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## DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

OF THE

Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes, Postal Cards, Etc., of British North America.

BY ARTEMAS.

CANADA.

*Adhesive Stamps.*

[Continued.]

Variety, imperforate.

58. 2c rose.

*Stamped Envelopes.*

1860. Head of Queen Victoria to left in plain oval frame inscribed "Canada Postage" above and value in words below; stamp embossed in upper right-hand corner; white laid paper, watermarked "Ca.—P.O.D." in two lines; size of envelope 140 x 83 mm.

Yellowish white paper.

101. 5c vermilion.

102. 10c brown.

103. 10c vermilion (error.)

The 10c vermilion has but lately come to light, and we believe that the only known copy is in the collection of a Montreal philatelist.

Bluish white paper.

104. 5c vermilion.

105. 10c brown.

In 1868 these envelope stamps were reprinted on pieces of white wove and buff laid paper and on envelopes, white and buff laid, watermarked "U. S. P. O. D." These reprints were made by Mr. Nesbitt, who at first manufactured the envelopes for the Canadian Government. Among these reprints a second type of the 5c is found. This seems to be from a die which was prepared but rejected. The stamp is larger and the head smaller than on the die which was approved.

## DOMINION OF CANADA.

*Adhesive Stamps.*

1868-69. Head of Queen Victoria to right in a circle; "Canada Postage" above and value in words below; numerals of value in lower corners, except on  $\frac{1}{2}$ c stamp which has " $\frac{1}{2}$ " between "Half and "Cent" below circle; the 1c stamp has an extra figure "1" between "Canada" and "Postage" above circle; the 3c stamp has numerals in all four corners; details of scroll work, etc., differ for each value. Engraved in *taille douce* on various papers; perforated 12. The size of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ c is  $17\frac{1}{2}$  x  $21\frac{1}{2}$  mm., of the other values 20 x  $24\frac{1}{2}$  mm.

White wove paper.

1.  $\frac{1}{2}$ c black.
2. 1c brown-red.
3. 2c green.
4. 2c deep green.
5. 3c red.
6. 3c rose-red.