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WATERMARKS.

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Canada.—In 1860 envelopes had a watermark P. O. D. C. A. and water lines running diagonally from the left upper to the right lower edges. The envelopes of 1877 have waterlines running semi-diagonally from the right upper to the left lower edges. In some these lines run from the left upper to the right lower edges. These latter are very rare.

Capo of Good Hope.—The first issue (triangular) had a watermark of an anchor. When the new type (rect) was introduced in 1864—which is the same now used—the stamps bore the watermark C C and a crown which was changed in 1882 to C A and a crown.

Cashmere.—A marked divergence in the stamps of this country is that the first issue (circular) of 1866 are printed on paper of native and those of 1877 on that of European manufacture, but the same dies were used with both.

Ceylon.—Of the first issue (1857) the 1d only has no watermark. All the others of the series have a star and are imperforate. They are valued at from 1s. 6d. to 20s. In 1861 the stamps were perforate but the same watermark was retained. Quotations for these are the same as for these of the preceding issue. The 1863 issue was also perforated but had no watermark. These are very

rare some being hardly procurable. In 1862 the watermark of C C and a crown was adopted. In 1882 a new type was introduced, but the watermark was continued the same till 1883 when it was changed to C A and a crown, and the colors of the stamps were then also changed.

China.—The first issue (1878) had no watermark and it was not till 1886 that a watermark, which was in the likeness of a conch shell, was adopted at the same time that a new type was introduced.

Cuba.—A peculiarity of the three first issues of Cuban stamps is that they are only distinguishable from each other by their different watermarks. The first (1855) has a sort of fringe of loops or lacing from each the upper and the lower edges; the second (1856) had a watermark of lozenges; and the third (1857) has no watermark.

Cyprus.—The first issue for this island made their appearance in 1880. They were merely the ordinary British stamps surcharged with the name of the island. The watermarks will be described when I reach Great Britain in this narration. In 1881 a regular issue was made for Cyprus which had the watermark C C and a crown, and was succeeded in 1883 by that of C A and a crown.

Dominico.—The first issue (1874) had the watermark of C C and a crown,