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THE SCANDINAVIAN RAILWAY PARCEL STAMPS.

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NUMBERS of our readers, no doubt, have never heard of these stamps, though they have been issued more than twenty years as freight stamps for parcels sent over the railway lines of the Scandinavian countries. In late years European philatelic journals and catalogues now and then mention some of them, but with one single exception, in an incomplete and misleading manner, and have been unable to inform the collectors on the real origin and improvement of the stamps in question.

Supposing that it will interest our readers to be acquainted with a description of the complete sets of the railway stamps and their significance for stamp collectors, we have compiled a list of them on the basis of trustworthy official information; before we describe the different issues we will give an account of the origin of these stamps.

The railway parcel stamps were, as their name implies, issued by the railway authority and used as payment for parcels sent over the said lines. In the Scandinavian countries there exists certainly a parcel post connected with the royal post establishment, but is, however, used only for dispatching small parcels and money letters; all heavier parcels are generally forwarded by the much cheaper "Railway Post." The railway lines in the northern countries have a license for such parcel post, and their stamps are issued by the General Railway Department, which is founded and controlled by the State, and directly under the management of both the postal and railway service officials.

According to the manner in which they are used, the stamps are placed into two classes. The stamps bearing statement of weight are only used as *frank stamps*, they are like the postage stamps fixed on the parcels, which can not be of greater weight than indicated on the stamps, and are in most cases canceled by pen strokes. The stamps without weight figures are, on the contrary, used for heavier goods as *due stamps*; such must be accompanied by a way bill, and on a copy of this which, after the distribution of the goods has taken place, is to be returned to the General Railway Department, stamps in value of the amount of freight are affixed; if the freight is paid by the sender, at the sending station, and at the delivering station if the receiver is to pay the freight.

Some German and French philatelic publishers class the railway stamps under the category of fiscal stamps, a supposition in which the size of the stamps and the manner of canceling may have mislead many collectors; this is, however, a complete mistake. In Scandinavia, contrary to most other European countries, all freights are absolutely exempt from stamp duty, and the railway stamps simply indicate the freight charges and nothing else. The stamps do not belong to the private deliveries—in many Scandinavian cities under the name of "By-post" establishments, private letter and parcel delivering companies; these are like the German "Verkehrsanstalten," independent letter deliveries, which are not subjected to the guidance of either ministerial or municipal authority, but instituted by private persons, and the By-post stamps are in most cases issued only to be sold to collectors—while the railway directories and their stamp issues are, on the contrary, founded and controlled by the State,

and, as stated above, under the Department of the Postal and Railway Service, and, like the postage stamps, are used for paid transport of letters, the railway stamps indicating the forwarding tax for parcels; the stamps are, in both cases, the property of the State.

Stamps are issued for fifteen lines in Denmark, three Norwegian and four in Sweden, in alphabetical order, as follows:

A.—DENMARK.

1. *De danske Statsbaner* (the railways of the Danish State).

Issue 1875. Figure in centre, inscription around For Pakker indtil 10 Punds Vægt, above De Danske, below Statsbaner; size 40 x 50 mm.; watermark, J. F. J.; perforated.

20 ore, blue.

Issue 1884. The same design. Watermark, D. S. B.

20 ore, pale blue.

2. *De Jydsk Fyenske Jernbaner* (the lines in Yutland and Funen).

Issue 1865. Inscription in centre, For en Pakke af indtil 5 Pund paa en Veilcægde indtil 10 (or 20) Mul; around, De jydsk fyenske Jernbaner; value below; engines in the corners; size 50 x 57 mm.

8 Sk., green.

12 Sk., red.

Issue 1867. The green 8 sk. stamp surcharged with a black double monogram J. F. J. (used for 10 pound parcels).

8 Sk., green, surcharged black.

Issue 1868. Same design as the stamps of De Danske Statsbaner; inscription above and below changed to De jydsk fyenske Jernbaner; figure 8 in centre and in the four corners; size 42 x 52 mm.; watermark J. F. J.; perforated.

8 Sk., red.

Issue 1872. The same stamp; inscription around, 8 Punds instead of 10 Punds.

8 Sk., red.

3. *De sjællandske Jernbaner* (the Sealand lines).

Issue 1866. Weight figures in centre; inscription around, De sjællandske Yernbaner; value below, and weight figures in the four corners; size 40 x 48 mm.; perforated.

8 Sk., blue.

12 Sk., brown.

Issue 1875. Same design.

