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1907 Christmas Seals

In April and May 1932, the Scott Stamp and Coin Company published in their monthly journal a standard check list of Christmas seals issued by the American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis Association. This list, compiled by W. L. Kinkead and revised by Dorsey F. Wheless, both well-known authorities on this subject, was based upon information secured from the National Tuberculosis Association and from other sources. From knowledge that was available to Mr. Kinkead and Mr. Wheless it was apparent that the number of 1907 Christmas seals in existence in April 1932, was so limited that the dealers were justified in putting a price of \$5 on Type I and of \$7.50 on Type II.

It now develops that the Delaware Anti-Tuberculosis Society is offering 5,000 of the 1907 seals for sale, and from this fact and other information available to the National Tuberculosis Association it is apparent that there is a much larger quantity in existence and in the hands of the Delaware Society than was known about a year ago, when the prices above quoted were fixed. The existence of this large quantity of 1907 seals, exactly how many the National Tuberculosis Association does not know, will materially affect the prices quoted in the check list issued a year ago.

The National Tuberculosis Association therefore gives this information to the public, realizing that the existence of so large a quantity of the 1907 seals will materially reduce the prices heretofore quoted and that this information may affect unfavorably the entire market for old Christmas seals.

Information concerning prices may be secured from reliable dealers.

—Bulletin of the National Tuberculosis Association.

Christmas Seal Variety

Mr. Arthur Helfrich of Allentown, Pa., submits a sheet of the 1932 Christmas seals and calls our attention to the fact that the small boy in long pants, has green pants on in most of the pictures of the 100 seals and in other instances his pants are blue. In the sheet at hand we note that the stamps number 15, 35, 85 and 95, show the boy with blue pants while all others show distinctly green pants.

This variety is easily explained by any printer familiar with the class of printing as shown on these seals. The seals are printed from three sets of plates. A yellow plate is first printed, then the red and blue plates are printed over the top of the yellow plate. Colors other than a straight yellow, blue or red that are noted in the seals come from the mingling of

these three colors, the yellow and blue make the green. It therefore happens in this instance that the yellow plate which would represent the pants of the boy on the first print on the stamps as numbered above was not properly printed, probably the make-ready was poor and the yellow did not come up clearly on these four stamps. Therefore when the blue plate was run over the yellow, the lack of yellow in these four instances to mingle with the blue and produce the green, allowed these four stamps to show the boy with blue instead of green pants as would have been the case had the yellow print been perfect.

In examining this sheet, another interesting thing is noted which may or may not have been noted before in reference to this particular printing. The perforation is done by a comb machine as is clearly shown by a look at the sheet.