

THE CANADIAN WEEKLY STAMP NEWS.

25c Entry of Goods	7	20d Conveyance	2 50
25c Insurance	2	20d Probate of Will	35 00
25c Life Insurance	40	25d Mortgage	5 00
25c Power of Attorney	3	50d Revenue	4 00
25c Protest	50	200d Revenue	20 00
25c Warehouse Receipt	1 00		
30c Foreign Exchange	2 00	THE DECREASE OF GOOD SPECIMENS.	
30c Inland Exchange	10		
40c Inland Exchange	7		
50c Conveyance	1		
50c Foreign Exchange	60		
50c Lease	75		
50c Life Insurance	10		
50c Mortgage	7		
50c Original Process	2		
50c Passage Ticket	25		
50c Probate of Will	1 75		
50c Surety Bond	10		
60c Inland Exchange	15		
70c Foreign Exchange	12		
1d Conveyance	25		
1d Entry of Goods	5		
1d Foreign Exchange	5		
1d Inland Exchange	2		
1d Lease	10		
1d Life Insurance	25		
1d Manifest	1 00		
1d Mortgage	3 50		
1d Passage Ticket	7 00		
1d Power of Attorney	12		
1.30c Foreign Exchange	1 25		
1.50c Inland Exchange	20		
1.60c Foreign Exchange	2 50		
1.90c Foreign Exchange	1 50		
2d Conveyance	20		
2d Mortgage	25		
2d Probate of Will	1 50		
2.50c Inland Exchange	10		
3d Charter Party	25		
3d Manifest	35		
3.50c Inland Exchange	2 00		
5d Charter Party	25		
5d Conveyance	20		
5d Manifest	2 50		
5d Mortgage	50		
5d Probate of Will	1 00		
10d Charter Party	1 00		
10d Conveyance	3 50		
10d Mortgage	1 50		
10d Probate of Will	1 25		
15d Mortgage	7 50		

IN transferring a collection of some six thousand varieties of stamps from an old album to new quarters recently, the fact forcibly impressed me that number of any obsolete stamp cannot only never become greater, but is constantly becoming smaller. This is perhaps as important a factor in the raising of prices as the increased demand caused by the increased collecting population. I do not refer to the number of stamps lost by fire and water, or otherwise disappearing, and which is no doubt comparatively insignificant: I intend to speak particularly of those stamps injured more or less in the handling and re-handling they receive as they pass from dealer to dealer, dealer to collector, and are transferred from album to album. In the case of the great rarities whose values are placed in the hundreds of dollars, and that are already in, and will remain in the hands of philatelists who know their value, accidents by tearing, creasing, or soiling are reduced to a minimum. In fact it is safe to say that the only danger such stamps are subjected to is from fire, and that 99 per cent. of such stamps will continue to exist intact until the papers they are composed of turns to dust. But the great rank and file of stamps, among which are the scarce and many even rare ones, are not guarded as carefully as these pampered gems. I believe that I am more careful than the average collector, with all his love for stamps, and yet in transferring this collection of mine I damaged, by slightly tearing, two good stamps, and perhaps eight or ten common ones. This was usually done in

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