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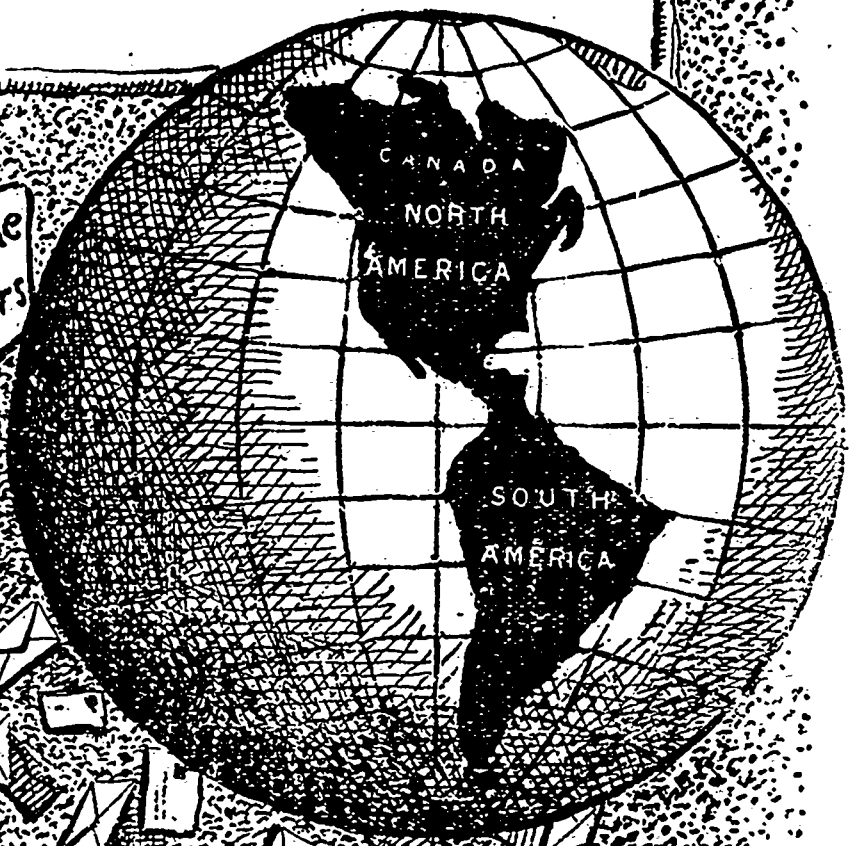
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## Canadian Post Cards.

BY HENRY S. HARTE.

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.

## NUMISMATIC DEPARTMENT.

All correspondence in this department should be addressed to Mr. Jos. Hooper, Box 145, Port Hope.

THE question of adopting a decimal system of coinage is again attracting attention in England.

THE price now asked for the seven pieces of the silver Jubilee coins (in proof condition) is eight dollars.

IN addition to above the Maundy set of 1887 comprising 4d, 3d, 2d and 1d in silver is to hand, these are of the old type obverse and numeral reverse.

To date of writing, the five cent (silver) and one cent (copper) of 1837 is all that have turned up as new features in our Dominion coins of this year.

THE Numismatic and Antiquarian Society will hold in December, on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary, a loan exhibition of Canadian historical portraits and object relating to Canadian archaeology.

WE had a 1382 Nova Scotia cent offered lately, this error was committed by the die cutters. A few found their way to this country, the correction of 1832 followed. This monstrosity "the 1382" commands quite a premium.

THE coins of the German Empire may be used also as weights. A pfennig piece weighs exactly two grams; so does a gold five-mark piece. A nickel ten-pfennig and a ten-mark gold piece weigh each four grams.

TWO BIG COPPER CENTS, issued in 1817, are among the rarest in the coin collection of the Philadelphia mint. These have the liberty heads well defined but on the top of the head over the liberty cap, is a small protuberance, which under a microscope, appears as a crown. This was cut in the die by an English engraver, who thus covertly set the British crown over the American liberty head.

THE Queen has issued an order that the Jubilee medal, of which about a thousand have been given away, is to rank above all war medals, and it is always to worn on those full-dress occasions when ordinary medals are de rigueur.

AT a dinner at Roundout, lately there was a German just arrived, who had not seen United States paper money. A gentleman opposite took a \$50 bill from his pocket and endeavored to hand it to the German, but dropped it into a dish of soup. He took it out as quickly as possible and was waving it to and from to dry it, when a big dog in the room snapped it out of his fingers and bolted it down with apparent relish.

THE CHICAGO PRESS CLUB has become the possessor of a valuable historical relic in the shape of the first \$5 note issued by the government. No 1. of series A. 1852. It was presented to the club by the new treasurer, George Schneider, president of the Illinois National Bank, and is valued by numismatists at \$500. There has been for some years considerable speculation as to the whereabouts of this note, and its presentation to the club will settle the question of its location for all time to come.

