This stamp worth only \$1.50 used will fetch \$75 unused. The paper of this stamp was changed in 1857 to a blueish but not glazed, and later on again changed to white paper, otherwise it is the same. The same year a 6d. blue and 1d. green were issued, watermark heraldic flowers. The next set issued later on in 1865 consists of five stamps of different values. These had small white letters printed in each corner; watermark, four flowers, except the red, which had a large garter. They consist of the 3d. and 4d. rose, 6d. blue, 9d. brown, 1s. green. The small letters in the corner of the 3d. rose are printed on a shamrock leaf design, and this stamp with the 9d. brown are the last of the set; unused they are very rare.

The design of the next set in 1865 is the same, with the exception of the letters in the corners, which are much larger. They consist of the 3d. rose, 9d. brown, 10d. green; the watermark as before is four flowers. Among this set of stamps is a 3d., lilac, but this deserves to be mentioned alone. It has two different plate numbers, 5 and 6, and a variety printed on paper without any watermark, the first error to be catalogued among English postage stamps and is a great rarity. Next the watermark changes and

becomes a rose full out at the end of a twig with two leaves, known as the Spray of Rose watermark, still the large white letters in the corners. The first is the 3d. rose which has plate numbers from four to ten inclusive, then the 6d. lilac, plate numbers 8 and 9, these two have no hyphen between six and pence whilst the sixpence of the same type plate number six 1867 has a hyphen. Again the design changes and we have two more 6d. stamps, a dark brown with plate number eleven and a light brown with plate number eleven and twelve, rarely met with unused. Again there is a change but this time only in color which becomes a dark grey, plate number twelve. Then in the same set is a 9d. chocolate, plate number one; 1sh., plate numbers four to seven inclusive; 2sh. blue, plate numbers one; 2sh. brown, this stamp is exceedingly rare unused. All the stamps in this list have a common watermark viz: a Spray of Rose and they all have a large white letter in each corner. In the same set there is a 4d. vermilion watermark, a large garter and plate numbers from seven to fourteen. The last to be catalogued in this set is the 5sh. rose. This stamp is a larger rectangular shape to any yet mentioned and has a maltese cross watermark and plate number one and two.—Written for the Stamp Reporter.

(to be continued.)

Messrs. Williams & Co., of Peru, informs us that the Peru government issued at the beginning of the year five new post cards and three stamps.

Postal Cards.

The United States uses in one year 500,000,000 ordinary postal cards, 400,000 paid reply cards and 4,700 international postals.

On the whole the postal card is a conveyance we can hardly imagine ourselves doing without. It is only twenty-six years since Austria issued the world's first postal card. In a little over a quarter of a century this innovation has become a practical necessity to every civilized country, has supplied collectors with another fad, and incidentally has recorded much history.

Special imprints often being issued to celebrate some event of great national importance. The Canadian Government issued 7,000,000 cards of a new design to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. In this case where the issue is so numerous, the collectors are a little interested. Several countries, however, with one eye on the pockets of the collectors, have at various times put forth very limited special issues. These being forced to a factitious value, very many times in excess of their stamped price have generally proved a profitable speculation to the Governments issuing them.—C. B.

A Good Speciment.

We received one of the reprints on original envelope of the Salem, N. C. Local and must say that it is just as represented in the the advertisement of Siewers Bros. on third page of cover. Accompanying the stamp is a written guarantee and it is well worth the price asked.

Philatelic Publishers.



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We take much pleasure in introducing to the public the publishers of the Philatelic Advocate. This paper is one of the oldest of Canada, and is a very good one.



The above cut is that of Mr. W. A. Starnaman. He was born at Berlin, Ont., where he now resides, and began to collect when he was about twelve years old. He is a prominent member of the Dominion Philatelic Association and junior partner of the firm Starnaman & Son, Berlin. In September, 1896, in company with his brother, he began to publish the Philatelic Advocate.



