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# THE CANADIAN 59's

by

RICHARD P. HEDLEY, B.N.A.P.S., A.P.S.



The first postage stamps issued by Canada when the Dominion changed her menetary system from Shillings and Pence to Dollars and Cents, appeared on the 1st of July, 1859. The designs for the issue were taken from the earlier Pence stamps, the old wording and values having been removed and the new words and values for cents being engraved in their places. Printing was done by the American Bank Note Company.

The collecting of this set is one of the highlights of Canadian Philately as it has, and gives, the collector everything to be desired: beauty, shades, cancellations, covers, perforation varieties, paper varieties, proofs, etc. Furthermore, in the case of used copies, the price of them is not out of reach and a grand collection can be made. The illustration shows the complete set, including the 2c value which was issued August 1st, 1864, to prepay the letter rate to and from Volunteer Militia men in active service within the Province of Canada.

One does not have to specialize to a great extent to make a nice showing, but if you desire to make an above average collection of this issue, it could be done very well by basically following these points: a) Perforation varieties, b) Shades, c) Paper varieties. Several shades of each stamp exists and as far as the 10c value is concerned, 27 are listed\* with the probability of many more. The different perforations are an excellent guide to shades, as the first printings of 1859 were perforated 11¾, in 1862 a compound perf of 12 x 11¾, and from 1865 on the perforation 12 was used. Then the differences in paper varying from a coarse texture to a fine one provides even further study. To delve deeper into these varieties is not for us here and for further information we refer the reader to any specialized catalog of Canada, the most famous of which is "Standard British North America Catalog" published in 1929 by Mr. Fred Jarrett.

Other than shades, the one thing this writer likes about the issue, is the many different and interesting cancellations which can be collected—on or off cover. The famous 5c Beaver, which retails for 30 - 50c (depending on condition) provides the greatest pleasure. Everything from corks and grids to scarce towns, railroads, etc. can be obtained. Also some very beautiful illustrated covers, and corner card, etc., can well be used to dress up an album page. We are illustrating a corner card cover with a 5c Beaver; however, it is nice to have one of the higher priced stamps of the set with a nice cancellation or cover, they are not common, and are well worth having when one is seen.

#### THE 1c STAMP:

The one cent value carries the familiar portrait of Queen Victoria which appears on many Canadian and other British Colonials. The highly desirable shade of this stamp is the deep rose red, which is the first printing. It prepaid the printed circular rate and the stamp collected on these circulars make an interesting historical item.

<sup>\*</sup> Jarrett's 1929 Book



#### THE 2c STAMP:

This stamp is the same design and portrait as the one cent, except that the numeral "2" is placed in all four corners. Although not listed in Scott, the stamp comes in a claret shade which is considerably rarer than the rose shade. It prepaid the letter rate to-from Volunteer Militia men on active duty within the Province.

#### THE 5c STAMP:

The famous five cent Beaver pictures a beaver and waterfall with the Crown and V R set at top center. It prepaid the single letter rate. The July 1859 printing produced a brick red shade; succeeding printings varied in color. It, like its predecessor, the 3 pence, has many plate varieties to keep the collector interested; the major re-entry consisting of the stamp doubled almost throughout. Others are listed in the specialized catalog.

#### THE 10c STAMP:

The portrait is that of Albert, Prince Consort to her Majesty, Queen Victoria. It is the only stamp of Canada ever to carry a Roman Numeral, and is placed in all four corners. Ten cents was the required prepaid rate on letters to the United States, and for double weight letters within the Colony. The shades are many, varying from Bright and Dull Purple to Brown Purple and Brown. The desirable stamp, of course, is the first printing of July 1, 1859 in the Black Brown shade. This item is cataloged at \$50.00 in Scott.

#### THE 121/2c STAMP:

The 12½c value, used to prepay the Canadian Packet rate to the United Kingdom, pictures the Queen in "full face." It appears in several shades, the first being pale olive green. It is quite scarce on cover and a desirable item to have in one's collection.