IT is said that there are only seven genuine 1804 dollars in the U.S., counterfeiters have been very successful in changing 1801 issues to that of 1804. A most ingenious mode of deception is the changing of dates of common issues of a certain coin, to the date of the year whose issue is scarce and consequently high, so that it takes an expert to distinguish them. Very lately, I had sent me what the party called an 1804 cent asking a fancy price for it, wishing to satisfy myself as to its genuineness as far as possible, I applied a strong magnifier and could distinguish easily the hollowing or easing down process, the sloping and horizontal bars having been worked out of the field. I returned it with thanks.

The death is announced of George Sim, (Numismatist,) Scotland. His collection of Greek and Roman coins number over 13,000, and is perhaps the finest in the world.

THE only money of Tonquin is the Tapek, a small coin of base metal resembling the Chinese cash, but only one-fourth as valuable. Forty-three of them are worth one cent. There are, therefore 4,300 in one dollar, which weighs over twenty pounds. Ten dollars make a heavy load for the stout wheel-barrows which fill the place of drays in America in doing the heavy city transportation, and the pay of a regiment or two in the old days of Tong Doe rule sufficed to load a good-sized junk.

A COIN COLLECTOR in the Lower Provinces in search of rarities lately came across an old man who stated he had some old coins for sale, the collector, of course, asked the old gentleman if he had one with a "sheaf of wheat" on it and was told that he had—a fancy figure was offered—accepted and paid in advance with the positive understanding that he was to deliver the *rarity* that evening. Judge of our numismatic friend's surprise and disgust when he was handed an English half penny *trade token*, with a sheaf on the reverse worth from five to ten cents.

THE standard of pure gold is 24 carats, coin being  $22\frac{1}{2}$  parts of gold and one and half parts alloy. The best jewelry running 14, 16 and 18 carats. When it is required to know the purity of any piece, a small portion is weighted and the alloy is taken out by nitric acid. The remainder is pure gold and the proportion easily found. This process is assaying. It is colored as desired by the alloy. Copper alloy makes it red, of which the English sovereign is a good specimen, and silver makes it white, like the Australian sovereign.

THE following test for deciding whether a coin is good or bad is generally known as the *Mint Test*:

#### TEST FOR GOLD.

Strong nitric acid ( $36^{\circ}$ ), 30 parts; muriatic acid, 1 part; water, 20 parts.

#### TEST FOR SILVER.

Nitrate of silver, 24 grains; nitric acid, 30 drops; water, 1 ounce.

Use the liquids as near the edge of suspected coin as possible, as that is the part most worn. A drop of the preparation will have no effect on genuine coin, while it can be plainly seen on the counterfeit. In case the suspected coin is plated, scrape the coin a little before applying the test.

A CURIOUS MEDAL was recently found on the farm of Harrison Loring of Boston, in Duxbury, Mass. It is about an eighth of an inch greater in diameter than a silver dollar and about one half as thick. It is apparently of pewter, around the rim in Roman capital letters, a quarter of an inch high is the inscription, "Gloria in Excelsis, 1633." The last figure of the date is a little indistinct. With the lettering is a circle which encloses a winged figure rather over an inch in height. A skirt conceals the lower part of the body and limbs as far as the feet. In the right hand is a sword, and in the left something which may be a torch or a mace. The features are indiscernible. The reverse is plain and looks as if the medal had been attached to some object as an ornament. Mrs. Loring sent it to the Pilgrim Society, Plymouth where it now is. No one knows what its purpose was, but it is conjectured that it was a medal commemorative of some religious event or formed an ornament of some communion service. The spot where it was found was one where three ancient highways joined years ago. An old pewter coat button was discovered at the same time.

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IT is with regret we announce that Mr.  
John R. Hooper, Secretary *pro tem* of the  
Canadian Philatelic Society being down  
with typhoid fever. In consequence of  
which the the election that was to have  
taken place last month will not come off  
till late in December or early in January.

A motto for a postage stamp, "A penny  
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COUNTERFEIT postal cards have been discovered in Pittsburgh, Pa., which are so skilfully executed that their detection is very difficult. This is the first attempt to put spurious postal cards in circulation. It is thought they came from New York.

A NOVEL WAY OF SENDING MONEY.—Five silver dimes were recently sent to a Michigan editor on a postal card. The pieces were placed in looped slits cut into the card and held there by a thread which crossed the loops.

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**U. S. Foreign Mails.**

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INCREASE IN THE TRANSLANTIC AND SOUTH AMERICAN CORRESPONDENCE.

N. M. Bell, Superintendent of Foreign Mails, in his annual report says:—The weights of the mails conveyed from the United States to foreign countries during the year show an increase in the transatlantic mails of 10.59 per cent. of letters and 12.35 per cent. of other articles. The mails for the Central and South American countries show an even more gratifying increase of 19.21 per cent of letters and 20.49 per cent of other articles. The Central American States show an increase of 36 per cent. The cost of the foreign mail services during the year was \$437,447, of which \$429,036 was compensation for sea conveyance, an increase for the year of \$87,447. The report shows that the Postoffice Department has pending thirteen parcel post conventions with South and Central American States and the West Indian Islands, which it is believed will be consummated within the next few months.



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