

merchants and others, buying their bill stamps in Nova Scotia. After being in use for a comparatively short time the currency was straightened out to agree with the Canadian, and the necessity for surcharging done away with, their use being limited to only one province and for such period of time has made them quite rare, especially the 7, 8, 30, 40 and 50 cents, and 1, 2, 3 dollar stamps.

We cannot see why this was not noticed before when the first and second issue was in use.

Canadian Registration Stamps.

By "CHRIS."

The Government of Canada in the year 1875 issued stamps of a special character for matters of registration only. Over and above the ordinary rate to all foreign countries except the United States at that time was 8 cents, but a favor was granted the United States, the fee being 5 cents, in Canada 2 cents.

Three kinds of similar designs were engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co. on white wove paper. They were narrow oblong with scalloped edges at top and bottom of the

stamps and at the two ends have labels with value in full. "Canada" is inscribed in the small straight label above with large curved label in the centre with "Registered" and small curved label with the words "Letter Stamp" in white Roman capitals. Large arabic numerals of value in the upper corners.

On November 15th 1875, the eight cent stamp was first issued and from that date until June 30th 1876, the end of the fiscal year this stamp was withdrawn from circulation in 1878, and the 75,000 remaining were destroyed by order of the Postmaster General. After a few years the stamp destroyed will be one of Canada's rarest stamps. The 2c. stamp was withdrawn from circulation in 1889, owing to an increase of the registration fee from 2 to 5 cents in Canada to make a uniform registration fee.

He and She.

He-Why are you so quiet, my dear?

She-I licked some of those new Columbian stamps, and my tongue is tired.

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