

The Stamps of Canada, Chapter VIII

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Chapter VIII.—The 1¢ Orange of 1869.

The 1¢ and 3¢ stamps of 1868 were so alike in color that it was soon found that confusion was easily possible between the two values. Early in 1869, therefore, the color of the 1¢ was changed to orange to prevent further mistakes. [Sc. lists the common shade, yellow orange, as #23, but the earliest shade was the scarcer deep orange, Sc. 23a. JFD.] The exact date at which this change took place is not known, but in the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* for March 1st, 1869, we read:—



1869 1¢ Yellow orange
(Sc. 23)

We have just received copies of the 1 cent printed in brilliant orange. No doubt this colour has been adopted in order better to distinguish it from the 3 cents, which it has hitherto too nearly approached.



1¢ deep orange on stout
wove paper (Sc. 23a)

From the above extract it would seem that the orange colored stamps were in use at least as early as February and though it has been asserted that the change took place on January 1st, 1869, we believe there are no official documents or early dated specimens in existence that would substantiate this statement.

These 1¢ stamps may be found in both orange and yellow shades

as well as a combination of both. So far as is known they were printed from the same plate or plates as the earlier brown-red stamps.

The paper is the same as that used for the other denominations, i.e. wove, and the fact that

this variety is not known with the watermark of the papermaker's trade mark is generally adduced as the strongest evidence in support of the theory that this watermarked paper was only of a provisional nature and was used some time during 1868.

The perforation is the usual 12 and specimens are known entirely imperforate.

Reference List.

1869. Change of color. Wove Paper. Perf. 12.

24. 1¢ orange, Scott's No. 31. [Now Sc. 23. JFD.]



1¢ deep orange (Sc. 23a), the first printing, in a single franking to adjacent post-offices Drop Letter, tied by grid cancel from Hamilton 29 JU 1869 to Cayuga (same day despatch and receiver on back), the second earliest known date of use.