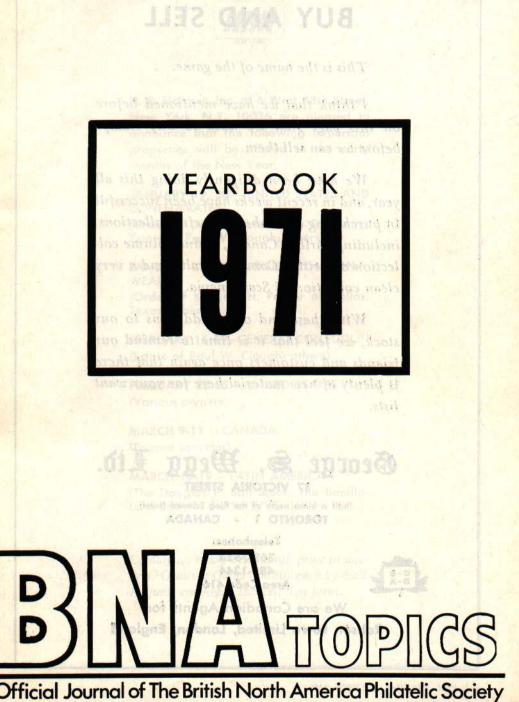
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THE FAIRBANKS ARTICLE

A Note from the Editor

It's all too easy, I fear, to have occasional mishaps when churning out a 32-page magazine every month in one's spare time. A. G. Fairbanks, author of the story in last month's issue on two rare covers bearing high rates of postage, takes me to task on three points on the editing.

First the title did not state that these are the two highest-rated New Brunswick covers; indeed, nowhere in the article was that province named, which made the omission in the title even more serious. So make that title The Highest-Rated New Brunswick "Cents" Covers.

Second, the photo on page 317 of the second cover was not shown in its entirety; the photo supplied was from a Harmer auction catalogue and had another placed over part of it, a cover quite irrelevant to the story. Rather than show this unnecessary cover it was cut out of the printing plate, leaving the important two-thirds of the second cover as much of it as Harmer showed in its catalogue. But Graham Fairbanks points out, in no uncertain terms, that our readers will have assumed that this was an illustration of the complete item — an odd-shaped mutation looking like a cross between an on-piece and an envelope. Had the possibility of such visual ambiguity ever occurred to me I would certainly have had the cutline read "... a portion of the cover ..." Nevertheless, of a dozen members I queried on this after hearing from Fairbanks, not one misinterpreted the photo; all realized that the cover itself was complete, and 10 of them laughed heartily at the very notion of anyone assuming that the cover itself has a large slice cut out of its corner.

The third point was that a tracing of postal markings appearing on the reverse of the first cover was missing. While these were described in the story (second paragraph) space and costs prompted me to omit having an engraving made of the tracings.

TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

Minutes of the

22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Easton, Maryland, October 9, 1970

Minutes of the 22nd Annual Meeting and Convention of the British North America Philatelic Society held on Friday, October 9, 1970, at the Tidewater Inn, Easton, Maryland.

The meeting was officially opened and called to order by president Robert V. C. Carr at 2:30 p.m. The president asked the membership to rise in silent tribute and prayer to our departed members and especially to Jim Culhane.

President Carr moved that the meeting accept the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting as published in *BNA Topics* of December 1969. The second was made by G. Llewellyn and voted affirmed.

The president read correspondence from members Dan Rosenblat, Arthur McIntyre and Dr. Chaplin each expressing their regrets not to be able to attend and wishing all success for a fine convention.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Again I have the pleasure to welcome those present to the 22nd Annual Meeting and Convention of the British North America Philatelic Society, here at the lovely Tidewater Inn at Easton, Maryland. May I first thank Horace Harrison and his hard working crew for a splendid convention and I hope and trust all of you are enjoying it as much as I am.

It is with a touch of sadness that I am nearing the end of my term of office as president, as I have enjoyed this job more than any other similar position previously. There has been such exceptional efforts made to assist me that actually the task has not been burdensome. The extreme amount of correspondence between myself and the officers and members has helped me to get to know more of you so much better. I thank the membership for this privilege.

My three greatest stalwarts have been Russ McNeil, Bert Llewellyn and Jack Levine, closely followed by two newer ones— Leo LaFrance and Ed Hausmann. Jim Sissons, Vinnie Greene, Bob Woolley and John Young were always there when I needed advice. To all, my deep personal "thank you" for a job well done.

With the press of business, Stewart Kenyon found it necessary to give up his position as librarian. I was most fortunate to find an eager new member who jumped right in — Michael Squirell. He did give us a fright in August when that tornado hit his home town of Lively, Ontario, but he and his family, and our library, were spared the horrors of that devastating blow. Michael has been most co-operative.

I am happy to announce that we now have a co-circulation manager who will gradually assume the duties of our faithful Russ McNeil. He is a new member and his name is Robert Boudignon — a neighbor of Mike Squirell. We are happy to welcome him.

We have had another good year — our membership is healthy but not growing by leaps and bounds as some would expect it to do; we are a specialist society and do not have the appeal of the general stamp society.

Our financial position has not been as healthy as in the past and only because of a tough treasurer and a hard working sales manager have we done as well as we have.

To meet ever rising expenses, mainly being the cost of producing Topics, I have again asked for a dues increase and this will be discussed in the report of the Board of Governors meeting.

Future convention sites are in excellent shape and will be discussed in the Convention Committee report. The 1971 convention to be held at Halifax, Nova Scotia, should be another outstanding BNAPS affair; I urge all present and those reading this report to start making plans now to attend.

I still believe that BNAPS is just about the finest and greatest group of philatelists going, and I so wish more members would become active by attending our conventions and writing for Topics. My aim in the past two years has been to improve Topics and I think you can see the results in Ed Hausmann's excellent professional treatment.

Again, thanks to all of you for two wonderful years and please do as well for our new president starting next January.

- Dr. R. V. C. Carr, president

The motion was seconded by G. Llewellyn and accepted by vote of the meeting.

Vice-president Nickle expressed his congratulations to president Carr for the excellent job he was doing and thanked the other officers for their co-operation to and with his office.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I am pleased to report that the membership list, with occasional and even rare exception, is most accurate and up-to-date. Members are much more aware and cooperative to directing requests for address changes to the secretary and not to other offices. Some still misdirect their notice of change to other offices with resultant delay in in affecting the change and disruption of the continuity of the delivery of their copies of Topics. Some few still overlook advising the secretary of a change of address and mail is returned by their local post office and again delivery of their copies of the magazine is disrupted. We sincerely solicit your co-operation to observing the regularly-published advice and procedure for change of address on the records and mailing list and ask that you allow sufficient time to affect the change and maintain continuity of delivery.

