

Surely the hight of artistic ambition in Canada was not reached when some person in the employ of the Government drew a circle with a Queen's head inside, with "Canada postage" above and "3 cents 3" below.

The Nova Scotia Remainders.

Some inside facts, showing who reaped the benefit of them.

BY A HALIFAX COLLECTOR.

There appears to be a belief existing abroad that Nova Scotia is so poor that the selling of remainders of the old stamps had to be resorted to in order to raise revenue. This is a mistake. The real facts in regard to the recent "find" of Nova Scotia, 1860, remainders are as follows:

After Nova Scotia had entered the confederation, it was discovered that the sum of \$20,000 was due the Dominion Government, so Nova Scotia handed over the remainders of the 1860 issue, the Dominion Government accepting them as collateral. The stamps, some 200,000 in all, were put away, and in fact almost forgotten.

But a certain Halifax collector, whose name it is not necessary to mention, knew they were there, and for some years past had been trying to locate them, with the result that he was in the end successful.

This Halifax collector, and certain other parties whom he had associated with him, then made a proposal to the Dominion Government that they would pay the \$20,000 and take the stamps, which proposal was accepted and the stamps changed hands. The Nova Scotia Government made nothing out of the transaction, and the Dominion Government sold only at the request of the parties purchasing.

Wanted: A New Department in the

D. P. A.

BY A. M. MUIRHEAD.

The interest in collecting philatelic literature has lately received such an impetus that it is now hardly second to that taken in the stamps themselves. Two or more papers are now published *exclusively* in this interest, and a large and flourishing society has been formed among its devotees. Our suggestion therefore is, and we urge it most strongly, that a department devoted to the purchase, sale and exchange of philatelic literature, be added to the Dominion Philatelic Association. The number of literature collectors is large, and the number is rapidly increasing, and no harm can possibly come to the D. P. A. by increasing its sphere of usefulness. If the proposed new department cannot be added to the Association, then in all probability the spring will see the formation of a new society devoted exclusively to philatelic literature. This would be a waste of effort. We trust that the Trustees of the D. P. A. will see that steps are taken to form the new department. Should a live, thoroughly efficient department be realized, we can confidently look to a great increase in membership, and the consequent enhanced prestige thereby gained will, I think, commend to every member the advisability of forming the department referred to.

The proposed department need add but one officer to the present board, that is to say, a Superintendent of Literary Exchange, whose duty it would be to receive lists from the members for the purpose of sale or exchange. It is pretty safe to say that the new department would be liberally supported by