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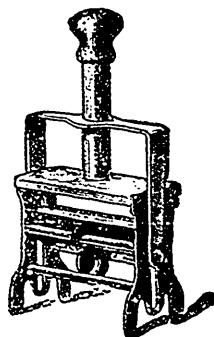
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I would advise all stamp collectors when in the country for business or pleasure, to visit all the small post-offices within their reach in search of obsolete stamped envelopes and adhesive stamps. It is of little use to write to the postmasters, for perhaps not one in ten could tell by the description what kinds were wanted. I have written to several postmasters but never had any success, some not even taking the trouble to reply, although I sent return postage.

There are, without doubt, many scarce and rare varieties on sale at small and insignificant post-offices throughout the country that are only waiting for some one to hunt them up. The principal reason for this is the fact that supplies were obtained long ago, and on account of the small demand for them they remain in the offices year after year. I have found specimens that were ten years, and more, old, and there is no doubt that others can do the same.

For the scarce varieties dealers are always willing to allow a good price in exchange, and this way many additions to one's collection can be made at a small expense. I once purchased fifty stamped envelopes at a post-office, costing about \$1.60, and traded thirty-four of them almost immediately with a dealer for seventeen dollars worth of others that I wanted, and did fully as well with the balance. So in this case I got a profit of over twenty dollars out of an investment of less than two.

Stamp collectors in their summer vacation travels should be continually on the alert for

good or rare specimens, which may be found not only in post-offices, as I have mentioned, but in paper mills, "garret trunks of old letters" and various other places.—(*Eastern Philatelist.*)

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Dominion Philatelist :

SIR,—In your last issue I notice my esteemed friend "Acadia" falls into an error regarding myself, which in common justice needs to be corrected. I did not have anything to do with the editorial note in the *Eastern Philatelist* respecting the number of C. P. A. officers in Halifax. I was astonished when I saw it in print as I personally recommended Mr. King for the office when I refused the secretaryship. I think the item was uncalled for, and simply ask Mr. Hechler or Mr. Godrich to enlighten "Acadia." As to the fact of my being in favor of Mr. King's appointment and also decidedly against the item in the *E. P. Whig*, "Acadia" should nominate me for "official kicker" I am at a loss to know as I have not as yet seen anything in connection C. P. A. or the gentlemen belonging to it to warrant even the faintest grumble on my part. As to the note on my qualifying for membership in the A. P. A., I may simply state that after being accepted, I had good and sufficient reasons, and principles which I could not see my way clear to sacrifice, in not becoming a member. I belong to the Amsterdam Philatelic Association, and in one of my "ads" the letters "A. P. S." No. 42, read A. P. A. No. 42, unfortunately leading some to think it was the American Society—an error of the printer's and not mine. When I consider a Society good enough to put the letters after my name, common sense would tell any one I could have no sufficient reason from joining it. In a nutshell it lies in this—my decided stand against the Chalmers "craze" has stirred up a mean feeling of petty spite which has as much effect on me as water on a duck's back.

Yours, etc.

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The time is growing near when the C.P.A. will hold its Annual Convention and we look for good results to follow this meeting.

Our membership has not increased, during the past year, as we would have liked, but we are pleased to see that many of the old collectors who, at the beginning, held aloof from us are gradually realizing that our Association has come to stay and one by one they are joining us.

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### C. P. A. ELECTIONS.

Judging from the official ballots, one would think that all the officers, except the President, were to be elected by acclamation, but such is not the case, as there are candidates for nearly every office whose names do not appear on the ballot and who are going to make lively contests for those whose names do appear.

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## SOME REMARKS ON THE CANADA TWELVE PENCE.

BY DONALD A. KING.

In the January number of the Stamp Collector Mr. H. S. Harte has an article on the Postage Stamps of Canada, and in which he speaks of the 12-pence as follows :

"This latter stamp is a peculiar one, amongst other things, is that the value is expressed as 12 *pence* instead of *one shilling*. It is without doubt, one of the rarest stamps in existence, for, although 51,000 of them were prepared, only about 820 of them were issued to postmasters, and but a few of these ever passed into the hands of the public, or were used to prepay postage on letters. This stamp was intended for the prepayment of postage on letters to the United Kingdom ; but, owing to the fact that the letter rate to that country was soon reduced to 10 *pence*, it enjoyed but a brief existence, for all copies of it were called in and destroyed as soon as the *ten pence* stamp was issued."

"It has been thought by many, a strange thing that if this stamp was in use from 1851 to 1855, that so few copies of it should be met with now. Various have been the reasons given for its rarity. Some have supposed that owing to the small number of copies of it that were distributed to postmasters, that its existence was not generally known to the public at large ; others, that two *six pence* stamps were as a rule used upon letters to England, and others again have advanced the theory that whilst the stamp was prepared in 1851, copies of it were not issued to the postmaster until some time in 1854. This latter theory I have seen stated by reliable authorities, and it would in some measure account for the extreme rarity of the stamp. However, whatever view one may be inclined to take of this matter, it still remains an uncontroverted fact that happy is the man who has the luck to have his collection of Canadian stamps graced by the presence of this rarity."

In this article I wish to try and show some of the errors into which Mr. Harte has fallen in relation to this stamp ; but in order to do this I have to give a quantity of, to some, dry

extracts and figures from Post Office Department reports and accounts.

