

race, however, and have many times waged war with their most powerful neighbors and not always to their disadvantage.

Montenegro is very mountainous, in fact it is nearly all mountains, so that the land is, to a great extent, unfit for agriculture.

Postage stamps were introduced in 1874, consisting of seven values, viz, 2 soldi (or novtch), yellow, 3, green 5, red; 10, blue; 15, brown; 25, lilac. They bear the bust of the Hosfodar, Nicholas 1st, within a wreath. The value is at the bottom and an inscription in the native language at the top and on each side. Used specimens are rarely met with, but when it is considered how poor and ignorant the people are, and that few, even among the priests, can write, it is not to be wondered at; probably a vast number of these never saw or heard of a postage stamp.

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### Postage Stamp Commision.

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Postmaster-General McLelan has made a concession with regard to the reduction of the commission on stamps allowed to vendors from three per cent. to one. The changing will not affect the whole postal system, and only applies to large cities such as Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Halifax, St. John, Quebec and London. With respect to villages, towns and cities of small popula on there will be no change, the postmasters receiving their old-time commission in tea of stated salaries.

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