

proof in red, black, blue, brown and green. 2nd—Franklin to left, "U. S. postage" above, "three cents" below, India proofs in black and red. 3rd—Similar design to No. 1, with addition of "U. S.," Washington to the right in circle, "U. S. postage" above, "three cents" below. 4th—Washington to right in niche, inscriptions same as the Franklin above, die proofs in fine colors. There were a number of others, but these are all I remember sufficiently to describe. I am in hopes of seeing them again, and if I do so will send a fuller and better description. These are very interesting, and I am in hopes I can add a few to my collection before long.

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Ottawa Notes

By Acadia

At last I am able to inform your readers that Postmaster-General Mulock has now consented to issue a special Jubilee stamp of the value of three cents; the sketch of the approved design has been submitted to the British American Bank Note Co. to be engraved. It will be nearly as large as the American Columbus issue, and will consist of two portraits of the Queen, one as she appeared sixty years ago, and one as she appears now.

One of the officials of the B. A. Bank Note Co. was

telling me the other day that Newfoundland was to issue a new set of stamps on June 14, consisting of the values of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10 and 15 cents, which will also be a commemorative issue. Let all the other British colonies fall into line, and give us something that British subjects will be proud to look at and recall the 60th year of a happy and peaceful reign of our beloved Queen Victoria.

Postmaster-General Mulock is to attend the Postal Congress to be held in Washington (D. C.) in May, when the home officers will try to get a cheaper rate of postage between the different colonies.

Stamps in Ottawa are very scarce just at present, and collectors are paying more attention to Parliamentary matters and learning the laws of the country.

The C. H. Mekeel Stamp Co. of St. Louis (Mo.) recently made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors to Mr. W. C. Beckett, for the sum of \$13,000. C. H. Mekeel, president of the company, will go to Europe, and possibly embark in the stamp business there. Geo. D. will still retain the Exchange Department of the A. P. A., while I. A. will continue the Weekly, and it is to be hoped that there will be a greater improvement in that periodical than formerly.