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CANADIAN STAMPS.

WE notice in the *Phil. Record* for April there is a review of the catalogue of the collection of postage stamps, envelopes, &c, in the Museum of the Imperial Post of Berlin, in which there are several observations on some Canadian stamps which are inaccurate. We cannot do better than copy what the *Record* says about the matter. "On looking at the first issue for Canada, where the museum possess the imperforate 3 pence and 6 pence unused, and the 1 shilling used, we were struck by seeing that the portrait on the 6 pence was stated to be that of Lord Elgin, the popular Governor-General of Canada from 1846 to 1854, contrary to tradition, which has assigned it to Prince Albert. We have searched for the grounds on which this tradition rests, and can find none; and certainly to those who remember the Prince, the portrait no more resembles him than that of the King of Siam, which figures on one of Messrs. De La Rue & Co.'s latest productions. Nor do we think the uniform is one in which Prince Albert would appear, or the star one which he would wear. When we look at the next issue, the 10 pence of 1857 is said to be the portrait of Sebastian Cabot, the discoverer of Canada in 1497, and not that of the filibustering Breton Jacques Cartier, who sailed up the St. Lawrence as far as Montreal in 1535, though, according to history it was not he who planted the French flag first in Lower Canada, as this had been done eleven years previously by Verrazani. Here again the German compiler seems to have reason on his side."

Judging from this extract the *Record* seemingly endorses the German author. We think, however, after reading the following official extracts from P. O. Dept. Reports etc., that they will not agree with the German view of the matter.

In the report of the P. M. General for Canada for the year 1851 there is a copy of the following official order:

P. O. DEPARTMENT. (ORDER No. 4.)

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Toronto, 1st April, 1851.

Stamps for prepayment of Postage on Letters.

"Postage Stamps are about to be issued, one representing the beaver, of the denomination of 3 pence, the second representing the head of Prince Albert, of the denomination of 6 pence, and the third representing the head of Her Majesty, of the denomination of 1 shilling; which will shortly be transmitted to the postmasters at important points.