

The above table includes all the pence issues, perforated and unperforated. Only the one-half, three and six pence were perforated officially. The 1-2, 3, 6, 10 and 12 pence were printed in sheets of 100, and the 7½d in sheets of 120 stamps. The following are the exact dates of issue of each denomination:

3d, 6d and 12d April 6th 1851
 10d December 5th 1854
 1-2d and 7½d August 1st 1857

The 1-2d having been used for newspaper postage and city letters should not be catalogued at its present price, and the 7½ or 10d being sent out of the country should be very plentiful in England, where the bulk of them went.

NEWSY NOTES.

BY "WE"

The year 1896 should be a memorable one in the History of Canada. For the past twenty-six years we have been using the same stamps and people often wonder if Canada has ever had a new issue.

As this is the year of the British Empire Exposition to be held in Montreal from May 24th to October 12th, would it not be a good thing for the government to issue a new set of stamps with the portraits of Canada's noted men, such as Macdonald, Brock, Wolfe, Abbot, Thompson or Cartier with the Queen in widow's weeds, printed in two colors, about one and one-half inches wide by two inches in length. It would be a good advertisement for Canada if these were issued at the time of the Exposition to enable visitors to take home as a memento of this occasion.

This issue would not be for the S. S. S. S. to take hold of, as it is about time that we should have a new issue.

A marked copy of this will be sent to our Post-Master-General to see if he cannot do something to enlighten us on the subject. The Canadian Dealers and Collectors should petition the Government to get it to act in this matter, and to get the respective members of the Senate and the House of Commons to do the same thing. Let us hear from you about this matter, and at once.

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