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SEPT. 19—OTHER COUNTRIES: EUROPE with good Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany and States, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Sweden and Switzerland. Also Egypt, U.S.A. and Uruguay, etc.

OCT. 3—INDIA AND STATES including a superb example of the red Scinde Dawk and a very fine example with large margins, although cut to shape, of the rare 1854 4 gannas with inverted centre. The Indian Native States are well represented and include a number of specialised studies. The sale ends with an unusually fine collection of Tibet suitably lotted.

OCT. 6—GENERAL SALE at BOURNEMOUTH including a wonderful collection of used Airmail stamps; Collections and Mixed Lots, British Empire and other countries classified with good Barbados, Burma, Canada (many collections of the country and of individual issues), Great Britain, India, Malaya, Japanese Occupation, Newfoundland collections and single items, New South Wales, New Zealand, Nova Scotia (an early cover), Pakistan; Portugal, Portugese Colonies, Egypt, Nepal, Saudi-Arabia, Tibet, U.S.A., etc., etc.

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732 Oertel, Roland C., 10 Fleuti Drive, Moraga, Calif.  
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1756 Day, W. H., 8585 Granville St., Vancouver 14, B.C.  
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1614 Gratz, J. Roger, 20 Elizabeth St., Pittsburgh 23, Pa.  
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959 Lyman, Robert W., P.O. Box 299, Marblehead, Mass.  
484 MacMaster, Harris A., Ste. 109, 1305 Jervis St., Vancouver 5, B.C.  
1819 McKay, (Mrs. G. F.), Doris, 10439-140 Street, Edmonton, Alberta.  
1511 Rorke, Willard, 511 Tegler Bldg., Edmonton, Alberta.  
1087 Stewart, Alexander W., 3211-25th Street S.W., Calgary, Alta. (From Yorkton, Sask.)

RESIGNATION RECEIVED  
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RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED  
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445 Godden, Stanley H., 72 Woodland Drive, Hove, Sussex, England

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY		
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, June 1, 1962 .....	1028	
NEW MEMBERS, August 1, 1962 .....	14	
		1042
RESIGNATIONS, August 1, 1962 .....	3	
DECEASED, August 1, 1962 .....	1	4
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, August 1, 1962 .....		1038

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**THE *Editor's* MAILBAG**

**EXHIBITS NEEDED**

Dear Mr. Editor:

Will you please run an article in the next issue of Topics that the request for exhibits at the Alpine this year has been ignored and that it is up to the membership to get them in as soon as possible as plans must be made. To date only one has been received.

Also, a note to the effect that reservations are urgently required.

Kindest regards,

Yours very truly  
Chas. P. deVolpi  
Convention Chairman  
BNAPEX, Alpine Inn  
September 26-29, 1962

**THE '235' CANCEL**

Dear Sir:

I was interested in the article in June "Topics" by Dr. Day on the Ottawa "236" cancellation.

I wonder has it any connection with the "235" used in Newfoundland as it is a somewhat similar type.

I know the latter has been referred to in an earlier issue of your magazine but I would like to have some information on it again.

Yours faithfully,  
J. Millar Allen  
(946)

## EDITORIAL

### Support of Philatelic Conventions

It has been disappointing to hear that our Convention Chairman has only received one application to exhibit at the upcoming Convention at the Alpine Inn at Ste. Marguerite, Quebec, Canada. Some collectors say that such an event is not complete without a stamp exhibition; others say that there is no difference and that an exhibit is not needed to make a convention a success.

When a stamp collector plans to attend a stamp society convention, he has the desire to see and handle stamps or related material. There are many collectors who are not able to see the top collections of the subject in which they are interested. Stamp conventions with exhibits offer them this opportunity. If there is no exhibit, the collector may be disappointed. He may not be the type of person that can socialize, and if he is offered social events only, he will stay away in the years to follow. It is up to the senior members of the society who have collections to support the conventions with exhibits of some of their material. A philatelic show creates the atmosphere needed to make the two or three days a success.

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### *From the Sales Manager . . .*

AL. P. COOK, Coy Glen Road, Ithaca, New York

Enclosed with this issue is a card to be filled out by all members who wish to receive circuits starting this Fall. The use of these will greatly facilitate the sending of material to those who wish to receive it. In addition, cards will go to all new members along with their membership cards. Every September a new distribution of cards will go to the members and the old cards will be destroyed. This will help to keep our file of requests, addresses, and members desiring circuits up to date. Group requests should be sent with meeting dates indicated.

\* \* \*  
The big job of the report to members of the status of their books was completed the

first week in July, and over \$2500.00 was paid to the members. Twelve members received over \$100.00 and of these one received almost \$500.00—\$499.41 to be exact,—and when you add exchange this represents a record of some sort.

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I urge you to request the special circuits of your particular specialty. You are much more likely to find what you are looking for.

If you have material to submit, try to limit each book to a particular phase of BNA material and follow the exhibit classifications if possible.

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## *From the Treasurer . . .*

JAMES T. CULHANE, 119 Montgomery Ave., Coleston, Norristown, Pennsylvania

### BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1960

Dues in advance for 1961 .....	\$ 150.50	
Dues in advance beyond 1961 .....	30.00	
Topics Advertising in Advance .....	37.86	
Life Membership Fund .....	505.00	
Library Fund .....	31.09	
General Funds on Deposit .....	774.03	\$1528.48
Funds in Custody of the Handbook Agent .....	8.59	
Funds in Custody of the Sales Manager .....	691.89	
Funds in Custody of the Editor .....	165.41	865.89
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>2394.37</b>

### RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ACCOUNT

(January 1st, 1961, to December 31st, 1961)

#### RECEIPTS

##### DUES

For 1962 .....	137.00	
Beyond 1962 .....	5.00	
1960 Paid in 1961 .....	11.25	
For 1961 .....	3791.00	
Fees .....	67.00	\$4011.25

##### BNA TOPICS

Advertising in 1957-58 .....	4.00	
Advertising in 1960 .....	230.00	
Advertising in 1961 .....	635.63	
Subscriptions .....	31.00	
Advertising in 1962 .....	35.30	935.93

##### YEARBOOK

Advertising in 1959 .....	7.50	
Advertising in 1960 .....	6.50	
Advertising in 1961 .....	390.50	404.50

##### MISCELLANEOUS

Handbook Sales .....	315.81	
Life Membership Fees .....	230.00	
BNAPEX Gift .....	25.00	
BNAPEX Surplus .....	36.42	
Gain on Canadian Exchange .....	3.95	
Miscellaneous Income .....	9.93	621.11