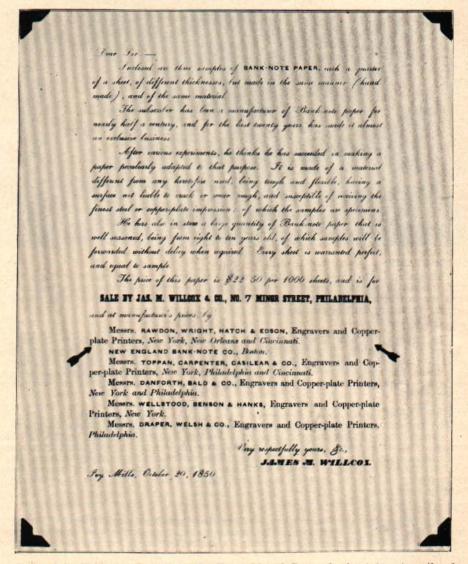
#### THE 17c STAMP:

Shown on the 17c value is Jacques Cartier, the French navigator who discovered Canada in 1534. The stamp was used to prepay the British Packet rate to the United Kingdom. The British packets were considerably faster than the Canadian—thus the higher rate. The first printing was blue and succeeding printings were of slate blue and variations of the latter.

The above is a short insight as to what can be done with the issue of 1859. We have not touched at all on the many other collectible phases mentioned at the beginning. There are also watermarks, imperforates, etc. As you may have gathered it is the writer's favorite set of stamps and I'm always glad to talk about them with anyone who wishes to correspond.

# The STORY of the WILCOX PAPER CO. & IVY MILLS

BY CHARLES McDonough



Located in Delaware County in the Township of Concord, about twenty miles from Philadelphia, is the site of the Old Ivy Mill. No paper mill has been closer associated with the history of the United States and the paper industry than Ivy Mills. This spot, long neglected and almost forgotten, should be preserved as the Shrine of the best handmade paper in this country.

The founder of the Willcox Paper Mill was Thomas Willcox, a paper maker from Exter in Devonshire, England, who came to this country about 1726. He purchased a tract of land in that eastern part of Chester which was later set apart as Delaware County; built his mill there and started making paper in 1729. Very little is known of Thomas Willcox except that he was a close friend of Benjamin Franklin, a frequent visitor to his home and a large user of the paper he manufactured.







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Ivy Mill operated continuously for over one hundred years from father to son. In 1829, Mark Willcox rebuilt and refitted Ivy Mill with more modern and efficient equipment. The rebuilt Mill started operating again in December of 1829 and continued making bank-note paper by hand until 1861, its last run of that grade of paper going to the Bank of Montreal. It continued making other grades of hand made paper until 1866 when it closed down completely.

James M. Willcox conducted the business from 1835 to 1859. A letter written by Mr. Willcox to the trade notes that his paper could be procured from different companies listed below in the letter. Heading these is Messrs, Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson who without a doubt, as the American Bank Note Co., printed the Five and Ten cents 1847 issue for the United States, and also printed the Pence Issue of Canada from 1851 to 1857.

To satisfy myself about the printing of the Pence Issue of Canada, I visited the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to study any correspondence I might find between Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson and the Willcox Co. I found between thirty-five and fifty letters, which proved beyond a doubt that the Pence Issue of Canada was printed on Willcox paper.

I recently visited the site, now ruins, of old Ivy Mill and the private burial grounds where the founder, Thomas Willcox, and several of his descendants are buried. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Thomas C. Willcox, son of Mark Willcox the second, who still resides in the old Ivy Mill homestead at Chester Heights, Pa.

# REGIONAL DIRECTORS

I am very happy to report that the following members have accepted the appointment as Regional Director for their designated area. All appointments haven't been completed and as soon as they are, I'll report the specific plans being prepared in conjunction with this program.

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# REVIEWS and REPORTS

By ED. WHITING

This being my first bit of writing as new Associate Editor, I will here say that for a beginning, as compared with what has been assigned me and what I am planning, it is very inconspicuous. However, before very long I expect to be going full tilt. I am very happy at the chance to work with such swell fellows as Ye Editor Levine and Vice-Prexy Hedley.

In this first section of my writings I shall spread the word of most B. N. A. articles appearing in the contemporary philatelic press. Next, but not for this issue, I propose to bring up and discuss the matter of B. N. A. material that has or will come up at current auctions.