The Secretary's Report of October 1, 1970 (published in the November 1970 issue of Topics notes a corrected total membership of 1102 instead of 1104. When reviewing the monthly membership summaries in preparation for this report, two errors were noted which changes the total to the 1102 instead of the 1104. This total membership of 1102 compares with the figure of 1072 reported last year and indicates an increase in total membership of 30. The following comparative analysis shows how and where the increase was realized:

	1970	1969
New Members	85	95
Replaced on Rolls	2	
Increase Total	- 87	- 95
Dropped from Rolls	24	28
Resignations	21	23
Deceased	12	20
Decrease Total	- 57	- 71
Net Increase	30	24

It is always pleasant to offer a report that shows an increase in membership. It is also equally pleasant and gratifying to offer a report that shows a decrease in total losses. We can trust that such a pattern will continue to be the usual in our society's membership rolls.

PRESIDENT'S CERTIFICATE

Each year the President's Certificate is awarded to the member who proposed the most accepted new members during the year. The secretary reviewed and tabulated enrollments of new members from January 1, 1969 to December 1, 1969 and reports that the winner of the President's Certificate for 1969 is Dr. Robert V. C. Carr.

V. G. GREENE AWARD

Each year a winner is voted to receive the V. G. Greene Award - a silver cup to the author or authors of the best original article, series of articles, column or series of columns originally published in BNA Topics. To decide a winner for 1969, the secretary canvassed the so-authorized voters, the elected officers, members of the Board of Governors and the donor of the award, for their three selections in order. Points are awarded on a 3-for-first, 2-for-second and 1-for-third basis, the author receiving the most points being voted the winner; all but three eligible voters submitted their selections. On the above basis the winner of the V. G. Greene Award for 1969 is Max Rosenthal.

-Jack Levine, secretary

The motion was seconded by Ian Taylor and voted accepted by the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The annual report of the treasurer for 1969 was published in Topics and was presented in a different format than in the past. This interim report will also differ

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from previous ones in the manner of presentation.

The actual income and expense as occurred during the first nine months of this year will be presented as records from other departments became available; this report is not complete in this respect as some records are not yet in the treasurer's hands. It is expected that the next annual report will reflect all portions missing at this time. The income to date is \$8064, expenses are \$7146, leaving a balance of \$918.

With an expected expense of about \$3000 to cover the last quarter of this year and income in the area of \$500 — plus the balance of 1970 funds, we are looking at a deficit of about \$1500 for the year 1970.

This deficit is due to the many increased costs of producing Topics, having cuts made, postal rate increases with more to come, as well as the generally-inflated cost for materials and supplies. The annual directory issue continues to be a non-paying item.

While the annual report reflected surplus funds, many of these have been held to cover certain exigencies as they arise. I feel that under the circumstances we should have income from membership dues to cover at least the cost of publishing Topics. We will continue to operate on as tight a budget as possible and we wish to thank all who are giving of their time and effort in the sales, handbook, advertising, library and circulation departments to help raise the additional revenues necessary for us to continue on a sound financial basis.

- Leo J. La France, treasurer

The motion to accept was seconded by H. Harrison and voted affirmed.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

On taking over as editor earlier this year I was happily surprised to discover that the many people who promised their help not only came through with concrete assistance of all sorts, but that this far exceeded what I had been led to expect. In particular I should mention that group at 77 Victoria Street in Toronto — Vinnie Greene, Bob Woolley, John Young and the others; and Russ McNeil from Hamilton; and a particular group of contributors distinguished by their record of not yet having delivered copy to me that was late: Jack Levine, the person who got me into all this, Bob Carr, Ed Whiting with his ads, Bill Moffatt; and two advertisers whose copy changes each month, Stanley Gibbons and J. N. Sissons.

Earlier at this convention we examined the possibilities of printing the magazine by the less-expensive offset method (using the same printing firm) and we explored some other avenues as well in the hope of improving Topics. We decided against going to offset on the grounds that the saving in cost (which was very slight) did not outweigh the great deal of extra work involved. (A further word about Topics, its editorial aims and requirements, appears elsewhere in this issue.)

- E. H. Hausmann, editor, Topics

The motion to accept was seconded by Ian Taylor and voted affirmed.

In reply to a call from the president for a report from the Nominating Committee, its chairman A. H. Kessler advised the meeting that approved and accepted candidates for the various offices to be elected had been published in the magazine and that the Ballot Committee would later provide the results of this year's elections.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Our editor, Ed Hausmann, took over the job from Bob Woolley, who had filled in as temporary editor following the resignation of John Young. He uses my office as a receiving depot for all correspondence addressed to the editor.

Ed has done a wonderful job and I think the membership of this society should be very pleased with Topics in its present state, and the Editorial Board congratulates him for taking over this thankless job and making such a success of it.

V. G. Greene, chairman

The motion was seconded by C. Moore and voted accepted.

Advertising Manager Ed Whiting reported to the meeting that, while advertising in the magazine continued to equal past coverage, he felt that an increase could be affected by the membership if each would personally and directly encourage advertising and especially participate themselves to advertise their own interests. He requested that an increase in advertising rates be affected.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

This report will cover the period from March 12, 1970, the date I was appointed librarian.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the members of the Society to thank Stewart Kenyon for the great service he has rendered the Society as librarian and the many improvements he has made to the library in the past five years. I will continue the fine work he has started with the compiling and indexing of the many hundreds of books and articles that we have. I would personally like to thank Stewart for his method of packing the two shipments, which enabled me to put our library on the shelves with a minimum of extra work — and also for his guidance in the operation of the library.

I would also like to thank the officers of the Society who have helped me in the past year, and to the Library Committee, in answering and solving problems that came up from time to time, making the changeover very easy for me.

One of my aims as librarian is to reduce the costs of operating it. As you all have read in Topics, I have applied for the special library rates that the Post Office Regulations allow, which unfortunately would only permit me to send requests to members within Canada at the reduced rates. I hope that this situation will change in the near future. I had hoped that I would be able to make an announcement at this meeting that I had been authorized to use these reduced rates, but I am not able to. Still, I am confident that I will in the near future. We are the first organization of our kind in Canada to apply for such rates.

The library has received many donations from members of the Society in the time I have been librarian, and I would like to thank those who have donated publications and books.

On my first meeting with Stewart in February, I brought up to the subject of insurance for the library; at that time it was thought that \$3000 would be sufficient; but after that disastrous day in August (the tornado in Lively, Ontario) it was imperative that we have more coverage. Thus I am arranging insurance for \$5000. This amount would be in the range of \$25 for a period of three years.

