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SCARCITY OF COPPER IN JERSEY.

There is, says the *Standard*, at present a great scarcity of copper money in Jersey, and trades-men are loud in their complaints, the local coinage being totally insufficient for the purposes of trade; and, in addition to this, the fact that since the beginning of the year the majority of tradesmen have been selling for "British" money, the local bankers, who wished to encourage the "British" system, imported large quantities of English copper and supplied them for trading purposes. Now, however, this coin has nearly all disappeared, and its absence is thus accounted for. The Post-office takes and pays only in English copper, no Jersey coins being accepted. English pence are valued at no more than their Jersey counterparts in the purchase of all commodities in the island, so that 13 of them will procure no more than the same number of Jersey pence (13 of which go to the shilling). The shopkeeper, however, gains a penny on every shillings worth of English coppers he receives, and these are hoarded for the purpose of purchasing postage stamps. The amounts thus accumulated at the Post-office are very large, and instead of being given out to tradesmen in exchange, are sent to England every month, notwithstanding the great scarcity and the inconvenience resulting there from.