

Watermarked Stamps of Canada.

AT the Annual Meeting of the C. P. A., Toronto, 20th Sept., the President mentioned to the writer that he had both the 1c. and 3c. red, 1868 issue of Canada adhesive postage stamps, watermarked. Had a view of the 3c. once before, and it is spoken of (as appearing on paper, watermarked with the maker's name) in a paper on the stamps of B. N. A., read before the Philatelic Society of London, Eng., on Jan. 8th, 1870, by W. D. Atlee. No mention is made of the 1c. similarly watermarked, or of the 3c. on laid paper. On looking up some of these stamps recently, and after the removal of 5 or 6 layer of paper from backs, I found a 1c. with watermark of T. U., thick Roman letters, about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. long, and on a 3c. letters V. or W. H. similar in character and size. They are the only watermarked stamps of Canada I have ever found, and conclude they are rare.

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CHRONICLE.

Afghanistan.—There is a new type of the abasy, measuring 28 m.m. in diameter, instead of 26 m. m.

Argentine Republic.—The new 1c stamp will bear the effigy of Dr. Velez Sarsfield, and the 20c. Gen. Julio A. Roca. The government not being satisfied with the lithographed stamps, has contracted with the South American Bank Note Co. for a new series, and *Le T. P.* illustrates the 3c., which it says is very well engraved. It has the head of President Celman, above which, on a curve, is "Republica Argentine;" below is "Tres Centavos" and in upper corners figures of value.

British Bechuanaland.—The 5sh. Cape has been surcharged, and the 1d. and 2d. lilac are now surcharged on Her Majesty's head, with "1d." in black and "2d." in red.

British Honduras.—The two cent red on 50c. on 1 shilling grey is found with the surcharge two in black.

Belgium.—The 5 + 5c. card is new frame design, as the current 5c., with the necessary additions.

Canada.—We have a used copy of the 5c. registration green imperforate.

We are not sure, but we think we have seen that the bisection of certain stamps, already noticed in those of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, was extended to some of those of Canada. However, as we cannot put our hand on any record of the fact, we may mention that a correspondent has sent us a portion of an envelope with 10c. in violet brown, and half an one of 5c. vermilion, side by side, and obliterated over the two. The 5c. is very much oxydised, and the combination was doubtless used to represent the packet rate of $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents. It is only one item more of presumptive evidence that these bisections were made by the officials of the P. O. when letters were handed in with cash for the postage, and no stamps of the particular value were at hand to make up the postage rate.—*Ph. Record.*