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CANADIAN STAMPS.

WE notice in the *Phil. Record* for April there is a review of the catalogue of the collection of postage stamps, envelopes, &c, in the Museum of the Imperial Post of Berlin, in which there are several observations on some Canadian stamps which are inaccurate. We cannot do better than copy what the *Record* says about the matter. "On looking at the first issue for Canada, where the museum possess the imperforate 3 pence and 6 pence unused, and the 1 shilling used, we were struck by seeing that the portrait on the 6 pence was stated to be that of Lord Elgin, the popular Governor-General of Canada from 1846 to 1854, contrary to tradition, which has assigned it to Prince Albert. We have searched for the grounds on which this tradition rests, and can find none; and certainly to those who remember the Prince, the portrait no more resembles him than that of the King of Siam, which figures on one of Messrs. De La Rue & Co.'s latest productions. Nor do we think the uniform is one in which Prince Albert would appear, or the star one which he would wear. When we look at the next issue, the 10 pence of 1857 is said to be the portrait of Sebastian Cabot, the discoverer of Canada in 1497, and not that of the filibustering Breton Jacques Cartier, who sailed up the St. Lawrence as far as Montreal in 1535, though, according to history it was not he who planted the French flag first in Lower Canada, as this had been done eleven years previously by Verrazani. Here again the German compiler seems to have reason on his side."

Judging from this extract the *Record* seemingly endorses the German author. We think, however, after reading the following official extracts from P. O. Dept. Reports etc., that they will not agree with the German view of the matter.

In the report of the P. M. General for Canada for the year 1851 there is a copy of the following official order:

P. O. DEPARTMENT. (ORDER No. 4.)

P. O. DEPARTMENT,

Toronto, 1st April, 1851.

Stamps for prepayment of Postage on Letters.

"Postage Stamps are about to be issued, one representing the beaver, of the denomination of 3 pence, the second representing the head of Prince Albert, of the denomination of 6 pence, and the third representing the head of Her Majesty, of the denomination of 1 shilling; which will shortly be transmitted to the postmasters at important points.

This should settle whose portrait it is, besides, according to Burkes Peerage, Lord Elgin was born in 1811, so that at the time of the issue of these stamps he was 40 years of age, the portrait on the stamps is that of a man of about 22 or 23. If it does not look like Prince Albert it resembles still less the portraits of Lord Elgin, of which, from his great popularity many exist in Canada.

And now as regards the 10 pence, which the *Record* says was issued in 1857, but was really issued from 1st April 1855, as the P. M. General's report for that year will shew.

"To promote the general convenience in prepaying letters to Great Britain at the new rate, postage stamps of the value of 10 pence currency equal to 8 pence sterling were procured and issued for sale." As for the portrait on 10 pence, it is identically the same as that of all the existing portraits of Jacques Cartier, and totally unlike those existing of Sebastian Cabot. The style of head dress, and the way the beard is worn is that of the sixteenth century instead of the fifteenth. There is a very rare and old print of Sebastian Cabot, taken from the original painting, in the possession of Charles Jost Harford Esq, in the Legislative Library in Halifax and anything more dissimilar to the face on the 10 pence stamp of Canada cannot well be imagined. It represents an old man with long forked beard and the round cap or bonnet of his time on the head.

The first North American Government notice of perforating is found in the following, from the Postmaster-General's report for 1857:

"To facilitate the prepayment of letters passing from Canada to England by the Canadian Steamers, a new stamp bearing value of 6 pence sterling or 7½ pence currency, being the Canadian Packet rate has been secured and put in circulation." This stamp was rendered necessary on account of the contract between the Canadian Government and the Allan Line of Steamers in regard to carrying the mails, and by which contract the postage was reduced.

"A new stamp has also been introduced of the value of ½ penny to serve as the medium for prepaying transient newspapers."

"Moreover the Department has been led by the increasing use of postage stamps, to take measures for obtaining the Canadian Postage Stamps on sheets perforated in the dividing line in the manner adopted in England to facilitate the separation of a single stamp from the others on a sheet when required for use."

