

SOME CANADIAN REVENUES.

It is only within the last two or three years, that there has been any interest taken in Canadian Revenue Stamps, and even now, it does not amount to a great deal. This is unfortunate, as some day soon we will wake up for their collection and will find that we cannot get them. Even now there is more call for Canadian Revenues from collectors on the continent and in the United States in one month than there is from Canadian collectors in a year. These facts are lamentable, but still they are true. The collectors of Canada should be awake to this fact and not have the very best stamps drained from the Country to enrich the albums of foreign collectors.

The first revenues stamps were issued in Canada in 1865, and were "Bill stamps" and tobacco stamps. Of the tobacco stamps we cannot commence to write as the variety is numberless and those first issued are some of them almost unknown.

It is hardly possible that a complete collection of the tobacco stamps of Canada and of the Dominion of Canada could now be made. The Bill stamps however are more easily secured. The design was a small head of the Queen to left, shape rectangular, color blue. Those stamps were used only for drafts and promissory notes.

1864.—1c. blue.

2c. "

3c. "

4c. "

5c. "

6c. "

7c. "

8c. "

9c. "

1864.—10c. blue.

20c. "

30c. "

40c. "

50c. "

\$1.00 " Larger stamp.

2.00 " " "

3.00 " " "

Whatever was the idea, there was a new set issued in the following year, of very much the same design, but with color chaged to scarlet, values were:

1c. scarlet.

2c. "

3c. "

4c. "

5c. "

6c. "

7c. "

8c. "

9c. "

10c. blue

20c. blue.

30c. "

30c. scarlet.

40c. blue.

50c. "

\$1.00 green with red centre, large stamp.

1.00 red " green " "

2.00 " " purple " "

3.00 " " indigo " "

This issue was in use till after Confederation, when in 1869 another issue took place. The design of those stamps were altogether different from any of the others, it being a bust picture of the Queen to left in Widow's Cap.