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## Canadian Post Cards.

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There exist distinct varieties of Canadian Post Cards exclusive of the varieties in color and paper.

The first card issued was in 1871, value one cent., color blue; of this issue there are to be found two varieties, one with name of the firm by whom they were manufactured in small capitals at the bottom of the card thus "British American Bank Note Co., Montreal and Ottawa;" the other lacking the word "Ottawa."

In 1877 a two cent card was issued, color green. This card was inscribed, "To United Kingdom" and was for use between Canada and Great Britain.

In 1879 another two cent card was put forth, also printed in green, bearing in addition to the usual matter found upon our cards the words "Union Postale Universelle" at the top of the card.

The designs of these three cards were somewhat similar, each bore the head of the Queen, to right upon shield the words "one cent" beneath it, and on the 1879 card "Canada" at the top and "Post Card" at the bottom of the shield in small letters. The legend "Canada Post Card. The address only to be written on this side," and three blank lines prefaced by the word "To," making up the face of the card.

A new one cent card was issued in 1882, without border or address lines of 1871 card. The head of the Queen is to be found in a frame to the right, surrounded by words "Canada Postage," "one cent," numeral in a circle right and left centres.

Legend in a scroll at the top, beneath which is to be found the usual direction. "The address only to be written on this side."

A reply card, one x one cent, color slate, was also issued in 1883 of same design as the one cent card.

There was issued in 1886, a number of these cards with the head of Queen printed by mistake in the left hand corner of the card.

In 1887 the dies of the one cent and reply cards were changed. The new dies resembling that of the 1875 newsband.

The front or engraved side of the card is intended for the address only and nothing else is allowed to be written or printed upon it. It is also forbidden to attach anything to a card or to cut and alter it in any way. In case of so doing, it is not mailable as a post card.

Private post cards are not allowed to pass through the mails, nor are the cards of any British or Foreign except such be the return half of a reply card.

A treasure dating back two centuries has just been discovered in an old house, standing in a garden in the Rue Galande, Paris. The landlady was having some repairs executed and gas laid on, and the workmen, on tearing down the paper in a room on the ground floor, found, artfully concealed in a recess in the wall, an iron box containing wills and family papers, dating from the year 1694, with a quantity of coins, among which were about 160 foreign gold pieces of the size of double-louis. The next day the workmen, in digging in the garden to lay down the gas-pipes, came upon another box with 1,200 pieces of gold and silver of the same kind.