

siderably more than the unperforated specimens. I am speaking now simply of the stamps of the old provinces of Canada before confederation. In the later cent series we have a variety in water-marks, laid and wove paper to satisfy all

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### MY FRIEND

It was in the Summer of 1890 when I was at the village of B— spending my two weeks vacation with my cousins Tom. and Charlie that I made my big find.

I put in a splendid time in fishing and working in the hayfield for the first week of my stay.

Early Monday, the following week, I went to the village post office and received two letters, one from a stamp dealer containing two approval sheets: I did not pay much attention to the stamps but put them in my pocket and forgot about them until two or three days after, when I was preparing to retire, I suddenly thought of it and pulling it out gave the sheets to Tom to look at, he was very much disgusted to think that any one could be so foolish as to spend time and money on pieces of colored paper. He told me that one day when he was up in the garret rooting around for something, he came across a

box filled with old letters with stamps on some of them, but he could not remember what they were like. I was now very eager to see this box my mind was full of fancies that I would find a great fortune there, and I made Tom agree to show me the box the next morning. We were both up the next day before breakfast, and hastily pulling on our cloths, we rushed up to the garret to commence the search. Tom easily found the box, and pulling it out from under a pile of broken and worn out furniture, spilled the letters on the floor. The very first one that I picked up had a strip of 3 N. B. pence on it; this gave me great hopes of a fortune, but my dreams were not realized. I got a good many 1-d and 6-d of both N. S. and N. B.; and a pile of 3-d in strips and single stamps. I was nearly despairing of finding the much desired shillings when Tom handed me a small bundle of letters saying that the stamps on them were different from the others that we had found. I hastily seized them from him, for right on top was a letter with a strip of two N. B. shilling, there were five shillings in this bunch, three of N. B. and two of N. S. besides a few U. S. and West Indies stamps of considerable value. These were the only shillings that I got in that search, but I was well satisfied with my find, and offer-