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by Clifton A. Howes



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Some recent varieties we have heard about . . .

But first let's introduce a couple of regular items. For starters, running along the bottom of this page, is the picture we promised of the new \$1 booklet, issued January 17, 1975 without warning by Canada Post.

And above that is the new International Reply Coupon that came out on January 2; "Canada" isn't shown, nor is the selling price. There are other differences too, reflecting last year's agreements reached at the UPU congress.

And now on to those varieties:



The bird that couldn't wait — On Scott 573 the bird on the left totem pole is missing on some copies of position 28 — but we don't know which plate number. However, there's an inkless embossing where the bird should be, indicating that, somehow, ink hadn't reached that part of the engraved plate. Fairly common.

The one that isn't — Missing "1s" are turning up on the current 25c booklets, on the lower-left 1c orange stamp. Sometimes only a part of the numeral is missing. As in the above variety, this is an engraved stamp and once again it appears that ink hasn't reached that part of the plate. (see bottom of next page.) Not too common.



Queen on gum — In late December, 1974 it became known that the 1c 1967 Definitive exists printed on the gummed side. One pane was reported by a postal employee and was kept secret for two years. It is untagged on PVA gummed paper and printed by BABNco. Only one or two panes of 100 stamps appear to have been reported, as of late March. The color is slightly paler on the variety. Scarce, and multiples are quite scarce. It is possible that most copies were retrieved by Canada Post.

Changing post cards — When the National Postal Museum opened last fall, it issued a set of post cards showing classic stamps.

On Valentine's Day this year a new printing of these cards went on sale at Confederation Heights, and alas! — the colors are not the same! Museum director Jim Kraemer was the first to notice this, and soon after that our operative in Ottawa, Dick Malott, made a close examination and noted these differences:

between the coils (actually to a widely-spaced roulette) varied from being cut almost through, to being hardly cut through at all. But on all of them the scoring mark was quite plain. On these new discoveries, there is no scoring mark whatever and the paper is not weakened; a "true" imperf. A pretty scarce item, expected to sell at about the same as the following:

Imperf coils — the current 8c coils have followed the now-well-known habit of coming out with no perfs at one end of the roll, which was first observed with the 6c orange 1967 issue. And these new ones are about as scarce as the others in this sequence.

Paper peculiarities: on the last Christmas stamps, the 6c rates high on the hi-bright scale; but Fred Johnson of Toronto has discovered a handful which rate well down on the scale, with no fluorescence at all on the gummed side.

Our thanks to Fred Johnson, Ken Pugh,



The 3d Beaver card — orange-red to blue-green red; 12d black: brownish-black to grey-black; 10d Cartier: from a pinkish-blue to a light blue; ½d Victoria from a light pink to a dark pink; 6d Consort from a chocolate brown to a bluish grey.

Unsevered coils — the current 8c coils have shown up with two coils side by side and unsevered between. Clearly this is similar to the effect known on the 1967-issue coils, except that on those the scoring

Stan Lum, George Vanderburgh and R. K. Malott for this data.

On page 22 of this volume of *Topics* (January 1975) we reproduced a "double" impression of the 1973 Christmas 6c stamp. But, we fear, the engraver's art is such that the doubling effect was lost, even though it seemed plain enough in the photo. But take our word for it — a "ghost image" of the black color appears to the right of the main impression. — the Editors

Laurentide Air Services

BY RICHARD K. MALOTT — *last of a series*

Shortly after the inauguration of transportation service it became apparent that a great improvement could be effected in the delivery of mails to Lake Fortune and Rouyn if arrangements could be made whereby these could be transported by aircraft.

In response to an almost universal demand on the part of the mining operators, representations were made to the Post Office in Ottawa with this end in view, but, while the advantages which such a service offered to the mining districts were fully recognized, some time elapsed before they agreed to such proposals.

In the interim the machines were actually carrying about 90% of all first class mails and as this work was purely voluntary and without financial returns whatever it was felt that they were not justified in continuing to accept responsibility for carrying mail without authority whereby, in the event of loss, they might be involved in heavy liability.

These feelings were communicated to the operators with the request that they add their support to representations at Ottawa and finally, on August 9, authority was granted as per the Post Office department's letter of that date quoted below. Thus Canada's first regular air mail service came into being:

Ottawa, August 9th, 1924
Laurentide Air Service Ltd.,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sirs: In reply to your request, the department is agreeable to your transporting such mail as is offered on which postage has been properly prepaid and which complies with the postal regulations in every way, under the following conditions:

1. "By Air Mail" to be prominently written on the address side.
2. The special aerial sticker sold by your company or its agents, representing a charge of twenty-five cents, to be placed on the reverse side in payment of the special charge for transmission by the aerial service.
3. The sender to assume all risk.

We are prepared to instruct the Postmasters at Haileybury, Angliers and Rouyn to make up a special bag and turn it over to your company, it being understood that no expense whatever in connection with

the special handling of this mail is to be borne by the department.

All mail intended for transmission by the aerial service must first be deposited in the Post Office and the Postmaster will make up a special bag and hand it to your agent; such mail so conveyed must be deposited in the Post Office at the completion of the trip and will be distributed to the addressees through that office.

It is understood that your company will look after the distribution and sale of the special aerial stamps to be charged for aerial conveyance, and also that you will instruct those purchasing them that they must not be placed on the address side of the article intended for transportation by your service.

If you are agreeable to the above arrangement, we would be pleased to receive a letter from you at your convenience in order that suitable instructions can be issued without delay.

Yours truly,
Arthur Webster,
Secretary

Laurentide accordingly had printed an emergency supply of air mail stamps which went into use for the first time on September 11, 1924. A regular issue supplanting the emergency issue was put into use a few days later and these were used until October 1, when it was considered desirable to change the colour of the stamps and slightly amend the design by the inclusion of the word "Canada" and the year "1924".

Samples of the various issues, the first two of which were brought out in book form, also a sample cover to show the special instructions printed thereon. The third issue was printed in sheets of twenty and in books of eight.

The inauguration of this service, which was continued without interruption until the close of summer operations on November 15, 1924, filled a vital need in the areas under development and won widespread approval among the various mining interests concerned.

During the season, 780 lbs., or approximately 15,000 letters were carried without

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A record in RPO cancels?

A much-travelled cover

BY W. G. ROBINSON

While browsing through some old issues of *Topics* recently, I found an article entitled *A Unique Port Arthur Cover* by Dr. A. Whitehead—part of his regular *Round-up Squared Circles* column for December 1959.

In the article, Dr. Whitehead refers to a cover sent from the Dominion Lands Office, Winnipeg, My 4/25, addressed to Gregg, Man., forwarded to Jellicoe, Ont., and then returned. This cover—the back of which

is illustrated in the article—contains 23 backstamps, including “. . . some duplications and some very faint; required to tell the story of the unsuccessful journey.” Among these were six RPO cancellations.

