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## ODDS AND ENDS.

jY "ACADIA."

The editor of the "Stamp World" would have us believe that he is a very independent sort of fellow. He says in an article concerning the coming election of a secretary for the A. P. A., "we never yet supported a man for any office who asked us for our vote, \&c." Now isn't Mr. John M. Hubbard somewhat inconsistant when he takes such a stand? Has he never asked support for his little paper with the big nane? Does he never solicit patronage for his stock in trade? Has he never canvassed collectors for matter fur his Journal? The "genial John" as he very modestly styles himself in his editorial notes would soun find himself and his paper "in the consomuic " if he neglected to hustle around as usual for what he mants. Manly independance is always admirable but I fail to see the difference between asking in a straightfurward manner for what you want or in getting another party to do it for you. Of the two ways I certainly prefer the former. Mr. Hubbard's mode of working up sủpport for Bradt, savors much more strongly of the "appealing" character than does Mr. Walton's plain, businesslike card. A few more such notes as Mr. Hubbard's in a few more such papers as the "Stamp World" would certainly do much to make Mr. Walton's election secure.

Isn't it about time Mr. J. R. Hooper adopted a new "Nom-de-plume" as he seems to have such an everlasting stock of - will we say "hash"? For that is the only term which I can apply to it as it seems to contain a little of everything and not much of anything. In his advocacy of the Hill side of the question as to whom the honor of inventing adhesive stamps is due, he reminds me very forcibly of a boy who had located a hornets nest and could not resist the temptation to give it a little poke and then lay back while the inmates turned
out "looking for blood." He certainiy shculd know when to stop or should at least leave such men as Wolsieffer and Davidsou alone unless he is one of those who do not know when they have got enough.

Capt. C. A. Coolidge's article in the November "American Philatelist" while only a page and a half in length offers more material for reflec. tion than many an entire volume. The very pertinent heading of the artice is enough to make any intelligent or advanced collector consider "Are stamps increasing in value." He tells us that he began a comparison of Scott's Catalogue with his 1889 or latest issue, and found contrary to his supposition that very many stamps issued previous to the first named date are much cheaper to-day than twenty years ago. At first sight this does seem very strange and can only be accounted for by the increased interest taken in stamp collecting in recent years, which has resulted in the resurrection of millions of old stamps which would otherwise have been almost totally lost. Ten years ago dealers would scarcely pay enough for parcels of old stamps to make it worth the trouble of any one to look them up, while now we find every large dealer and hundreds of would-ke dealers offering large prices for the old issues of almost every country except a few of the European nations. As an instance of the results of this system of advertising I might mention the case of a friend of mine who inserted a small advertisement in one of the weeklies of this country for some months. Within a year from the time he commenced advertising he had purchased or handled some thousands of the early provincial issues, far more in fact than he thought were in existence. These suamps were fished out of old trunks and. dusty garrets mostly by people who knew nothof the comparative values of the specimens and were only interested in securing the cash they world bring from the purchaser. There is no doubt but the value of scarce stamps will
steadily increase as the years roll on. But of the common use varieties there are enough in sight to keep them at a low figure for many years to come. One feature of the stamp busiuess which Capt. Coolidge has not touched upon and which $I$ am sure will be in future the most powerful factor in determing and regulating the value of stamps are the ever increasing stamp auction soles. Any one who buys stamps at auction will find chances at every sale to buy stamps much below regular catalogue rates, often indeed for 25 to 30 per cent of prices asked by dealers. The effect of all this will be that dealers must in future mark their scare stamps at or about auction prices or they will not sell freely. Capt. Coolidge's advice to collectors to go easy in purchasing used specimens of recent issues is sound and should be taken to heart by every collector who does not want to feel later on that he has been too hasty.

If the Stamp Journals keep up the discussion, etc. of the iniquitous "Salvador Contract," the Hamilton Engraving Co'y, will have its prospective stock in trade so thoroughly advertised that publishers will not have the chance offered them of exchanging advertising space for the much absued issues. We will watch with some interest the investment of certain dealers and collectors who now express such a wealth of virtuous indignation about this natter.

