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## The Nova Scotia Reminders Gamble.

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WHAT a world of controversy this matter has evoked. In almost every stamp paper on the continent has it been referred to. But all though the dispute Mr. Donald A. King of this city and Mr. Bartlett of Prince Edward Island have kept a sphynx like silence, except to make a denial of certain assertions made. In the first number of this paper, appeared an article dealing with the matter. Immediately on its appearance it was reprinted and commented on by other journals, until Mr. King came out, and in a few words, denied collectively each and every sentence in it. In number two of this Magazine we challenged Mr. King to back up his denial by a statement of the facts, but so far Mr. King has not declared himself. The writer of the article in question, Mr. Van Malder, now wishes to declare that he is now ready to stand by every statement in his article, with the single exception that he is now convinced that the money was paid to the Pro-

vincial, not to the Dominion authorities. Have the gentlemen of the Syndicate anything to say?

PREMIER MURRAY, in a speech delivered last month before the House of Assembly at Halifax, touches on the matter of the Nova Scotia reminders, referring to same as very fortunate to the revenues of Province. He stated, however, *that the terms of sale were that the Government would not divulge the quantities of stamps discovered.* This is popular government.

THE reminders are now being hawked around the country at all prices, but a great decline is noticed over the prices asked before the matter had become ventilated. Some day a big drop will take place, and people will take to papering walls with the stuff.

IN the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, Dr McKay, leader of the opposition asked the government:

1. Whether the old issue of postage stamps for which the province received the sum of \$18,000 was sold by tender or by private sale?