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GREAT BRITAIN AND HER COLONIES.

BY ALF. FITLER HENKELS.

(Continued.)

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.

In 1861 the first stamp, a 2½ pence, pink, was issued, both perforated and unperforated. The next was in 1865, 3 pence, blue. This was perforated and water-marked C C and crown. There are forgeries of these stamps. The best way to detect them is by the number of pearls in the crown. In the genuine there are four in the centre and six in each side arch, while in the forged stamp there are three in the centre and five on each side. In 1868 the next stamp was issued of the same type as the 1865 issue, 2 cents, black on brown; 1869, 5 cents, black on red; 10 cents, blue on rose; 25 cents, violet on yellow; 50 cents, red on violet, and 1 dollar, green on green. The different values were surcharged on the 3 pence of 1865. Each value was surcharged in a different color, and were water-marked C C and crown. At the same time as this issue four stamps appeared from Vancouver's Island—the 5 cents, rose, and 10 cents, blue, both perforated and unperforated.

The best way to detect the counterfeit 1 dollar of the 1868 issue is in the spelling of the value. The counterfeit is spelled 1 doller, in place of 1 dollar.

BRITISH GUIANA.

The first issue of stamps was in 1850, when a 2, 4, 8 and 12 cents, printed on thick wove colored paper, was used. Several specimens of the 4 cents, rose,

are said to have been printed on tissue paper. I do not see a 4 cents, rose, recorded in any catalogue, and cannot vouch for the genuineness of this variety. The most of the genuine stamps have the initials of the postmaster written across the face of the stamps. There seems to be some doubt as to these initials; some say that "C. R. D." is correct, and others say that "E. D. W." is the proper signification. These stamps are ranked among the unobtainable. In 1851, a second series was issued, a 1 cent, magenta, and 4 cents, blue. These stamps were of entirely different design from the last issue. They were steel engravings, printed on colored paper. There was an error in the spelling of the word "Patimus" for "Petimus," which was made by the engravers, Waterloo & Sons, of London.

In 1853 there was a 1 and a 4 cent used, with date in corners; in 1860, a 1, 4, 8 and 24 were used, unperforated; also, a 1, 2, 4, 8, 12 and 24, perforated; in 1862, a 1 cent, brown, and in 1863 a 1 cent, black, was issued; in 1863, a 6, 24 and 48 cents; in 1876, a 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24, 48 and 96 cents were used. Provisionals, 1 cent, red; 4 cents, red, blue, yellow and red-brown. In 1862, a series of primitive-looking stamps were used. They were type-set, and of the following values: 1, 2 and 4 cents; in 1878, the 6 cents of 1863 was used, with horizontal bar across the bottom, and vertical bar down the centre, used for a 1 cent stamp and 6 cents of 1876, obliterated in the same way. The 6 cents of 1876, with horizontal bar at top and bottom, official stamps, with the word "Official," obliterated by a horizontal bar; 1 cent of 1863, 1 cent of 1876, and

2 cents of the same date were used. There was also a series with the word "Official," struck out by a bar, and also a vertical bar down the centre of the stamp; 1 cent on 4 cents of 1876; 1 cent on 6 cents of the same date; 2 cents on 8 cents of 1860, and also on the same value of 1876.

(To be continued.)

COUNTERFEITS.

There seems to be a dread among the philatelic papers in treating the subject of counterfeit stamps as though it were some contagious disease.

On looking over the Correspondence Column of magazines devoted to philately, there appears once in a while a query in regard to some stamp. In the following number there is some meagre information in regard to the bogus and original specimen, and there the subject drops.

If a person will have the patience to read the preface to the International Stamp Album, he will come across something like this: "There is nothing that mars the beauty and value of a collection more than a counterfeit stamp." Yet if you will turn to about the middle of the book, that is in the cheaper editions, you will see several pages headed, "Hamburg Locals."

The publishers, disregarding what they have said, are just as anxious to turn a dollar into their pockets as any other person, and consequently "do not practice what they preach," but make spaces for these colored pieces of paper, for that is all they are, and the young collector readily takes advantage of the offer—116 varieties for 25 cents.

Ought not the name to have been Humbug? I think it would apply much better in this case.

I do not think it right for publishers to start a paper "in the interest of philately," as they claim, and then never breathe a word about counterfeit stamps and the persons that deal in them.

There is but one paper published that is fearless of these impositions, and the would-be dealers that dispose of them, and that is the *Stamp and Coin Gazette*.

It makes no matter what number of this paper you look through, you will always find an able article on the writer's subject, and one that is right to the point in the way of exposing him who places them on the market.