Dr. Whitehead makes reference to an earlier article which he wrote in the May 1952 *Topics* “. . . on an RPO cover whose uniqueness is still unchallenged. It shows on its reverse no less than seven RPO mark-

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Robinson's unusual cover, front and back



Rounding Up Squared Circles

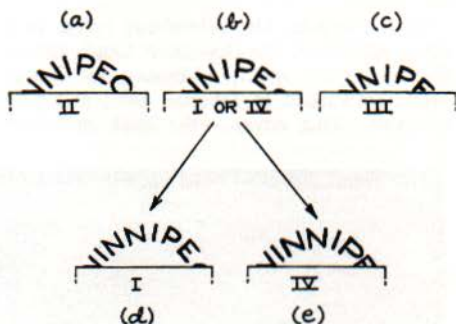
Dr. W. G. Moffatt, Hickory Hollow, RR-3, Ballston Lake, N.Y. 12019

Column No. 133 — Separation of the four Winnipeg hammers may be a simple matter if 'MAN.' or 'CANADA' shows at the base, if the side-pieces are complete and can be measured, if one is familiar with the appearance of the very wide 'P' in hammer IV, or if various other tests can be employed. There are many such tests, including the width of 'W' and 'P' in Winnipeg, width of 'N' in 'MAN.', and relationship of various letters to the surrounding bars. But when the province name does not show, and side-pieces are not complete, problems arise because hammer IV exhibits some characteristics of the other hammers.

According to the handbook, there is a break at the lower right corner of the first 'N' of 'WINNIPEG' in hammer I. This is in error; it is, in fact, the second 'N' which shows the break. But this is not a definitive test since early strikes do not show the break; for example, I have hammer I, 1/OC 22/94 in which the 'N' is unbroken, although the break does appear in '97 strikes. I have no idea when the break first appeared.

While not mentioned in the handbook, hammers I and III have short lettering of about the same height, and hammers II and IV have taller lettering. Confusion

results because both hammers II and IV have tall letters and very wide 'W', although — again, not mentioned in the handbook — the 'W' of hammer II has a break at the lower left corner as early as MR 20/94 while the 'W' of hammer IV is sharp and unbroken, at least as late as JU 14/95.



Guide in identifying Winnipeg hammers

Because of the similarities of some features of hammers II and IV, I periodically

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Tagging Along

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Before going into the meat of this column, there are a few corrections and additions to be made to my column in the November 1974 *Topics*. This was not actually intended as a column, but forms part of the Keane/Hughes handbook on the 1967 definitives.

The heading on page 240 which reads: Tagging Errors on Perfins: 1967 Definitive Issue should read: Known Tagged Perfins on the 1967 Definitive Issue. Outside of one copy of the 1954 4c Q.E. with double tag, no tagged perfin errors have been reported to me.

Line three on page 241 column two should read "3" and not 3 + 1 as shown.

Under Tagging Errors on page 241, line nine — the 4c Carmine type 6a — the rarity factor is changed to "C".

Outside of the 1967 Definitive issue a few other changes and additions:

The 1954 1c Q.E. with type 2a — rarity factor now "B".

Current 1c orange Type 011a — delete, as now unconfirmed.

Current 8c blue Type 011a now confirmed on both papers.

Second (red) Fitness confirmed Type 05a—all four designs. R.F.—B

Second (red) Fitness confirmed untagged (one unidentified design only) R.F.—A

8c U.P.U. confirmed Type 02a. R.F.—B*

While none appear to be scarce, there are three distinct shades available on the

1974 6c Christmas, and two on each of the other three values.

In the January Doodles by the editor column there is a plea for members to report their findings. I can only reiterate this statement, as my correspondence is dropping off drastically, and I rely on this information for my columns.

ADDITIONS TO THE PERFIN LISTINGS:

Value	Tag Type	Perfin	Perfin Type	Paper	Gum
3c Purple	3	C.P.R.	C26	1	Dex
8c Slate	3	P.S.	P10	3	P.V.A.
10c Olive	11	P.S.	P10	3	?
10c Olive	11	P.S.	P10	4	?
20c Blue	11	P.S.	P10	1	Dex.

The above additions and copies thanks to Jonathan Johnson of Cassiar, B.C.



The RPO Cowcatcher

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Editor's note: this item should have been included as part of the description of Hammer II of M-11K (Cam. & Levis RPO) in the last issue (page 64):

Comments: Latest above is the "last run" for Train 123, and was reported to the column by several including Shaw, Gillam and Belanger; the "last run" for Train 122 was the previous day, April 23rd. Gillam has reported an earliest date of February 9, 1967; however we do not know whether this is Hammer I or II.

M-36
HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON . R.P.O./.

continuing with hammers IX to XIV

Hammer IX

Proofed: October 27, 1907

Earliest: August 18, 1908

Latest: July 17, 1923

Indicia: W through 1922, then 1 in 1923

Usage: Most common hammer, known throughout

R.F.: 30 (17.9%)

Comments: Proofs of Hammers VIII and IX were found on extra sheets in the back of the Proof Book in the Philatelic Foundation in New York. There is a rim break at the bottom to the right of the dot that is constant but inks in on heavy strikes after 1915. The "O" of RPO is broken on the lower right and is constant.

Hammer X

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: June 1, 1908

Latest: July 18, 1945

Indicia: E common, W scarce, through 1916; 2,

4 in 1921/22; from 1930, only 1 is known

Usage: Heavy at start, then spotty in the middle,

stronger from 1935

R.F.: 30 (13.3%)

Comments: Vertical dash instead of period, after "R" on which middle bar is faint to missing on light to medium strikes. Later strikes show over-inking on a not-too-clean hammer.

Hammer XI

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: August 4, 1908

Latest: July 14, 1912

Indicia: Both E and W known

Usage: Limited but constant

R.F.: 30 (4.1%)

Comments: A clean, neat hammer which should have had a longer life. Also, a rather narrow "H" in HALIFAX. Numerous minor breaks in letters and rim.

Hammer XII

Proofed: July 31, 1912
 Earliest: November 7, 1912
 Latest: September 28, 1927
 Indicia: E through 1917; 199, 200 in 1916/18; 2 in 1927
 Usage: Limited and scarce
 R.F.: 30 (1.2%)

Comments: Hammers XII and XIII are quite similar in characteristics but can be separated with care; see following section on Hammer Identification.

Hammer XIII

Proofed: December 12, 1917
 Earliest: November 10, 1921
 Latest: August 13, 1945
 Indicia: 4 in 1921, then 2 or 3 to end, except

59 in 1942
 Usage: Spotty in beginning, but more prevalent in 1930s.
 R.F.: 30 (3.5%)
 Comments: When found, usually good strikes, rather easy to identify; however, by 1935 hammer is rough and worn.

Hammer XIV

Proofed: December 12, 1917
 Earliest: No strikes known
 Indicia: 3 in proof strike
 Usage: Unknown
 R.F.: 300 (0.0%)
 Comments: It is questionable whether this hammer ever saw use; in almost 500 strikes, we found none of this hammer. If found, it will be identified easily; see following section.



