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#### MACAO.

#### BY HENRY HECHLER.

The last provisional issue of Macao, which appeared in the fall of 1887, are quite interesting to students of philately, being entirely unique, as regards their different details.

The previous provisionals were a series of postal stamps of the face values of 80,100 and 200 reis, which were surcharged with lower values and served for When the supply of these became exhausted and the new stock that had been ordered from the home government not arriving they resorted to using the fiscals—the "Imposto do Sellos" which are 134 inches in length and 116 inches in width. The values thus appropriated for pestal purposes were the 10, 20 and 60 reis. The base color of the stamps is green. A frame work 1/8 inches wide runs round the outer margin of the stamps. The centre of the stamp is occupied by the Portuguese coat of arms surrounded by an oval band. ground work between the coat of arms and the band being filled in with fine horizontal lines of yellow. The ground of the band is green with a narrow white line inside and another outside of it. The upper semi-oval bears in white capital letters the inscription: "IMPOSTO DO described from the body of the stamp

Sellos," and in the lower in the same letters the word "MACAN. On either side between the upper and the lower inscriptions are three small rosettes with a star between each. A rectangular frame immediately surrounds the oval band, leaving a triangular space at each corner, which is filled in with scroll work. This frame measures to inches by inch. Thus between this frame and the outer one spoken of above a space remains at the top and at the bottom of the stamp of 1/4 inches in depth, inner measurement. This is made into a pannel which is filled with fine yellow, perpendicular but broken lines. The upper pannel bears in black figures the original fiscal value with an oblong rosette on either side of the figures. The lower pannel has in large black capitals the word "REIS" and an ornamental lance -head shape from the outer border of the pannel pointing inwards. The outer frame is traversed by fine lines; those across the top and bottom being perpendicular, and those on the sides running horizontally. The small squares thus formed at each corner bear a rosettte each. In preparing these fiscal stamps to be used for postal purposes perforation lines were run across, above and below so as to divide the pannels above

and other perforation lines dividing off the outer frame work on the sides. They were then surcharged in vermillion in three lines—in the centre of the coat of arms was the new figure of value in a large block letter; directly above the coat of arms the word "CORREO," and below in heavier but somewhat smaller type the word "REIS." The new values thus surcharged were 5, 10, and 40 reis. In the 10 r. the word "CORREO" is printed in smaller type than in the other surcharges. The five surcharge is found on the 10, 20 and 60 reis of which the first-named are the rarest as only a small number were issued. Moderate number of the 20's were surcharged and they are esteemed almost as highly as the 10's; There were more of the 60's so surcharged than any other and they are therefore not so rare. The 10 was surcharged on the 10 and the 40 on the 20 reis fiscal

It was optional with the public in using them to place them on the letters or parcels either entire or to tear away the portions perforated off if room was needed. Of course those used entire are regarded as far more valuable, commanding three times as much as those which were curtailed.

My object in writing this short sketch is to advise philatelic friends, if these stamps come into their hands, to preserve them entire.

This provisional series was in use for a very short time, only when the new series-which is similar to the new ssamps of Portugal and its colonies, and were received and went into immediate! Therefore these provisionals must become extremely valuable before long.

The values and colors of the new series are as follows:

5 reis black. 50 reis blue. 10 " 80 " green. slate.

20 " 100 " red-brawn carmin.

200 " 25 violet. lilac. 40 " 300 " brown. orange.

The crown type series thus becomes obsolete.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters of enquiry not accompanied by 3c, for postage will be inserted under this heading.

- J. A. P., Hamilton.—The Philatelic Courier was not the first stamp paper published in Canada. In 1865 Mr. George Stewart, of St. Johns, N.B., published the Stamp Collector's Monthly Journal. 1868, Mr. Scott, a clerk in the law firm of Crooks, Kingsmill & Catanach, published the Stamp Advocate in this city, and in 1874 two stamp papers were published. the Collector and the Beaver. The only catalogues of revenue stamps published in Canada to our knowledge was that of Gibson & Co. in 1875, that of Mr. F. H. Best in 1877 and Mr. Ketcheson's, 1887.
- J. H. R., Montreal.—Neither stamps nor envelopes are of any philatelic value, any one may register a letter with ordinary postage stamps.
- A. H. W., Toronto. The rubber stamp impressions of Jays Despatch which you refer to, and which have also been mentioned in some of the leading American philatelic papers, are of no philatelic value whatever. It is only a schene of young Jay's, a stamp collector of La Hoyt, Iowa., seeking for notriety.
- H. A. N., N. Y.—Halifax was not the bears the portrait of the king in relief- first to organize a philatelic society. Toronto had a philatelic society in 1885.
  - A. B. B., Syracuse-Stamps imported into Canada, whether used or unused, are classed as engraved paper, on which a lduty of 30% is imposed.