I would like to thank the members of the Society for their patience in understanding that the library takes time to be relocated. During this period I have been able to service most of the requests I have received. Now that most of the transfer is completed I can promise same-day service in handling requests for books.

I look forward to serving as your librarian for many years to come, and hope to be able to attend many more of our conventions. — Michael Squirell, librarian

The motion to accept was seconded by V. G. Greene and voted affirmed. On a motion by Ian Taylor, seconded by G. B. Llewellyn, the meeting voted to direct a letter of appreciation and thanks to Stewart Kenyon from the Society for his outstanding performance as librarian.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

The Society is very fortunate in having an enthusiastic young man like Mike Squirell to take over the library from Stewart Kenyon. The Board takes this opportunity of thanking Mr. Kenyon for the excellent job he did for the Society in looking after the library during the past few years.

- V. G. Greene, chairman

The motion was seconded by S. Nickle and voted affirmed.

Sales manager Jim Lehr reported to the meeting that while the Sales Circuit had more books entered by members, dollar value was less and sales were about \$1000 behind. The Sales Department could use about 150 more books before the end of this year and Lehr respectfully urged the members to use the department for sale and purchase of some of their material. Lehr advised that instances of substitution of material in circuits was very small but that means of micro-filming material submitted be investigated.

President Carr reported for the Board of Examiners Chairman, Jim Sissons, that the board had nothing to consider and review during the year.

REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

It was at the annual convention of the Society in 1954 that the governing council had to be persuaded to approve the expenditure of \$100 to publish the first Perfin Handbook. From that time on this department has expanded to the point that we are selling between \$2000 and \$3000 in books each year.

Apart from the financial benefit to the Society, we provide a very useful service

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to our members and through our sales to dealers we widen the collector interest in the stamps of BNA.

Sales of the department for the year follow:

Book	Wh'sale	Retail
Squared Circles	. 31	26
Small Queen varieties	33	8
Perfins	39	19
Postal Stationery		13
Transportation Postmarks		7
Sissons Revenues	. 50	10
Precancels		18
Admiral issue		10
Post Office Guide, 1863	2	5
First decimal issue	21	10
RPO history		5
Roller Cancels	41	14
Holmes catalogue	31	7
OHMS covers		2
Siberia	11	2
Wrigley OHMS and G	26	3
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Total	436	174

Our sales to the trade are down this year, mainly because we have had no new titles to offer. In fact there has been no new publication by the Society for about three years. But since being relieved of editorial duties I have had a little more time to devote to handbooks, resulting in three new publications either now in circulation or very shortly to be produced.

We have published a supplement to Canadian Transportation Postmarks by permission of the RPSC, written by T. G. P. Shaw. This supplement lists all corrections and additions to the original publication reported to him until the end of June 1970.

Our distinguished member and student, the Honorable George C. Marler, P.C. has completed his study of the booklets of the Admiral issue and this is now available as a BNAPS publication.

The memorial book honoring Dan Myerson, I am very pleased to report, is now in production and should be available very soon. Bob Pratt has been of great assistance in checking and selecting material for this book and also providing some illustrations which have come to him from Dan's collection.

In addition to these handbooks we are now able to list the Essays and Proofs of British North America by the Essay-Proof Society, very recently released by Sissons Publications. The handbook department have also arranged to take over from the RPSC the balance of 300 of their publication, Canadian Transportation Postmarks by Shaw.

Another new publication that we have arranged to handle is the second part of Hans Reiche's book on the Admiral issue.

I a mnow able to have our handbooks produced by a photo-offset process at a considerable saving, which I found to be very necessary for limited printings such as our. Also, arrangements have been made with a distributor to handle our publications, by which means I hope to considerably increase the circulation of our books.

Finally, I would like to suggest to all members that they purchase their books from this department so that the Society funds may benefit.

- R. J. Woolley, Handbook Committee chairman

The move for adoption was seconded by H. Harrison and so affirmed.

In the absence of Ed Richardson, chairman of the Study Group Committee, John Siverts reported that meetings had been held at the convention on Squared Circles, Revenues and Westerns. Bill Rockett advised that the Revenue Study Group now numbered 129 members.

REPORT OF THE CIRCULATION MANAGER

The Canadian mail strikes this past year wrought havoc with inter-organization mail and delayed Topics to members as much as two months. Since settling the mail strikes, we sincerely hope members will receive their Topics earlier.

Another headache: the postal rates are up on third class mail. When members fail to notify secretary their change in address, their monthly booklets are returned to me, and postage-due charges collect, increasing our cost of operation. Generally address changes are known two months in advance — why not notify our secretary so that he may have the address plate changed in time?

I wish to thank all who have been patient and co-operative during this trying period. A special thank you to our president, Dr. Robert Carr, who not only kept me informed on all matters concerning the job, but was most generous in expressing his appreciation of my efforts on behalf of BNAPS. I have worked on numerous committees of other organizations, but have never worked with a president as congenial and enthusiastic as he.

It is with regret that I relinquish the post of circulation manager after several years, but it has always been my belief that one can work at the same thing too long and be burned out. While I do not feel I have reached this stage yet, I am passing on the task, before I do, to a very able successor — Robert F. Boudignon, whose letters indicate to me that he is a zestful young man who, through time, will more than fill the bill as circulation manager.

In the meantime, Robert Boudignon asked me to continue taking orders from members for back issues of Topics, and refer these letters to him, through my office. I shall continue to look after subscriptions from governmental, public and university libraries, exchanges with other societies, and our editor's correspondence, when requested, until Mr. Boudignon indicates his desire to take over in full.

- C. Russell McNeil

The motion to accept received the second of V. G. Greene and was voted in affirmative by the meeting.

BNAPEX CONVENTIONS

President Carr opened reporting on future convention sites by advising the meeting that convention chairman of BNAPEX '71, Henry Hicks, had informed him that the location of the facilities for the Halifax convention had been changed to the Hotel Nova Scotian on August 26 to 29, 1971, because room, meeting, exhibit and security facilities were better.

Bob Pratt, chairman of the 1972 convention to be held in Newfoundland on September 8 to 10, 1972, at the Holiday Inn, assured the meeting that every area had been investigated for the absolute enjoyment of visitors to convention and that the membership would be informed through Topics of all the activities awaiting them at the convention.

Sam Nickle reporting as chairman of the 1973 convention at the Calgary Inn, Calgary, Alberta, advised the meeting that the dates for that year's convention would be set to coincide with the Calgary Stampede, usually held in the middle of July. Exact dates would be announced later.