I do not in any way mean to slight the QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST. For a young paper I think it is doing nobly, and when it is as old as its contemporary in Altoona, I have every reason to believe that it will begin a vigorous warfare against this great evil of philately.

Here is where members of philatelic societies derive great benefit for the reason that, being often assembled together, they can readily obtain any information desired from the advanced collectors in regard to any doubtful point of philately.

HENRY S. JEANES.

NATIONAL PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

We publish the following at the request of Mr. Mekeel, and heartily endorse the plan in every respect. For the benefit of the cause we would urge you to send in your application for membership to the editors of this paper, stating age (if under 21 years), and agreeing to pay 10 cents per month dues. Dealers, as well as collectors, would receive great benefits as a good organization would do much to prevent the petty swindles so common now:

A PLAN.

We have received over one hundred names of collectors who wish to join the National Philatelic Association, and the Committee of the Chicago Society no doubt have as many more. Many collectors who are not convenient to any chapter or society have signified a desire to join, and hence an election by popular vote seems the best means. Let us have candidates for office from Providence, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Altoona, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, Omaha, Denver, San Francisco, and any other place where there is a society.

The candidates should be selected by the societies or collectors at the above places, and their names given to the public as soon as possible. There should be but one general officer in any locality.

The officers for election might be as follows, to be chosen from above candidates:

President,	Treasurer,
1st Vice-President,	Editor-in-chief.
Secretary,	

The remaining candidates might be members of the Executive Board, together with the elected officers.

Two other officers are necessary, but should be appointed by the President or elected by the Executive Board. They are the Superintendent of Exchange, and Inspector, the duties of these officers being such as to demand especially competent and qualified persons.

The duties of the Exchange Bureau should be performed by a philatelist of experience, and one who is not a dealer. This officer will deserve certain remuneration.

The Inspector's duties will be similar to the Government secret service, and conduct all investigations and publish a black list. Through this department we hope to rid philately of its *pests*, the swindler and the counterfeiter.

Each city that has a society or chapter should have a 2d Vice-President. This officer should be elected in the local chapter.

As soon as the candidates are presented we volunteer to publish the names and send the *Journal* to all members, so that they may send in their votes. The votes to be counted by a committee of representatives from at least *three* societies. We make this offer, not to be officious, but as a saving of expense of postage and printing to the society.

We are now sure of about 300 members, and as soon as officers are elected a constitution may be adopted, and the work of the Association fully laid out.

Ten cents per month from each member would be the highest fee practicable, and that would give us \$360 per year to start with.

Let every collector take action, and if our plan is at fault, help us to correct it,

as the time has come to *act*.—*Philatelic Journal of America*.

Q. C. P. S. Meetings.

MEETING OF JUNE 12, 1886.

Meeting called to order with Vice-President Corfield in the chair. After the usual reading of the minutes and payment of bills, etc., the subject of adjournment for the summer was discussed most of the evening, and it was finally decided not to adjourn. The balance of the evening was devoted to the exchanging of stamps.

MEETING JUNE 25, 1886.

Meeting was called to order by President Durbin, after which the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Society having learned indirectly of the project for the formation of a "National Philatelic Union" it was resolved that the Corresponding Secretary write to Mr. Bradt for information in regard to said Union.

Mr. Durbin presented a copy of his last edition catalogue, and also offered to furnish several copies of the "Philatelic Monthly" to the Society, for which he has the Society's many thanks.

The auctioneering of stamps is a decided success, and is the means of finding buyers for many rare stamps.

WM. C. SCARLETT, *Secretary*.

We refer you to our Correspondence Column regarding another fraud who aims at the youngest class of collectors, and deals in very wretched counterfeits. The samples which were sent us by Mr. Bird are fully as bad as "Skinner's," and no doubt were run out on the same machine. This gentleman is not the only one who has bought these "things" to see what they were, but we hope he will be the last to patronize E. A. Dresser, of Salem, Mass.

How a paper, with the standing which *Golden Days* has, can sell itself to these swindlers is just a little beyond our comprehension. We think it would pay them to put a philatelic watch-dog over stamp advertisements.

The moral of this story is: "Don't buy anything that is 'too cheap.'"

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Advertisements for No. 8 should be in by July 28th.

W. F. BISHOP, of LaGrange, Ill., has been swindling all around of late. Reports of his conduct have been reaching us for some time. His plan of operation on collectors was to advertise stamps which cannot be had at all at reasonable prices, and when orders were received, to pocket the cash and send no stamps—numberless letters failing (apparently) to reach him.

With dealers he had a ready story of a large inheritance which would soon be paid, and, with the credit obtained by these means, he succeeded in running up large bills. Some of the most prominent wholesale dealers in America fell into this trap.

