

seen some artistic imitations of the 5d. and 9d. stamps, the colour as well as the dies being reproduced with remarkable fidelity. The colour of the specimens I have seen are a tone lighter than those of the Post Office issue, (as opposed to the irregular issue in question), but there would be no difficulty in deepening the colours of the forgeries, or by steeping the English stamp in water they can be reduced to the exact complexion of the counterfeits. While these dies are allowed to be used, it is possible, even probable, that large supplies should find their way into this country, there to be disposed of as genuine stamps. Until this black business is stopped, the Post Office is in danger of losing large sums of money. Some of the imitations simply defy detection by any but an expert.

MR. THEO LARSEN informed us a few days ago that he intended to take a trip to New Brunswick this summer.

Good enough, and we hope that apart from applying all his time to recreation that he will have an eye to philatelic interests, and not forgetting that there are still a great many old trunks in existence in which may be found both "Connell Heads" and 1 shilling stamps. If friend Larsen comes across such, we will ask to be allowed to "Sit-on-the-fence-love-to-see-you-pass-by."

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