From the contemporary press of the past month (as I write it is March 8) there has been very little other than the tremendous study by George C. Marler in the American Philatelist entitled "CANADA, Notes on the 1911-1925 Issue." It is of such scope and detail that it will truly merit being reprinted in handbook form. This series is a "must" for Canadian collectors interested in the early Georges.

As far as I can see, the next most important contribution to contemporary literature on B. N. A. is a mimeographed publication called "Maple Leaves", published by the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain as their bulletin. So far three numbers have appeared, number 3 being for February 1947. No. 2 of December 1946 contains three well done articles. "The Large and the Small Cents Issues of 1868-1897" by Brig. Gen. W. E. R. Dickson; "Canadian Postal History (Part 2)" by Herbert Buckland of Toronto; and "Registration in Canada" by A. Bruce Auckland.

For those who do not take the "Western Stamp Collector" I must mention that F. Walter Pollock is running his "CANADA CORNER" in that paper and doing a grand job of it.

The remainder of the philatelic press yields but notices relative to the first day of the new "Bell" stamp with two minor exceptions. One a full column by George B. Sloane in "Stamps" giving most complete details re. the 17c Air Special error. The other is a short article appearing in the "Philatelic Adviser" for January 1947 on "London Flag Cancellations 1897-8" by Col. G. R. Crouch with comments on the flag cancellations of England and Canada of the Victoria Jubilee period.

The 1st and 2nd of March were starred days on the BNAPS calendar for that's when our President, Ed. Richardson, "entertained" the Vice-President, Secretary, Publicity Manager and Associate Editor. I did say entertained, but what I should have said is that the proverbial screws were put on, though I guess nobody minded too much. Plans were discussed and laid for BNAPS activity during the May CIPEX in New York for one thing, and a program designed to enlarge the contents of BNA TOPICS, a membership drive, and numerous other ideas were hashed over for all the other things.

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This magazine published the reports of the Canadian Philatelic Society.

SALES TOPICS

Thanks to President Richardson's efforts in sending questionnaires to BNAPS members, there has been added to our list of Circuit subscribers, so far, an additional 23 names. This means that I will need more material to satisfy the wants of my enlarged clientele. Now is the time to enter your material for sale. Blank books can still be obtained from the Sales Manager for only 5 for a quarter-postpaid. Nowhere else can you get so much potential return for a quarter, so send me that silver piece right now, and be a "stockholder" in BNAPS Sales Department. "Dividends" have been paid out on 75 retired books to date.

In the offing-The Board of Governors has under consideration the proposition to permit forwarding of circuits by registered mail insured for the minimum only of \$5. If this is approved it will mean a great saving to subscribers in postage. The decision of that august body will be announced next issue.

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# THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

To All Officers and Members of the Board of Governors:

Congratulations!—on your election to an office in our Society. I feel that you, like myself, are deeply honored by this act on the part of the members, and that you are most interested in doing an outstanding job during your term of office, to the end that—among the specialty societies, BNAPS will be—second to none!

The BNA group form the most popular brand of philately, with the single exception of U. S. With Canadians it is naturally their first choice. To those of us in the States they have a special appeal because of the proximity of their territory, their beauty, and the richness of their philatelic history. Because of this BNAPS must so meet the needs of BNA Collectors as to make it the leader among specialty groups—second to none!

With this in mind I have outlined below several possible services, programs, events, etc. for which some need has been indicated. These have been carefully discussed in two meetings with our energetic Secretary Jack Levine, and our ambitious Vice President, Dick Hedley. I submit them for your careful study.