Hammer	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
	R-O	A-A	H-P	M-E	A-M	X-P	T-P	M-R	T-R	P-T	H-X	F-X	X-B
I	5 ⁺	6½	10 ⁺	5	2	8	7½	11½	5	7½	10 ⁺	4½	10½
II	5 ⁺	6	10 ⁺	5¼	2	8	7½	12¼	5	8 ⁺	9½	4½	10½
III	6	6	11 ⁺	5¼	2 ⁺	8	7½	12	5	8	10½	5 ⁺	10½
IV	5 ⁺	7	9¾	5¼	1¾	9	7½	12	5	8 ⁺	10 ⁺	4½	11 ⁺
V	5 ⁺	7	10½	5½	2	9 ⁺	7	12	4½	8	10	4½	11½
VI	5	7	9½	5¼	2 ⁺	9	8¾	11½	4½	7½	9½ ⁺	4½	11
VII	5 ⁺	6¼	10½	4¾	2 ⁺	8 ⁺	7	11 ⁺	4½	7½	9½	4½	10
VIII	5 ⁺	6½	10¾	5	2	8½	8¾	12	4½	8	10	4¾	10½
IX	4½	6½	10¾	5½	2	8	6 ⁺	12	4 ⁺	8½	9¾	4½	10¾
X	5½	6½	9¾	5	2¼	9	7½	12	5½	7½	10	4¾	11
XI	5½	7	10	5¼	2 ⁺	9	7½	12¾	5	8 ⁺	10¾	5	11½
XII	4½	6 ⁺	9½	5½	2 ⁺	8¾	7½	12¾	5	8½	9½ ⁺	4½	10½
XIII	4¾	6¼	10 ⁺	6	2½	8½	7½	12¾	5½	8½	10	4¾	10½
XIV	5 ⁺	5¾	10½	5	2 ⁺	7½	9½	12	5½	8	9¾	4½	10 ⁺
M36A	5	6	10 ⁺	8 ⁺	2 ⁺	7¾	7 ⁺	11½	4½	8 ⁺	9½	4½	10
M36C	5 ⁺	6½	10	4¾	2½	8½	7	11	5	6¾	10¾	5	x

M-36 HAMMER IDENTIFICATION

Although there are 14 hammers of M-36, they are surprisingly easy to separate, at least for full strikes. As a preliminary step, check any strike for a base period after the "O" of RPO and for a mid-vertical dot between the "N" and "R" of

CAMPBELLTON and R.P.O. The 14 hammers break themselves down into four groups, as follows: (M-36A and M-36C have been included in case partial strikes are not self-revealing.)

GROUP	HAMMERS	PERIOD AFTER "O"	DOT BETWEEN "N" & "R"	INDICIA
A	I, II, III	NO	YES	WEST (or EAST)
B	VII, VIII, IX	YES	NO	W mostly (E-VII)
C	X, XI	NO	NO	E, W
D	IV, V, VI XII, XIII, XIV M-36A, M-36C	YES	YES	E mostly (W-V) E-XII, rest, Nos. W for A, 4 for C

Thus, our identification can be dealt with by the above groups.

Group A — Hammers I, II, III

Step 1. From the accompanying chart, measure chordal distance "a", from the left leg of "R" to the left side extension of the "O", both of RPO; Hammer III is 6 mm, Hammer II is 5+ mm, and Hammer I is 5-mm.

Step 2. To confirm I and II, check chordal distance "h", from the right leg of "M" of CAMPBELLTON to the left leg of "R" of RPO; Hammer I is 11½+ mm, while Hammer II is 12¼ mm.

Group B — Hammers VII, VIII, IX

Step 1. Repeat Step 1 of Group A; Hammer IX is 4½ mm while both VII and VIII are 5+ mm.

Step 2. Repeat Step 2 of Group A; Hammer VII is 11+ mm while Hammer VIII is 12 mm.

Group C — Hammers X, XI

Step 1. Measure chordal distance "c", from the bottom of the left leg of the "H" of HALIFAX to the bottom of the "P" of RPO, across the base of the strike; Hammer X is 9¼ mm while XI is 10 mm.

Group D — Hammers IV, V, VI, XII, XIII, XIV, M-36A, M-36C (if last two are not obvious)

Step 1. Measure chordal distance "b", from the bottom of the right leg of the "A" in HALIFAX and the bottom of the left leg of the "A" in CAMPBELLTON; Hammer XIV is 5½ mm, while the balance are 6 mm or more.

Step 2. Repeat Step 1, Group C, Chord "c"; Hammer V is 10½ mm, balance are less than 10+ mm.

Step 3. Measure Chord "f", from the bottom of the right leg of the "X" of HALIFAX to the bottom of the "P" of CAMPBELLTON; M-36A is 7¾ mm, the balance are 8¼ mm or greater.

Step 4. With Hammers XIV and V and M-36A eliminated, measure Chord "e", from the bottom of the right leg of "A" to the bottom of the right leg of "M", both of CAMPBELLTON; if this is 13¼ mm, the strike is Hammer IV. The balance are over 2 mm.

Step 5. Eliminated are XIV, V, IV and M-36A; now repeat Step 3, this group, Chord "f". 9 mm is Hammer VI, while the balance are 8½ mm or less.

Step 6. Remaining are XII, XIII, and M-36C. Repeat Step 1, Group C, Chord "c". Hammer XII is only 9½ mm while the other two are 10 mm or more.

Step 7. To separate Hammer XIII and M-36C, for example, measure Chord "g", from the bottom of the "T" of CAMPBELLTON to the bottom of the "P" of RPO; M-36C is only 7 mm, while Hammer XIII is almost 7½ mm.

We have undoubtedly complicated life by including M-36A and C, but if you have partial strikes with the germane upper right quadrant missing, then it will be difficult to pick out these two without chordal measurements as given herein. The procedure given above is a good one if the requested chords are available; however, if they are not available, then other systems can be devised from the accompanying chart wherein we have given 13 different chordal measurements for each of the 14 hammers plus M-36A and C. In addition to the above system, and the comments given for each hammer, the following will also be helpful:

1. A missing left foot of the "H" of HALIFAX, plus WEST indicia, confirms Hammer I.
2. Rim break over "C" of CAMPBELLTON, plus WEST indicia, confirms Hammer II.
3. Double period, instead of single, after "R" of RPO proves Hammer VIII; flattened rim at base also is indicative of Hammer VIII.
4. In Hammer XII, the period after "O" and the dot between "N" and "R" often tend to be faint; examine these two with care in establishing your group identification.

M-36A

HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON . R.P.O. / .

One Hammer, Type 17

Proofed: April 10, 1912

Earliest: September 5, 1912

Latest: March 25, 1950

Indicia: W to 1915; 199, 200 through 1919;

3—1923 to 1941, 1943 to 1947;

59—1941/43 and 1949/50.

4—1933, scarce

Usage: Common and constant throughout.

R.F.: 100.

Comments: The clerks—father and son, or friend and friend—who used this hammer over almost 40 years must have been either quite blase or perhaps secretly proud of this hammer that contained the error of the "E" in the wrong place, two letters removed. In any case, the error certainly did not limit its use. Factored as another hammer of M-36, this would be the 5th most common of the 15. That the proof of this hammer was also found in the proof book, would seem to indicate that the work of making hammers occasionally lacked review.

As previously advised, we are passing over M-36B, believing it to be a facing slip strike.

M-36C

HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON . R.P.O. / .

One Hammer, Type 17

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: March 7, 1917, only strike known

Latest: To be discovered

Indicia: Single strike known

R.F.: 200

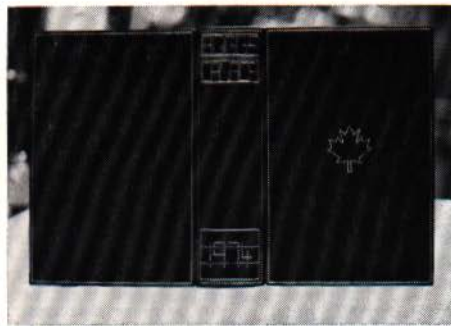
Comments: This little gem, previously unreported, was found nestling in our duplicate material when we started the hammer study of M-36. In M-36A, the hammer maker misplaced the "E"; on this one, perhaps made around the same time, they left out the "B" completely. Obviously, they had trouble spelling the name. We have a feeling that once collectors know about this one, more will be reported; for such a common run, there should be others around. Above reported date on Easter Card to Fredericton.

