

Another type of this has been discovered by Messrs. Burger of the N. P. S., consisting of the same die, but with the word "TELEGRAPH" inserted under the word *Line*, and the numeral "9" changed to a "5," also "CANAL ST." under it, and under this is "PROVIDENCE" in a curve, three ornaments at each end of *Providence*, but none in center of the base of shield.

1852, No. 2. (No value) Black on red glazed paper, imperf.

" 3. " " green " " "

" 4. " " yellow " " "

DATE OF ISSUE OF THE 1 PENNY NOVA SCOTIA.

While the exact date of issue of the 3d., 6d. and 1 shilling Nova Scotia stamps have been discovered, that of the 1d. has only been guessed at. Having lately been fortunate enough to procure access to the letter books of the Nova Scotia Post Office Department, I have been enabled to make the date almost exact, as will be seen by the following letter of the Post Master General of Nova Scotia, and copied from the letter book of that department:

HALIFAX, May 12, 1853.

Sir,—“I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with a supply of 200 sheets of 1 penny stamps, (amounting to £100) for the use of the Post Office in this Province.”

(Sg'd.) A. WOODGATE, P. M. G.

RECEIVER-GENERAL
OF NOVA SCOTIA.

This is the first mention of the 1 penny stamps in the letter book, and the date of issue should, I think, be taken from that application. In the letter book containing copies of letters to deputies, the first requisition for 1 penny stamps is from the Postmaster of Amherst, the answer to which, here given, is:

HALIFAX, 30th June, 1853.

Sir,—“I beg to enclose herewith, agreeably to your request, postage stamps to the amount of £2 5s. 0d., viz: one sheet of 3d., and 60 labels of 1d. stamps; also a supply of the proper printed applications, one of which I will thank you to fill up and return to this office with the acknowledgment.”

I am, &c., &c.,

(Sg'd.) C. H. H.

POST MASTER, AMHERST.

Amherst was then one of the largest towns of this Province, outside of the capital, and the amount of the 1d. required shews the small use of this value outside Halifax. The requisitions shew that this was the usual number of 1d. stamps asked for, sometimes a little more, and very often less, and being used as they were for a merely town or drop postage, accounts for their scarcity.

D. A. KING.