The paper used in the 1868 issue of Canadian Stamps is found in various thicknesses and kinds. Apparently no care was used in selecting the paper used. A table is annexed of some of the most notable varieties:

1	cent red brown on laid paper.
1	" yellow " "
1	" red brown on very thin paper.
1	" " " " medium " with watermark.
1	" yellow on very thick heavy paper.
2	" green " " thin paper.
3	" red " " thick heavy paper.
3	" " " laid paper.
3	" " " medium paper with watermark.
6	" brown " very heavy thick paper.

A PHILATELIC CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

THE CONNELL STAMP.

(Continued from last month.)

(Copy No. 3.)

Memorandum of the Lieut.-Governor to Mr. Connell.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, FREDERICTON, May 19th, 1860.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor accepts Mr. Connell's resignation of the office of Postmaster-General and Executive Councillor, and he accedes to Mr. Connell's request to be so far relieved from the obligations of his oath of office, as will enable him to explain the grounds on which he has tendered his resignation to His Excellency.

His Excellency will of course deem it right to communicate to his Council the contents of Mr. Connell's letter to his Excellency of this days date.

(Sgd) J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON.

MR. CHARLES CONNELL, M. P. P., etc.

(Copy No. 4.)

Memorandum for the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor thinks it right without delay to lay before his council the accompanying copy of a letter addressed to his Excellency by Mr. Connell.

His Excellency has accepted Mr. Connell's resignation of the office of Postmaster-General and Executive Councillors, tendered to him this morning by Mr. Connell.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON.

May 19th, 1860.

(Copy No. 5.)

Memorandum of the Executive Council in Committee.

To HIS EXC'Y. THE HON. J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON LT.-GOV., &c.

May it please Your Excellency,—

We have had under consideration the memorandum of your Excellency of the 19th inst., accompanied with the letter from the Postmaster General, resigning his office and his seat in the Council, with the reasons he has assigned therefor.

Knowing from the discussions with Mr. Connell that he has prepared to retain his office and seat in the Council, if an order was made to issue

the stamps procured by him, including the stamp bearing the likeness of the head of the department, we are therefore justified in concluding that the Minute of Council of the 8th inst. in which Your Excellency was advised to approve of, and order to be distributed the 1, 10, and 12½ cent Postage Stamps procured by the Postmaster-General, and to order a new 5 cent Postage Stamp to be struck, bearing the likeness of the Queen, instead of the 5 cent stamp already procured by the Postmaster-General, is, notwithstanding the other reasons assigned by him, the real ground of his resignation.

Without entering into the discussion of the powers of the different heads of departments, we observe that we have no desire to limit or circumscribe the legitimate authority of the Postmaster-General, or of the head of any other public department, and in advising your Excellency upon this question, we have not desired nor attempted to do so, as by the Act relating to the Post Office the approval of the Governor-in-Council is required to the issue of Postage Stamps.

Your Excellency is aware that no such order was made by your Excellency in Council, authorizing the obtaining or issuing of the stamps. We admit the Postmaster-General had the consent of his colleagues to obtain decimal stamps, but they were procured and being distributed before they were submitted to your Excellency in Council for approval, or before the impress they bore was known to the Council, and when submitted, it was the opinion of the Council that the 5 cent stamp should bear the likeness of Her Majesty.

* * * * *

We cannot discern how the Revenue of the Post Office Department will be affected by the action of the Government, that must depend upon the extent of individual correspondence, and we do not believe that there will be a single letter less written in consequence of such action.

As Mr. Connell has obtained your Excellency's permission to publish his letter to your Excellency, we respectfully request Your Excellency will authorize the publication of this reply.

(Sgd.)

CHARLES FISHER,	JAMES BROWN,
S. L. TILLEY,	W. H. STEEVES,
A. T. SMITH,	D. WARK,
CHAS. WATTERS,	P. MITCHELL.

(Copy No. 6.)

Memorandum for the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor has received the memorandum of the Executive Council in Committee, in which they submit to his Excellency their observations on Mr. Connell's letter to his Excellency of the 19th inst.

The Lieut.-Governor accedes to the request of his Council to be permitted to publish this document.