**Total Receipts .....** 5972.79

1960 Balance Plus 1961 Receipts ..... 8367.16

## DISBURSEMENTS

<b>BNA TOPICS</b>			
Print 9 Issues .....		2753.57	
Cuts .....		363.20	
Postage .....		241.22	
Mailing Service .....		175.32	
Mailing Envelopes .....		133.98	
Miscellaneous .....		66.71	3734.00
<b>YEARBOOK</b>			
Printing .....		692.00	
Postage .....		20.75	
Cuts .....		12.78	
Mailing Service .....		14.89	
Prospectus .....		24.60	
Miscellaneous .....		1.07	766.09
Print Perfin Handbook .....			340.28
Print Small Queen Handbook .....			299.67
Purchase Map Stamp Handbook .....			134.12
Library Expenses .....			22.50
Membership Application Withdrawn .....			3.00
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>			
Postage .....		103.85	
Printing .....		74.41	
Stationery & Supplies .....		60.37	
O.P.A. Audit of Books .....		50.00	
Grand Award BNAPEX .....		54.12	
Canadian Bank Charges .....		9.93	
Discount on Canadian Funds .....		9.39	
Miscellaneous .....		14.06	
1962 Prepaid Printing .....		106.96	
1962 Prepaid Expenses Miscellaneous .....		6.67	
Sales Dept. Expense in Excess of Income .....		29.46	519.22
Funds on Deposit .....			1824.93
Funds in Custody of Handbook Agent .....			17.75
Funds in Custody of Sales Manager .....			607.11
Funds in Custody of Editor .....			98.49
1961 Disbursements Plus 1961 Balances .....			8367.16

### STATEMENTS OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS OF 12-31-61

<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Funds on Deposit .....	\$1824.93	Dues in Advance 1962 .....	151.00
Funds in Custody of Handbook Agent .....	17.75	Dues in Advance Beyond 1962 .....	21.00
Funds in Custody of Sales Manager .....	607.11	Topics Advt. in Advance .....	35.30
Other Assets in Custody of Sales Manager .....	110.76	Accounts Payable .....	358.74
Funds in Custody of Editor .....	98.49	Library Fund .....	48.59
Prepaid Expenses .....	113.63	Life Membership Fund .....	660.00
Flag Cancellation Handbook .....	69.51	Surplus 12/31/60 .....	2379.60
Perfin Handbook .....	189.20	Surplus For 1961 .....	359.00
Map Stamp Handbook .....	22.13		
Small Queens Handbook .....	210.33		
Accounts Receivable:—			
Topics Advertising .....	247.74		
Yearbook Advt. .....	253.00		
Handbook Receivable .....	126.25		
Prepaid Insurance .....	37.50		
Squared Circle Handbook .....	84.90		
	\$4013.23		4013.23



**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1961**  
**INCOME**

<b>DUES</b>		
For 1960 Paid in 1961 .....	11.25	
For 1961 .....	3941.50	
For 1961 From Life Membership Fund .....	75.00	
Fees .....	67.00	4094.75
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<b>BNA TOPICS</b>		
Advertising in 1961 .....	673.49	
Subscriptions .....	31.00	
Advertising Receivable .....	247.74	952.23
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<b>YEARBOOK</b>		
Advertising .....	390.50	
Advertising Receivable .....	253.00	643.50
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Handbook Sales .....		315.81
BNAPEX Surplus .....		61.42
Miscellaneous Income .....		13.88
Refund on Printing of Yearbook .....		114.00
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Total Income Applicable to 1961 .....		6195.59

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1961**  
**EXPENSES**

<b>BNA TOPICS</b>		
Print 9 Issues .....	2753.57	
Cuts .....	388.68	
Postage .....	261.22	
Mailing Envelopes .....	168.06	
Miscellaneous .....	66.71	
Payable .....	358.74	3996.98
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<b>YEARBOOK</b>		
Per Disbursement Account .....		766.09
<b>LIBRARY</b>		
Expense .....	22.50	
Payable .....	48.59	71.09
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Sales Circuit Deficit .....		29.46
Cost of Handbooks Sold .....		315.81
Membership Application Withdrawn .....		3.00
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES</b>		
Postage .....	183.85	
Printing .....	223.50	
Stationery & Supplies .....	60.37	
C.P.A. Audit of Books .....	50.00	
BNAPEX Grand Award .....	54.12	
Miscellaneous .....	25.50	
Fidelity Bond .....	37.50	
Canadian Bank Charges .....	9.93	
Discount on Canadian Funds .....	9.39	654.16
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Total Expenses Applicable to 1961 .....		5836.59
Income in Excess of Expenses (Surplus) .....		359.00
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Total .....		6195.59

(James T. Culhane, Treasurer)

The Society's books were audited by James H. Degnan, Certified Public Accountant, who certified that, "In my opinion the accompanying Treasurer's Report (as above) presents fairly the financial position of the British North America Philatelic Society at December 31, 1961 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year".

# Trail of the Caribou

By D. C. MEYERSON, 69 FENIMORE DRIVE, HARRISON, NEW YORK

We stand corrected. According to a letter received from W. D. Van Ness, BNAPS #1062, Chestnut Hill, Mass., we listed the line perforate stamps #115-117 as 14.1 x 14.1 whereas they should be 13.9 x 13.9 as any reference to our column in the Mar. '61, issue of TOPICS will reveal. This latest listing which was made from memory instead of by checking appeared in the Apr. '62, issue of TOPICS. Mr. Van Ness also goes on to report a typographical error that has not been reported since the article appeared in the Mar. '61 issue of TOPICS on page 68. This is the sub listing B2 under stamp #132. It is listed as line perf 13 x 14, whereas it should be 14 x 14. Please make the necessary corrections and thanks Van.

Stan Calder, BNAPS #326, Cheshire England, was our house guest over a weekend during May and most naturally our talk gravitated to stamps. This time we concerned ourselves with the printing of the last pence issue which sometimes occurs on watermarked paper. Now Stan is in the paper business and according to his best estimate the size of the hand-made paper used for the printing of these small sheets, (5 x 4) was 16½ x 21. This sheet would take 9 of the smaller sheets and there is no question but that the upper left sheet had the watermark STACEY WISE/1858 across about 8 of the stamps and that the sheet directly below it usually had about 4 to 6 of the stamps with the watermark. We still don't know conclusively whether the watermark occurs once on the sheet or three times. However we are both working on it and as soon as we can make some more sense the result of our findings will appear in this column. We certainly aren't averse to help from any of our readers, so come along because if it is as we imagine only once on each master sheet then only 10-16 stamps out of 180 would be watermarked. Otherwise it would be 3 times that many. We need help. Since writing the above we've discovered that our theory has a hole in it as while visiting the showroom of Bob Siegal, a local New York dealer we were shown a miniature sheet of 20 of the 6d. rose, Scott #20 that almost certainly

came from the upper left corner and it was completely unwatermarked. Woe is us, we need help.

