

THAT "SHANGHAI LOCAL."—It appears that the "candareen" issue have been succeeded by a "cent" issue. The values now are 2 cents, pink, 4c. violet, 6c. green, and 8c. blue. Printed on colored and white paper, perforated. There is a slight difference between this and the previous issue.

### Postal Chat-Chat.

THE amount of Money Orders drawn at the Saint John N. B., Post Office for the quarter ending January 31st 1866 was \$4452.52, an increase of \$1860.65 over the corresponding period last year. The amount of orders was \$37466.59, an increase of \$4679.43 over the same quarter last year.

THE amount of Money Orders drawn at the Saint John Post Office in February, was \$1526, 60, or \$1069,68, more than was drawn in the corresponding month in 1865. Money Orders paid at the Post Office St. John, in February, \$13394.25, being an increase over the corresponding month last year, of \$3663,28.

POSTAGE STAMPS to the value of \$1404.75, were sold at the Post Office St. John N. B., during the month of January 1866.

THE number of valentines posted on the 14th February at St. John, was 1600.

UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS BONDED IN CANADA BY THE CONFEDERATES.—The *Herald's* Toronto Washington special despatch says:—"An agent of our Post-Office Department and of the United States Consul at Toronto have recently found in bond, in the Custom House of that city ten thousand dollars worth of United States three-cent postage stamps, of the consignment of which to a house by the rebel agents in Liverpool our Government received information in August last. It is supposed the stamps were captured by the pirate 'Florida,' an injunction on the stamps has been gotten out, and it is expected the question of their proprietorship will shortly be argued before a Canadian Court."

A FRANK ANNOUNCEMENT.—We are told in the life of John Vine Hall (the father of the Rev. Newman Hall,) that his affection for his mother was very strong. For many years she was supported by him, and when his pecuniary resources were very small, he loved to minister to her necessities. He had sent at the usual time, through the Post Office, a £5 note, which was stolen. His mother anxiously waited till her resources were nearly exhausted. At length she wrote, "My son Joseph in Egypt, the corn is nearly gone." Great was his grief. Another note was promptly posted in a letter, on the outside of which was written, "this letter contains a £5 note. The last was stolen. Please let this pass; it is for a poor widow." It arrived safely.

A NOVEL subscription of 192 Foreign and Colonial Stamps was placed on one of the collection plates at Christ Church recently, one Sunday afternoon by a lad of about 10 years of age in aid of the Melanesian Missions.—*South Australian Advertiser.*

[WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE "GAZETTE."]

## LAWRENCE DANTON, THE MAN OF FEELING.

BY W.

[CONCLUSION.]

It was quite late in the evening when I arrived at the hotel with Gordon after our delightful walk, and as we had some moments at our disposal before the usual hour of retiring for the night, I lit my favourite *maerchaum*, and indulged quietly in the smoker's reverie. Gordon sat opposite to me, and beguiled the time with reading the *Stamp Gazette*. All at once I heard a noise in the hall, and immediately descended the stairs to ascertain the cause; when, on reaching the bottom, to my great surprise I found Danton and Charlton engaged in a violent altercation. Miss Vernon, pale, trembling, and excited, was endeavouring to pacify the two gentlemen; but the rage of Charlton would not be appeased, while with clenched hands and violent demeanour he hurled the foulest epithets on Danton, and accused him of disturbing his peace of mind and estranging her from the society of him, when informed at the same time of her engagement with him. "Why," said Charlton his face burning with anger, jealousy, and hatred, "why have you thus betrayed the confidence I, since my stay here, have imposed in you? You knew of the intimacy which existed between Miss Vernon and myself, and the engagement which has subsisted from the years of childhood, you were aware of all this, and yet like the evil Genius of a hopeless passion, would step between me and the one I love. I demand reparation for the evil you have done me; as a man I despise and loathe you." Saying this, he seized him by the throat, but Danton, with admirable dexterity and skill, hurled him to the ground. The noise of the fall brought Gordon to the scene of this little drama, which now reached the highest state of excitement. Miss Vernon, at the commencement of the scene, was cool and self-possessed, and entreated them both to settle this dispute at some place where strangers could not hear their language, and condemned Charlton in an earnest and emphatic manner, for bringing so unjust and foul an accusation against Mr. Danton at such a time, and in the hall of an hotel. But when Charlton stood up violently and indignantly abusing his opponent, while at the same time Danton calmly surveyed him with scorn and contempt, a patient listener of