- 1. Foremost is our need for increased membership. A wholehearted drive could easily bring this up to 600 during 1947. This campaign to open on April 15th, and to be headed by Vice-President Hedley. The drive would then really be gathering up steam at the time of the CIPEX in New York City in May. To further encourage the plan, I will be responsible for the selection and cost of suitable award or awards the details of which I will leave to Vice-President Hedley.
- 2. Next we must increase *TOPICS* to a regular 20 or 24 page affair. This means more help for our Editor and I have appointed Ed. Whiting, Associate Editor for this purpose. The increased cost must be offset by increased membership income. It will also be necessary to find ways and means of encouraging new writers.
- 3. Next our publicity program must be greatly intensified. Our new Publicity Director, Robert Pearsall, must supply weekly news releases to all philatelic weeklies, and in addition use fully the facilities of other philatelic magazines, stamp columns, and local newspapers. To do this the assistance of every officer and every BNAPS'er will be needed.
- 4. One of our greatest disadvantages is the scattered location of our membership. Therefore a program encouraging the appointment of Regional Directors, and the establishment of local or limited area chapters is most necessary. Hedley now has this program well under way.
- 5. As a result of the two meetings aforement oned, we are now compiling a YEAR-EOOK which should be an outstanding piece of BNA Philatelic Literature. The 1947 YEARBOOK will replace the May issue of *TOPICS* and will be available for the CIPEX. Complete plans for this are more fully covered in the March issue of *TOPICS*. It should be a big boost to our membership.
- 6. Our Librarian Mr. Duncan, is doing an excellent job. The listing in the YEAR-BOOK should step up its use, and increase its size. This can become one of our most important services, and everything that we can do to increase its importance should be done.
- 7. We should make every possible use of our Lounge at CIPEX. This too can assist our membership drive. I personally plan to attend the entire session and look forward to meeting many BNAPS'ers there, at Lounge "O". Let's not miss any bets on the use and service of our Lounge.
- 8. To expedite matters you might give consideration to the formation of an Expediting Committee made up of at least three and perhaps four members of the Board who could be contacted quickly on matters needing immediate attention and action.

This is the first of my reports to you which I plan to make regularly each month. At the same time I welcome suggestions from each of you for the improvement of BNAPS. Each of these reports will be published in *TOPICS* for the information of all members.

Best Wishes To All:

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By REV. JOHN S. BAIN

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BNAPS

Being a Board member and a reporter of news for BNA TOPICS presents a problem. As a Board member, I'm constantly being advised of new plans for BNAPS. As your reporter I would like to tell you all about them but cannot always do so until confirmation. I must be satisfied to merely report that some very pleasant surprises will soon be announced, and new ones continue to be announced, for members of BNAPS. Believe me, I know whereof I speak.

#### BNAPS

We report a Newfoundland variety sent for our inspection by BNAPSter K. M. Smith, #273. It is a used pair, Scott #268, the 2c on 30c Rose, one stamp with normal surcharge, the other showing the top arm of the "E" or "CENTS" broken off. So far as we know, this variety hasn't been recorded before.

#### BNAPS

Many thanks for First Day Covers of the Canadian Bell stamp received from BNAPSters Ed Goodale, #115, one of our newly appointed Regional Directors; Geo. S. Johnson, #218, Inspector of Public Schools; and my old friend Ken Vizzard, #274, the Philatelic Jeweler. So far the "Bell' stamp has appeared from plates No. 1 & 2, and in two shades of blue.

#### BNAPS

The Bileski Canada Title Page has just arrived and we believe, to say the least, it is the most outstanding philatelic art creation ever made. Words cannot properly describe it and we shall not try. In our opinion, this masterpiece by Arthur Szyk will one day command a premium price among collectors of BNA. The current price is \$2.10.

#### BNAPS

Word comes from friends in Toronto that BNAPSter Bert Denton and Mrs. Denton will soon be leaving for India where Bert will serve as Far East Manager for his company. Bon Voyage, Bert, here's hoping you finish your job there quickly and come back to a happy BNAPS "Welcome Home."

Latest dispatches from the Canadian Press tell that the National Convention of Newfoundland, meeting at St. John's, have voted to send a delegation to Ottawa, Canada, to "ascertain what fair and equitable basis may exist for union of Newfoundland and Canada." A similar delegation has been voted to go to London, England. The question of the philatelic end for Newfoundland is still before us.

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Robson Lowe of London, England, is making an "expedition" through U. S. and Canada from April 5th to June 1st. His itinerary covers most of the important philatelic centers. Anyone desiring to see Mr. Lowe should communicate with his "headquarters" at the Manhattan Towers Hotel, 76th St. & Broadway, N. Y. C. After June 1st, Mr. Lowe will be on his way back to his London office, 50 Pall Mall, London S. W. 1, England.

#### BNAPS

Worthy of mention is the International Junior Philatelic Society for Junior collectors under 18 years of age. This club was founded in January 1946 by Ivan Garcia, the North Vancouver stamp dealer, in memory of his son. Already the club numbers almost 200 members all over the continent, and publishes its own magazine, The Junior Philatelist.