I really don't know if I am an adopted "Appleknocker" or the member of the new Temagami BNAPS Group. During the last week in May I went up to Ithaca and from there Al Cook, BNAPS #320, drove me and Bill Hassan, BNAPS #911, and Bill Tutton, BNAPS #842, along with Larry Caldwell, Bill Hassan's son-in-law, up to his hunting and fishing cabin on an island right in the middle of Lake Temagami up in Northwestern Ontario. It was fun, the weather was lovely, unseasonably warm and while we didn't catch too many fish we sure talked stamps a lot. I had a couple of hours in Ithaca before leaving on the trip and I used them to good advantage going through Al Cook's fantastic collection of Newfoundland booklet and booklet panes. One of the items that caught my eye was a pane of four of Scott #185, complete with selvedge and described at #185 D1 in my listing in the Jan. '59 issue of Topics used on cover from St. John's to Los Angeles on Jan. 2, 1932. The first time that I have ever seen any booklet stamp on cover. Then I saw the bit that gave George Sloane the idea that special plates had been laid down for the booklet stamps despite a letter that I had from the printers to the contrary. When Al Cook came up with an unsevered set of panes for the booklet stamps as described by Al in the Apr. '57 issue of TOPICS, George was unquestionably proven correct though with the piece that he had in his collection, now owned by Al, I never had a chance. Al has a pane of the 1c Scott #184, line perf 13.7 x 13.7 with the selvedge at the top plus an extra piece at the bottom of the pane that proves conclusively that a special sheet had been laid down so that 15 panes were made at one time in one run of the press and then separated for inclusion in the booklet. Then as an added filip we were allowed to browse through the returned circuit books and one lot in particular caught our eye, it was a cover franked with a badly torn copy of the 5c brown seal, Scott #25, but it was

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# Sketches of BNAPSers

by V. G. GREENE, 77 VICTORIA ST., TORONTO, ONTARIO

## No. 92 WILLARD RORKE

One of the Governors of our Society, Willard (Bill) Rorke of Edmonton, Alberta, was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on August 19, 1909. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1931 and after living for a few years in England and the Far East and at the end of World War II he moved to Alberta and decided to be a lawyer. Graduating from the Law School of the University of Alberta in 1948, he was admitted to the Alberta Bar in 1949 and is now a prominent lawyer in the City of Edmonton.

During World War II he served as a Major in the Canadian Army.

Bill collected stamps as a child, then forgot the hobby, but when his wife was in Europe with their son in 1956, he resurrected his old collection and got interested again. He has fine collections of Canadian 'coils', 'Registration' stamps and military covers. However, it is in the field of Western Canada 'Territorial' covers that holds the major interest for Bill. Before the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan were established in 1905, the sprawling land was administered by a Commission with headquarters in Regina. All postmarks before Sept. 1, 1905 from this region are known as "Territorial" postmarks. Some of them, particularly those with "N.W.T." (for North West Territories), are extremely rare. Bill has made a study of these postmarks and the early history of Western Canada postal development and issued an informative and interesting brochure on the subject in 1960.

A Past President of the Edmonton Stamp Club, Bill is a life member of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain and a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London and of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and was Chairman of the Banff Convention of BNAPS in 1960 where he was elected a director of the society. His other hobbies include music, old maps and cooking. Dr. Geldert, Fred Jarrett and the writer can testify that when it comes to cooking juicy steaks, Bill is in a class by himself!



Married to a charming wife who understands him but doesn't understand stamps, the Rorke's have two children, a son married and living in Nassau, Bahamas and a daughter who is a student at Bishop Strachan School, Toronto.

Bill is president and general chairman of the Polio Foundation for the Province of Alberta and for twelve years he has been an officer of the Provincial Command of the Royal Canadian Legion in Alberta and is now Provincial President of that organization and the Alberta representative on the Dominion Council of the Royal Canadian Legion. He is a charter member of the Alberta Crippled Childrens Camp Society and is presently treasurer of that body. Bill finds that the work on the Polio Foundation and the Legion and a Law Practice sadly interferes with his stamp collecting activities!

# Early Post Offices of Scarborough and Etobicoke Township

by Max Rosenthal

The article on the early post offices of York Township, which appeared in BNA Topics in the May and June 1960 issues, covered the central area of what since 1954 has been Metropolitan Toronto. The two flanking townships in Metropolitan Toronto, Scarborough to the east and Etobicoke to the west, are the subjects of this effort.

David Thomson was the first settler in Scarborough Township, coming in 1796. His farm was on the north side of what is now Lawrence Avenue, between Brimley Road and McCowan Road.

Sergeant Patrick Mealy was the earliest landowner in Etobicoke Township, in 1798. Leah Gamble was only 11 years old when, in 1801, she became the owner of land in the township, her father being a physician who had emigrated from Great Britain. Her brother, John William Gamble, married in 1822, and settled along the lake front. The following year he built a sawmill on the west side of Mimico Creek, near the present Canadian National Railways bridge.

A younger brother, William Gamble, moved in 1835 to Milton Mills, on the Humber River, which has come to be known as the Old Mill, north of Bloor Street. The government built the first sawmill in 1793 on this site. In 1837 William Gamble commissioned William Tyrrell to build a five storey flour mill on this location.

The store and post office called Etobicoke, established in 1832, were located in a building on the crest of the hill at the Humber, on the north side of Dundas Street. The store was a long way from the mill, but it was so located that farmers could be interrupted before their loads were seen by rival millers. In the early 1870's it was moved to the Etobicoke side of the Humber, changing its name soon to Lambton Mills. The present Lambton Mills, a sub-post office of Toronto, is again on the west or Etobicoke side of the Humber River, still on the north side of Dundas Street.

The oldest post office in Scarborough Township, called Scarboro, was also established in 1832. Originally on the west side of Markham Road, at the present Eglinton Avenue, in 1838 it was moved to the north side of Kingston Road, just east of the end of Eglinton. There it was located, although in a more modern building, until two years ago.

As soon as possible after the settlement of Scarborough Township, primitive sawmills were built on the numerous branches of Highland Creek and the Rouge River, however, village and post offices were not located as often as in Etobicoke on mill sites, more often springing up at road junctions.

One of those Etobicoke Township mill sites, Weston, became after 1840 a sizeable community along the west bank of the Humber, in what is now the Westmount district, and a post office was established there. After the 1850 flood Weston was rebuilt on the east or York side of the stream (see York Township article).