I note "Rattler's" letter anent N. S. and iN. B, Shilling and trust he will pardon me for saying that the name he has selected to write over is in this instance strikingly appropriate, for he is certanuly "rattled" on this question as I will attempt to prove. In the first place "Acadia" pleads "not guilty" to the charge of "bulling" N. S. Shillings. He bas never endeavored to force the price up, but has been perfectly satisfied to leave the collectors of America to decide at auction sales what they are worth. Probably the best reason why they cannot be bought in Halifax except for high figures is that it is very seldom one is offered for sale. I say right here that there is no concerted action among Halifax collectors with the view to advance the price. I honestly and firmly believe that what I said in my former
note in reply to Mr . Stone is true in the strictest sense. The reason why the Nova Scotia collectors value their Shillings so highly is that they are the oues who can best decide upon their rarity, as they have all experienced the difficulties, and disappointments in searching for them. I collected stamps for more than ten years before I found. ene. There are in Halifax to-day probably more than fifty collectors and I will wager any amount that not ten of them have the Shilling N. S., and bear in mind that the city of Halifax has offered much greater facilitics in the past for securing those specimens than all the rest of the province. Outside of Halifax "Rattler" could not buy three N. S. Shillings for $\$ 100$, if he was willing to pay so much, for the reason that they are not to be found (I refer to the province of Nova Scotia.) Surely that is fair evidence of their rarity. For some years the few Shillings which have been sold down here have been disposed of by collectors who were breaking up their collections and thus the only specimens they had were sold and in no case were they duplicates. When I named the amount of $\$ 25$ as having been paid by a Halifax collector last year I did not say the stamp was worth it. I did it to show the estimation in which it was held down here, the home and birthplace of it. There is little doubt but $\$ 20$ will buy a good specimen and personally I think it is enough. But as they have sold at auction for more than that amount there is no good reason why a collector who has one to sell should not get quite as mach as a similar one bas realized at auction. "Ratticr" now knows my idea of the value of the stamp, and is he is certain that I could be called upon to make good my pledge, then I have only to say that [ heartily congratulate the collectors in Canada who have the "other twelve" specimens. I cheerfully agree with "Rattler" that the cut 6.d. of N.S. and N.B., particularly the latter are quite as rare as the Shilling, but from the fact that few catalogues mention them and fewer still name any price for them it is difficult for the holder of such a specimen to secure anything like its real value. And now to conclude this note which is much longer than at first intended. As Asadia remarked, when taking exception to Mr. Stone's
article, he does not accuse him of malice aforethought in his attempt to cheapen the Shilling stamps and had Mr Stone been aware of the fact that the Halifax collectors hunted up every available Shilling in orde. to make an interesting exhibit almost solely in honor of our diatinguished American visiting members, probably his article would not have been written. Certainly the treatment he received at the hands of the Halifax members, was deserving of a more fitting return.

## COSTA RICA SURCHARGES.

Springfielid, Mass., Nov. 15, 1889.

## F. J. Grenny,

Dear Sir.-Permit ne to call your attention to a number of Costa Rica surcharges, which I have noticed recently in circulation on ${ }^{\text {the C. P. A. exchange sheets. I refer to the }}$ first issue with the word oficial surcharged in black. The following letter will perbaps shed some light upon the subject. The $\frac{1}{2}, 2$ and 4 r . stamps surcharged 5, 10 and 20 cts., without U. P. U. are from the same source. The James J. Ross mentioned in the letter was the purchaser of part, if not all, of the remainders of the old issue. These humbugs were exposed at the time, and I am surprised to find prominent C. P. A. officers who offer them for sale on the exchange sheets.

> Yours truly, W.C.STONE, C. P. A. 123.

General Post Office of the Republic of Costa Rica, San Jose, Aug. 7, 1883.
Cecil Sharpe,
I have the honor to reply to your esteemed favor of to-day as follows :

The postage stamps issued by Costa Rica before joining the Universal Postal Union, were 1 peso yellow, 4 reals green, 2 reals red, $\frac{1}{2}$ real blue ; 1c. and 2c. blue surcharged. When the Republic entered the Universal Postal Union there were provisionally surcharged the green stamps with the inscription 20 c. U.P. U., the red with 10c. U. P. U. and the blue with 5c. U. P. U.