20 ore, blue.

4. *Grihskorbanen* (North Sealand).

Issue 1880. Monogram G. S. D. in centre; value in letters above; figures in the two corners below; size 38 x 42 mm.; perforated.

1 ore, black. 5 ore, green. 20 ore, red. 1 krona, lilac.

2 " brown. 10 " blue. 50 " yellow. 5 " blue.

10 " pale red.

5. *Hads Herreds Jernbane* (East Yutland).

Issue 1884. Railway emblems (wheel and wings) in centre; inscription around, For Pakker indtil 10 Punds Vægt; above Hads Herreds; below Yernbane; value in the corners; size 40 x 50 mm.; perforated.

15 ore, green.

6. *Horsens Juelsminde Jernbane* (East Yutland).

Issue 1884. Engine in circle; Godsfrimarke and value around; above in large letters H. J. J.; figures in the corners; size 48 x 50 mm.; perforated.

5 ore, green. 15 ore, blue. 20 ore, red.

7. *Lolland Falster Jernbane* (Islands Lolland and Falster).

Issue 1874. Small stamps in sizes of 19 x 21 mm.; value figure in centre and below; inscription above Loll.-F. Jernb.; different types; perforated.

5 ore, blue. 50 ore, green. 1 krone, red. 4 kroner, lilac.

Issue 1874. 10 Pund in centre; inscription around Lolland-Falster-Jernbane; railway emblems above, and value below; size 35 x 50 mm.; perforated.

8 Sk., lilac.

Issue 1875. The same type.

16 ore, lilac.

Issue 1888.

20 ore, lilac.

8. *Maribo-Bandholm Jernbane* (Island Lolland).

Issue 1874. The first issue of the Loll-Falster stamps printed in other colors.

5 ore brown. 50 ore, gray. 1 krone, blue, 4 kroner, yellow.

9. *Nordfyenske Jernbane* (the north of Funen island).

Issue 1882. Large figure 20 in centre; around For Pakker indtil 10 Punds Vægt; above in large letters N. F. J.; size 38 x 50 mm.; perforated.

20 ore, red.

10. *Ostjydske Jernbane* (the Mols in Yutland).

Issue 1876. Above 20 ore in large figures and Frimarke for Pakker indtil 10 Punds Vægt; below Ostjydske Yernbane-Driftsbestzrereren; size 45 x 54 mm.; rouletted.

20 ore, blue.

11. *Ostsjællandske Jernbane* (East Sealand).

Issue 1879. Same design as the Lolland-Falster stamp of 1875. Inscription altered to Ostsjællandske Jernbane; size 35 x 50 mm.; perforated.

20 ore, green.

12. *Randers-Hadsund Jernbane* (East Yutland).

Issue 1883. Value in circle in the centre and in the two corners above; around the figures in the centre Randers-Hadsund Jernbane; below a blue monogram in small letters R. H. J. B.; an engine in the corners below; size 38 x 48 mm.; perforated.

10 ore, blue. 50 ore, black. 1 krona, pale gray.

20 " red. 80 " brown. 3 kroner, lilac.

5 kroner, green. 10 kroner, orange.

13. *Silkeborg-Herning Banen* (the centre of Yutland).

Issue 1877. Same design as the stamps of the De danske Statsbaner. Inscription above and below altered to Silkeborg-Herning Banen; watermark J. F. J.; size 40 x 50 mm.; perforated.

20 ore, brown.

14. *Sydfyenske Jernbane* (the south of Funen).

Issue 1876. Large figure 20 on a shield; above Sydfyenske Jernbane; below For Pakker indtil 10 Punds Vægt; size 40 x 52 mm.; rouletted.

20 ore, green.

Issue 1876. Square stamps, size 26 x 26 mm.; value in centre, and above the letters S. F. J.; rouletted.

5 ore, red. 50 ore, blue. 1 krone, yellow.

Issue 1883. The stamp of 1876 issue; perforated.

20 ore, green.

15. *Vemb-Lemvig Jernbane* (West Yutland).

Issue 1879. A large lighthouse in centre; inscription around Tor Pakker indtil 2 (5 or 10) Punds Vægt; above Vemb-Lemvig; below Yernbane; value figures in the four corners; size 40 x 52 mm.; perforated.

5 ore, yellow-brown. 10 ore, green. 20 ore, red.