It was not until the laying of Albion Road in the 1840's, starting northwest from the north edge of Weston, that St. Andrews gained importance. As mail often went to St. Andrews, in New Brunswick, by mistake, it was decided to change its name to Thistle-town, in honor of Dr. Thistle. In 1847 J. A. Thistle was appointed first postmaster. The post office was at the northeast corner of Albion Road and what is now Islington Avenue, until two years ago.

Clairville, at the very northwest tip of Etobicoke Township, spreads into Vaughan and Toronto Gore Townships. The post office, known as Humber, was established in 1853, at the southeast corner of Albion Road and the western boundary road.

The 1850's saw the expansion of Scarborough's post offices, until then only one in number. Highland Creek was opened in 1852. It was on the south side of Kingston Road, a block east of Danforth Road, now

called Military Trail. The same year Elderslie opened, at the southeast corner of Markham Road and Danforth Road, in this area presently called Painted Post Road. Its name soon changed to Woburn, this village was the township headquarters.

Ellesmere was opened in 1853. At first on the west side of Kennedy Road south of the present Ellesmere Road, it later moved to the southeast corner. In 1856 Malvern began, at the northeast corner of Markham Road and the present Sheppard Avenue. A busy decade was rounded off in 1859 with the opening of Danforth post office, at the southeast corner of the present Birchmount Road and Danforth Road.

The Lake Shore Road was first opened through Etobicoke Township in 1804. Mimico takes its name from the Indian Omimeca, meaning "home of the wild pigeon". The opening of the Great Western Railway in 1855 led to the first land boom in the district. Apparently a Toronto group conceived the idea of a workingmen's village. After the commercial collapse following the Crimean War, most of the land reverted to farm purposes. However, Mimico post office had been established.

The capital of Etobicoke Township, Islington, was originally called Mimico. However, Mimico-on-the-lake had petitioned for a post office to be called Mimico, so the settlement on Dundas Street needed a new name. In 1858, at the Etobicoke Agricultural Society dinner at Thomas Smith's inn on the south side of Dundas Street, west of Mimico Creek, Mrs. Smith suggested her birthplace in England, Islington. Thus was the new post office named, located in an old inn on the south side of Dundas Street, near the present Burnhamthorpe Road. Later, it was at the northwest corner of Dundas and what it now Islington Avenue.

The Old Malton Road, now called Rexdale Boulevard, was opened in 1833 for a more direct route from Toronto Gore Township, in Peel County, to the mills on the Humber. In the 1860's, at the southwest corner of the present Martin Grove Road and Rexdale Boulevard was opened the Highfield post office.

Two post offices were established in Scarborough in that decade. Wexford, established in 1865, was on the south side of the present Lawrence Avenue, west of Pharmacy Avenue. In 1956, to serve a new subdivision, there was a Wexford Heights post office in the same area, but it soon became a sub-

post office, with a number. Armadale, opened in 1869, was on the southeast corner of Markham Road and the present Steeles Avenue.

Where a new railway running north to Lake Simcoe branched away from the line to Montreal a land boom resulted in the opening of Scarboro Junction in 1873, at the southwest corner of the present St. Clair Avenue and Kennedy Road. In 1878 Ben Lamond opened at the southwest corner of the present Lawrence Avenue and McCowan Road. It soon changed its name to Bendale, as there was a community with the former name in East Toronto, already. In 1957, for a few months, there was another Bendale post office, serving a new subdivision in the area.

West Hill opened in 1879. It is on Kingston Road, near the crest of the hill overlooking Highland Creek, a stream between it and the village of Highland Creek.

Grist and sawmills were built by Joseph Siberthone north of Dundas Street near the present village of Summerville, only one of the hamlets which was once known by the name Etobicoke. Its post office was actually a bit west of Etobicoke Creek, in Toronto Township, Peel County.

Richview post office was also originally in Peel County, about two miles south of Malton, the hamlet was partly in Toronto Gore and partly in Toronto Township. Mailbags were dropped from trains, and the letters distributed by a farmer. Later a post office was opened. In 1888 the post office moved to Etobicoke Township, in a store at the southwest corner of the present Richview Road and Brown's Line.

There had been no new post offices in Etobicoke since Highfield up to this time. Now, besides the move of Richview, Humber Bay post office opened. Since earliest times there had been boatbuilding at the mouth of the Humber River. William Gamble, owner of the Old Mill had built a wharf at its mouth. In addition to three hotels, there were several boathouses near the Humber bridge of the Lake Shore Road. The post office was situated on the south side of the present Queensway, opposite the west corner of MacDonald Avenue.

In Scarborough Township, the Brown's Corners post office opened in 1888, at the southwest corner of the present Finch Avenue and Markham Road.

In 1890 the Ontario Hospital was estab-

lished on the south side of the Lake Shore Road. New Toronto post office was opened nearby in 1892, on the north side, to save those living west of Mimico the trip. Further west along Lake Ontario, Long Branch had recently opened as a summer post office (see article on summer post offices in March 1962 BNA Topics). After 1910 it became a year round post office, with the growth of a permanent population.

At Albion Road and the present Martin Grove Road had long been the hamlet of Smithfield, apparently considered at first to near to Thistletown to have a post office. At the beginning of the 1900's it finally got a post office, but with the name Etobicoke, originally borne by Lambton Mills. After this newest post office disappeared with the introduction of rural delivery, the name Etobicoke was held by a post office much further south. In 1947 it became the sub-post office Toronto-Queensway, closing the use of this name by various post offices in the township.

With the coming of the 1900's the growth of Toronto began to spill over into the nearest sections of Scarborough and Etobicoke. Birch Cliff post office opened on Kingston Road at Birchmount Road in 1908. Mimico Beach was opened in 1911, on Lake Shore Road. The much older Mimico post office was on the east of the present Royal York Road, just south of the railway, too far from the lake, making the second post office necessary. It was in 1911 that Mimico withdrew from Etobicoke Township, to incorporate itself. New Toronto followed its example in 1913, to become an incorporated town. In 1931 Long Branch also seceded, becoming an incorporated village.

After 1911 with the introduction of rural delivery, came the disappearance of small rural post offices in Scarborough and Etobi-

coke. By 1918, Bendale, Danforth, and Woburn post offices had disappeared in the former, while Highfield, Humber, and Richview were closed in the latter township. In the next two years Armadale, and Brown's Corners, vanished as post offices in Scarborough. However, suburban growth along Kingston Road, near Toronto, led to the opening of Birch Cliff Heights and Scarborough Bluffs post offices in the early 1920's. In 1926 Finch's Corners was opened, at Finch Avenue and Kennedy Road.

1926 saw Birch Cliff become a sub-post-office of Toronto, a position it still holds. Many sub-post offices of the Toronto post office have since opened in the southwest corner of Scarborough, with suburban development. This same growth led to the establishment of a new Scarborough post office two years ago, with its contingent of sub-post offices. Highland Creek and West Hill still have their post offices, also.