Mr. G. W. Starnaman forms the topic of second. He is about eighteen years of age and began collecting when twelve years old. He is also a member of the Dominion Philatelic Association. He is one of the partners of Starnaman Bros., publishers of the Advocate.

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On the cover of the Boys' Own Philatelic we notice the old familiar cut which was wont to appear monthly on the Advocate.

We have now been publishing our little magazine for six months and our future is still bright. Many stamp people stated when we first made our start that our existence would be short and that we would not see our third issue. They must now acknowledge that their prophecy did not come true.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. William Nicholson will hereafter conduct our Review Department. Although he has reviewed most of all our exchanges yet it was not his fault

if any were omitted. Many publishers did not mail him a copy for review.

We wish to thank the Comet Stamp Co., of Toronto, for the sample of their hinges; Mr. Kirby of Tauliton for some of the same and Mr Geo. Davenport for one of the first new postal cards.

The Standard Stamp Co. has some bargains for you on page 8.

Notice our combination offers on our advertising pages.

Toronto Notes.

The Canadian Philatelic Advertiser is announced to appear from Toronto some time in March. W. A. Lydiatt intends publishing same in connection with his now popular and prosperous Advertising and Subscription Agency. We wish him success.

Mr. Fred G. Ross of New York city, Vice-President of the American Collectors Co., is in the city with the Russel Fox Des Angeles.

The Toronto correspondent of the Perforator makes a rather random statement in January issue of that paper. Says he "By the way the Toronto General Post Office is quite a philatelic hunting ground", and mentions buying some Newfoundland's at face. Probably he met a friend there and bought of him. To my knowledge they do not sell Newfoundland stamps over the counter at the Toronto General Post Office. We would like an explanation.

Several attempts have been made by junior and senior collectors to organize and reorganize respectively a stamp collect-

ors' club in this city and although so far their efforts have not been successful yet we hope before long to be able to announce that their efforts have not been in vain. If collectors would only wake up to see the great privilege they are missing perhaps it wouldn't be such hard work to organize and keep together stamp collectors clubs in the various towns and cities of our continent. I like the words of John Luff when he said in advocating the Collectors Club of New York, "a thing succeeds not because of those who wait to see if it is a success but because of those who take hold and make it a success." Now take hold and make it a success. You won't be sorry.

Two or three times during the past month all three issues of Canada stamps have been on sale at the Toronto General Post-office at the same time. The other day when I was in there they had the three different post cards and three cent jubilee and three cent new issue, and so you could have your choice. How is this?

Chas. A. Needham of Hamilton visits Toronto occasionally and he generally takes back more (stamps) than he brings.

WALDO.

American Notes.

BY STAMPS.

I notice that a large number of philatelists are clamoring for a monthly magazine containing 50 or more pages of reading matter, romances, etc., connected in some way with philately.

A great many publishers are complaining of the increasing

number of sample coppers. One publisher received as many as four postals from one party within two months. Is there no redress for this?

[The publisher should not send so many sample copies to one person nor even answer his postal.]—Ed.

Harold Nelson, M. D. was arrested in Rochester, N. Y., a few weeks ago for keeping stamps sent to him on approval. One New York dealer lost \$46.00 by sending Nelson some stamps on approval.

Several prominent collectors in the United States have lost a considerable amount of valuable stamps by them being taken off the envelopes coming through the mail.

The January Number of The Stamp Reporter was another fine edition. I certainly think it is the best paper in the Dominion.

The S. S. S. has been received. I hope it will be more useful in the future than in the past.

The one peso postage due of Chili, 1895 issue, is a stamp that every collector should procure now, if possible, as only a little over 800 were issued.

The original die of the rare Salem N. C. Local, and a small number of original envelopes have been found in Salem.

A western paper says that it is doubtful if Mr. Cariou's Cochin China stamps are genuine.

The new stamp paper announced from Brooklyn has failed to make its appearance.

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PRESS REVIEW.