A collection containing all the stamps named above (no doubt the only complete collection existing of Danish railway stamps) was, in 1884, exhibited in Munich, where the Bavarian Philatelic Society held a philatelic exhibition, and there it was honored with the second prize.

We have heard of and also seen some of those stamps which are only issued imperforated and rouletted, nicely perforated, and others which are only perforated are seen in imperforated specimens; we caution our readers against buying these. We can warrant that the varieties named above have all been officially issued, the others can have been made only by speculators. At the same time we must not omit to state that the "Ydsk-Fyenske Yernbane" stamps, 8 Sk. green of 1865 issue, in some cases were issued with a round relief surcharge the size of a copper cent; these relief-stamped specimens have no particular significance for collectors, but they are in many cases sold as the rare provisional stamps of 1867 issue with black surcharge. We recommend collectors to be on their guard against collecting such.

B.—NORWAY.

Norway has, as stated before, issued stamps for only three railway lines:

1. *Norges Statsbaner* (the railways of the Norwegian State).

Issue 1883. Large value figures in centre; to left and above Norges; to right and below Statsbaner; black on colored paper; size 30 x 40 mm.; perforated.

5 ore, black on blue. 50 ore, black on green.
10 " " " orange. 100 " " " rose.

2. *Smaalens-banen* (South Norway).

Issue 1881. Engine in centre; above Smaalens; below Yernbanen; figure 5 in each corner, and ore on both sides; size 27 x 45 mm.; perforated.

5 ore, black on white.

3. *Throndbjem-Storen Jernbane* (the Northern Norway).

Issue 1870. Engine and inscription above Pakke Frimarke-Throndbjem Storen Jernbane; figures in corners, and Skilling below; size 48 x 34 mm.; perforated.

2 skilling, blue. 4 skilling, red.

C.—SWEDEN.

1. *Cimbritshamn-Tomalilla jernvag* (in Skaane).

Issue 1882. Monogram C. T. J., and value below; size 25 x 30 mm.; perforated.

5 ore, blue. 25 ore, yellow. 1 krona, red.
10 " green. 50 " brown. 5 kronar, lilac.
10 " " " rose.

2. *Dannemora-Hargs Jernvag* (in Upland).

Issue 1879. Oval, 50 x 33 mm.; inscription Dannemor-Hargs Jernvag—25 ore—Godsfrimarke; rouletted.

25 ore, red on yellow.

3. *Gards-Harads Jernvag* (in Skaane).

Issue 1881. G. H. J., and value below; size 25 x 30 mm.; perforated.

5 ore, yellow.	25 ore, red.	1 krona, brown.
10 " blue.	50 " lilac.	5 kronar, green.
		10 " red.

Issue 1885. The same type but the monogram is coarser, the value figures and letters smaller.

5 ore, yellow.	25 ore, red.
10 " blue.	1 krona, brown.

4. *Hor-Hor'iy Jernvag* (in Skaane).

Issue 1882. Value figure in centre; Ore (or Kronar) on both sides; above Hor-Horby; below Jernvag; size 40 x 37 mm.; perforated.

5 ore, black on green.	1 krona, green on white.
10 " " " blue.	5 " black " "
25 " " " yellow.	10 " red " "
50 " " " rose.	

LIST OF RUSSIAN DISTRICT STAMPS—CONTINUED.

BY F. E. P. LYNDE.

BONGOULMA.

Type I. Rectangular. Ornaments in corners containing figure 2; background irregular-shaped diamonds; centre double oval, inner one figure 2 on colored ground, outer oval contains inscription Bongoulma Rural post.

Type II. Rectangular. Similar; background irregular squares instead of diamonds; figure 2 in centre; broken-backed figure 2 in corners containing in semicircle, upper two inverted; two five-pointed stars in outer circle; value at bottom; inscription reads Rural post of Bongoulma two kopecs.

Type III. Rectangular. Similar; smaller; all figures in corner erect; inscription Rural post of Bongoulma two kopecs.

Type IV. Rectangular. Similar. This type can be distinguished from last by large figure 2 in centre.

Type V. Rectangular. Similar; background of wavy perpendicular lines.

Type VI. Rectangular. Dotted background; four corners contain figure 2 in ornaments; central oval is placed on an ermine cloak; inscription Rural post of Bongoulma two kopecs.

Type I, 2 kopecs, blue.	Type IV, 2 kopecs, blue.
" II, 2 " " "	" V, 2 " " "
" III, 2 " " "	1884-85 " VI, 2 " brown.