(Signed.) J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON.

May 22nd, 1860.

(Copy No. 7.)

Memorandum for the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor lays before the Executive Council a copy of a communication, dated May 30th, 1860, which his Excellency has received from Mr. Chas. Connell, respecting his recent resignation of his seat at the Council Board, and the office of Postmaster-General.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

June 2nd, 1860.

(Copy No. 8.)

Letter from Mr. C. Connell to the Lieut.-Governor.

To His Excellency the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lieut.-Gov. etc. etc.

SIR,—In the *Royal Gazette* of the 23rd instant, appears a memoranda without date, signed by your Excellency's advisers, and addressed to Your Excellency, in which is reviewed a correspondence, which I had the honor to submit to your Excellency on the 19th inst. The subject matter of that correspondence must be discussed at the proper time in another place, but as there are several points urged in the memoranda of your advisers calculated to create a false impression with reference to my reasons for resigning my place at the Council Board, I am induced to trouble Your Excellency with this rejoinder.

1.—In the memoranda under notice, it is intimated that the real reason of my resignation was the refusal of my colleagues in the Government to advise your Excellency to issue the 5 cent Postage Stamp. This statement I must unhesitatingly declare to be incorrect, and if evidence is wanting to prove the contrary I can refer to the Attorney-General, Provincial Secretary, and the Hon. Mr. Wark who were present at a meeting of Council on Tuesday the 10th April, on which occasion on account of circumstances which then and there took place, I stated that "I could not sit with men who acted as they did."

I am well aware that the Law reads: "The Governor-in-Council may cause stamps with their value thereon to be sold and issued as postage." The Minute of Council made in December last, if not perfected by the Attorney-General, whose duty it was to do so, cannot be regarded as my fault. I have fulfilled my duty, and did what I supposed I was fully authorized to do. At all events I have violated no law, and in the memorandum under consideration, it is admitted that I had the consent of my colleagues to obtain the Decimal Stamps.

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7.—As to the revenues of the Postal Department, at the end of the year when the returns are made up, the public will be able to arrive at a correct judgment.

I have &c., &c.,

(Signed,) CHARLES CONNELL.

Woodstock, 30th May, 1860.

(Copy No. 9.)

Memorandum of the Executive Council in Committee.

TO HIS EXC'Y. THE HON. J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON, LT.-GOV. &C.

May it please your Excellency,—

The Committee of Council have had under consideration your Excellency's memorandum of the 2nd instant, accompanied with a second letter from the late Postmaster-General, intended as a reply to our communication to your Excellency of the 23rd ult.

We are convinced that in the preparation of both the papers submitted to your Excellency by Mr. Connell, he has been influenced more by a desire to avoid the discussion of the real ground of his resignation than to represent accurately the policy and acts of his late colleagues in the Government.

* * * * *

In our former memorandum we stated to your Excellency that Mr. Connell had the consent of his colleagues to procure Decimal Postal Stamps; and we again assert that the Council were kept in total ignorance of the design upon the five cent stamps until after they were struck off and put in circulation.

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Mr. Connell having published his second letter to your Excellency, we respectfully request your Excellency will authorize the publication of this our reply.

(Sgd)

CHARLES FISHER,
JAMES BROWN,
S. L. TILLEY,
W. H. STEEVES,

A. T. SMITH,
DAVID WARK,
CHARLES WATTERS,
PETER MITCHELL.

Council Chamber, 5th June, 1860.

(Copy No. 10.)

Memorandum for the Executive Council.

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor has received the memorandum dated the 5th inst., of the Executive Council in Committee, and in accordance with their request he sanctions the publication of this document.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON.

June 6th, 1860.

(To be continued.)

AMONG some rarities in the possession of one of the revenue collectors of Halifax is the unused, un gummed and unperforated \$3 Canada, complete set of Supreme Court of Canada, unused, and a complete set of N. S. B 11 stamps unused, Gas stamps up to \$10 unused, Weights and Measures first issue, no value printed in red. This was only in circulation for a very few weeks. Halifax is not at all behind when rarities are brought out.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL SURCHARGES.