To start with, we find in the report of the Canadian Postmaster-General, for the year ending April, 1852 :

"Postage stamps for the prepayment of letters of the respective values of 3 pence, 6 pence and 1 shilling, were procured and issued immediately after the transfer, and have been kept for sale to the public at all the principal Post Offices in the province ; the demand, however, has not been great, as will be seen by the following statement, and the sales of the last quarter of the year would seem to demonstrate that the use of these stamps in prepayment of letters is rather diminishing than gaining ground in the community."

The transfer alluded to was the handing over of the Post Office Department by the Imperial authorities to the local government, July 1st, 1851.

These were procured from the manufacturers, Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Co., of New York, during the year ended April 5th, 1852.

	£	s.	d.
250,300 3-pence .....	3,127	0	0
100,400 6-pence .....	2,510	0	0
51,400 1-shilling .....	2,550	0	0

Of these have been issued to postmasters, for sale, to the same date :

	£	s.	d.
217,300 3-pence .....	2,716	5	0
63,400 6-pence .....	1,585	0	0
820 1-shilling.....	41	0	0

In the statement of sales for that period of the 12 pence probably originated the common error that only 820 stamps were ever issued. That the 12 pence was especially intended for the postage to the United Kingdom is not possible, as the rate to those countries was 1s 2d sterling, equal to 1s 4d Canadian currency, and that rate could not be made up by any combination of the then Canadian stamps. It was more than probably intended for heavy provincial and United States letters. If the intention had been to issue a stamp for use to England only, it would have likely have issued it of the exact value of the postage required, as was done later on with the 10d and 7½d, not such a nondescript value as the 12 pence was in relation to the postage for the United

Kingdom, bearing as it does, however, a perfect proportion to the interior postage, it seems much more reasonable to believe that it was issued as such, and if it were possible to get the views of the old Canadian post office officials, it would be found that it was issued for this purpose, and that English letters were prepaid in cash and stamped so with a hand stamp. It is only reasonable to believe that if this stamp represented the ocean rate to England, that it would be in more demand than it was, as the correspondence between the two countries was always very large.

The theory that the stamp was prepared in 1851, but that it was not issued to postmasters until 1854 is untenable, as see Postmaster General's report for year ending March 31, 1853: "Postage stamps for the prepayment of letters have been issued for sale to the amount shown by the following statement:"

	3d.	6d.	12d.	Total value
On hand April 5, '52.....	32,000	37,000	50,180	£3,845 5 0
Since received from Manifs...	250,000	.....	.....	3,125 0 0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>280,000</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>50,180</b>	<b>£6,970 5 0</b>
Iss'd for sale during year.....	163,000	2,575	100	2,106 17 6
Bal. on hand Mar. 31, '53.....	119,000	34,425	50,080	£4,863 7 6

It will be seen by the above that 100 more 12 pence were issued, and that for the whole only 2,575 6-penny stamps, which shows that not a large number of double rate letters were prepaid by stamps in that year.

The small number of stamps used was due, no doubt, to their being new, and people not being used to them, and, as well as that, they could prepay in money, or have their letter forwarded unpaid.

That the use of stamps was on the increase will be seen by the Postmaster-General's report for the next year, that ending March 31st, 1854.

"The use of stamps in prepayment of postage has materially increased in the last year, and the issue has been as follows:"

	3d.	6d.	12d.	Total value
On hand March 31, '53.....	119,000	34,425	50,080	£4,863 7 0
Since received from Manifs.	250,000	.....	.....	3,125 0 0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>369,000</b>	<b>34,425</b>	<b>50,080</b>	<b>£7,988 7 0</b>
Issued for sale during year	240,700	10,825	325	3,205 12 6
Bal. on hand, March 31 '53	129,000	23,600	49,755	£4,682 15 0

We thus see 325 more of the 12-penny stamps issued for sale, showing that there was some little demand for them, but, still, bearing to the quantity that would be required for English letters, as the year was especially noted for the quantity sent, and a reduction of postage was asked for on those grounds, and granted, as will be seen by these further extracts from same report.

"In March, 1854, the charge on packet letters between Canada and the United Kingdom and most foreign countries was reduced by the Imperial Government from 1s 2d sterling to 8d sterling per ½ ounce, when sent in the closed mails through the United States, and from 1s to 6d., when sent direct from a provincial port—Quebec and Halifax."

"Should no change be likely soon to take place in the charges on the correspondence with England, it would promote the public convenience to procure postage stamps of the

value of 10d and 7½d, respectively, to correspond with the present packet letter charges."

That part of this recommendation was adopted, will be seen, as the report for the year ending March 31, 1885, says:

"To promote the general convenience in prepaying letters to the United Kingdom at the new rate, postage stamps of the value of 10d, currency, equal to 8d, sterling, were procured and issued to the public."

This 10d stamp was probably issued before the end of the year 1854, as in the Departmental accounts for the quarter ending 31st December, 1854, we find:

"Rawdon, Wright & Co., making stamps, £42,18.6," and this item very near the top of the list of accounts, which were made up by date, beside that in the statement of account of stamps sold up to March 31, 1855, we find that there was 16,200 10d stamps, which would be too great a quantity for only one fourth of a year, which would be the case if they were not issued until 1855. They were probably issued about October, 1854, although all catalogues give 1855 as the date.

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