BOUGOUTSCHAR.

Oblong, formed by four lines containing inscription reading For the District of Bougoutschar 5 kopecs.

1873 2 kopecs, gray-black.
" 5 " " "
" 5 " violet.

BORISOGHIBSK.

Type I. Circular. Scalloped edge; on colored background following circle, inscription divided by dots, reading Rural post of Borisoghivsk 3 kopecs; centre shield surmounted by crown divided in half by horizontal line; upper half contains a beehive, lower three sacks of grain.

Type II. Similar; shield smaller, and inscription divided by two seven-pointed stars.

1873-77 Type I, 3 kopecs, blue.
 " " II, 3 " "

BOROVITCHI.

Type I. Rectangular. Background small network; four corners figure 5 in small circles, upper figures inverted; centre double circle, outer containing inscription reading Postage stamp of Borovitchi; from four sides of circle semicircles containing inscription reading Of the Rural post 5 kopecs; centre circle contains arms divided by perpendicular line; to left a multirayed sun; to right a nondescript looking like steps.

Type II. Diamond shaped. Same arms as last. Inscription reads Rural Postage stamp of Borovitchi 5.

Type III. Rectangular. Inscription following sides reads Rural Postage stamp of Borovitchi; centre circle on plain ground following at top and bottom inscription, five kopecs.

Type IV. Similar. Background on which circle rests formed of perpendicular lines.

1869 Type I, 5 kopecs, black and red.
 1872 " II, 5 " " " "
 1874 " III, 5 " " " " on yellow.
 " " IV, 5 " " " " blue.
 " " " 5 " " " " green.

BOUGOUROUSSLAU.

Type I. Rectangular. Perforate; four corners figures in small ovals; centre oval containing rayed figure 2; inscription on three sides reading Rural post of Bougourousslau two kopecs.

Type II. Rectangular. Similar; perforate; central oval containing figure 2 smaller, and on an ermine cloak; inscription same.

Type III. Rectangular. Perforate; similar, but figures in corners on ornaments; central oval larger and double, containing inscription reading Rural post of Bougourousslau; at bottom two kopecs.

Type IV. Similar, but imperforate and smaller.

1879-80 Type I, 2 kopecs, black.		1879-80 Type III, 2 kopecs, black on rose.
" " II, 2 " rose.		" " IV, 2 " " "
" " III, 2 " gray.		

BOUZOULOUK.

Type I. Rectangular. Upper half lined, lower plain; centre large figure 3 on lattice work background; inscription reads Rural post of Bouzoulouk kopecs.

Type II. Rectangular. Larger; centre double oval; four corners Roman numerals III, surmounted by small circle; outer circle of oval inscription Rural post of Bouzoulouk and figure 3; in small circle three kopecs; inner oval fancy figure 3 kop.

Type III. Rectangular. Smaller than Type I. Inscription on four sides reading Rural post of Bouzoulouk three kopecs; centre large fancy figure 3.

1879 Type I, 3 kopecs, red and green.		1879 Type III, 3 kopecs, red and green.
" " II, 3 " rose.		" " " 3 " black.

BROUNITZI.

Rectangular. Scalloped edge; in four corners 5k.; centre double oval; outer containing inscription reading Of the Rural Post of the District of Brounitzi 5k.; inner on perpendicular lined ground 5k.

1872-75 5 kopecs red
 Envelope stamps.
 " 5 kopecs, red.
 " 5 " blue.

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WM. V. D. WETTERN's new wholesale list, just issued, contains many bargains.

MR. GEO. H. RICHMOND has disposed of his stock of stamps to E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem, Pa.

MR. A. W. DUNNING will remove to San Fernando, Cal., devoting his attention in the future to collecting only.

THE CYCLOPÆDIA OF PHILATELY is having a very large sale, due no doubt to the valuable information it gives the collectors.

A RARE ERROR.—*The Philatelic Monthly*, September number, was partly issued in brown ink! How well the monthly sticks!

PHILADELPHIA has been favored with visits from several of our prominent collectors. Mr. Stone, of the Literary Board, American Philatelic Association, spent several days with us, and Mr. L. C. Richardson, of "Stand me on my head" advertising fame, was seen in town.

MR. E. R. DURBOROW, formerly editor of this journal, is conducting a flourishing stationery and music business, at 205 S. Tenth street.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN: A philatelic editor! Any one finding the same will please return at once. W. W., formerly an editor, is hereby notified to return instanter.