Since the 1930's Etobicoke Township has gone through the same process, for the same reason of suburban population spread. Various post offices sprang up in outlying areas, which later became sub-post offices. New Toronto is a branch of Toronto post office, with a letter of the alphabet to designate it, and a group of sub-post offices under it. One of them is Long Branch-Toronto, by the way. In the centre of the township is Islington, with its subs. Further north is Rexdale, with its sub-post offices, including the old Thistletown, whose residents complained that their village's name should have been used, because of its antiquity, but to no avail.

A large area of northern Scarborough Township, and a smaller area in northern Etobicoke Township are still rural, to remind one of what almost the whole of these townships looked like, in the days of their early post offices.

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the answer to our prayers. The cover was posted at Channell on Dec. 5, 1866 and addressed and so stamped at Fortune on Dec. 13, 1866. Note please that Channell is spelled with two "ll's" and in addition the cancel is the one described by us in the Jul. '59 issue of TOPICS. To add to it the Fortune strike is exactly the same kind. The Channell fancy strike is the first recorded on cover and in the case of the fancy

Fortune strike it is only the second as Al Wilkinson, BNAPS #935, Old Perlican, Newfoundland, sent one down that we reported in the Sept. '61 issue. But finding the other two on one cover—WOW. And that was how a fishing trip ended a very nice philatelic note, we definitely learned the identity of the CHANNELL fancy as previously only part had been seen on two different stamps and it was always the two "LL's" that threw us. Both on one cover—WOW again.

# Postal Stationery Panorama

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## New Envelopes

Six new envelopes were issued sometime in May of this year. We wish we could give you the first day of issue, but this is secret information, guarded jealously by the Post Office Department. We hope that some day postal stationery collectors will be allowed to join the philatelic fraternity in Canada.

The new envelopes are a 2 cent green, 4 cent purple, and 5 cent blue, in both the small and large sizes. The die seems to be exactly the same as that used for the recent

issue of postal cards, except for the year date which was changed from the 1960 on the postal cards to 1961 on the envelopes.

There is a new innovation on the 2 cent envelopes in both sizes. On the back, at the right hand side, reading vertically down, in two lines, are the words "Pull Open For Postal Inspection/Tirer Pour Inspection Postale". Only the top third of the right hand side of the bottom flap is pasted to the side flap. This allows space to insert fingers to pull out the side flap.

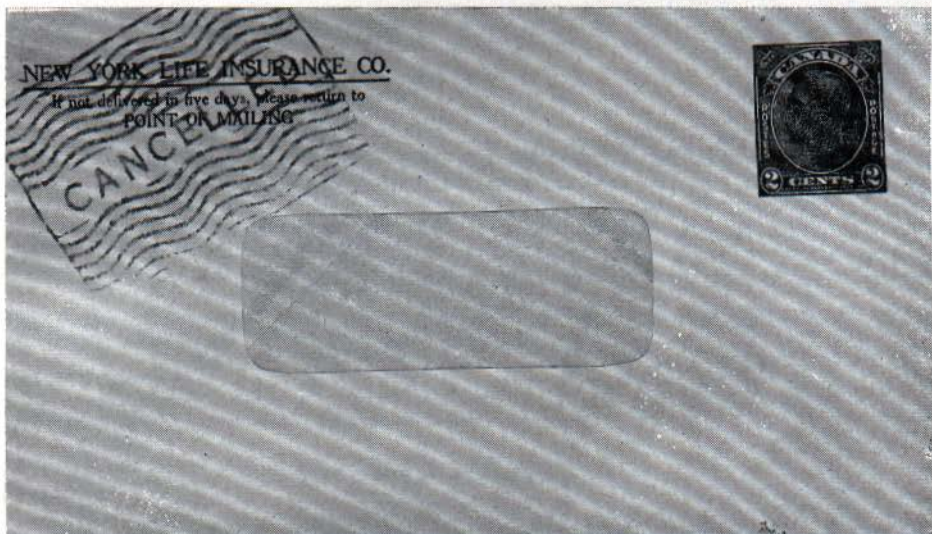


Fig. 1

## "Cancelled" Handstamp

Illustrated in Fig. 1 is a Special Order envelope, Bond FER2WB, with a New York Life Insurance Co. corner card. Obliterating the corner card is a large hand stamped "Cancelled". In our columns of December 1959 and March 1960, we mentioned a number of Special Order envelopes with a Specimen handstamp. Even at that time, we could not accept the idea that these were official specimen envelopes for in the first place, the envelopes were not the property of the P.O. Department, but of the com-

panies who had sent them to the Department to have stamps imprinted, and secondly, the handstamped "Specimen" in an oval frame was not at all like the usual printed straight line "Specimen" found on all British Commonwealth of Nations stationery we had seen. This "Cancelled" handstamp convinced us that the "Specimen" handstamp was in the same category. Our guess is that the "Cancelled" envelope was one given by the company to a collector, and the "Specimens" were printers proofs sent to the company for approval.

# CANADA POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



SIR ADAM BECK'S  
LAST MESSAGE.

"TO YOU from failing hands  
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Be yours to hold it high."

HYDRO CONSUMER

TORONTO

ONT.

Fig. 2 (Part A)

### *Photo Padposts And Plagiarism*

As our good friend Ed Richardson pointed out in one of his numerous articles, padposts on reply cards are scarce. We know from experience that photographs on stationery are scarcer. We also know that precancels on postal cards are hard to find, and

precancels on reply cards—well, we have seen but one. Fig. 2 illustrates this card. It is Holmes #1432a, the only precancelled, photo padpost on reply card we have seen.

Oh yes, the plagiarism. Where does that come in? We feel sure that Sir Adam Beck did not intend this crime, but someone

CANADA  
BUSINESS REPLY CARD

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE PRINTED ON THIS SIDE



TORONTO HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM

225 YONGE ST.

TORONTO

ONTARIO

Fig. 2 (Part B)



at the Toronto Hydro Electric System who was responsible for producing this card must have been using an expired poetic license as this quote, attributed to Sir Adam Beck, is, of course, from "In Flanders' Fields" by Captain John McCrae, a native of Guelph, Ontario, member of the staff of the Medical School at McGill University, and poet par excellence. This was *his* last message, as the poem was printed posthumously in 1919. Someone goofed, but we are happy he did or we would not have this colorful piece of stationery in our collection.

#### *A Precancelled Regular Envelope*

Whenever we have the good fortune to buy a large lot of Canadian stationery, the first thing we do is pore (or is to paw)

through the entire lot as fast as we can go, looking for those odd pieces that will fit nicely into one of our many specialized groups: Special Orders, Election Returns, Padposts, Adposts, Squared Circles, R.P.O.'s Territorials, etc., etc., and of course, Precancelled. A lot we purchased recently was particularly rich in these treasure. Aside from fattening out our albums, it gives us something to write about in this and future columns.

