

Philatelic Literature: **Scott Volume 3 Reviewed**

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This time we'll take a look at the third volume in the new 2016 **Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue** which recently arrived. There are almost 12,000 value changes noted in the new



edition. Volume 3 covers countries of the world G-I.

The Scott catalogue series continues to grow in size as each year's new issues are included. The 2016 Volume 3 has a total of 1,624 pages, compared to 1,576 in the 2015 edition.

There is a general softening in the market for stamps from the 1960s through the 1980s, but values for modern issues, particularly those of the past decade or so, are on the rise, according to catalogue editor Charles Snee.

A mixture of increases and decreases are noted in the almost 700 value changes for Gabon. Scattered declines are noted for stamps of the 1960s and 1970s, but values for later issues through the mid-2000s are up, and some of the increases are quite large.

The Gambia received a detailed, line-by-line review that resulted in almost 2,250 value changes. For stamps issued up to the 1940s, values are trending up for the most part. Scattered decreases are reported for stamps from the 1950s and 1960s. A solid mix of increases and decreases are reported for the next three decades.

Close examination was paid to the occupation issues of Germany, which yielded just over 1,000 value changes. For the most part, values were lower, particularly for modern issues. Guernsey came under close scrutiny in the 2016 edition, with more than 2,100 value changes. Almost without exception,

values were down, but a few modern items did rise above the 2015 prices.

Gold Cost reflected almost 150 value changes. Modest increases were concentrated among the classic period stamps. The almost 650 value changes for Greece were concentrated in the back of the book, beginning with the air post section and concluding with the various occupation issues.

Just a scattering of value changes were made for Grenada, and slightly more than 1,000 value changes were made for Iran.

There were numerous editorial improvements in the new edition. A helpful illustration has been added in Great Britain to delineate the difference between thick and thin lines that appear above and below Queen Victoria's head on selected two-penny blue stamps. Some Machin listings have been updated to show differences between printing methods. And cross-references were added in postage, air post and Machin listings.

Don't forget to check out the useful primer of philatelic information at the beginning of each Scott catalogue. Beyond that, there is a very nice listing of addresses, telephone numbers, websites and email information for hundreds of philatelic societies and organizations that you should know about. The listing alone covers five pages in the 2016 editions, and includes a listing of expertising services.

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