CANADA.—The new changes in colors of current stamps are expected to be issued shortly. Mr. J. R. Hooper, of Ottawa, has seen sheets of the new 2c. registry deep crimson instead of orange; 3c. brown-red instead of scarlet; and 10c. light pink.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION has gained several new recruits in Philadelphia. All who give any thought to the advantages to be derived from the Association join at once. At the next annual meeting in St. Louis we will no doubt number over a thousand members from all parts of the world.

A UNION into one organization of the Quaker City Philatelic Society, the Philadelphia branch of the I. P. V., and the branch of the American Philatelic Association, has been suggested by several Philadelphians. That such union would prove highly beneficial we do not at all doubt, and hope to see it come to pass.

A NEW TYPE of D. O. Blood & Co.'s (man stepping over the house) local has been discovered in Philadelphia, and is probably the earliest authentic Blood on record, the letter which it carried being dated June 16, 1845. It is similar to Coster's Type, No. 3, but is printed or lithographed on a hard and thick white paper. It is not for sale.

THE photographs of the first Board of Officers of the American Philatelic Association will always be an interesting reminder of the men who worked for the advancement of philately. It contains the photos of all the officers from the President down, and we believe copies can be purchased of Mr. Rechert, Hoboken, N. J. We advise our readers to obtain one.

The Stamp Collectors' Figaro, for September, has appeared, as full of good things as usual. The plate numbers of the British stamps will form a valued addition to philatelic literature. Why is it that Chicago has such a hard time with its philatelic publications? Nothing but rivalry seems to keep them going. Keep it up, Voute! Keep it up, Bradt!

IN his new work, "The Capitals of Spanish America," William Eleroy Curtis says of the postal system of Mexico: "When the mail arrives at the post-office, the names of people to whom letters are addressed are written on a slip of paper and posted on a bulletin board, as the list of uncalled-for letters are in the United States. A merchant or banker goes every morning to examine this announcement, and if he finds his name upon the list, hands his card to the clerk at the delivery window and receives what is addressed to him. No postage stamps are sold, but he who has letters to mail takes them to the post-office and pays the postage to the postmaster, who sticks on the stamps!"

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Cape Good Hope, ½, 1, 2, 4d., finely ass'd.	5	25
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Chili, finely assorted, 1867-83, envs., etc.	7	45
Curacao, 3 of 2½c., 7 of 12½c., in every 10.	35	3 00
Ceylon, well assorted, provis., etc.	5	35
Confederate States, common kinds, used.	33	2 90
Denmark, 100 ore.	20	1 50
“ Official, 32 ore green.	15	1 30
“ Env., assorted.	10	1 00
Costa Rica and Honduras, 1c., unused.	18	1 50
Dutch Indies, assorted.	6	40
Danish W. Indies, env., 2c., etc., well asst.	18	1 50
Ecuador, 1881-87, finely assorted.	16	1 40
Egypt, Officials, finely assorted.	8	65
French Colonies, well assorted.	6	40
Guatemala, 1882-86, well assorted.	15	1 35
Hamburg, 4 varieties, green, unpaid.	6	50
Italy, Sagnatasse, 5 and 10 lire, evenly ass'd.	9	90
Japan, 7 varieties, finely assorted.	7	55
Luxemburg, well assorted, old and new.	5	50
Norway, 35 ore green, rare.	45	3 85
Orange Free States, well assorted.	9	80
St. Settlements, 2, 4, 8, 10, etc., finely ass'd.	12	95
Tasmania, 1858, rd., unperforated.	35	2 90
“ 1864, rd., perforated.	25	2 10
“ “ 6d., mauve.	45	40
“ “ 6d., violet.	40	40
“ “ 1 shilling, red.	50	40
Transvaal, ½, 1, 2d., old and new, 2 on 3d. etc., finely assorted.	15	1 35
Philippine Islands, 2, 2 4-8, 5, 8, etc., well assorted.	32	2 50
Spain, well assorted, old and new.	3	15
Australia, finely assorted, many varieties.	3	20
U. S. Colombia, Venezuela, well assorted.	9	80
Persia, Iceland, Uruguay, Great Britain Official, Bolivia, Br. N. Borneo, rare Mexican, France, unpaid, old; old Costa Rica, Bulgaria, unpaid, unperforated, many varieties finely assorted, cheap, at	25	1 70
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