The envelope shown in Fig. 3, Bond EL4; Holmes #1056, was, in our estimation, one of the gems. Although we have many precancelled Special Order envelopes, this is our first precancelled, regular envelope. We would be very interested in hearing from anyone who has any others in his collection.

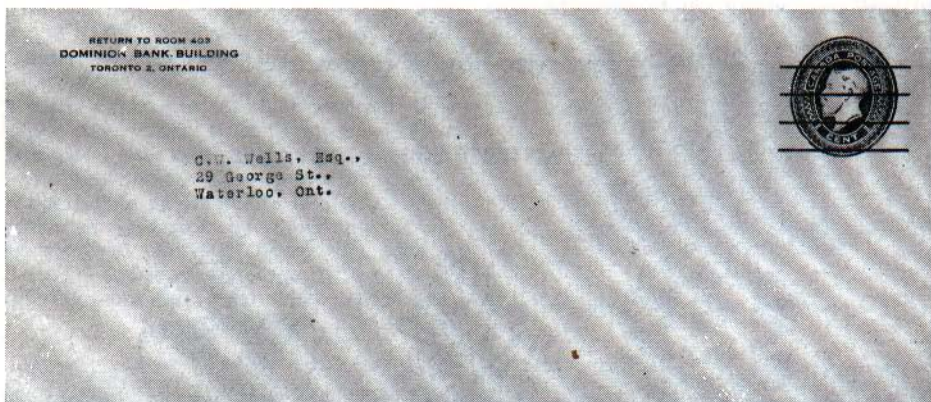


Fig. 3

## THE BILESKI BASIC CATALOGUE

The second edition of the Canada Basic Catalogue issued by K. Bileski of Winnipeg is a great improvement over the first edition.

First the numbering system varies from the standard procedure with each of the reigning monarch being given their letter; V for Victoria, E for Edward, etc. Shades or minor varieties being given a, b or c, etc.

Prices throughout, while high, are realistic and apply to stamps in very fine condition with discounts from 10% to 50% for stamps in average to fine condition.

Among the attractive features of the catalogue is the pricing of mint and used blocks, covers and the various imperforate

pairs. Further before the listing of each issue Mr. Bileski gives his opinion and remarks concerning certain varieties which in some cases are controversial, but nevertheless, adds "spice" to the book. These remarks are of great importance to collectors looking for very fine material especially on the question of centering and in the case of unused the lack of gum, etc.

In my opinion, as a professional with over 50 years experience, this handbook is a "must" for all serious collectors, or specialists, in the stamps of Canada as it amplifies and brings up-to-date the last editions of the Holmes, Boggs or Jarrett Handbooks as well as the current Scott catalogue.

L. A. Davenport, BNAPS 51

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# Canadian National Exhibition Philately

by L. W. SHARPE, E.D., Q.C.

A few weeks ago I had a very pleasant surprise one afternoon. My long time friend Fred Jarrett paid me a surprise visit, at my home, and presented me with the item shown in Figure 1. Fred, of course, knows of my interest in C.N.E. material and his gift is indeed a splendid addition to my collection.

As you will see from the illustration it is a 3c 1897 Jubilee postmarked FAIR GROUNDS, dated the 12th of August 1897. I have never seen or heard of another. After a pretty exhaustive search to ascertain if it could have come from some other Fair Grounds I have come to the conclusion it is from what is now known as the C.N.E.

Some time ago, actually in 1958, Topics published an article by myself on C.N.E. History and Philately. Since that time I have, of course, acquired many new items for my collection. I thought along with

the gift to me by Mr. Jarrett I would show perhaps one or two of the newly acquired items.

Figure 2 is a Cover recently given me by my friend Vinnie Greene in a design I have not previously seen for 1900. The printing is entirely in a deep shade of blue.

The Cover shown in Figure 3 shows a splendid strike of the cancellation used in



Fig. 1  
Scarce Fairgrounds Cancellation



Fig. 2—A new type of illustration for this year in a nice shade of blue.

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WELLAND, ONT.

If not called for return to the Secretary.



*Arma Sea  
Hawilton*

*Gillicard & Co  
Wholesale Grocers*

*Out -*

Fig. 3—Very fine strike of the 1907 Exhibition Post Office. The Fair at this time since 1904 was officially the Canadian National Exhibition.

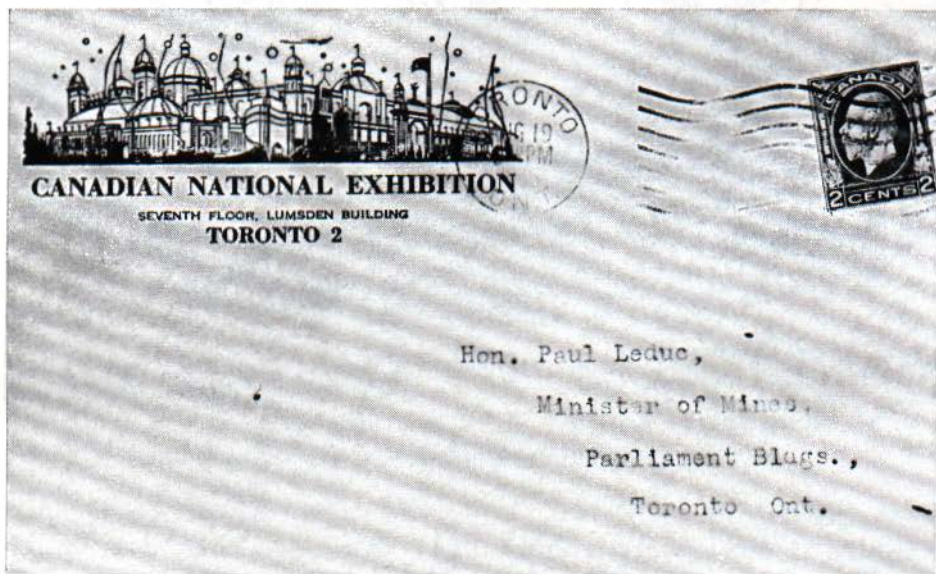


Fig. 4—Official stationery used during the year shown.

the Exhibition Post Office in the year 1907. It is worth noting that although the name of the Exhibition had been officially changed in 1904 to the C.N.E. the old canceller still continued to be used. The cancellation is in red.

Figure 4 is an example of the official stationery used in the year 1935. This stationery was not available to the public but was used for official correspondence in the

Exhibition's business. The printing is in black.

