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In the archives of the Montreal Philatelic Society (MPS), we find the following in the minutes of the March 19, 1907 meeting: "Mr. W. Patterson exhibited an essay for a one shilling Canada stamp, oblong with a beaver in the centre, somewhat on the lines of the 3d. beaver." William Patterson (1857-1918) was an accountant. He was President of the MPS in 1898 and later President of the Montreal Philatelic Association. It is interesting to see that the essay, now held by Library Archives of Canada (LAC), was in his possession at that time.

This 1s Essay was printed by Mr James Ellis along with the 3d and shows the original design for Canada's first stamp. The 1s stamp was not used because it was thought that it should bear the image of the sovereign since the stamp would be used for foreign destinations.

About the beaver essay, you may have a look at this link:

<https://thediscoverblog.com/2017/01/26/guest-curator-james-bone/>

At the end of this blog, there is an answer to a question that I had asked, with a link to the site where we can get more information on the provenance of the essay, now held by the Library and Archives Canada (LAC).