We have been on the lookout for this gentleman (?) for some time, as there were several things about his journal and advertising which looked off-color; but until quite lately no definite proof has reached us.

We hope to have early information re-

garding the progress which the Post-Office Department is making in looking him up, and interesting developments from another source are promised.

We are indebted for this information to a number of prominent dealers and philatelists, and in expressing our thanks, we hope to receive like communications from them or others regarding similar frauds.

THE Postmaster-General has authorized the appointment of a special letter-carrier at the Philadelphia Post-Office for the delivery of letters to Government officials having offices in the Post-Office Building. At present these officials have lock-boxes for their private use, but after July 1 they will be surrendered for the accommodation of the general public, and the letters of Government officials will be delivered at regular intervals by the carrier.

A COUPLE of the members of the Q. C. P. Society went up to Burlington upon a recent afternoon, to pay their respects to Mr. Durbin, but it seems that he must have gotten wind of their arrival, as he made good his escape.

WE wish to buy the names and addresses of *bona-fide* collectors. Dealers having them in lots of twenty-five or over, neatly written, will do well to correspond with the business manager.

THE warm weather is here, and the Q. C. P. is also, and as lively as ever.

WE note that Mr. A. W. Dunning has removed to Cambridge, Mass.

ON account of the crowded condition of our advertising columns, we defer an article for "Correspondence" until Aug.

Editors' Waste Basket.

The *New York Collector* is improved in cover, but we do not think so of the arrangement of type, and we would like to know what the coat-of-arms of Virginia has to do with New York.

The *Stamp and Coin Gazette* is well conducted by those sturdy fellows, Messrs. Minn and Kendig. This magazine is one of our most prominent exchanges.

The *Philatelic Journal of America* contains much interesting reading matter, and a good article on the national philatelic organization.

Plain Talk is a magazine of too much plain talk to our liking. Much of its so-called funny jokes could be very well fed to the crocodile.

The *Garden City Philatelist* comes to us much improved this month in appearance and matter, but poorly printed.

Empire State Philatelist, Mohawk Standard, Toronto Philatelic Journal, Philatelic Herald, Plain Talk, Carson Philatelist, Youths' Messenger, Monthly Journal, The Stamp, Garden City Philatelist, Chemung Review, Capital City Philatelist, The Philatelist, Collectors' Aid, Philatelic World, Philatelic Monthly.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any philatelic question. Those who want any information should send us their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

NEW YORK, June 17th, 1886.

Mr. H. McAllister:

DEAR SIR:—In reference to those counterfeits I sent Mr. Henderson, would say that I saw his (Dresser's) "ad" in the *Golden Days*, two weeks ago, and thinking that an offer of 100 varieties of Confederate stamps at 10 cents was something impossible (if genuine), I sent 10 cents and received such stamps as I sent to Mr. H.

Last Saturday I noticed another "ad" in *Golden Days* for other varieties of stamps at prices too low to be genuine stamps.

If you can sift this I shall do all I can to help you in the matter, as I think it is a disgrace to collectors to have such poor specimens in their collections. I have collected stamps, purchased and exchanged stamps since 1877, and I never yet run across a swindler so bold as this one. I do not call myself a professional philatelist, but I do say that any one that can "stick" me twice is welcome to do it.

I have notified several other philatelic papers, and I hope they will take like interest in exposing this person.

Hoping this letter will prove satisfactory, I remain,

Yours fraternally,
"NEVER ASLEEP."

Chronicle.

EDITED BY L. W. DURBIN.

Belgium.—The 10 and 25 centime letter-cards have been issued with stamps of the latest pattern.

Ceylon.—Of the new set of stamps, two more values have been issued, viz: 25 and 28 cents.

France.—The 25 centimes is now printed in black, on flesh-colored paper. Letter-cards of the value of 15 and 25 centimes were issued the 15th ultimo.

Nabha.—The inscription on the stamps of Nabha State is now printed in two horizontal lines.

Persia.—Two envelope stamps, of the value of 6 and 12 shahis, and a newspaper band, value 1 shahi, have been issued. They bear stamps of the lion type.

Peru.—The 1 centavo comes in a new color which, for want of a better name, may be called steel-blue.

St. Domingo.—The following envelopes have been issued:

10	centavos,	carmine on amber;
20	"	brown on white;
40	"	" on blue;
45	"	purple on white;
60	"	green on blue.

St. Christopher.—A new 1-penny provisional has been issued. It is made by surcharging the 6 pence green.

Tobago.—Another provisional, ½ penny on 2½ pence, blue, is out.

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