

THE "MELITA" ISSUE.

Dr. M. van Meensel of Belgium is an ardent collector and lover of Maltese stamps. In the Flemish Philately monthly "De POSTZEGEL" he has given a complete description of the stamps and history of Malta.

As the quantity of a certain stamp printed is always of great interest, he mentions the low catalogue prices still quoted for the relatively small amount of stamps overprinted of the so called "MELITA" issue, with overprint "POSTAGE".

S.G. No.	Value	Quantity printed	Cat. Value
143	0 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ d	120,000	0 6d
144	0 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ d	160,000	0 6d
145	0 1 d	80,000	0 9d
146	0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d	160,000	1 3d
147	0 2 d	80,000	1 0d
148	0 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d	24,000	1 3d
149	0 3 d	160,000	2 6d
150	0 4 d	24,000	8 0d
151	0 6 d	80,000	3 6d
152	1 0 d	48,000	8 0d
153	2 0 d	8,000	75 0d
154	2 6 d	8,000	35 0d
155	5 0 d	10,000	20 0d
156	10 0 d	24,000	25 0d

All prices quoted are for mint stamps.

As you will notice there are some inconsistencies concerning these price quotations, as a stamp with double the amount printed i.e. S.G. no. 146 the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ is quoted at 1/3 while the 1d with only 80,000 printed is only 9d. Also the S.G. 153 with the same amount printed as S.G. 154 is quoted at 75/- for the 2/- value and 35/- for the 2/6d value. Comment "the catalogue makers are unpredictable".

From an article by Dr. M. van Meensel.

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