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TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

A game, a show in Chicago, military mail studies, and the jolly news that the mails will get slower yet . . .

Shown below is a photo of a specially-bound copy of the Boggs reprint recently presented to the National Postal Museum by Quarterman Publications, Inc. The binding was designed and executed by Emyrs Evans of Toronto.



Social Notes from All Over—At Cleveland's Garfield-Perry show in March a number of BNAPSers happened to run into one another and enjoyed lunch together: Ed and Mickey Richardson, Ralph Hart, George Wegg, Ed Pitschke, Dr. Robert Carr, and Winfield and Mrs. Clatterbuck.

Who's game? An intriguing parlor game has been announced by Stanley Gibbons, called "Collect". It's played on a board, uses special cards and play money, and players bid on rarities and amass fortunes. It's only \$11 in Canada (but in his ad, which ran in a Toronto paper, the Canadian distributor neglected to give his address.)

Canadian Philately is being featured at this year's COMPLEX exhibition in Chicago's LaSalle Hotel on May 23 to 25. A special Court of Honor of 300 frames has been set aside for Canadian stamps; several philatelic societies have given their support to this exhibit.

The *BNAPS Military Mail Study Group* was formed last year and is open to mem-

bers whether veterans or beginners in this field. Its first objective is researching World War II military cancels, and the group issues a news letter on its findings. Members wishing a sample newsletter should write K. V. Ellison, Oyama, B.C., enclosing 20 cents in mint stamps to defray costs.

Writers and secretaries of stamp clubs are also invited to write for a file copy, in the event some of their members are in BNAPS and are interested in military cancellations.

That *John L. Luff Award* won by member Horace Harrison and mentioned in the January issue, is sponsored by the American Philatelic Society—not the United Postal Stationery Society as the news item might have implied.

The *Collectors Club* of New York has named Harrison Haverbeck as president, Ira Zweifach as vice-president, Ernest C. Wilkens as secretary, and Albert Higgins as treasurer.

Metal Stamps are again being offered by Canada Post. This second set of Olympic-stamp reproductions (of the three stamps issued on February 5) went on sale in early April and will be cut off on June 3. The post office suggests that the stamp sculptures (in bronze, silver and gold) may be viewed as a new item for collecting interest, a distinctive gift, or as a family heirloom to be passed on to future generations. Prices range from \$20 to \$750 for sets.

Boycott the Postal Code
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Post Office Department NEW ISSUES



"Technical problems in production" is the reason given by Canada Post for deferring the release of the Robert Service stamp, originally scheduled for May 15.

Instead of poet Robert Service, French author Louis Hémon will be featured on a previously-unannounced stamp being issued on that date instead. Hémon was the creator of Maria Chapdelaine, a devout Quebec heroine of a 1913 novel, and she will be depicted on the stamp.

According to the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, a Canada Post official said the change was made "because French-language newspapers complained after the original announcement last fall." The *Globe* says that another official "knew nothing about technical difficulties." . . . but in the press release from Ottawa, however, the "technical problems" excuse is given.

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On March 3 Canada Post issued a new set of pre-stamped 6c and 8c post cards, and two sizes of envelopes (no. 6 and no. 8), a total of six items. All are in two-color lithography, general tagged, and are printed by Ashton-Potter of Toronto. The 8c envelopes will sell for 11 cents and the post cards for 10 cents; the 6c envelopes are available only in batches of 500, the 6c post cards in batches of 100, except at philatelic counters which sell them ("for collecting purposes") at 8 cents each.

On April 4 four further Indian stamps will be issued, symbolizing Indians of the Arctic. The stamps show artifacts, a drawing of a native dance, a ceremonial costume, and a symbolic design.

The stamps will be issued se-tenant on two sheets, and 56 million of each are being printed by Toronto's Ashton-Potter.

Red Stickers have been printed up by the postal workers and widely distributed. They read "Boycott the Postal Code"—since postal workers maintain that the new automated sorting equipment being installed by Canada Post is reducing salary ranges and the numbers of jobs open.

But coded or not, the mails in Canada are going to get slower and slower—even without the help of slowdowns and outright

strikes: Toronto district public relations chief Eddie Rowarth recently stated that mails in his area will be faced with *delays for about a year* due to the post office moving its main sorting depot from Toronto's downtown Front Street to a suburb. This depot handles half the mail in the country. (It seems that a letter mailed from London, Ontario, to Chicago is routed through Toronto.)

More new issue news, from R. K. Malott . . .

On February 25, 1975, the Canada Post released for sale at the Philatelic Post Office plate no. 1 of the revised 50c stamp depicting an eastern seacoast. The revised 50c stamp was first released without plate numbers on August 19, 1974. A number of plate block sets were cancelled with the February 25 date.

The set of six stationery items were released on March 3, 1975 and very few sets were cancelled with the Postal Museum date cancellation. The same applies to the first day cancellations for the new Olympic \$1 and \$2 stamps.

On March 11, 1975 the second printing of the transportation post cards of the Post

Office were released for sale in bulk. As for the classic-stamp set of post cards, all five cards are in a different coloring: in all instances the shades of the new printings are much darker than the first printings.

The five post cards depicting these subjects:

- First Toronto to Ottawa airmail service August 26-27, 1918;
- Ottawa Electric Railway Car, 1894;
- Seymour Arm, B.C. postal route, winter 1928;
- Railway post office on Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, 1909;
- Caribou Stage at Clinton, B.C., 1887.

TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

BNAPS: ELECTED OFFICERS

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS	Nine sitting; three elected each year for a three-year term: 1973-1975: Ed Richardson, Wilmer C. Rockett, S. S. Kenyon 1974-1976: James C. Lehr, E. H. Hausmann, Robert H. Pratt 1975-1977: G. B. Llewellyn (chairman), C. R. McNeil, D. G. Rosenblat

(FOR OTHER OFFICERS, SEE MASTHEAD ON INDEX PAGE)

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Dr. Ian W. Taylor of Wheeling, Illinois, has been appointed as Publicity Chairman for BNAPS, to cover the United States sector. The announcement was made in early March by president James A. Pike. Taylor will be working as the U.S. counterpart to C. Russell McNeil.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Call For Nominations

ARTICLE IV — SECTION 3, ELECTIONS: . . . Three members to the Board of Governors shall be so elected each year for a term of three years.

Nominations may be filed with the Secretary by any five members in good standing in time, at least, for publication in *BNA Topics* for release 90 days before the Annual Meeting. At least 150 days before such Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint five members of the Society as a Nominating Committee to prepare and present a slate of officers for the elective offices to be voted. No member shall be nominated unless he shall have first assented to his nomination to his proponent.

The library has received the first two *Canadian Flag Cancel Bulletins* of The Canadian Flag Cancel Study Group. These bulletins are well produced and compliment the *Flag Cancellation Handbook* by Ed Richardson. New finds are disclosed and discussed and old information is brought up to date in every issue. This group is a must for all of you that are interested in the Flag Cancellations. Membership dues for this group are \$2 per year, to be sent to Larry R. Paige, 1069 Shillelagh Rd., Chesapeake, Va. 23323.

Andy Anderson sent the library a first edition of Boggs *Newfoundland*, which was sorely needed as our other copy requires rebinding. Andy also donated \$10 for binding. Also received \$30 for binding from

Al Cook, in memory of three prominent BNAPSers.