MANY of our Philatelic friends have no doubt often been puzzled by the letters surcharged on the stamps of South Australia, previous to 1878, since which date they have only been printed O. S., meaning on "Official Service." From semi-official information the following list has been compiled:

A. Architect.	L. T. Land Tenners.
A. G. Attorney-General.	M. Militia.
A. O. Audit Office.	M. B. Maritime Board.
B. D. Barrack Department.	O. A. Official Assignee.
B. M. Board of Magistrates.	O. S. On Service.
C. Customs.	P. Police.
C. D. Convict Department.	P. O. Post Office.
C. L. Crown Lands.	P. S. Provincial Secretary.
C. O. Commissariat Office.	P. W. Public Works.
C. S. Colonial Secretary.	R. B. Road Boards.
D. R. Deed Registry.	R. G. Registrar General.
E. Excise.	S. C. Supreme Court.
G. P. Government Printer.	S. G. Solicitor General.
G. S. " Survey.	S. T. Supt. of Telegraphs.
H. A. House of Assembly.	T. Treasury.
I. A. Immigration Agent.	V. Volunteer.
L. A. Land Agent.	W. Waterworks.
L. C. Legislative Council.	

This, though not a complete list is nearly so. The values most commonly found with those surcharges are the 1d, 2d, 4d, 6d, and 11.

Many of the values of the South Australian stamps are also found with a hole punched through them. Those punched stamps were for a long time supposed to have been those that were supplied for convict use, but this was a mistake as they were really for official use. They are now done away with.

STAMPS OF EASTERN ROUMELIA.

THE constitution under which this Province was governed provided for a separate issue of stamps. This for a long time the Turkish Government would not do, until they were fairly compelled to. When they did send them they sent a large amount of their own stamps of the 1876 issue of the value of 10 para O.S. with the surcharge of "Roumelie Oriental." These the Roumelian Government would not accept until assured by the Turkish Government that stamps for themselves were being made. A compromise was then made, the Roumelian Government accepting the stamps but putting another surcharge of R. O. on the stamps.

The next lot sent was the same issue of Turkey surcharged as before, but in larger letters with "Roumelie Oriental." These the Roumelian Government accepted seemingly without any objection. Later in the year

(1881) another variety of the Turkish stamps and of the surcharge was sent, they being this time the surcharged $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 piastres of the Turkish 1876 issue. They were surcharged for use in Roumelia with a long narrow R. O. printed somewhat sideways on the stamp. In March the Roumelian Government got their own stamps resembling the Turkish 1876 issue except in inscriptions, they being printed in Greek, Turkish, French, and Bulgarian.

The following is a correct list of those stamps, January 1881. Type of the Turkey, September 1876 issue surcharged "Roumelie Orientale" and "R. O." in blue.

- 10 paras, lilac and black.
Same type surcharged "R. O." in blue.
- 10 paras, lilac and blue.
- 20 " green " red.
- 1 piastre, blue and black.
- 2 piastres, yellow.
- 5 " blue and red.
Same type surcharged "Roumelie Orientale" alone.
- 10 paras, lilac and black.
Type of the Turkish, April, 1876, surcharged "Roumelie Orientale."
- 10 paras, lilac—lettering in black.
- 20 paras green, lettering in black.
- 1 piastre, yellow, " " "
Type of the surcharged Turkish, 1876, again surcharged on the 112 $\frac{1}{2}$ piastre, green and black.
- 1 piastre, yellow.

The next are those that were issued for Roumelia alone, and as mentioned before, are much like the Turkish stamps, but with inscriptions in four different languages.

- 5 paras, olive and black.
- 10 " green " "
- 20 " rose " "
- 1 piastre blue " "
- 5 " red.

In July 1884, a new issue came out, same design, but printed in different colors.

- 5 paras violet.
- 10 " green.
- 20 " carmine.
- 1 piastre, blue.
- 5 " brown.

DAVID LANG.

WE are glad to see the C. P. A. still adding to the list of members. May it long continue to do so. We would like to hear from Mr. Grenny whether we are going to become an exchange branch with the Dresden International Exchange.