For the TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL.

# Pithy Philatelic Pointers.

#### BY CANADENSIS

I have at last succeeded in unearthing something novel. A person high in official position in 1882 was ordered to burn all the remaining bill stamps of the Government. In handling over a number of sheets of the third issue \$3 stamps, he came across a sheet of the same *un*perforated and ungummed. Permission was given for the official to retain some of them, and for a long time they were lost to his knowledge. In looking over some old envelopes the other day he came across two unsevered and these are now in the possession of Mr. J. R. Hooper, who refused a fine offer for them.

Speaking of bill stamps reminds me of that useful little catalogue of President Ketcheson's. I hope he will give us the price both for used and unused specimens, as the latter are decidedly the best and rarest of the bills, and U.S. collectors are beginning to enquire largely after them.

The C.P.A. Excharge Department, I see, is now in good running order, and Mr. Grenny deserves great credit for his system of working this important office.

I would like to see all the officers send in their reports monthly to the official organ.

Where will the C.P.A. Convention be held at next election? Toronto or Montreal would seem fitting places

I hope every one will send all their old catalogues and papers, etc., to our Librarian, Mr. Walker. By the way, I see the latter gentleman was in Ottawa with Mr. Hooper last week. Walker is a dandy curlier, and belongs to the champion team which won the Governor-General's cup.

Let all C.P.A. members use Scott's catalogue as a standard, and when Ketcheson's new list for Brit sh North America comes out it will be the standard for Canada.

I see there is talk in the U.S. of the dealers using the A.P.A. exchange dept. to sell their stamps. I am sure our C.P.A. executive and officers will shut down if anything is attempted here. How would a limit on sheets do?

Can any of our collectors inform us of the following firms, stamps being sent to them and no reply received after writing three times in each case:—Max Richter, Chemintz, Saxony; Jas. Steiner, Honolulu, Hawaii; T. B. Meyer, Callas, Peru; Edw. Heim, Vienna, Austria; Benjamin & Bannister, London, Eng. Any word whether these parties are alive or not will benefit philately.

Yours philatelically CANADENSIS.

### Philatelic Tid-Bits.

BY HENRY S. HARTE.

The first stamp paper published is the United States appeared in 1867. F. Triffet, Boston, Mass., was the publisher.

During 1887 there were published six papers in Canada devoted wholly or partially to the interests of philatelists.

Dr. Stephan, a German State official, is said to be the originator of the Post Card.

Autria was the first country however to use them; its first issue was Oct.. 1869; Hungary Nov. 1st, 1869, and Germany not until July, 1870.

Japan has the cheapest postal service

in the world.

Monsieur Dr. Velayer, a Frenchman, is said to have used a label or stamp in 1653 as a means of preparing postage on a letter.

A post office was instituted in Paris, France, in 1759. It was a private and not a Govenument office.

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#### TORONTO, MARCH, 1888.

OWING to lack of space we have been obliged to omit our portrait this month. Our next month's issue will contain that of Mr. F. J. Grenny.

THIS month we had intended to combine the Niagara Falls Philatelist and issue a double number, but learning that there was a hitch in the above co npany we decided to have no connection with it, so we again appear in our old form.

In the C.P.A. Roll of Members, published in our last issue, No. 57 should read Fred. Burnett instead of T. Burnett, and No. 107, C. A. Townsend, Akron, Ohio, instead of Arkon.

An error in our last number made the Secretary's report read "I will personally

reduce this to me." The latter word should have been nil. Quite a difference.

"THE BLUFTON STAMP SOCIETY," by "Philo" is to hand with its 70 pages of interesting matter. Young collectors will find this book very instructive.