Ken Barlow has sent us part four, 1967 edition, of his Machine Cancel catalogue—these cancellations on entire cover can make an attractive sideline collection or specialty.

Many thanks to Jacques J. Charron and Al Cook for enlightening the librarian as to the numbers of issues of the *Canadian Philatelist* during 1950-54. I'm happy to report that we have a complete run.

I was pleased to read the article on the Large Queens by the Duckworths in the January issue; this has been an area of BNA philately that has been neglected in comparison with other issues. There is interest in the formation of a Large Queen study group; I hope it bears fruit.

From the Secretary

EDWARD J. WHITING
Malvern, Pa.

New Members

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Jensen, Erik R., P.O. Box 5833, Concord, Calif. 94524
Jenkins, Sydney S., 704—188 Roslyn Rd., Winnipeg, Man. R3L 0G8
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Applications for Membership

(Objections must be filed with the Secretary within 30 days after month of publication)

(C—collector; D—dealer; DC—collector-dealer; c—correspond; x—exchange)

- BROWNSTEIN, Herman, P.O. Box 518, St. Jovitz, Que. J0T 2H0 (Cx) CAN, mint 19 and 20 Cent postage singles and blocks; coils; OHMS-G; Federal revenues; mint airmails. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- BUSTIN, Robin, Box 18, Hebron, N.S. B0W 1X0 (Ccx) CAN, 20th century mint and used postage singles and blocks; 1st day covers; plate blocks; coils; complete booklets; precancels; stationery entires; fluorescent shades, tag shifts; specialty—centennial and present definitives. Proposed by J. H. Johnson (2853); seconded by H. R. Lambe (383).
- COWAN, Dr. Ian McTaggart, 2088 Acadia Rd., Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1R5 (Cc) CAN, NFLD, BC, PEI, NB, NS, 19 and 20 cent postage mint and used singles and blocks; pre-stamp covers; coils; OHMS-G; mint and used booklet panes; federal and provincial revenues; mint and used airmails; territorial, flags, and squared circle cancellations; especially 1967 definitives and commems; specialty—Arctic and Greenland and QE II Canada. Proposed by F. E. Eaton (608); seconded by J. A. Pike (1361). Reinstatement of No. 1302.
- DALPE, Jean-Guy, 684 Le Laboureur, Boucherville, Que. J4B 3S2 (Cxc) CAN postage used; OHMS-G; precancels; RPO, slogan, squared circle, duplex, roller cancellations; AMF, perfins; specialty—RPO cancels and precancels. Proposed by F. Belanger (2940); seconded by L. A. Walker (3118).
- DRESSER, George B., 501 Fairview Ave., College Station, TX 77840 (Cx) CAN, NFLD, used postage singles and blocks; 1st flight covers; used airmails. Proposed by E. A. Richardson (168); seconded by B. L. Shapiro (3200).
- ELKINGTON, Peter J., 23552 Pine St., Newhall, CA 91231 (Cxc) CAN, NFLD, 19 and 20 cent postage mint and used singles and blocks; plate blocks; coils; OHMS-G; mint and used booklet panes; seals; federal, provincial and tax-paid revenues; mint and used airmails; proposed by E. J. Whiting (L-61).
- GSCHWENDTNER, Joseph G., 5231 Sundown Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28303 (Cxc) CAN, NFLD, all PROVS, mint and used postage; flag cancels. Proposed by D. Hollingshead (L-2622).
- HENNESSEY, Brian, 5171 S. Logan St., Littleton, CO 80121 (Cxc) NFLD 19 and 20 cent, postage mint singles and blocks and plate blocks; mint booklet panes; mint airmail; stationery entires; literature; proofs; imperfs and engraving errors. Specialty—Nfld. stamps and postal history. Proposed by E. J. Whiting (L-61).
- HILL, Desmond R., 8 Roanoke Rd., Apt. 201, Don Mills, Ont. M3A 1E6 (Cx) CAN, NFLD, PROVS, 19 and 20 cent used postage; pre-stamp, stampless, 1st flight covers; coils; OHMS-G; precancels; federal, provincial, and tax-paid revenues; used airmails; stationery entires and cut squares; RPO, 2-ring, 4-ring, squared circle, and duplex cancellations; specialty, small queens, postmarks. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- KIMMERLY, Ian, 103 James St., Ottawa, Ont. (DCxc) CAN, NFLD, NB, NS, BC, PEI, mint and used postage singles; used blocks; 19 and 20 cent; precancels; federal and provincial revenues; used airmails; semi-official airs; stationery entires and cut squares; literature; RPO, territorial, squared circle, duplex, and town cancellations; specialty—town and sub P.O. cancels. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- KNIGHTLY, Carl W. Jr., 19 Robinson Ct., N. Andover, MA 01845 (Cxc) CAN, NFLD, all PROVS 19 and 20 cent, postage and airmails; literature. Proposed by D. M. Verity (2312).
- KOSZTANDY, Andrew, 299 Queen St. W., Toronto, Ont. (D) CAN postage mint; plate blocks; coils; OHMS-G; mint booklet panes; federal revenues; semi-official airmail; proofs and essays. Proposed by J. A. Hennok (2447). Seconded by F. G. Stulberg (2290).
- MARRIOTT, Richard, 7917 Nottingham Way, Ellicott City, MD 21043 (C) CAN, NFLD, 20 cent, complete; postal stationery entires. Proposed by E. J. Whiting (L-61).

- McGEE, James P., 727 Lasnier Ave., St. Jean, Que. J3B 4W4 (Cxc) CAN, NFLD, all PROVS; 1st day covers; plate blocks; coils; OHMS-G; mint booklet panes and complete booklets; precancels. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- MILLER, James E., Box 860, Cariboo College, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 5N3 (DCx) CAN, NFLD, BC 19 and 20 cent. mint and used postage singles and blocks; coils; OHMS-G; mint and used airmails; semi-official airmails; airmails on cover; RPO, Territorial, flag, slogan, 2-ring, 4-ring, squared circle, duplex, and B.C. town cancellations; varieties: any (re-entries, flaws, pre-printing paper creases, etc.) Proposed by D. Hollingshead (L-2622).
- MILLER, W. Barry, 300 Maple St., Fredericton, N.B. E3A 3R2 (C) CAN, NFLD, PEI, NB postage mint and used singles; mint blocks; 1st day covers; mint and used airmails. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- MOORE, J. Sherrold, 40 St. Georges Cr., Edmonton, Alta. T5N 3M7 (Cx) CAN, NFLD, BC, PEI, NS, NB, 19 and 20 cent. mint and used postage; plate blocks; coils; OHMS-G; complete booklets; mint and used airmails. Proposed by K. R. Spencer (2805), seconded by D. J. Allen (2730).
- MOREAU, Pierre G., 371 Britannia Rd., Ottawa, Ont. K2B 5X9 (Cxc) CAN, NFLD, 19 and 20 cent. postage singles and blocks mint and used; 1st day and 1st flight covers; plate blocks; coils; OHMS-G; mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets; precancels; airmails mint, used and on cover. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- MORRIS, Charles, P.O. Box 35040, Jamaica, NY 11435 (Cxc) CAN, mint 20th cent. postage singles and 1st day covers. Proposed by E. J. Whiting (L-61).
- PARKER, Mrs. Margaret T., RR 2, Utterson, Ont. P0B 1M0 (Cxc) CAN, NFLD, all PROVS. 19 and 20 cent. postage singles and blocks mint; 1st day covers; plate blocks; coils; DHMS-G; mint booklet panes and complete booklets; seals; federal, provincial and tax-paid revenues; airmails mint and semi-officials; literature. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- ROLING, Paul V., 1889 Willow, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (Cxc) CAN, mint and used postage singles; coils; OHMS-G; mint booklet panes; precancels; mint and used airmails; squared circle cancellations; specialty — varieties. Proposed by E. J. Whiting (L-61).
- TAYLOR, Mrs. Frances J., 1701 N.E. 104th St., Seattle, WA 98125. Pending receipt of formal application.
- TROOP, Andrew J., 67 Toynbee Tr., Scarborough, Ont. M1E 1G1 (C) CAN, mint 20th cent. postage singles, blocks and plate blocks. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- VANDEN BOOM, Vi, P.O. Box 27538, Houston, TX 77027 (Cxc) NFLD 19 and 20 cent. mint and used postage singles and blocks; pre-stamp, stampless, 1st day, 1st flight and slogan covers; plate blocks; mint booklet panes and complete booklets; provincial and tax-paid revenues; mint and used and semi-official airmails; airmails on cover; postal stationery entire; literature; proofs; essays; RPO and slogan cancellations; varieties: plate and errors. Proposed by E. A. Richardson (168); seconded by L. W. Martin Jr. (3092).
- WARM, Harvey R., 301 E. 47th St., New York, NY 10017 (C) CAN. Proposed by E. J. Whiting (L-61).
- ARTHURS, Lawrence D., 2140 Palisprior Rd. S.W., Calgary, Alta. (C) CAN, 19 and 20 cent. mint and used postage singles and blocks; 1st day covers; plate blocks; coils; mint and used booklet panes; precancels. Proposed by E. A. Harris (729).
- YOW, Lee R., 1332 Sherbrooke Ave., Kamloops, B.C. (DCc) BC cancellations on 3c Jubilee. Proposed by J. C. Campbell (2986); seconded by E. Harris (729).