CHRONICLE.

Afghanistan—The 1a., 2a., and 1r. come on white laid batonné paper.

Austria—The current 10kr. is printed on pale straw color paper.

Bahamas—There is a 1 1-2d. blue.

Brazil—We hear of an intended new issue, which will include unpaid letter stamps, envelopes of 100, 200, and 300 reis, newspaper wrappers of 20, 40, and 60 reis, post cards of 40 and 40+40 reis.

British Basutoland—The *I. B. J.* informs us that the Cape of Good Hope stamps are surcharged for us here.

British Bechuanaland—There have been chronicled two stamps of high value, £1 and £5—both purple.

Canada—The 1c red brown, and the 3c. red of 1867 issue are found on water-marked paper. The 15c. of the current issue is changed in color, resembling very much that in which it was first issued, only more of a bluish tinge.

China—We have seen the 1c. green on yellow, and the 5c. bright yellow.

Columbia—There is a 2c. red, of the map series.

Confederate States—The *A. J. of Ph.* illustrates an envelope "Raleigh, N. C." in curve with "Paid" below. It comes on white and buff.

Cuba—The *P. J. of A.* notes the 20c. lilac grey.

Ecuador—The stamps surcharged "Official" seem to be frauds.

Egypt—*Le T. P.* says that the 1pi. envelope is to be issued in a smaller size, also 2pi. envelopes, and newspaper bands.

Formosa—What this Chinese Botany Bay wants with special stamps we are unable to say, and we are equally ignorant whether they are for postage purposes; but we have just received some stamps 30 x 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ in m, with a dragon in the upper part, and a horse running to the left in the lower, all on a horizontally-lined ground, enclosed in a frame, in the upper part of which is Formosa, and in the lower China, with inscriptions in Chinese on the side. In each angle is "20." They are typographed in sheets of 25 (5 rows of 5), and we have them both in red and green. They are manufactured by Messrs. Bradbury Wilkinson & Co, whose names appear on the foot of the sheets. They are typographed on thin plain white paper, are gummed and perforated 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ by a guillotine machine. Probably by next month we may be able to learn more of their history, as also whether they are essays or stamps, and whether for postal or revenue purposes.—*Phil. Record.*

Great Britain—The 1 1-2d, of 1886 is surcharged "Govt.—Parcels."

Hungary—Mr. Rechert has shown us a new series of stamp, resembling the current issue. The 1kr. is black, the others have a groundwork

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OFFICIAL ORGAN, HALIFAX PHILATELIST.

MEETING OF JUNE 11TH, 1888.

MEETING opened at 8.30 p. m. In the absence of the President the V. P. took the chair. Members present; Messrs. Crane, Hechler, Hart, Currie, Findlay, Crowell, Smith F. E. and King.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Hechler introduced Mr. A. A. Bartlett of Charlottetown, P. E. I. as a visitor. He was then proposed as a member and unanimously elected, No. 21. Mr. Hechler made a motion, seconded by Larsen, that the N. S. P. A. have a membership card printed for their members; carried. This being the only business on for the evening, Mr. Bartlett exhibited some rarities he had with him, notably a perforated Connell, and some fine specimens of the orange vermillion N. F. L. pence issue. After this the usual auction was held and which was carried out with considerable spirit. Among those sold were the N. F. L. 6d. lake used, @ 75, Bermuda 1d. on 3d., @ 45, and many others.

The Meeting adjourned at 10.30 p. m.

D. A. KING,

Secretary.

MEETING OF JUNE 25TH, 1888.

Meeting opened at 8.30 p. m. In the absence of the President, the V. P. took the chair. Members present were Messrs. Crane, Hechler, Smith E. F., Findlay, Kaye, Hart and King. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Rev. M. R. Knight of Little York, P. E. I., who was visiting us was proposed and unanimously elected a member, No. 22. The Treasurer then read his half-yearly report, which shewed the Society to be in a fairly healthy state, with a small surplus.

There being no other business, the usual auction was then held, but owing to the small number of members present was not a success.

Meeting adjourned at 10.30 p. m.

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