Jack Levine advised the meeting that preliminary arrangements had been made

by Jim Culhane for the 1974 convention at Williamsburg, Va., and that he and Bob Warlick would serve as co-chairmen to continue arrangements for the 1974 convention with more details to be advised at next year's convention.

President Carr informed the meeting that no location had been decided for the 1975 convention but that approaches would be made to various cities.

Al Kessler suggesed that the Society consider the advisability of holding a 1976 convention in Philadelphia where the International will be held from May 28 to June 6, 1976. The suggestion will be studied.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Much has happened to require my attention since our meeting in Vancouver last October.

On November 1, 1969, our treasurer and my close personal friend Jim Culhane passed away. Jim was a dedicated worker for the society he loved and his genial presence is greatly missed by the Philadelphia group and his host of friends throughout the Society. On November 8 I polled the Board and Leo J. LaFrance was elected to fill his unexpired term ending December 31, 1970.

As no acceptable bid for the 1972 convention was forthcoming at Vancouver the meeting voted that this problem be remanded to the Board. Subsequently Robert H. Pratt of Milwaukee offered to host the 1972 Convention in Newfoundland. The Board was polled on December 25, 1969 and approved this bid in view of the short time left for preparation.

In November and December objections to the membership of three applicants were received after these applicants had been accepted and published as new members. Under present rules which read "Objections must be filed with the Secretary within 15 days after month of publication" it is obvious that under present mailing conditions this is not sufficient time for objections to be received before applications are processed and applicants are listed as new members.

Also during the year I received complaints from four of our dealer members regarding unpaid accounts of Society members. While we always assist in such matters, and in most cases successfully, I should like to point out that the Society is not a collection agency and that membership in the Society is not an adequate credit reference.

Still unresolved is the question of an indebtedness of \$52.51 owed to the Handbook Committee. Additionally the sales manager had a problem with a relativelyrecent member not returning a circuit.

In view of the foregoing I strongly recommended at the Board of Governors' meeting earlier that more time and care be devoted to the processing of applicants in order to maintain the quality of our membership.

On March 5 the Society received notice from Mission Press of an increase in the cost of printing Topics, to \$525 per issue. Subsequently editor Hausmann addressed a memo to the officers and Editorial Board proposing a new printing method for Topics which could reduce this cost.

On March 31 I received the treasurer's report published in the August issue of Topics. Due to the change in office a new auditor was employed and as many questions arose regarding accounting procedures; these as well as the other problems mentioned discussed by the officers and Board Members prior to this annual meeting. A report will follow.

> - C. B. Llewellyn, Chairman, Board of Governors

The motion was seconded by Bob Woolley and voted so ordered.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Chairman of the Board Llewellyn then rose to report on the meeting of the Board of Governors held at 9 a.m., October 9, 1970 at the Tidewater Inn.

In order to exercise more care in the acceptance of new members, the Board approved the following changes in processing applications: all applications shall be published as application pending in two successive issues of *Topics* instead of the previous one month. Objections to an application must reach the secretary within 30 days after month of publication instead of the present 15 days.

In view of increased costs of publication of the magazine, the Board authorized an increase in advertising rates in the magazine in accordance with recommendations of the editor, treasurer and advertising manager, such new rates to become effective with the February issue, 1971.

After much discussion and considera-

tion, the Board recommended that a motion be offered at the annual meeting to increase the annual dues from the present \$5 per annum to \$6.50 and that life membership dues shall be raised from \$100 to \$125, such increase in dues becoming necessary to offset anticipated deficit for this and the following year.

In view of the fact that Alfred P. Cook would be elected to the office of vice-president by acclamation and could not hold two offices at the same time, the Board elected Daniel Rosenblat to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Cook on the Board of Governors, effective January 1, 1971.

The Board voted and approved on motion by R. V. C. Carr, seconded by R. H. Pratt, that every officer or director of the Society who has undertaken or is about to undertake any liability on behalf of the Society and their heirs, executors and administrators, and estates and effects, respectively, shall from time to time and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless, out of the funds of the Society, from and against

(a) all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which such officer, director or other persons sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him for or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, made, done or permitted by him in or about the execution of the duties of his office or in respect of any such liability;

(b) all other costs, charges and expenses which he sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his own willful neglect or default.

The Board decided that an investigation be done whereby a blanket bond be secured to cover the treasurer, sales manager and chairman of the handbook committee and any other office that may so require bond.

It was moved by A. P. Cook, seconded by Ian Taylor, that the annual dues of the Society be increased to \$6.50 and the life membership dues be increased to \$125, both to be effective as of January 1, 1971. Further it was resolved that this increase be established and effective for one year from January 1, 1971, and that it shall at that future time be reviewed and reconsidered for the consideration of a continuance if in order or an increase if then required. The motion was voted affirmed and so ordered.

It was moved by G. B. Llewellyn, seconded by L. LaFrance, that the membership approve the decision and resolve of the Board regarding protection to the directors and officers of the Society. The motion was voted approved and so ordered. Horace Harrison offered a motion that the Society become a unit of the American Philatelic Society. The motion was seconded by A. Kennedy. An amendment was then offered by R. J. Woolley, seconded by V. Ditmars, that the suggestion by Harrison be referred to the Board of Governors for review, study and consideration to a report at next year's convention.

Ian Taylor extended greeting to the convention from the CPSGB. He also suggested that letters be written to Ed Richardson, Clarence Westhaver and Arthur McIntyre expressing the Society's regrets that they were unable to attend this convention.

REPORT OF THE BALLOT COMMITTEE

I hereby certify the following vote from the 1970 ballots:

President: Sam C. Nickle (acclamation) Vice President: Alfred P. Cook (acclamation) Secretary: Jack Levine (acclamation) Treasurer: Leo L. LaFrance (acclamation)

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: James C. Lehr James A. Pike Robert H. Pratt Daniel G. Rosenblat There were 263 ballots voted.

(Editor's note: Since Alfred Cook has been elected to the vice-presidency he must vacate his position on the Board of Governors. Thus four new governors take their posts this year instead of the usual three.)

> - Henri E. Reinhard, chairman, Nominating Committee

President Carr introduced the newly elected officers to the meeting.

The meeting rose to express its thanks to Horace Harrison for an excellent convention.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Chris Moore, seconded by G. B. Llewellyn.