THE address of Geo. H. Cox has been changed from 9 Dresden Row, Halifax, to Shelbourne, N.S.

—Mr. French informs us that sickness was the cause of the delay in publishing the Canadian Philatelist.

Peru intends to burn a certain proportion of her surplus paper currency monthly until the circulation is reduced to trade requirements.

THE people of Manitoba sent over 4,000,000 letters and postcards through the mails last year. There was an average of 21½ to each person.

A Postage Stamp Exchange and Mart is shortly to be opened in Vienna. The Austrian Postoffice sells annually 8,000 florins' worth of stamps out of use to collectors. No less than 60,000 florins' worth of Eastern postage tamps are exported every year from Vienna. Cards of admission to the Postage Stamp Exchange will on no conditions be delivered to collectors under 18 years of age.

# Its English You Know.

Mr J. A. Caron, formerly of St. Luce Station, Que., informs us that on Fcb. 11th, 1887, he sent a post office order to the value of \$7.00 to L. D. & J. K. Ferguson, Stamp Dealers of London, England, for 50,00 Continentals. Having written them several times and received no reply he

wrote to the Postmaster-General, and received the following reply which speaks for itself:

Post Office Department, Ottawa, 22nd Feb., 1888.

Dear Sir,—With further reference to the above noted Money Order, and to the letter from this Branch of 17th ultimo, I beg to say that information has to-day been received from the British Postal Department that payment was made at Vere St. West London Post Office, on 26th February, 1887, to the signature of L. D. & J. K. Ferguson & Co. It is therefore impossible for the amount to be repaid to you.

I am, Dear Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. A. Caron, Esq., for Scrpt.

331 West Superior St.,

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# PURCHASING DEPARTMENT OF THE C.P.A.

E. Y. PARKER, AGENT., 47 HURON STREET., TORONTO, CANADA.

This office shall be conducted under the following instructions:

I shall make arrangements to obtain, at as little expense to members as possible, unused specimens of all newly issued stamps, envelopes, postcards, etc., and shall notify members from time to time in the official organ from what countries I am preparing to obtain specimens. I shall not be asked to iurnish specimens from any country not so named by me, or to furnish any obsolete, uncurrent, or cancelled specimens (except members wishing to pay current prices for any such stamps they may want, will do my best to secure them) or to supply any member with more than five specimens of the same kind once supplied to the same member, or to supply less than \$1.00 (one dollar's)

worth of stamps at one time. Every member desiring to avail himself of the opportunities of this department must deposit in advance with me a sufficient amount to cover the cost of purchases, including all postages and expenses, and in addition a commission of 10% on the amount to be charged by the Purchasing Agent one-half of which I shall hand over to the Treasurer at the close of the fiscal year.

I shall also arrange, as far as practicable, to obtain for such members as shall elect to deposit with me in advance the sum of five dollars (\$5) each for that purpose, one specimen, or, if desired, any number not to exceed five of every newly issued stamp, envelope and post card issued, and to distribute the same as soon as received until the amount of each deposit shall be exhausted. Each member contributing to this department may, at the time of making his deposit, specify from what country he desires newly issued stamps, or may limit his request to stamps of not more than a certain value, and may renew or increase his deposit from time to time as the same is diminish-Stamps distributed in this manner shall be charged against the deposit at the same rate as before provided, including postage, expenses and commission.

I shall receive and publish in the official organ lists of varieties which may be desired by members of the Association. I shall receive and publish in the official organ lists of such rarities as members of the Association may send from time to time for sale. Members sending in such stamps, etc., must state price they ask for each, and the specimens so advertised shall be sold to the first person applying therefor.

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the postage and registration fee, in addition to the price, in cash, check, or money order.

All stamps, etc., sent in for sale, shall be held for thirty days after the appearance of the official journal announcing the offer of the same, and if not then disposed of shall be returned to the owner. The Purchasing Agent shall deduct 5 per cent. from the price realized for every stamp when remitting to the owner for the same.

The Purchasing Agent shall give bond to the Trustees in the sum of one hundred

dollars.

### THE C.P.A.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Members of the C.P.A.:

GENTLEMEN,—As our Association is now thoroughly organized and election over, I have to thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me by electing me as your first President.

I can assure you that I will do all in my power to advance the interests of our Association, and feel confident that every

member will do the same.

