

Canadian Philatelist, which was first issued from London by L. M. Staebler in 1891. Three complete volumes were issued, when the second-class rate privileges were withdrawn and Mr. Staebler was compelled to discontinue it.

In March, 1896, Mr. Staebler again commenced his paper, but as he was unable to secure second-class rates he amalgamated it with Stamp Lore.

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## Postage Rates of Canada in 1837

By *W. A. Beatty*

This article may be of interest to those who would like to know what an expensive thing writing was in those days as compared to the cheap rates which we have in 1897, or a period of 60 years ago.

The table rates of postage on letters and packets, and also of newspapers, are as follows:

	1 to 50 miles inclusive	4d. cy.
50 "	150 "	8d. "
150 "	300 "	10d. "
300 "	400 "	1s. "
400 "	500 "	1s. 4d. "
Above 500 "	" "	1s. 6d. "

Newspapers, half-penny each; pamphlets and other printed matter, half-penny a sheet; His Majesty's Postmaster-General or his deputy in British N. A. to have the right to decide what is a newspaper under this act, and what a pamphlet is; and the privilege of franking to be allowed as

follows: To the Lieutenant-Governor, civil servant to the Lieutenant-Governor, members of the Legislative Council, House of Assembly while in attendance during the session, and Postmaster-General.



## Ottawa Notes

By *Acadia*

The Ottawa Philatelic Society seems to be dead, as they have had no meetings to speak of during the last few months.

John R. Hooper will have to serve his term of 25 years in the penitentiary, which was imposed upon him for attempted wife murder three years ago, Sir Oliver Mowat, Minister of Justice, having reported adversely to any commutation.

I would suggest that the next convention of the D. P. A. be held at Ottawa or Kingston, the mouth of the Thousand Islands. Philatelists will remember the A. P. A. convention held at Clayton, N. Y., in 1895, and as Kingston is just across the river it would be a very suitable place for a convention seat. How will it be to have it nominated for 1897?

The recent find of Nova Scotia cent issue was for years laid away in the next room to where the Ottawa society held their meetings, and knowing they were there they made strenuous efforts to get them, but without success until the Halifax syndicate succeeded in