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PPC FLASHES
An evaluation....

PHILIPPINE STAMPS, 1854-1941
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Compiling a list of the stamps of the Philippines from 1854 when the first postage stamps of the Islands was issued up to 1941 or up to the outbreak of the present Greater East Asia War, it will reveal that in 87 years, a total of 749 different stamps have been issued by the Philippines. Of this total, 559 are listed as major varieties and 190 as minor varieties. This compilation is based on the Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue of 1942. In this connection, however, mention must be made that Philippine stamps listed in Scott's 1942 Catalogue were those issued up to 1941 only as the catalogue in question is usually published in advance, which is done by any publication, as a general rule. Likewise, mention must be made that in this compilation, local stamps, such as the Katipunan issues, the Cantonal issues of Negros, Bohol, Zamboanga, and La Union, as well as the Customs and Revenue stamps both the old and the new, have not been included. Their omission was made for the simple reason that in the preparation of this compilation, the writer had on mind of giving to the average collectors, who are the backbone of philately, just a general idea as to the number of stamps issued by the Philippines and their catalogue value as per the Scott Catalogue of 1942. Moreover, in the opinion of the writer, local issues as mentioned above, are generally considered for the specialists only, and naturally, they are not exactly within the average collector's reach or collecting proclivities.

Relatively, making an accounting of the Philippine stamps based on the Scott Catalogue of 1942, it will show a total catalogue value of \$4,573.60 or P9,147.20 for the mint, and \$2,313.95 or P4,627.90 for the used. Of these figures, however, the total value of the minor varieties and those catalogued but unpriced items, are not included. The reason is, this evaluation was prepared for the average collector as explained above.

Thus, segregating the different stamps issued under the three different regimes which the Philippines has underwent, we arrive at the following figures:

Period	Total Stamps		Total Catalogue Value	
	Issued	Mint	Used	
Spanish Rule, 1854-1898	... 229	\$2,065.02	\$1,852.46	
American Regime, 1898-1935	... 247	2,447.50	987.67	
Commonwealth Admn., 1935-1941..	83	61.08	23.82	
TOTAL	... 559	\$4,573.60	\$2,813.95	
				or P4,627.90

Summarily, in 87 years, the Philippines has issued 559 stamps, and disregarding the minor varieties and unpriced items as explained above, they have a total catalogue value of P9,147.20 for the mint, and P4,627.90, for the used.