With the word oficial there have been only those of the new issue which are still sur
charged and also certain ones which I am informed have been sent by James J. Ross to be sureharged by permission of the Minister of Finance but which stamps I assure you have never been in use in the country.

> Yours, ctt.
> A. M. G. Escalante.

It will be noticed that the oficial surcharge on the 1883 issue is in three styles of type. The first measures $6 \frac{1}{2}$ mim. in length and only the $O$ is a capital; the second measures the same but is in thin capitals; the third measures 8 mim . and is in heavy capitals. The Ross surcharge is in plain Roman capitals and measures 9 mim . The genuine 1 c . and2c. on $\frac{1}{2} r$. have heavy figures 4 mim . in length; those on the 5,10 and 20 c . are smaller and bear also the letters U. P. U., which are missing sntirely in the bogus issues. The type of iue bogus surcharges is also much smaller.

## C. P. A. PHOTOGRAPH.

All members of C. P. A. who have not sont in their Photos as yet are earnestly requested to do so at once. You are not obliged to take a Photograph when completed, if you dn not desire it, but would request you to send me your Photo until I can get a copy taken from it, and it will be returned in good condition.

Victor H. Young,
C. P. A. 189,
?. O. Box 2143,
Montre ${ }_{\text {al. }}$
Mr. Fred. Burnett, oi Brantford, has sent for our inspection the 20 c bill, 3 rd issue, Canada, on laid paper; we consider it a great rarity.

Millard F. Waiton has been elected Secretary of the A. P. A. We believe he will muke a good officer.

Publishers who favor us with copies of their catalogues or books will have the same reviewed impartially by the editor of this paper.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I regret to say that there have been but four applications this month, and hope that more will come in, by the time for my next report.

LISt of applications no. 16.
Ingram C. Morgeson, Waterville, King's Co. N. S. References: H. L. Hart, Donald A. King.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.
D. A. King,

Secretary.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Although making a lengthy report in the last 'No. it becomes necessary to supplement it in order to make it as complete as possible. I have received the following donations since the last report:-
Ernest F. Wurtele, Quebec ... ......... 128 pes.
V. H. Young, Montreal................... 43 "

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Total.................................. 211 ،
This is really a splendid showing, enabling me to fill up a lot of volumes and beside have some duplicates to exchange. Messrs. Murtele, Young and Lane deserve great praise for their generosity, while Mr. Godine shows a splendid spirit for his liberality, although I believe be is not a member of the Association as yet. After this month I will not catalogue each No. received, but only complete volumes, so as not to take up so much space. The following have been added to the Library :-

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## CASHIERED THE QUEEN'S HEAD.

I see that our affectionate kinsmen in New South Wales have cashiered the Queen's head in their latest issue of postage stamps, in commeration of their centenary. The place formerly occupied by the conventional effigy of royalty is now filled, in the case of the penny stamp, by a landscape-colonial, I presumeand not particularly interesting in character, at least to the home-bred eye. In the case of the two-penny stamp, Her Majesty's features are superseded by a full-length portrait of what I take to be an emu, and a much better likeness, I dare say, as well as more suggestive to the colonial mind, than the picture which it replaces. On the whole, I think that both in sentiment and artistic merit this New South Wales issue compares favorably with some of our Jubilee efforts; but I do not know that the exuberant colonial loyalty of which we hear so much comes out strong in it.-Labouchere.

## SOME REMARKS ON THE CANADA TWELVE PENOE, AND CONCERNING THAT ISSUE.

BY DONALD A. KING.
Continued from July.
'The amount of stamps sold in this year, was as follows:


This shows another issue of the 12 -pence to the number of 265 , making a total issue of 1,510 stamps, nearly double Mr. Harte's number, but very few in comparison with the number of collectors who want them.