- notes by Jack Levine, secretary

BNAPS Regional Groups

	Meets the first Thursday of each month at 7934 Pickering Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Temagami —	Meet every summer. Alfred P. Cook, Coy Glen Road, Ithaca, New York.
Vancouver -	Fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m.; Dickinson Room, Stry Credit Union Building, 144 E. 7th Avenue, Vancouver.
Edmonton —	Meets twice a year in May and October in a public place, time and date to be announced. Out of town visitors to communicate with Secretary F. N. Harris, 11013-129 Street.
Calgary —	Meets fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Secretary: Mrs. Jack Benningen, 157 Wildwood Drive, Calgary 5, Alberta.

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The Nova Scotian, Halifax, N.S.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - NOTICE TO PUBLISHER

All changes of address MUST be sent to the SECRETARY. Please do not send to any other officer of BNAPS. Sending the change to the Editor or Circulation Editor will cause delays.

JACK LEVINE, Secretary 2121-G North Hills Drive - RALEIGH, N.C. 27609

BNAPEX '70 at EASTON

As everyone who's a member of BNAPS is well aware by now, the 22nd Annual Convention of the British North American Philatelic Society was held last October 8 to 10 at the Tidewater Inn, at Easton, Maryland.

About 75 members attended the three day affair, many of them having come directly from London's Philympia.

Horace Harrison and his wife Elizabeth, of nearby Baltimore, were the hosts and did an excellent job of running the affair a chore that began in earnest several months before.

Easton is a small village only a sea cook's spit from Chesapeake Bay — one of those snug little places loaded with quaint antique shops and old homes. The Tidewater Inn is one of those intimate old-fashioned hotels, but modern in every way, and it was a most suitable location for a convention of this size.

Mrs. Hilda Rockett looked after the arrangements for the ladies — bridge sessions and shopping tours — which were well attended and much enjoyed.

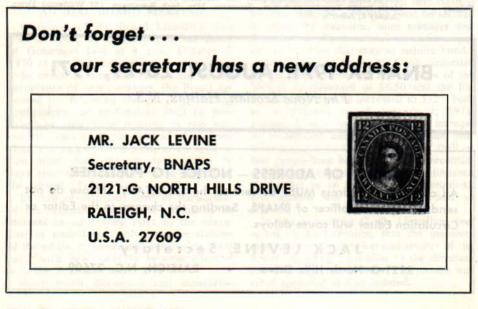
The Gold Room of the hotel was the setting for the bourse and the exhibits, and

formed a central meeting place for members where they could chat, browse through the rows of frames, and hunt through the items offered for sale.

For many in attendance the convention was an opportunity to meet in person three new officers: treasurer Leo J. LaFrance, librarian Michael Squirell, and Ed Hausmann, *Topics* editor.

Thursday and Friday evenings were taken over by the bridge sessions, while Saturday meeting was set aside for the annual banquet — attended by 72 happy souls. Afterwards many danced, others went back to the bridge tables, and later on there were the usual informal gatherings in various rooms.

The winners of the exhibition were: The Grand Award: Robert H. Pratt; gold medals were won by Harry Lussey and Horace Harrison; silver medals by Wilmer C. Rockett, H. A. Price and Rosemary Nickle; and bronze medals by F. Goodhelpsen, J. Payne, J. Siverts and T. L. K. Derwent. Alfred Cook took home the Apple Knockers Award. The jury was comprised of W. W. Chadbourne (chairman), C. Moore and N. Pelletier.



Sales Circuit Report

JAMES C. LEHR Wilmington, Delaware

A full report on the activities of the sales department is given earlier in this issue, in the report of the BNAPS annual meetings. But to refresh all members on the basics of the sales circuit, and to encourage more members to take advantage of the unique service it offers to members, we again perform an annual *Topics* rite; the publication, in full, of the sales circuit rules and regulations. Many unusual and hard-to-find stamps turn up on these circuits, particularly in the field of Revenues; not only does the circuit help members in finding additions to their collections, but a portion of the money changing hands reverts to the BNAPS kitty, which helps meet the society's expenses.

SALES CIRCUIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This Department shall function entirely for and in the interest of the membership of the British North America Philatelic Society. Any Member, in good standing, may participate in the Department and, by his participation, attests and agrees to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Department. Any Member, so participating, may be denied such participation for infraction of any of the Rules or Regulations of the Department.

2. The President of the Society shall appoint a Member to serve as Sales Manager who shall be responsible to the Board of Governors. The President of the Society shall appoint a Committee to serve as a Board of Examiners to examine any and all stamps or books of stamps submitted to it by the Sales Manager and to order removed any such stamps or other material entered which, in its opinion, is of a questionable character, without any responsibility or liability therefore to the owner or anyone else.

3. The Sales Manager shall keep accounts and records of all transactions of the Department in books of the Society so provided by it. He shall at specific times, provide the Board of Governors with reports of the affairs of the Department, including a full balance sheet of all bookkeeping entries and shall similarly cause such reports to be published in BNA TOPICS.

4. Members entering material for sale through the Department shall mount their material in such books as shall be prescribed by the Board of Governors. Books shall be obtained from the Sales Manager upon request and at such price as shall be deterupon request and at such price as shall be deterupon request and at such price as shall be used. The Department reserves the right to limit the dollar value of material entered in any one book and may reject any material which it feels will not be well received, except that such restriction shall be the joint action and decision of the Sales Manager and the Board of Examiners, without any responsibility or liability therefore to the owner or anyone else.

5. Any stamp or item which is damaged, counterfeit, re-perforated, cleaned, repaired, a reprint, or in any other way of doubtful or questionable character, must be clearly so marked next thereto by the affixer upon submission for entry in the Department books. Any such stamp or item, in any way of doubtful or questionable character not so marked clearly by the affixer, so decided by the Board of Examiners or established by any other means, in its sole discretion, and without any liability or responsibility therefor to the owner or anyone else, shall automatically cause a charge of at least 25 cents for any and each such unmarked item and be removed from the book. In instance of gross or deliberate abuse or violation of this Regulation, or where it may be deemed requisite or equitable, the Sales Manager may, at his discretion, impose reasonable additional charges, or deny the services and privileges of the Department, or both. Such gross and deliberate abuse or violation may be considered as "Conduct unbecoming a Member."

6. A charge of 2 per cent as an insurance fee shall be made of the net value of the material entered at one time. Monies so collected shall be deposited in the Insurance Fund from which Fund claims for loss or damage to material shall be paid. The Board of Governors shall have final jurisdiction in the payment and settlement of claims.

7. A charge of 8 per cent shall be deducted from all sales made through the Department. Monies so collected shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Department, and all costs of conducting the Department shall be paid from this Fund. Both the Insurance and the Commission charges shall be deducted whenever a payment shall be made to an owner.

