

At St. Albans, some of the U. S. surcharged stamps were bought, but the Omaha's were not on sale there then.

The trip was very enjoyable, the weather being fine throughout, and the roads mostly very good, particularly so in Vermont State.

## Imperial Penny Postage.

THE IMPERIAL POSTAL CONFERENCE  
DECIDES ON A TWO CENT  
LETTER RATE

*Between the United Kingdom, Canada,  
Newfoundland, Cape Colony and  
Natal — Date of Initiation Not  
Fixed.*

London, July 12.—The Duke of Norfolk, post-master general, announces that, as an outcome of the Imperial conference on postal rates, it has been decided to adopt the proposal of the Canadian representatives for a letter postal rate of a penny per half ounce for the United Kingdom, Canada, Newfoundland, Cape Colony and Natal.

The date for initiating the new rate has not yet been fixed.

## Stray Items.

BY RUDOLPH C. BACH.

It really appears as if Canada had gone into the stamp business. We are getting enough varieties in a month to last five years. Well, we're only making up for lost time.

It is held that under the new U. S. war tax law, a doctor's certificate of a patient's death must bear a ten cent stamp. This is following a man a long way.

Grenada has gone stamp jobbing too. A 3d. Jubilee stamp is out to commemorate Columbus' landing. Poor Kit, you've got to do for a pretext once more.

That the Yankees are smart goes without saying, but in the stamp business, Spain seems to be a bit ahead. They have a nice stamp out which is sold to collectors and dealers, and plastered on post cards, etc., just for money. On the bottom of the stamp, in an engraved space, is the name of a city. Every city has its own name in, and they sell like hot cakes. Patriotic crowd! But it's a great scheme all the same.

I'd like to meet the galoot in the Milwaukee P. O. who evidently cancels the letters with his feet, and probably uses a shovel to put ink on. He spoils a strip of three nice 8 cent Omaha stamps, the first I got.

I wonder how our cousins across the line will feel when they will have to pay three cents letter postage. You've admired our Canadian system so long, now it's your turn.

## Important to Non- Collectors.

I am sending copies of this number of the MONTREAL PHILATELIST to many of my friends, in the hope that they may become interested in stamps. There is no other hobby, from which you can derive as much benefit, pleasure and profit, as stamp collecting. I sincerely hope that you will become interested in stamps, and find out for yourself the pleasure derived therefrom. I shall always be pleased to answer any questions and give all information possible, to those desiring to start collecting.

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