#### BNAPS

It has been decided that in connection with the 450th anniversary of John Cabot's arrival off Newfoundland a special Commemorative posage stamp will be sued. The stamp will be a five cent one and will replace, during the period of its issue, the present 5 cent Caribou stamp. The Commemorative stamp will be on sale for one year, commencing the 24th June 1947. The stamp will depict the arrival off Cape Bonavista (Nfld.) of Cabot in the "Matthew" and will include a part of the vessel and a sight of the Coast.

It has been decided also to replace the present four cent Princess Elizabeth stamp with a new issue, using a recent photograph of her Royal Highness. This stamp will be issued on the 21st April, 1947, coinciding with the 21st birthday of the Princess.

## CANADA PRECANCELS

By H. G. WALBURN, #243

Thanks to the kindness of Mr. R. J. Duncan, BNAPS Librarian, whose personal acquaintance I was pleased to be able to make recently, as we live only some 50 miles apart, I am pleased to be able to report his discovery of what must surely be one of the earliest published reference to Canada Precancels that has ever been printed.

Having been actively interested in Canada Precancels for some 10 years or so, I have also been interested in the History and Bibliography of these most interesting emissions of the Bureau at Ottawa, and have endeavored to beg, borrow, or otherwise acquire, any literature on the subject that has been available to me. Most readers of BNA TOPICS will be familiar with such names as Dr. W. I. Mitchell, Frank S. Thompson, C. C. Sonne, F. W. Campbell, and many others who have contributed much to our knowledge of Canada's precancels, but all references to them appeared to stem from F. Percy Collingwood's check lists that were published in the "Attleboro Philatelist" and "Stamp Journal" of 1909-10.

Mr. Duncan has, however, discovered a much earlier reference to Canada precancels as it ante-dates by 7 years anything that the writer had previous knowledge of, and is contained in the "New York Philatelist", Vol. XII, No. 6, of September 1902, the magazine being published by Clark W. Brown, 22 Ladd St., Watertown, Mass. I quote in full:

# CANADIAN PRE-CANCELLATIONS. By A. LLOYD JONES

"Great interest is being manifested in the pre-canceled stamps of the United States. It is likely many collectors are also saving what Canadian pre-cancellations they find. I know of no stamp of Canada pre canceled with city name (Note. These first appeared about a year later) but there are a number of bar cancelled varieties. It is likely that some varieties exist other than those hereafter listed. I will be pleased to learn of any further ones."

Mr. Jones then lists 19 different bar precancels that he had acquired, although it is known today that several hundred varieties had been issued before Mr. Jones' list was published, and occasional new varieties, not previously chronicled, are still coming to light.

It should perhaps be mentioned that the early Bar Types (prior to 1912) were applied locally to the sheets of stamps by means of rubber rollers, while later Bar Types and City and Numeral Types were printed for the Bureau at Ottawa and supplied to the local Post Offices on demand.

# MORE ON CANADA PRECANCELS

Mr. Walburn's fine comments and information encourage me to offer some knowledge gleaned from the "Statement of Postage Stamps—Precancelled During Fiscal Year 1945-46", issued by courtesy of the Post Office Department. The figures which I report may since have changed, but I'm noting them as they appear. In checking over the figures of the amount precancelled, you will find that some values which were precancelled do not appear in the list; others appear which, as far as the writer can ascertain, must have been bar cancels only (Edmonton 2c), or stamps of the 1937 issue. Those figures which are not clear to the writer have been emphasized by a "?" mark. I would welcome information and opinion for further report to the readers. Also, any values known precancelled other than those so designated in their respective column, with the letter "K". The "Statement" makes no mention whether the amount represents the 1942-43 issue only, or the 1937, or both combined.