The Exchange Superintendent has shown a good deal of enterprise and energy in getting his department in working order so soon, and I trust all the members will avail themselves of this opportunity to exchange their duplicates, and thus increase their collections at a very small cost to themselves; be sure and order a supply of sheets, fill them up and return to the Superintendent at once.

The Librarian will be pleased to receive all the philatelic literature you can send him, and I hope every member will con-

tribute something.

It will be the duty of the Executive Committee to fill the vacancies for Counterfeit Detector and Purchasing Agent as soon as possible so that the members can avail the nselves of the benefit to be derived from this department.

Yours sincerely, H. F. Ketcheson, President. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Members of the C.P.A.:

Gentlemen,—It gives me much pleasure to present you with my first report of the progress of our society for the past month. Our success is now assured. At the time of writing the membership numbers 110. Two of our members, Nos. 65 and 102, have resigned. I must say that I have not been burdened with many dues. Members will please take notice that April 8th is the limit of time for payment of dues, and also that all dues are payable not to the Treasurer but to Membership cards will be issued as soon as possible and will be sent to all members paying their dues. The offices of Counterfeit Detector and Vice Presi dents for B.C. and Manitoba are yet unfilled, but appointments will be made before my next report is presented. The constitution will also be issued in the near future. I beg to inform the members that note-heads bearing the official imprint can be had from me at the following prices -per 250, \$1.25; per 500, \$2.00. Officers will please communicate with me stating how many note-heads they desire and their wants will be promptly attended Following are the lists of new members and applicants:

NEW MEMBERS LIST, NO. I.

109—David A. Waton, Box 294, Dundas, Ont.

110-M. Brill, 28 Sutton Place, New York.

111.--H. A. Babb, Box 3081, Denver, Col

112-J. C. Feldwisch, Box 2022, Denver, Col.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

H. R. Donohue, 16 Cliff St., St. John, N.B. Reference, Henry S. Harte.

Percival Parrish, 53 Washington St., Providence, R.I. A.P.A. member. Reference, none given.

W. H. Bacon, West Newton, Mass. A.P.A. 339. Reference, none given.

C. B. Russell, 205 Main St., Marlboro,

Mass. Reference, none given.

The name of V. Gurdji, No. 101, Galveston, Texas, was given by misprint last month as V. Gurd, Jr.

Blank applications for membership and full particulars can be obtained by address-

ing me.

J. A. LEIGHTON, Secy.

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Members of the C.P.A.

GENTLEMEN, -As I have been elected to the office of Librarian of the Canadian Philatelic Association, I desire to acknowledge the receipt of donations received as follows:

Mr.H F.Ketcheson, 32 pieces, including

his catalogue of Canadian stamps.

Mr. S. M. Wolsieffer, copies of Philatelical Waltzes, Pos.al Card Galops and Good-By Old Stamps, Good By.

Mr. Walker, 27 pieces, and from the Western Philatelic Publishing Co. complete file of the Western Philatelist.

I am especially indebted to Mr. S. B. Bradt for a copy of his book "The Bluftton Stamp Society," a file each of the Collectors' Companion, Stamp Collector, Philatelic Magazine. Durbins Standard Catalogue, Sixteenth Edition, and 5 pieces, and to Mr. H. L. Hart for bound copy of Vol. I., Halifax Philatelist.

I have received the current numbers of Toronto Philatelic Journal, Western Philatelist and Halifax Philatelist.

It has been suggested that we make a collection of photographs of members of the Association. I would earnestly request the members to forward their photographs to the library as early as convenient.

I hope the members will continue to take an interest in the library and make the receipts for the coming month exceed that of the past.

GEORGE WALKER, Librarian. Peterboro', March 9th, 1888.

#### To Members C.P.A.

Gentlemen,— Mr. E. Y. Parker having received a plurality of votes both as Official Editor and Purchasing Agent, has resigned the former office in favor of Mr. George A. Lowe, Editor of the Toronto Philatelic Journal. Therefore, in order to avoid further delay we hereby declare the said E. Y. Parker as being elected to fill the office of Purchasing Agent, and the said Geo. A. Lowe that of Official Editor.