Mail Returned

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- 2025 Godfrey, Eldon Charles, 26 Vartown Pl. N.W., Calgary, Alta. T3A 0B5
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- 2796 Mathis, Roy Harvey, 106 Nelson St., Kingston, Ont. K7L 3B5
- 2947 Mills, Andrew, 6—14205 96 St., Edmonton, Alta. T5N 00C2
- 2800 Niepke, Barry B., P.O. Box 893, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 90506
- 2566 Wickerson, Lorne T., 88 Elmwood Blvd., Toronto, Ont. M5N 1G8

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Resignations Received

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- 1338 Wilson, Leonard F., 7601 Saskatchewan Dr., Edmonton, Alta.

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- L-8 Peterman, William C., 153 Westville Ave., Caldwell, NJ 07006
- 1315 McCallum, Reside, 3 Lansdowne Gardens, Pointe Claire, Que. H9S 5B9
- 3076 Patterson, J. Lawton, 1051 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207
- 192 Whitehead, Dr. Alfred, 52 Havelock St., Amherst, N.S. B4H 3K2

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- 2915 Dowsley, Neil F., 47 Rivers Dr., Trenton, Ont. K8V 1B9
- 2956 Gough, Maurice C., 3, Mandeville Close, Watford, Herts, WD1 3SF, England
- 2990 Johnson, Jonathan, Box 263, Cassiar B.C. V0C 1E0
- 2221 Karr, James S., Box 58, Fort Nelson, B.C.
- 1196 Knox, S. I., P.O. Box 2674, Thunder Bay, Ont. P7B 5G2
- 2833 Machin, Frank R., P.O. Box 1628, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2X7
- 1021 Newcomb, Simon J., Seton Portage, B.C. V0N 3B0
- 2661 Wonnacott, Dr. J. B., P.O. Box 10, Summerside, PEI C1N 4P6
- 2631 Zelman, Bert N., 704 Burlington Apts., 1321 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19110



WAYNE CURTIS

with the resumption of "Sketches"

we present our newest columnist . . .

*Wayne
Curtis
No. 2100*

Our newest columnist—for this column, in fact—is Wayne Curtis of Montreal, who succeeds Bob Carr. Curtis' credentials are excellent, having been secretary and newsletter editor of one of Montreal's stamp clubs for many years.

Although born in Sutton, Vermont, he received practically all of his schooling in Montreal. That didn't save him from the mailing list of the U.S. Army, which drafted him in 1951. Two years later he was back living in Montreal again, except for a few months spent on a defence project in northern Newfoundland and Labrador. He is now with a firm of insurance brokers with business connections in England and the U.S.

Although he collected stamps as a child he started anew in 1960 and before long

became keenly interested in Canadian postmarks. He has been working hard on Montreal Duplex numeral and letter cancellations, and has been collecting pre-adhesive and stampless covers from the province of Quebec area, squared circles, flags, RPOs, military cancels, precancels and postal history.

Curtis and his charming wife Ivy were married in 1969 and their best man was fellow BNAPSer Cliff Guile. Ivy also collects stamps, British military uniform postcards and elephants of all shapes, sizes and materials (other than live).

So far they have been seen at our conventions in St. John's and Williamsburg and they plan to attend Toronto in September. They've also managed to take their holidays in Britain to coincide with our sister society's conventions. Besides being responsible for PR at the Lakeshore Stamp Club, Curtis is a member of the RPSC, CPS of GB and the Vermont Philatelic Society.

...and some doodles by The Editor

In March 1972 this magazine carried the first in-depth article ever written on the 1967 Definitive issue. The authors were F. W. L. Keane, Paul Hughes and Anne Crittenden. As the issue was still in use by Canada Post, the authors expected to continue their studies and eventually issue a kind of "final report" after the issue had been retired.

Mrs. Crittenden had to drop out, Keane and Hughes continued the research.

By early 1973 the revised article ran to over 100 manuscript pages—obviously too long for a *Topics* series but ideally suited as a handbook. Later that year Canada Post finally replaced the issue and the two authors could at last put the finishing touches to their work.

BNAPS was to have published the handbook but its board changed its mind at its Williamsburg meeting—the same meeting that voted to restrict the book department to selling only BNAPS books. Fortunately dealer George Wegg took up the cause and agreed to fund the handbook—which should be on sale by this summer. It will have contributions by several other writers as well; taken together the book will contain a complete picture of all aspects of the issue.

MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

The BNAPS Book Dep't. Controversy

I am very much in agreement with Mr. Szeker about the sale of books by the BNAPS Book Department. This has been my only source of books for quite some time, dealers out here being non-existent.

It is very convention to get most books from one source. I do not see many dealers advertising books and, in my experience, few dealers carry them. Please reconsider!

— Myron Molnau

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In the February issue of *Topics*, Mr. Joe Szeker criticized the Williamsburg convention's board decision to ban non-society publications from the BNAPS literature sales department. I agree with him completely.

This was undoubtedly one of the worst decisions made by BNAPS in recent years; I strongly urge that steps be taken to reverse that decision.

One of the most, if not the most, important reasons any philatelic society exists is for the dissemination of philatelic knowledge. The literature sales department has filled an important gap in that area. This function should continue.

— Jerome C. Jarnick

Scotch Tape

Referring to the letter in November's *Topics* by W. H. P. Maresch, concerning the use of scotch tape, as I believed that there was a difference in current production methods, I accordingly wrote to the manufacturers, 3M Company, who have replied as follows:

We appreciate your concern about the possible misuse of tape in mounting stamps. Cellophane tape has been used in the past and is the culprit which has caused these problems. This tape uses a rubber-resin adhesive which has a limited age life. Within

a couple of years it will start to degrade and soften.