Office	Office No.	1c	2c	3c	4c
Brantford, Ontario	2310	100,000			
Guelph, Ontario	3080	100,000			
Hamilton, Ontario	3100	400,000	120,000	20,000	
Kingston, Ontario	3340	100,000	25.000	15,000	
Kitchener, Ontario	3366	200,000	K		
London, Ontario	3470	450,000	30,000	K	
Niagara Falls, Ontario	3800	40,000			
Oshawa, Ontario	3893	350,000	90,000	· K	
Ottawa, Ontario	3900	525,000			
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Petersborough, Ontario	4035	50,000 (	?) K		
St. Thomas, Ontario	4260	110,000			
Toronto, Ontario	4530	16,000,000	950,000	500,000	
Windsor, Ontario	4940	593,000		000,000	
Lennoxville, Quebec	0592	45,000			
Montreal, Quebec	0700	6,000,000	700,000	700,000	
Quebec, Quebec	1050	800,000	K	,,,,,,,	
Moncton, New Brunswick	X809	80,000 (	?)		
Saint John, New Brunswick	X910	30,000			
Halifax, Nova Scotia	X275	100,000			
Winnipeg, Manitoba	5850	1,800,000	100,000	50,000	
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan	7120	200,000	K	100,000	
Regina, Saskatchewan	7420	900,000	50,000		
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	7550	300,000	50,000		
Yorkton, Saskatchewan	7877	140,000			-
Calgary, Alberta	81608160	400,000	K	K	K
Edmonton, Alberta	8360	800,000	5,000 (?)		-
Vancouver, British Columbia	9780	1,600,000	150,000 (?)	100,000	
Victoria, British Columbia	9890	75,000		200,000	

J. LEVINE

# Further Notes on the Newfoundland Provisional of 1897



Fig. A



Fig. B

Mr. W. Norman Fox, BNAPS #216, of Toronto, Canada, has thrown an interesting light on the Newfoundland Provisional of 1897 that we discussed at length in the March 1946 issue of BNA TOPICN. We stated at that time that the surcharged stamps were placed on sale during October 1897. This statement was made on the strength of information gleaned from the articles written by Jarrett, Boggs, Poole, Huber, Strange & Gibbons. All these authorities agreed that the provisional was placed on sale early in October.

Now, along comes Mr. Fox with the part cover (Fig. A) that throws an entirely new light on the subject, since it bears a superb strip of 3 of the surcharged 1897 Provisional consisting of one Type 'B' and two Type 'C' (positions 48, 49 and 50 in the setting) postmarked from Brigus on SEPT 20, 1897, or tendays earlier than any previous record of

use. To further confirm the early use of this Provisional the piece is backstamped

at St. John on Sept. 21, 1897. (Fig. B). While it is possible that the postmark on the face might have been in error, it certainly seems illogical to believe that the backstamp which compliments the postmark on the face so perfectly would also be in error.

The only conclusion that we can draw from this new evidence is that the surcharged stamps were issued at least as early as Sept. 20, 1897 and not early in October as we had previously believed.

Do any of our members have any further information that can throw any light on

the first day of issue of this Provisional?

We are also in receipt of a letter from Mr. Stanley A. Wood, BNAPS #221, of Auckland, New Zealand, who makes mention of a minor variety in the setting of the surcharge that did not find a place in the previous article. This variety was first brought to our attention when we read Harmer's Stamp Hints, published in February, 1942. This concerns stamp #26 in the setting (Scott #75). In the case of this one particular stamp, the letter "C" of the surcharge "ONE CENT" is sans serif. However, an examination of the stamp in question leaves a doubt in our minds as to whether it is really a sans serified "C" or a mutilated "C".

The following is a paragraph taken from the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Incorporated, Bulletin No. 39, entitled "The Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad," copyright 1936, page 33.

(F. W. CAMPBELL)

"A very interesting and practically unknown fact in connection with the history of the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad was the issuance of its own money. In May, 1837, the banks throughout the United States and Canada suspended specie payments and before long, money of any kind became very scarce. The economic disturbance was aggravated in Canada by political trouble and there was a good deal of hoarding. To provide small change many of the leading merchants issued bank notes or tokens for small amounts and we had the curious example of a newly opened pioneer railroad issuing its own paper money. The notes of the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad were issued on August 1, 1837 and were for 12½, 25 and 50 cents; the values being shown in Canadian, American\* and French terms; for example, the 50 cent note was marked 2 shillings, 6 pence Halifax Currency, 50 cents in American\* and Un Ecu-in French. They were engraved by Rawdon, Wright and Hatch of New York and the design of the three notes included views of the Stockton and Darlington Railway."

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