This year finished their issue to the public, and the following year they are only taken stock of, as see repnrt for that year, ending March 31st, 1856 :

|  | 3d. | 6 d . | 10d. | 12d. | £ | 8 d |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| On hand March 31, 1855. | 24,200 | 47.000 | 83,880 | 49,490 | 7.467 | 00 |
| Received this year from manufacturers...... | $600,300$ |  |  |  | 7,503 | 150 |
| Total | (i24.500 | 47.800 | 83880 | 49490 | 14,970 | 50 |
| Issued for sale during year | 368,700 | 38,419 | 12,060 |  | 6,071 | 14 ( |
| Balance on hand March 31, 1856 .............. | 255,800 | 9,381 | 71,820 | 494.90 | 8,899 | 06 |

This is the last public appearance of the 12-pence-what became of the balance of 49,490 stamps is unknown, but they were, no doubt, burned; the reports give not the slightest idea of their fate.

Mr. Harte says they are printed on thin laid paper, but at least one used specimen is known on thick wove, as in the Philatelic Record for July, 1888 , in the proceedings of the Philatelic Society of London, a Mr. Ransom showed an undoubted post-marked specimen of the 12 pence on stout wove paper.

In this article the bulk of the stamp accounts are given aud, at the risk of wearying the reader, we will give them all and thus get an idea of the total number of Canada pence issucd.

The next report is for the half year ending Sept. 30, 1856, and the year ending Sept. 30, 1857, and the issue is as follows:

| $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. | 3 d . | (id. | $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. | 10d. | £ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| lance on hand Mar. 31, 18 | 255. 800 | 9.331 |  | 71820 |  | 10 ( |
| Received from Manufacturers in th y'r to Sopt. 30 |  | 50,000 |  |  | 1,250 |  |
| Total | 255,500 | :9,331 |  | 71.820 |  | 106 |
| Issue for sale during h | 186200 | 24,781 |  | ( 540 | 3,219 | 106 |
| ance Oct | 69,600 | 34,600 |  | 62,280 | 4.450 | 00 |
| ceived from Manufacturers year ending Sept. <br> 30, 1857 ................ .. ............... 1, 341,600 | 600,000 | 50.078 | 100,080 |  | 14, 57.4 | 0 |
| Total.................................. 1,341600 | 600,600 | 84,678 | 100080 | 65.280 | 19121 | 0 |
| sue for sale during year ending Sept. 30, 1857.. 757,320 | 587.900 | 60,600 | 22,860 | 21,750 | 12,062 |  |
| Balance on hand......................... 504,280 | 81,700 | 24,c78 | 77,220 | 43,530 | ,167 |  |
| For the year ending Sept 30, 1858, the issue was: <br> Balance on hand Oct 1., $1857 \ldots \ldots . .$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Recevved from Manufacturer during year........1,258,920 | 900,000 | 100,000 | 77,220 | 72,120 | 19,377 | 50 |
| Total ............................... 1,843 200 | 981,7 | 124,078 | 77.220 | 115,(850 | 26445 | 16 |
| sue for sale during the year................... 1,465,440 | 717.200 | 82,500 | 15,090 | 37,230 | 16,103 | 63 |
| alance on hand Sept. 31, 1818 | 264,500 | 41,578 | 2,130 | 8,420 |  |  |

We now come to the closing chapter in the pence issue of Canada. The last statement brings us up to June 30, 18a9, and is as follows:

The large remainders that were left no doubt sharcd the fate of the 12 pence, as unused copies are very scarce.

The total number of each value issued for sale were:


From these the perforated varieties should be deducted. They were issued for sale about the end of 1857 and, as will be seen by the figures, a large amount must have been sold.

Again, from these should, perhaps, be taken the quantity which would be returned in by the various post offices to exchange for the decimal issue. Still it is possible that this last account may have been made up after those stamps came in.

Evon with these deductions it is not very easy to understand why the pence issues shouid
be so scarce, although in some values this may, to a certain extent, be accounted for, as the $\frac{1}{2}$ penny which was used for newspaper postage and thus had little chance of being preserved. The $7 \frac{1}{2}$ and 10 d . being sent out of the country would account for their scarcity, although they ought not to be very scarce in England, where the bulk of them were sent.