The illustration, Figure 5, is a scarce item. The card is blue and the printing in black. This type of Exhibition material is very hard to come by.

The acquiring of new C.N.E. items is getting more difficult as the years go by. They are absorbed into collections and seldom come on the market.



Fig. 5—A scarce item on a blue card. Printing in black.

## Newfoundland Plate Blocks

by

Dan Meyerson

The last time that a comprehensive list of Newfoundland plate blocks was published in TOPICS was back in Sept., 1953. Since that time the list has been expanded though there is certainly no guarantee that we can lay claim to completion as it was only in the Jan. '62 issue of TRAIL that we reported the first recorded plate number of the 1c, Scott #81. So who is to say what we may eventually come up with as we continue to push the frontiers back. In the past 10 years or so I'm certain that there are better than 10 additional listings plus more accurate information on those that were listed previously. In the first listing there were 12 plate numbers marked with an asterisk which meant that they had been reported but that I personally had never seen them and checked them. I'm glad to say that in this expanded list there are only three and we eventually hope to cut that down to an irreducible minimum. As to value, who can say, as these items have not stood the

test of time and innumerable examples of what we think is now scarce may conceivably be lying about unknown and unheralded in hundreds of collections throughout the land. Even among those that we have seen and reported some are immeasurably scarcer than others and at some not to distant date I may try and ascribe a valuation to the present existing plate blocks. Once we do that watch the blocks come out from behind the woodwork and from under the rocks where they have been hiding.

Seriously though I'd appreciate any further help that I can get on this matter as the collectors collecting this material can certainly be counted on the fingers of two hands. Let's know what the rest of you have stashed away on the back pages of your stockbook. If you do, someday I'll amplify this article and really make it worthwhile.

## SCOTT

### PLATE BLOCKS

81				R2UR					
83					R3UL	R4UR			
115	comb	13.9x13.9	LC1	RC2	LC3				
115	line	13.9x13.9		RC2					
116	comb	13.9x13.9	LC1	RC2	LC3				
116	line	13.9x13.9	LC1						
117	comb	13.9x13.9	LC1	RC2	LC3				
133	comb	13.7x13.9		2LL					
133	line	14x13.7		2LL					
164	comb	13.6x13.4		2LL					
164	comb	13.6x13.8			3LL				
164	line	14.1x14.1		2LL					
165	comb	13.6x13.4			3UR*				
165	comb	13.6x13.8		2LL	3UR				
173	comb	13.5x13.8		2LL					
174	comb	13.5x13.8			3UR				
183			1UL	2UL					
184			1UL	2UL	3UL	4UR	5UR	6UL	
184	line	14.1x14.1				4UR			
185			R1UL	R2UL	R3UL				
186	Die I		R1UL	R2UL	R3UL				
186	line	13.7x13.7			R3UL*				
186	line	14.1x14.1	R1UL*						
186	Imperforate			R2UL					
186	Die II			2UL		4UL			
186	Imperforate					4UL			
187	Imperforate		R1UL	2UL	3UL				
187					3UL				
189				R2UL	3UL				
189	line	13.7x13.7		R2UL					
189	line	14.1x14.1		R2UL					
189	Imperforate			R2UL					
191	Die II			R2UL	3UL	4UL	5UR	6UR	7UR
191	line	14.1x14.1			3UL				
191	Imperforate				3UL				
245				2UR					
246				2UR					
247				2UR					

Those three plate blocks marked with an asterisk while reported by reliable fellow collectors are the only ones not actually seen by the author.

In the case of #'s 115-117 the prefix R.C. and L.C. mean Right and Left Center respectively. The Left Center number is alongside stamp #40 and the Right Center number is alongside stamp #49. In the case of #'s 81, 83, 185, 186, 187, 189 and 191 the prefix "R" signifies that the plate number is reversed.

The numbers of the 1941 set with the 5 digit plate numbers are herewith recorded.

253	Plate Number	42430	All positions	Issued	12/29/47
253	Plate Number	43965	All positions	Issued	12/1/48
254	Plate Number	43078	All positions	Issued	12/22/47
254	Plate Number	43968	All positions	Issued	12/10/48
255	Plate Number	43066	All positions	Issued	12/22/47
255	Plate Number	43967	All positions	Issued	12/29/48
257	Plate Number	43966	All positions	Issuer	2/5/49
259	Plate Number	41601	All positions	Issued	12/22/47
260	Plate Number	43702	All positions	Issued	
260	Plate Number	43838	All positions	Issued	6/21/48
261	Plate Number	41789	All positions	Issued	
262	Plate Number	41784	All positions	Issued	
263	Plate Number	41796	All positions	Issued	12/30/47
264	Plate Number	41795	All positions	Issued	5/21/48
265	Plate Number	41791	All positions	Issued	12/30/47
266	Plate Number	41793	All positions	Issued	12/30/47

All values of this issue with the exception of the 7c, Scott #258 had some part of the issue with plate numbers. Prior to Dec. '47, all of these stamps were issued without plate numbers at the side and it is only the later printings that contain the plate numbers. While I have listed the issue date on most of them, what that date really implies is the date that the sheets with the plate numbers actually went on sale over the post office counter. As an example we know that Plate Number 43968 on the 2c, Scott #254 was laid down on Sept. 9, 1948 and yet it was never sold over the counter until Dec. 10, 1948. The 7c Scott #258 never appeared with a plate number because it never became necessary to reissue this stamp. These various numbers previously appeared on the sides of the sheets opposite stamp #51 on the horizontal stamps and above stamp #5 on the vertical stamps and were supposedly cropped off when the sheets were cut to size. However such is not always the case and on occasion one can find all or part of the number in the position mentioned. In addition we sometimes find part of the plate number in still another position other than the corners mentioned in the case of the 2c, Scott #254, the 3c, Scott #255 and 5c, Scott #257. In this instance part of the number namely 43968, 43967 and 43966 respectively may be found in the very upper right or upper left corners of the sheet. On these few sheets it is believed that because of the ravages of the war it was necessary to print them in a sheet of 200 consisting of two panes of 100 and this number was in the very center and was supposed to be cropped off. These latter sheets were printed by Waterlow for the original contractors, Perkins Bacon.

Scott #269 Plate Number 43359 All positions

Scott #270 Plate Number 43476 All positions

The last two plate numbers recorded from Newfoundland were from plates prepared by the Canadian Bank Note Co. of Ottawa.

Scott #267 Plate Number 1 All positions. Lower left block also has #16367

Scott #C19 Plate Number 1 All positions. Lower left block also has #16479

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## Comments on 20th Century Re-Entries

by MAX ROSENTHAL

My article "Are There Any 20th Century Canadian Re-entries?" (BNA Topics, December 1961) was deliberately written in a Know-it-all fashion, to provoke discussion, because things should not be taken for granted. I had seen so many varieties des-

cribed as re-entries, that I wanted to stimulate the experts into trying to clear up the question of re-entries.