All magazines desiring to be reviewed under this column must send two copies to the publishers and one to Wm. A. Nicholson, St. Catharines, Ont.

The Herald Exchange arrived as usual with its good notes and articles.

The last chapter "A Romance of Philately" is the leading article of the February Home Worker.

The February Number of the Perforator sustains its former reputation. The chief articles are the notes from various cities, etc.

The Kid, Beaver City, contains some very good illustrations this month. It is only part philatelic still it is always made welcome.

The Lone Star State Philatelist comes into our presence for the first time with its January Number. It is very neat and has some fine reading matter.

The Junior Collector No. 6 contains association reports, a short article entitled "A Unique Collection," and advertisements, making a fine juvenile paper.

The conclusion of "The Mysterious Stamp" seems to be the principle article of the Philatelic Advocate for February. The notes etc. are the same as usual.

The February Number of the Little Wave is much smaller in dimensions but has more pages. We are sorry to hear of one of the publishers death, Mr. Frank L. Van Dermark.

"The Omaha Exposition Stamps" is the leading article in

STAMP COLLECTORS' DIRECTORY.

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Chas. A. Galrirar, 124 Java St. Brooklyn, N. Y.

the International Philatelist for January. Several prominent philatelic men have expressed their views in regard to those "specs."

The second number of the Boys Own Philatelist has arrived and is artistic and stapled. A little criticism by the way—the ink is rather heavy for the paper which makes it look somewhat blurred.

The Virginia Philatelist comes first to our notice with the February Number. It is one of the brightest papers in the United States and is well got up in very fine style and printed on good paper showing excellent workmanship all the way through.

The December Number of the Philatelic Messenger has been received and, as usual, is very neat in style and up-to-date in its articles. The "Notes" are very interesting as is the descriptive catalogue. Keep on Brother Knight. You are doing good.

Local Items.

The Colonist Stamp Co. of Toronto intends to issue a stamp paper shortly.

A great many collectors have jubilees hoarded up waiting for the price to rise.

A large number of juniors have joined the ranks lately and stamps are on the boom.

Mr. W. A. Nicholson has for sale a 6d. Prince Albert, Canadian stamp catalogued at \$60.

We have received both the new post cards, green and red, but do not understand the difference in color, adapted perhaps for a little variety.

Mr. R. G. Widdicombe was confined to the house for a few days last month with a light attack of La Grippe. We are pleased to see him about again.

There has been a great deal said about the D. P. A. Convention by several writers. Surely they can devote their attention to something else for a time.

The Revenue Philatelist Vol. I No. 1 published by the Johnstown Stamp & Publishing Co. comes into our sanctum with a bright appearance. It is issued quarterly and consists of some very good articles, the most prominent being an article on "The Revenue Stamps of the World," in which the revenues of Canada come first accompanied by a very fine half tone of these stamps. This paper wishes the Revenue Philatelist every success:

Odds and Ends of Interest.

Nearly five billion 2-cent stamps are used in the United States annually.

It is stated that 21,000 of the one franc stamp of Madagascar printed with the name in blue instead of in red. Of these, 6,000 were sold in Paris, the remaining 15,000 being sent to the colony.

The one-cent and two-cent denominations of the new Newfoundland set for permanent use are out. The one-cent looks quite a good deal like the one-cent jubilee, but is carmine, instead of green. The two-cent has a portrait of the Prince of Wales, and is orange in color.

Some Boston speculators are reported to be trying to get a corner on the one half-cent stamp of Canada, new issue. As this is to be a permanent issue, however, and as the Bank Note Company can print any values in unlimited quantities, it would seem as if the attempt to buy the half-cent value would be about as successful as the attempt to bale the ocean dry with a tea spoon.

The special stamp issued to celebrate the opening of the railroad from Cape Town to Bulawayo, South Africa, was issued November 3. It is said that this stamp will be good for postage only during the time of the celebration of the event, after which the plates will be destroyed. This is a speculative and unnecessary stamp of the worst type, and no collector should buy it.

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