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. - There are three new stamps 12c. blue, head of J. B. Alberdi; 20c. blue green, head of Julio A. Roca; 3c. blue green, head of Prest. Celman.
BULGARIA. - Le T. P., says the $\overline{\mathrm{a}} \times$ º sto. card is the same type as the 5 sto. card of 1887.
COSTA RICA.-The 1c. and 2c. of the new issue are surcharged "Guanacaste."
CURACAO. - The figure of value in the new 2 c . is upright. The 27 c . and 5 c . have also been issued with figure of value in centre.
DANISH, W. I.-The 3c. card has now a period after "Vestindien" and the period after " Danoises" is within the parentheses.
GERMAN EMPIRE.-The new 3 pf. brown, and 5 pf. green have figure of value in centre and "Reichspost" below. The 10 rose, 20 blue, 25 orange and 50 red brown, bave eagle
in a circle and "neichspost" above. There are also band 3 pf., envelope 10 pf., Cards, 5 pf. $5 \times 5$ pf., 10 pf ., $10 \times 1(1 \mathrm{pf}$., same color as the same stamps of same value.

The stamps are surcharged for use in the Levant, of the same value as the last issue.
GIBRALTAR.-The surcharged envelope comes size G. The new stamps without surcharge have commenced to appear.

We have seen the 5 c. , and 10 c ., and the 5c. card.
GUATEMALA.-Le T. P., notes the 10 c . surcharged in two lines " 1889 -Official," and M. Maury, announces envelopes of 5c. and 10 c . and new cards of 2 c., 3 ., $2 \times 2$ c. and $3 \times 3$ c. No particulars are given.
JAPAN.-Licut. Wainwright informs us that the 5 rin gray and the old 6 sen, come perforated $13 \frac{1}{2}$.
KHEAN GUAN.-The $I$. B. J. says the 2c. rose of Straits Settlements is surcharged with name of this State.
LIBERIA.-According to the I. B. J. there are three types of the 10 c . envelope stamp.
MEXICO.-Le 7 . $P$., has envelopes of 5 c. blue and 10 c . red, with flap opening at the left end. At the left is an carle and the words "Servicio Postal Mexic:an" in red. They are of white wove paper; also in envelope 5c. biue on laid paper, $146 \times 89 \mathrm{~m}$. Watermarks, arms in circle.
NEWFOUNDLAND.-The bands noted last month resemble those of Trinidad, and the colors are 1c. dark green, 2c. carmine, 3c. brown. There are also two eavelopes somewhat resembling the Ceylon 4c. with "Newfoundland Postage" above and value below. "Three cents," dark lilac, 120 s 90 mm ., and "Five cents" blue, 140 x 78 mm ., both on white laid paper.
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PAHANG.-The $I . B$. J. says the $2 c$. rose of Straits Settlements is surcharged with name of this State.

QUEENSLAND.-The Ph. $R$. has a new card of 1d. $124 x 76 \mathrm{~m}$, resembling those of 2 d . and 3d. lately issucd, crimson lake, on buff.

RODMANTA.-The I. B. J., informs us that the current stamps are now watermarked with the arms of Roumania (shield, crown, etc.,)
and the 5 bani. unpaid letter stamps is green on yellow.
SARAWAK.-The 8c. has been surcharged " 2 c ," in black over the value.
SANTANDER.—The A. J. of $P$. illustrates a new 1c. The value is in an oval in the centre at the bottom with "correos" on each side. The eagle is smaller and the lettering larger. Perforated 13.
SHANGHAI.-The following have appeared with watermark; 40 black. 60 rose (perf. 15), 80 green and 100 blue (per 12).
SIAM.-The 2att. is surcharged with native characters signifying, latt. in addition, in black thus making the value 3att.
SPAIN.-Der Ph. notes the 10c. card with new stamp. Dark brown on buff.
SURINAM.-Mr. Kerbs has shown us the 1 g . with red brown frame and gray head.
SWEDEN.-The 12 and 24 ore have been surcharged in blue, with a circle containing three crowns over the central figure of value, " 10 " in each of the upper corners and "Tio ore" below. There were issued respectively $1,957,000$ and 204,000 . Similarly the 12 and 24 ore officials have been surcharged with crowns at the sides over the ovals containing the values. Suspended from these is a band inscribed "Tio-10-ore" and at the top below 'Sverige" is "Tjenstefrimarke," of these there were issued 201,000 and 144,000 . The 12 ore envelope has also become 10 ore by surcharge of " 10 " over the crowns, a rectagular label below containing "Kongl Postverket" and below this "Tio ore," 88,000 of them were made.
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