8. Circuits must be forwarded to the next Member shown on the Route Sheet within five (5) days of receipt by the forwarding Member, to be forwarded by him by Registered Mail insured for Five Dollars (\$5,00) in Canada and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in the U.S.A. Strict observance and compliance with this Rule shall be enforced by the Sales Manager and any violation shall be subject to a penalty and charge of 25 cents per book in the Circuit for each day delayed in forwarding Circuits. The loss of any material not so forwarded by Registered Mail shall be entirely the responsibility and liability of the remitter.

9. The Member, upon receiving a Circuit, shall verify the number of books in the circuit, as evidenced on the Route Sheet, and that all spaces on each page of each book contain a stamp or other item, or a proper indication that the stamp or item of the space has been sold or is accounted for.

10. The buyer must use a suitable rubber stamp and indicate his Society Membership Number in all spaces from which he has removed and retained an item. Each so identified purchase shall be entered on the forms specifically provided for that purpose with each Circuit.

11. All pricings and payments are expressed and payable only in U.S. funds.

Postal Stationary an

Editor's note: With this issue we begin anew series on a subject that, so far, has not been adequately covered in the philatelic press. Horace Harrison has labored for some years compiling these articles; he has also made up a catalogue of Railway Postal Stationery. Rather than run this catalogue piecemeal over several issues, Topics will carry it in one piece later on, possibly as a supplement.

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On November 1, 1893, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company mailed out its monthly *Statement of Earnings* (for the month of September, 1893) to its stockholders on a letter sheet having the current 1c post card and wrapper stamp impressed thereon (fig. 1). As the Universal Postal Union "Printed Matter" rate was but 1c, these sheets went forward at the 1c rate to CPR stockholders all over the world. The sheets were ungummed and passed through the mails folded twice but unsealed. This letter sheet is the first of Canadian "Special Order" stationery. It is also the first Canadian Letter Sheet to have postage imprinted on it, as the Post Office Savings Bank Receipt Letter Sheets, first used in 1879, were official stationery which passed free.

The '1897 Stanley Gibbons catalogue listed these sheets as first issued in 1893 on "azure laid paper", but were a casualty of the increasing adhesive issues which forced the publishers to eliminate all stationery items from the general stamp catalogues. Both Winthrop Boggs and Nelson Bond ignored these sheets in their specialized works, but the Holmes catalogue has had them listed for some time as being on

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CHAPTER 1 The Victorian Era



two shades of paper; white, and gray blue, with the dates as 1894-95. Ed Richardson, in his *Hollow Tree* (packet 314) published in *Popular Stamps* in May 1956, noted that the white paper laid lines ran 13 to 20 mm while the gray blue ran 15 to the 20 mm. In his packet 975 in the Jan.-Feb. *Canadian Philatelist* he reports that gray, white, and yellowish-toned sheets all had 13 lines to the 20 mm and were in use from October 1893 to September 1895, where he has a gray-paper sheet with 15 lines to the 20 mm. His blue-gray toned sheets with 15 lines to the 20 mm commence in January of 1896, not having any of the intervening

by Horace W. Harrison

reports. My own collection confirms this finding, with the exception that my first blue-gray sheet with 15 lines is dated September 1895. It is apparent that new paper stock was put into use for the September 1895 Statement. The last statement of this sort which I have is dated February 1898. It was followed by the same letter sheet on 15-line paper to which a 1c adhesive Leaf issue was affixed to pay the postage. My first example is dated May 1898. By September 1898 the 1c Numeral was the adhesive being used, but the reports dated December 1898 were on white laid paper with 13 lines to the 20 mm. I believe that the paper inventory was run on a last-in, first-out basis, and that the 13-line paper used in the winter of 1898-99 was the remainder of the old stock, on top of which the new blue-gray paper had been stacked in September of 1895. Having used up its entire supply of these letter sheets, the company switched to a sepia-colored View Card some time between January and May of 1899. William Norman has a sepia View of Banff with a 1c Numeral adhesive paying the postage, dated May 1899, and a sepia View of Place Viger hotel similarly franked, and dated February 1900. I have a sepia View of Fraser Canon House dated September 1899, one of Mt. Stephen House dated 29 October 1900 (see figure 2), one of Vancouver Hotel.

I feel certain that these sepia View Cards for use with adhesives must have been in use for railway business prior to December 9 1897, when the 1c red Business Post Card was issued and the authority granted to print advertising matter or other messages on the face thereof, but I have not actually seen any other than the five mentioned before. I believe that the railway used up its supply of these sepia View Cards to mail out the Statements of Earnings and Expenses, while using the green Views on the new 1c red Business Post Card for freight advices and other company business. The green View Cards first appeared in February of 1898 (Fig. 3). These consisted originally of seven basic views: (UR) indicates wording at upper right near stamp; (LL) wording at lower left.

Canadian Pacific R'y Co's (UR) Hot Springs Hotel (figure 3) (UR) BANFF, Canadian National Park (LL) Canadian Pacific Ry. Co's/Hotel (UR) Fraser Canon House (LL) North Bend, B.C. (LL) Canadian Pacific Ry. Co's/Hotel (UR) Mount Stephen House (LL) Field, B. C. (LL) Canadian Pacific Railway/Hotel (UR) Hotel Vancouver (LL) Vancouver, B.C. (LL) Chateau Frontenac, Quebec (UR) The Most Charming Hotel in the World (LL) Canadian Pacific Ry. Co's/Hotel (UR) The Glacier House (Train going to right) (LL) Glacier, B.C. (see figure 4) (LL) Place Viger Hotel (LL) Montreal, P.Q. (LL)

The three sepia Views used with the 1c adhesive are identical with these green View Post Cards. There is one sub-variety of the Banff card in which the type used for "Canadian Pacific R'y Co's, Hot Springs Hotel" has been reduced in size (fig. 5). There are five sub-varieties of the Chateau Frontenac card (figures 6 to 10) in which the area of the view has been reduced and or the type face changed as illustrated. There is one sub-variety of the Hotel Vancouver card in which the type used for "Canadian Pacific Railway" has been reduced in size (fig. 11).

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In the next issue we will carry the remaining portion of the Victorian era, as well as the chapter on the Edwardian stationery. Subsequent chapters will cover George V multi-colored and sepia-toned views, and advertising cards.

