

the stamp to be of genuine origin, and until proof of its falsity is forthcoming would advocate its collection.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

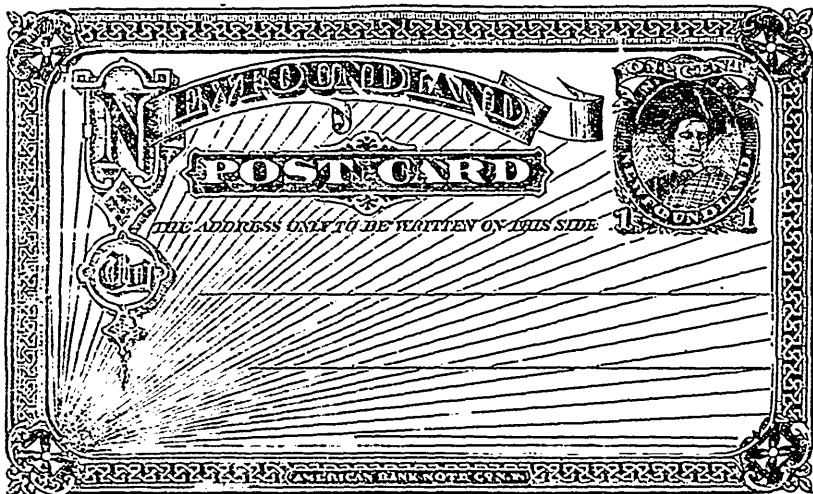


The approximate is a fine representation of a curious stamp kindly forward-

ed by a Provincial collector for our inspection. Having never before met with a similar stamp and being unable to find any record on the subject, we had resort to the P. O. D., and after persistent enquiries (for Post Office Officials are hard subjects to get over) we have succeeded in tracing it to its source, and have much pleasure in informing our readers that it is genuine, in every sense of the word. It was improvised to serve on local or "drop"

letters, some time in 1860, and was prepared by the clerks of the Postal Department, then located in Fredericton. The surcharging was done by hand,—twice repeated upon the three-penny stamp, and were sold in this way i. e. in pairs, the purchaser dividing them as required. We are informed however, that very soon after their introduction, the pence issues gave way to cents, thus rendering their further service unnecessary.

The specimen in our possession is *unused*, and is from the collection of a son of a former P. M. G. The numerals 1½ are impressed in a brick red. Altogether this almost unique reminder of "ye olden time" is well worthy of a place in your collection—if you can get one, and we shall be pleased to submit our specimen for the inspection of any connoisseur who may have any doubts respecting its originality.



NEWFOUNDLAND.

After a delay of nearly two weeks we are enabled to give our readers full information

regarding the reported new issues of this Island. We were correct in our presumption that the addition included a post card only.