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Important Announcement to Advertisers.

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DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE

OF THE

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

BY ARTEMAS.

CANADA.

Historical.—Canada was discovered by Jacques Cartier in 1535. By the Treaty of Paris, in 1763, it was ceded to Great Britain. Quebec was organized into a province in 1764, including a part of what is now the province of Ontario. Canada was divided into the two provinces of Upper and Lower Canada in 1791. In February, 1841, the two Canadas were united in one province. The province of Canada then comprised, roughly speaking, what is comprehended now in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Currency.—240 pence = 20 shillings = 1 pound = \$4.00, present currency. From 1859, 100 cents = 1 dollar.

Adhesive Stamps.

1851-58. Various types, (see cuts.) Engraved in *taille douce* on white paper.



THREE PENCE (Beaver.)

April, 1851. Thin white paper, horizontally laid; imperforate.

1. 3p vermilion.

1852. Thin wove soft paper.

2. 3p vermilion.

Thin wove hard paper.

3. 3p vermilion.

4. 3p brown red.

Thick wove paper.

5. 3p vermilion.

6. 3p brown red.

Thin ribbed paper.

7. 3p vermilion.

1853. Perforated 12; laid paper.

8. 3p vermilion.

White wove.

9. 3p vermilion.

Ribbed paper.

10. 3p vermilion.

Perforated 13; wove paper.

11. 3p vermilion.

Perforated 14; wove paper.

12. 3p vermilion.

The last two perforations are probably unofficial.



SIX PENCE (Prince Albert.)