From the Secretary

JACK LEVINE Raleigh, North Carolina

December 1, 1970

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Applications for Membership

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

BALLANTYNE, T. G., Ste 201-68 Hillside Dr., Torono 355, Ont. (D) CAN, NFD, PROV-Mint and used postage. Proposed by F. Jarrett, (283). Seconded by V. G. Greene, (L. 40) FERGUSON, Donald Ryrie, 3041 Cedar Ave., Montreal 109, Que. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV-Mint postage and blocks. Plate Blocks. Coils. Complete booklets. Mint Airmails, Proposed by G. F. Hansen

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- FYFEE, Dr. Gordon J., 107 Queens Ave., New Westminster, B.C. (C-CX) CAN, B.C.—19th century mint and used postage. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
 GUILMIN, R. M. G., Box 60, Bushell Park. Sask. (DC) Canada. Proposed by J. F. Anderson (1016).
 HARRIS, Peter Heafield, Box 282, Salmo, B.C. (C) CAN—19th and 20th century used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint panes and complete booklets. Precancels. Used Airmails. Mint and used tagged stamps. SPECIALTY Precancels. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
 HAUSEMAN, Tilghman K., 1200 Farmington Ave., Pottstown, Pa. 19464 (C). Proposed by J. Siverts (59), seconded by A. H. Kessler (334).
 TOWNSEND, Corning Jr., 3 Claredon Place, Buffalo, N.Y. 14209 (C-X) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Territorial cancellations and town cancels on Small Queens. Proposed by G. S. Wegg (308), seconded by H. W. S W.ilding (1040).
 WALKER, Dale C., Box 29.0-C, 700 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. 02215 (DC-CX) CAN—19th century used postage. Plate Blocks. OHMS-G mint booklet panes. Precancels. Federal and Provincial Revenues. Postal Stationery entires. Literature. "On the nose" town cancellations. Proposed by R. L. Kisch (2492).
- vincial Revenues. Postal Stationery entires. Literature. "On the nose" town cancellations. Proposed by R. L. Kisch (2492).
 WESINGI, U. H., P.O. Box 70, Ajax, Ont. (D) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G mint and used booklet panes. Mint, used and semi-official Airmails. Proposed by D. Verity (2312).
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With this issue Topics concludes its 11part series on The Philatelic and Postal History of Newfoundland by Brien C. Damien. With this series was appended a Bibliography of Newfoundland and Labrador, "pertaintaining to postal history, philately, and transportation of mails of all periods" which includes maps, books (and portions of books), legal documents, unpublished materials, newspaper and magazine articles, advertisements and notices.

The bibliography is now with the librarian and is available for loan to members.

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A Few Words From the Editor

This is as good a time as any to look over some points of editorial policy and for me, as editor, to pass along some of my own ideas and theories.

One of the things I find of growing concern is the difference between two schools of thought among BNAPS members. The first are the highly-specialized collectors who are quite happy if *Topics* is entirely filled with articles and columns on such things as errors on Squared Circle handstamps and obscure varieties, with code holes on Perfins and with the 947th cable re-entry on the Map stamp. Extremists of this group have declared that members advocating a more balanced range of subject matter are merely beginners and should join another society, such as the Royal, instead.

The other group are certainly not beginners, but they advocate articles on the more obvious subjects — things like bogus stamps, shades of the Admirals, history of coils, wider coverage of the newer issues, and the common varieties — and stories on mint stamps in general. The key word, probably, is "obvious" — because while all BNAPS members are specialists, most members specialize in these more "obvious" subjects.

The disagreement is unfortunate, but it is quite plain how it came about. Many years ago *Topics* was a more balanced magazine, but that was in a day when BNAPS was very young and *Topics* could pick from the complete range of subject matter available, which included these basic subjects. But in time most of these were gradually covered, and now we are faced with the results of research in the more obscure subjects that remain. Newer members, however, do not have the benefit of having copies of earlier issues on hand, and with the price of Bogg's *Canada* and such other reference works being out of all proportion, there is nowhere they can turn today for information.

But the solution is quite simple, really, and will be put into effect within a couple of issues — from time to time I will rerun articles from earlier issues of *Topics* which are worthy of repetition. They will be updated as necessary and, if necessary, *Topics* will reprint articles from other publications as well — so that, over the next few years, we will have reviewed the basic subjects pertaining to BNA collecting.

This is not to say that we will not continue to present articles on more obscure subjects as well, but that we will, by this means, hope to restore the balance that is so necessary to *Topics*.

Along with these reprints I also hope to carry articles on the great BNA collections of the past and present, a series of anecdotes about BNA collectors and BNA collecting, notes from time to time about prices of BNA stamps, and to introduce one or two new columns. We also expect to give wider coverage to Revenues, and other oft-neglected subjects. The most interesting series this year will be a controversial one by Jim Sissons, about misconceptions and errors in the cataloguing of BNA stamps.

During the summer I expect to revive another feature, that of giving a description of the nominees for the Board of Directors, together with a rundown of the nominees' platforms — so that when the members-at-large cast their ballots later on they will know something about the persons they are electing. Auction News

The mint lower-left corner pair of the 12d black sold for \$40,000

Sale ten of the Dale-Lichtenstein collection by H. R. Harmer, Inc. New York, December 7 and 8



The final Dale-Lichtenstein sale by H. R. Harmer took place on December 7 and 8 with the solid bidding that marked the earlier sales not letting up.

The mint corner pair with margins of the 12d was the showpiece of the sale. With full original gum in a rich deep shade, it was purchased by Toronto dealer William Maresch for \$40,000, which he considers to be a reasonable price for what is surely a unique pair. A single used copy with a tiny ink stain sold for \$5,000.

Proofs and essays did exceedingly well, mostly selling for between two and five times the prices listed in Holmes.

Other interesting lots and their selling prices:

Lot 16, an 1851 cover bearing both a U.S. Scott 1 and a Canadian Scott 1, from Montreal to New York, fetched \$9,000. A superb 3d red Beaver, used, sold for \$650 (lot 42), and lot 61, a grayish-purple 6d Consort, used and superb, sold for \$1,200.

Scarred die proofs, a 12d and 10c, together on India paper in vermilion, brought \$650; and a 6d slate gray unused Albert (Scott 5, lot 228) sold for a reasonable \$750.

A cover, lot 237, with the same stamp tied by a 4-ring "27" cancel to an Ottawa-Rochester 1858 cover fetched \$1,600; a most unusual piece, two Scott 5 plus a ½d rose (Scott 11) on a Montreal-France cover (lot 242) sold for \$2,400.

An imperf mint pair of the 10d Cartier

(Scott 7a) with original gum and good margins (lot 253) brought 4,750, while a used block of the same with slight faults sold for 6,500 (lot 257).

An NH deep-rose ½d on wove with large margins and extremely fine sold for \$310, while the same stamp with even greater margins, but with disturbed gum and a slight wrinkle sold for \$170. A mint block of nine of that stamp, rare but with faults, brought only \$625 (Scott 8, lots 278, 279 and 282).