There can be no doubt that the Admiral issue does have re-entries. Hans Reiche, noted authority on this series, and on all

Canadian varieties writes. "The re-entries on my Admirals all show an entry right across the stamp." Harry Lussey gives more details in his letter to the March 1962 BNA Topics. "All anyone has to do is to refer to Boggs page 374 or Marler page 12 for a clear illustration of a major re-entry covering at least the bottom half of the stamp and from side to side." This certainly conforms to the statement in my article "that if there is any doubling of lines at a certain point on a design, because of re-entry, the same doubling has to show right across the design, in a straight line from that point, with each feature in that line doubled."

Going back in time to the ½ cent Quebec Tercentary stamp's supposed major re-entry, Mr. Reiche writes: "The ½ cent Quebec I believe is not a re-entry but as you say a retouch and a plate fault."

"On the other hand", says Mr. Reiche, "not all re-entries have been made parallel to the original design and may show sloping lines in relation to the original. This can occur due to misalignment of the plate or roller. The 1930 issue is such.. The re-entry is definitely a re-entry and the left side is covered by the original design because the entry slopes from the bottom right to top left. But, the re-entry is complete over the entire portion from one side to the other."

Mr. Reiche continues. "Slanting can occur and your assumption that the roller would be forced to accept the old grooves of the previous entry is not true. The machine which holds the roller is a half moon type of clamp made out of tool steel (at least some of the types I have seen) and it is so massive and so rigid that once the roller is clamped down it will govern the position of the next entry, and not the plate. The famous 1 cent green Admiral major re-entry is a complete doubling of the entire design but the re-entry is almost 1 mm. out of alignment in that the new entry slopes from the bottom right to the top left. The majority of re-entries on my Admirals either show some slanting or at least doubling across the entire stamp, but not always from left to right but also from top to bottom."

"The 50c Parliament is a re-entry," affirms Mr. Reiche, explaining: "The Bank Note book says 'Defective subject, location 25, plate 1, re-entered, 1935' Unfortunately this book is supposed to be confidential and no information is ever given out from it.

I happened to have the chance in seeing some of the pages when at the Bank Note Co."

Coming to the 1946 airmail stamp, Mr. Reiche writes. "For the last twenty years the Bank Note Co. had difficulties in obtaining skilled help and some of the so-called re-entries on the modern stamps have occurred due to carelessness. For instance, the 7c air. This is actually a shift of the transfer roll which happened and was not noticed by the operator. It looks like a re-entry because it covers the entire right or left side from bottom to top. This wrong entry was not done to correct anything but when I wrote about it the first time everyone attacked me of confusing the issue still more by not calling it a re-entry but a transfer roll shift, which it actual was. The same with the Coronation" (1953 stamp).

Explains Mr. Reiche. "Transfer shifts occur due to faulty setup of the transfer roll or plate. This is a machine fault and may occur at any time during the preparation of the plate. A slight shift of the roller or the plate, and we are talking here of only a few thousandths of an inch, can cause such doubling. It does not have to be across the entire design of the stamp but can cover only one side or only a portion of the design."

Mr. Reiche says, "I agree with you that it would almost be impossible to re-enter a subject on a plate once it has been hardened and chrome plated, especially curved plates. The process of softening them, etc. would be rather expensive and may only be done in an emergency due to shortage of steel or other time factors. As a matter of fact during 1914-18 and 1940-43 steel could not be obtained for the Bank Note Co. and old plates have been used by etching off the information and entering new subjects. This information is recorded in the plate and die book of the company. You may recall the large number of broken plates during the war issues, cracks, hair-lines, etc. due to a high content of carbon in the steel. Good steel had to be imported from Sweden for the plates".

Writing in the March 1962 BNA Topics, F. W. Pollock also says that "surface-hardened plates have been softened and re-hardened, "but he says that it has been done for corrective purposes. Along this line, Mr. Reiche writes. "In the Admirals and some later issues I have pieces where out of a block one single stamp is com-



pletely out of alignment to the other subjects. One item shows the remainder of the old erased stamp and then the new entry on the top. The stamp on top shows a marked slanting, indicating that the roller or the plate was not properly aligned." This bears out Mr. Pollock's statement that "a re-entry to correct a faulty original entry would show only an occasional doubling, in those spots where the hammering or bur-nishing failed to remove all original traces".

And yet, Mr. Reiche does agree with me that re-entries are much less frequent than often believed. "Although there seems to be a few exceptions in that some re-entries have ben made on already completed and hardened plates, this certainly is very rare. The majority of re-entries made on 20th century stamps are entries which were made wrong when laying down the plate and then have been corrected before hardening, or entries which were made by dropping or touching the plate with the roller before the final proper set-up was made. This can easily happen when you realize that the distance of the roller face to the plate is only about 1/16 inch. Another thing which may have caused faulty initial adjust-ment is the guide pin on the roller and the guide line inscribed on the side of the roller. Using the wrong line could account for a wrong initial entry."

"Another interesting item is the stretch of the steel plate during the roll-in. After all, no material is taken away, it is just squeezed away from one place to another. Due to this flow a wrong initial pressure entry of the roller can produce the doubling of lines. The only question is how does one distinguish this kind of doubling from re-entry," asks Mr. Reiche.

"Retouches are very seldom perfect," says Mr. Reiche, "and always show some irregularity, never a nice clean straight line. In the Admirals and even in the last 5c. Queen the retouches are not to be mis-taken. They are irregular in thickness, not following exactly the original design."

Mr. Pollock writes "Today, the sidero-graph bring the transfer roll into contact with the plate with such precision that misalignments are a thing of the past". However, as mentioned before, Mr. Reiche refers to a transfer roll shift on the 4c Coronation stamp of 1953. In fact he categorially asserts that "a very recent re-entry had to be made to the Royal Visit stamp due to a poor entry of one subject.

The man who did this told me that only an expert would be able to find the position which has been re-entered.

I am not going to take any sides in this controversy of whether misalignments of entries are still possible, but the man's state-ment bears out the assertion in my article that "a true re-entry only exists where the work was done imperfectly", or, perhaps more correctly, "only exists for collectors".

I will close with this quotation from Hans Reiche about re-entries on 20th century Canadian stamps. "They are very rare and many of them looking like re-entires are actually other faults which look like re-entires."

All I ask is that the correct terminology be used in books and articles, that only some re-entries be so called, and the others transfer shifts, retouches, or what-ever they really are. I leave the correct definitions to the experts, but I want them to use their knowledge more publicly, and spread it among the mass of stamp collec-tors



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