If the tape is used over the edges of a stamp mount or to mend a torn mount the adhesive will usually find its way to the stamp. If the perforations of a stamp touch the tape, they will act as a wick and "soak" up the softened adhesive. This results in the brown, unsightly stains.

This stain is from the resin component of the adhesive and can be reduced or removed completely by soaking the stamps in toluene for 24 hours or longer. This solvent will not affect the gum on the stamp but sometimes can fade the inks. Toluene should be used and stored in a closed container and prolonged inhalation of the fumes should be avoided. It should also be kept away from extreme heat, sparks or an open flame when handling or storing. It can be purchased at chemical supply houses.

Other tapes can be used successfully for mounting stamps or covers. They are *Scotch* brand magic transparent tape and *Scotch* brand transparent tape. These are acetate film tapes and both products use a homogeneous synthetic polymer adhesive which will age indefinitely. This adhesive is essentially inert and will not change in physical or chemical make-up with the passage of time.

Unlike the adhesives on cellophane tape, it does not contain fugitive ingredients which will leach into paper, through plastic films, etc. It is suggested that these tapes not be used directly on stamps only because they are very difficult to remove should the need arise.

I trust we have clarified the fact that not all transparent tapes are alike or behave the same way. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter.

— Roger L. Jentink, Technical Service
Commercial Tape Laboratory.

From the above it is evident that while old-type cellophane tape is to be avoided, present day Scotch tape will not hurt stamps or covers. I hope that 3M's letter clears this matter up once and for all.

— Robert H. Pratt

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a single loss. This service was continued upon resumption of operations for the winter about December 20, 1924.

An inconsistency between the first date of use, September 11, 1924, and the first known date, on a flown cover with the first design, dated September 21, 1924 exists. Perhaps the original source of data had a typing error of 11 in lieu of September 21, 1924? Perhaps on the 50th anniversary of this historic event data will come to light to prove the correct date?

There were two further questions concerning which pilots flew the LAS air mail flights. Until the last edition of the AAMS Catalogue the name of C. B. Cardinet appeared as a pilot of LAS. Actually the signature was misread as the signature was that of C. S. "Jack" Caldwell. Caldwell became the first test pilot employed by Canadian Vickers. He was the first pilot in Canada to save his life by parachute when he had to abandon a spinning Vedette.

Unfortunately in 1929 he was killed in a flying accident.

The other listed pilot was Harry Leonard LePot. According to Mr. Molson, H. L. LePot was a clerk and had nothing to do with flying LAS aircraft. LAS records list LePot as a dispatcher and not a pilot. Newspaper accounts of the flights and statements of LAS employees state that Jack Caldwell was the pilot. If the flying log books of these two men are available perhaps this riddle could be resolved.

The January 1925 winter service which commenced January 21 did not last long. On January 24, 1925, Jack Caldwell took off from Larder Lake for Rouyn. Ken Molson states that due to atmospheric conditions the aircraft suddenly lost height and crashed.

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ings which, together with other postmarks, make it possible to follow the whole length of its journey . . ." Here is a challenger!

I recently acquired the cover shown in the illustration and as a matter of interest sent it to *RPO Cowcatcher* columnist Lew Ludlow for an opinion — since one of the RPO markings appeared to be unlisted. He replied in part as follows:

"That cover is a real gem. I count at least 39 different cancellations or markings, not counting pen marks. It has to be a record, I think. . . . lovely cover!"

Among the backstamps are seven different RPOs.

The cover was prepared in the Dominion Lands Office, Dauphin, Manitoba (office date stamp in purple), and mailed there (split circle DE 5/22 and normal "R" in circle struck in black). It travelled to Winnipeg (cds DE 6/22) on CNR Train No. 10 (RPO 1. above), thence to Letellier, Man. (arrival cds DE 6/22, despatch cds 7 DE/22 and Registration Original No. 916), arriving at St. Joseph, Man. (split circle/ on 7 DE/22.

It was not called for; was re-addressed to St. Guillaume d'Acton, P.Q., left St. Joseph (split circle) on 12 DE/22, arriving at Letellier (cds) DE 13/22, and being placed on CNR Train No. 7 to Winnipeg (RPO 2, above), arriving there (cds) on DE 13/22.

There is no Fort William and Winnipeg eastbound marking, and the cover next appears on CNR Train No. 4 from Fort William to Toronto—RPO 3 above. It was received at Montreal (cds) 3 PM/DE 16/22, and was placed on CNR Train No. 14 eastbound along the former St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway (RPO 4 above).

This train must have been an express stopping only at the Richmond junction—since the next marking (RPO 5 above) shows the cover travelling west on the night local along the same line, arriving at St. Hyacinthe, P.Q. (cds) DE 17/22, and at St. Guillaume d'Acton (duplex) 18 DE/22.

The Postmaster at St. Guillaume held the letter until 29 JAN/23 (duplex), marked it "NON RECLAME" and "RENVOYE A (Sender)" plus a fancy green "R" in circle, and sent it to St. Hyacinthe (cds JAN 29/23). From there it travelled to Montreal (cds 1 PM/29 JAN/23). The next backstamps appear on the Fort William and Winnipeg run (RPO 6 above), and the Winnipeg and Kamsack line (RPO 7 above).

The cover ended its circle tour back at Dauphin (split circle) FE 2/23, and was delivered that day to the Dominion Lands Office (office date stamp in green), thus completing a railway journey of approximately 3,000 miles—nearly every step of which can be traced because of the postal markings.

RPOs ON ROBINSON'S MUCH-TRAVELLED COVER

1. W'PEG & KAM RPO NO. 3—Shaw No. W-189, Indicia 10/DE 6/22.
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4. MONT & I. POND RPO/W. T. ALLIER—Shaw No. Q-92, Indicia 14/DEC 16/1922.
(A clerk not previously recorded)
5. MONT & I. POND RPO/A. GIARD—Shaw No. Q-92A, Indicia NW/DEC 17/1922.
(A type not previously recorded for this clerk, who is shown in Shaw as "A. Girard")
6. FORT WILLIAM & WINNIPEG RPO No. ?—Shaw No. 0-74, Indicia 3/FE 1/23.
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**M-36D
HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON R.P.O././.
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One Hammer, Hammer VIII of M-36, Type 21D

Proofed: October 27, 1907 — Hammer VIII, M-36

Earliest: March 1, 1918

Indicia: W

Usage: Single known strike

R.F.: 200

Comments: This previously unknown run also came to light as a result of the investigation of duplicates in the hammer study of M-36, all of which makes a good case for this type of activity. This one was found on a 2c + 1c brown war tax that was initially hard to read but which, under glass, came up clearly. Perhaps others will now be reported.

With the preparation of the new book, we have been a little bogged down on M-36, but with this now behind us, we are hopeful that we can move along more rapidly. In addition to the chordal distances on M-36 accompanying this column, of which we have extra copies, we have also prepared a formal chart on 11 chordal measurements for each of the 23 hammers

of M-12. Copies of either or both are available upon request.

We have never seen M-37, HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON R.P.O. / DAY and there was no discovery of this run in the proof books; accordingly, we defer any comment on M-37 at this time and ask our readers to send us any and all information that they may have so that we may pass it on. M-37B was delisted. We will now report on M-37A and M-37C as a group and then will give the characteristics of separation.