J. A. LEIGHTON,
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F. J. GRENNY,
Committee on Election C.P.A.

### NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

All correspondence in this Department should be addressed to Joseph Hooper, Box 145 Port Hope.

The Sarcophagus of "Alexander the Great" has been discovered at Saida.

A Silver Medal is to hand of Montreal Jesuits' College. Militia of the Pope, with red ribon. Obverse: bust of Virgin Mary. Reverse: Our Saviour. Size: 12 M.

Twenty-seven die varieties of St. Ann de Beaupre Medals have so far come to our knowledge. In metal and die varieties we number twenty-nine.

The Dominion Exhibition Medal of September, 1880, occurs with and without Lymburgner in the field. The name in field is claimed as a rarity.

The 1887 10c. piece has turned up. This will make so far as known for this year three issues—10c., 5c., 1c.

The largest collection of coins, 125,000 in number, is in the cabinet of antiquities, Vienna. 50,000 are Greek and Roman.

It is said that in the southern part of Russia the peasants use a coin of such small value that it would take 250,000 of them to buy a Canadian dollar, and these coins are so scarce that a man who has a

has a thousand is considered very wealthy. It is strange to think a person wealthy who owns two-fifths of a cent, and comfortably well off on one-twenty-fifths of a cent.

A coin is said to be "proof" when it is specially struck by hand press, instead of by steam press, from a polished planchet. and a "proof set" is a complete set of proofs of current coins. A " pattern piece" is an early specimen of proof from a newly adopted coinage die or dies. An impression in soft metal to test an experi- will save about \$50 per annum, or in fact mental die is called a "trial piece." When about \$1 on each medal, as on an average a piece is struck from regular dies on experimental dies with experimental legends, devices or designs, it is denominated an "experimental piece." Trial and experimental pieces, struck for mint purposes only, will not be issued, circulated or sold. Pieces popularly known as restrikes, false metal pieces and metallic replicas, or copies, are prohibited by the revised U.S. Proof and pattern pieces are statutes. sold by the superintendent of the U.S. The superintendent will furnish, without charge, a pattern piece to any incorporated numismatic society in the In such cases, if the United States. pattern be in gold or silver, the value of the metal will be required.

A Buffalo milkman wears a nickel fivecent piece as a watch charm, and gives this reason: "Over five years ago I took this nickel, which was then beautifully! gold plated, as a \$5 gold piece, in payment of a bill. As soon as I detected the not given satisfaction to the larger portion fraud I took it back to the woman who of the members, the "early Italian style" passed it on me, but she refused to make bong copied by the artist who was enit good. So I fastened it to my watch trusted with its execution. The spirit chain and kept on supplying her with and intention of the designer to represent of her milk bill. When the sum total struck in connection with the anniversary standing to her credit is \$4.95 she shall in the same style of art. A further deshave pure milk once more, and not until cription of the above will be given when then. She knows the milk is watered, but the medals (to which we have subscribed) whenever she shows an inclination to are received.

hundred is looked upon a srich, and one who complain, I handle the nickle and say that mymilkisas "pure as gold." That settlesit.

Col Bacon, Secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association, has written to Messrs. Elkington, of London, England, who have up to the present time been the manufacturers of the D.R.A. medals, asking them to forward the dies in their possession, as the medals will in future be produced in Canada. The expenditure for medals has amounted to from two to three hundred dollars yearly, and by this step the D.R.A. 50 medals are manufactured every year. At the council meeting of the D.R.A. a day or two ago, specimens of medals were supplied from Montreal and Toronto manufacturers. It is the intention of the D.R.A. to ask for tenders, as soon as the dies are received, for the manufacture of the medals for 1833. It is probable that either Montreal or Toronto will get order.

The Editor of this Department, while in Montreal lately, spent a pleasant and agreeable time among the leading namismatists of that city, the guest of R. W. McLachlan, Esq., author of "Canadian Numismatics;" a very pleasant evening was spent at the Antiquarian Society's monthly meetings. An introduction to the various members of the society, the pleasare of listening to an able paper by Mr.H. Mott, The medal ordered by the society in Berlin (to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the society) has But now every day I make her the "Antique," does not agree with a quart one-fourth water, and once a week majority of the members' ideas as to their I credit her with one-fourth the amount requirement. A "Jeton" also has been

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