**M-37A
HALIFAX - CAMPBELLTON / R.P.O.**

Two Hammers, Type 17H

Hammer I

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: September 9, 1957

Latest: October 19, 1960

Indicia: Only 60 reported so far

Usage: Concurrent with Hammer II

K.F.: 140 (50%)

Comments: Although we have strikes in each year of the above period, we expect considerable additional information to be reported on this run; our source material is somewhat limited. No record of this run was found in the proof books so earlier dates may be difficult. Also, M-37C below is now known as late as June, 1957 which allows

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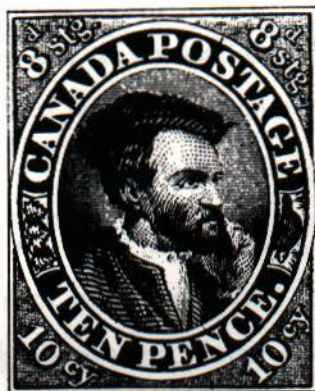
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receive letters suggesting that hammer IV is a 'repaired' version of hammer II. This, of course, cannot be the case, because all four hammers appear in the Proof Book, and, indeed, hammer IV was proofed four months before hammer II. In an effort to end the confusion and to enable separation of the hammers in unambiguous fashion, I have done some experimenting and have come up with what I believe to be a fool-proof method provided that sufficient lettering shows in the strike. My aim was to avoid any method which required measuring distances with a millimeter scale.

The method devised is as follows:

Step A. Lay a straight-edge — a 3 x 5 file card works nicely — on the strike, with the top edge of the card aligned along the diagonal of the first 'N' of WINNIPEG. Three cases then result, shown by sketches (a), (b), and (c) of the illustration. These are:

(a) E is completely exposed; only the lower right corner of G is covered so that a large loop resembling 0 appears. This is Hammer II.

(b) E is completely exposed; G is almost completely covered, showing only a trace of the loop. This is either Hammer I or Hammer IV; separate by going to Step B.

(c) G is completely covered, and part of E is also covered, from lower left corner. This is Hammer III.

Step B. To separate hammers shown by (b), above, to be either Hammer I or Hammer IV, move the file card to line the

top edge along the right-hand stroke of the two inside strokes of 'W'. There are two possibilities, shown in sketches (d) and (e):

(d) E is completely exposed; G is almost completely covered, showing only a trace of the loop. This is Hammer I.

(e) G is completely covered, and part of E is also covered, from lower left corner. This is Hammer IV.

Since this method does not depend on measurement of lengths, but is concerned only with angular relationships, it works just as well on larger-than-true-size photographs as it does on the actual stamp. For example, if you do not have a copy of Hammer IV, check the method on the photograph of Hammer IV strikes in the January 1964 "Squared Circle" column.

Now put the method to work, to separate the doubtful strikes in your collection! I have been studying the chronology of the Winnipeg hammers and it is my conclusion that Hammer I was used continuously between earliest and latest reported dates, but was used on City Drop Mail for much of this time, and is more likely to be found on 1c denominations than on 3c denominations except during the two periods when it was the only hammer in use.

But I need data to verify the continuity of use, and to establish the use of two or more hammers on the same day. Please send me a listing of all of your Winnipeg strikes, giving complete indicia and hammer, for example: 6/JA 10/94—II; 8/JU 12/95—IV; 12/FE 18/96—III; etc.

These may be listed in the order in which you identify them, and need not be re-

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little time between these hammers without overlap. We have a lovely cover with this hammer as backstamp along with a small purple oval American R.P.O., CARIBOU & BOSTON R.P.O. / LOUIS J. IOTT—interesting collateral material.

Hammer II

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: July 4, 1957
Latest: October 12, 1959
India: Only 59 reported so far.
Usage: Concurrent with Hammer I
R.F.: 140 (50%)

Comments: With only Train 60 for Hammer I and only Train 59 for Hammer II, we wonder whether this is just coincidence because of our sparse material or whether these were permanent sets which would also give a clue to Hammer Identification. Perhaps some of our Maritime collectors can give us more information on this run.

M-37C

HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON / R.P.O.

One Hammer, Type 17H

Proofed: Unknown
Earliest: To be advised
Latest: June 15, 1957
India: Indecipherable
Usage: To be advised
R.F.: 150

Comments: This run was first reported by Joe Purcell and up to this time we thought it was among our missing; however, in analyzing M-37A, we found therein that reported above as a backstamp on a large piece of parcel cover. This run is probably somewhat more common, but at least we can get it started with this report.

SEPARATION OF M-37A, TWO HAMMERS, AND M-37C

The only difference between M-37A and C is the presence of an ampersand, "&" or a dash, "-," between HALIFAX and CAMPBELLTON; however, if this portion is not available on a partial strike, we still want to be able to make identification. This can be done as follows: (A hammer with a colon in place of the ampersand has been reported, but we have never seen it; if true, this would be a new run, not a new hammer of M-37A.)

Step 1. Measure the chordal distance from the bottom left corner of the second "L" to the bottom right corner of the "N", both of CAMPBELLTON. M-37A, Hammer I, is 7¼ mm, Hammer II is 6¼ mm and M-37C is only 6¼ mm. This is a one shot separation.

Step 2. Measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the right leg of the "A" in HALIFAX to the bottom of the left leg of the "A" in CAMPBELLTON; Hammer I is just less than 7 mm, while Hammer II is just over 6 mm. (On this measurement, the ampersand of M-37C is visible and identifying; however, for M-37C the distance is 8½ mm.)

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Step 3. As an alternate approach to the above, measure the chordal distance from the bottom of the left leg of the "H" of HALIFAX across the base to the bottom right corner of the "N" of CAMPBELLTON. Both hammers of M-37A are 12 mm or over, while M-37C is only 11½ mm.

Step 4. After Step 3, the two hammers of M-37A can also be separated by measuring from the bottom of the "T" to the bottom right corner of the "N", both of CAMPBELLTON. Hammer I is 5 mm, while Hammer II is only 4½ mm.

Run	Hammer	Change	Details	Reported by
M-6	III	Latest	635/November 3, 1958	138
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M-12F	II	New clerk and hammer	Add initials "H.G." external to ring on Hammer XVII of M-12. Great find by	138
M-16	II	Latest	May 30, 1949	101
M-27	III	Latest	March 23, 1957	10
M-30	II	Latest	March 6, 1900	10
M-35	V	Latest	January 9, 1971	10
	VI	Latest	January 9, 1971	10
M-35A	I	Earliest	September 25, 1954	10
	I	Latest	July 16, 1968	10

Subsequent to sending the new revision to the printer, we have had a number of new runs and train numbers reported, all of which points out the timeliness — or lack

Some of our readers have taken up hammer identification with a passion and we are delighted to present herewith some of the results of their investigations which greatly broadens our knowledge of the runs investigated so far:

thereof — of the stopping point that we mandated on the book, namely January 1, 1975. I knew there would be changes, but not so many so soon:

New Runs	Type	Direction	Period	R.F.	Rep'ted by
M-6A — CAMPBELLTON & LEVIS EXPRESS R.P.O././ J. A. DIONNE	21B	34	104	200	138
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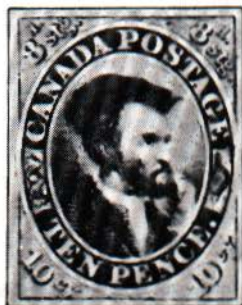
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