Two covers of interest were lots 288 and 289; the first bore a block of six $\frac{1}{2}$ rose (Scott 8) to make a 3d rate from Dundas to Victoria, C.W. in 1858, and sold for \$2,300; the other carried a pair of the same stamp for a 1d soldiers' rate from Montreal to Ireland, and sold for \$2,200. A block of that stamp on horizontally-ribbed paper — described by someone as "a howling rarity" but with a tear and cut in, sold for \$1,000 (lot 290).

A mint, OG and VF $7\frac{1}{2}d$ 1857 green (Scott 9, and lot 303) brought \$1,200, and a used copy, extremely fine and tied to a piece bearing parts of a REGISTERED and MONTREAL cancel sold for \$800 (lot 306).

A strip of six 1858-59 1/2d rose on cover (lot 313) with a 4-ring "21" cancel (Montreal to Halifax) fetched \$3,400, and a pair of 6d brown-violet plus a 1/2d rose (Scott 11 and 13) on an 1859 cover from Montreal to Paris sold for \$1,400; part of one

of the 6d had been folded around the edge of the envelope, and the $\frac{1}{2}$ d was well off center, though this rare usage makes it a unique piece (lot 329).

A single mint 6d (Scott 13), fresh, fine and OG sold for \$1,900 in brown-violet, and a similar copy in gray-violet brought \$1,800 (lots 325 and 326).

A 5c vermilion Beaver, well centered with a clean 4-ring Oakville cancel and showing the re-entry on position 28 sold for \$160, and a block of four, one the reentry and tied to piece, sold for \$750 (lots 357 and 358).

A well-centered black-brown 10c (Scott 16, lot 381) cancelled and extremely Fine brought \$900, and a bisect on cover of that stamp (lot 384) tied by two pen strokes and probably unique, sold for \$700.

Lot 522, an immaculate block of the 1c brown-red Large Queen sold for \$650; a similar one (lot 523) but not nearly as attractive fetched \$290. A 5c olive-green of that issue, nearly centered with OG sold for \$350, and a block of eight of the same stamp, with imprint, a showpiece, sold at \$1,800 (lots 604 and 606).

The Ruggles group did well; the H & ARNS EAST cover (lot 632) sold for \$1,200, and the unusual St. John to Bangkok cover (lot 653) of 1868 with a pair of 15c Large Queens fetched \$650.

Lot 62, a 15c LQ imperf block of 20 sold for \$2,100.

A Pirie watermark on a 15c LQ (Scott 30d), used, off-center and with several worn perfs but a rare piece sold for \$850.

A 1c brown-red with OG and fine (Scott 31, lot 697) on laid paper sold at \$2,300, and the 3c red on laid, lightly cancelled and VF sold for \$270.

Top margin blocks of 20, imperforate with imprints, of the 20c and 50c Widow Weeds fetched \$4,400 (lot 791).

The two Port Hood bisects on cover (lots 836 and 837) sold at \$1,900 and \$1,150 — making an interesting comparison with lot 748, a pair of bisects of the SQ 2c and 3c used to pay a two-cent drop rate in 1895 in Montreal, which sold for \$10.

Some Philatelic Posers . . . by E. A. Smythies, FRPSL

THE DEMONITIZED ISSUE

Last month we ended on a question: what Canadian stamps have been demonitized, and why? I expect many readers will have found the answer for themselves, but here it is:

The stamps are the Admiral 5c, 20c and 50c with the overprint WAR TAX, in February 1915. The reason why they were demonitized is rather complicated. They were originally overprinted exclusively for fiscal purposes, to pay the tax on bottles of wine: five cents for a bottle of ordinary wine, 25 cents (5c plus 20c) for a small bottle of champagne, and 50c for a large bottle. Shortly afterwards the regular War Tax 1c and 2c postage stamps were issued (Scott MR-1 and MR-2) and with them a circular that read, "Postage stamps on which the words WAR TAX have been printed may be accepted for prepayment of postage."

The general public immediately started using the *fiscal* overprints for postage (MR-2 abc), and there must have been rather a run on them, as Jarrett records that the 5c were sold out at once!

Instructions were then issued to all postmasters that these fiscal overprints were not to be used for postage. This led to such an outcry that a second circular permitted them for a limited time. But after six months they were, at last, demonitized for good — the only demonitized stamps issued by Canada.

(Fifth in a series)

A philatelic and postal history of NEWFOUNDLAND

(a continuing series of articles by Brien C. Damien; conclusion)

Newfoundland: the age of Confederation

"... Newfoundland became the tenth province of Canada immediately before midnight on March 31, 1949," states a government publication. Let it suffice to state also that the event mentioned — Confederation — and its indirect results have since revolutionized nearly every phase of Newfoundland life. Newfoundland's transformation from a woe-begotten colony into a relatively prosperous Canadian province was pioneered by Joseph R. Smallwood, the island's first premier and foremost political leader of all time.

Jurisdiction over the Newfoundland postal system was transferred to the Canada Post Office — which brought its own stamps, bilingual forms, and Canadian coins and currency. Small villages, known by the distinctive Newfoundland term "outport" were abandoned and are being abandoned, the residents "centralizing" into larger centres where better medical, educational, social, and postal facilities are found, and where nearby highways link them to the capital and regional centers. Thousands of miles of highway have been reconstructed or built anew where none existed before. With the exceptions of the south west coast, the eastern shore of the Great Northern Peninsula, and most of Labrador, no part of the Province of Newfoundland does not benefit from highway mail service. Highway services provided the third ribbon, parallel to boat and rail lines until 1968, when railway mail services were phased out. Newfoundland's 500-mile-plus section of the 5,200-mile Trans Canada Highway spans the wilderness, linking outports and regional centers while taking over mountain, swamp, lake, and forest with asphalt. The 50-foot wide lifeline has opened the interior of the island at a rate undreamed of only a few years ago.

In the air, planes of highly advanced design link St. John's with Montreal, 700 air miles away, in *two* hours. Airports at Gander, Stephenville, St. John's, St. Anthony, Marystown, St. Albans, Deer Lake, Goose' Bay, Churchill Falls, Twin Falls, and Wabush are tied together to the mainland by Air Canada and Eastern Provincial Airways mail flights.

A NOTE

The foremost purpose of this work has been to collect and organize accurate facts on various aspects of the philatelic and postal history of Newfoundland. For that reason, this has not been titled, "the . . . history" but rather "a . . . history." This meager exploration of the field has not touched at many points which might be considered important; these have been well-covered by others writing on this topic. (See the bibliography). In this final copy, footnotes have been omitted to improve general interest content and readability; other copies extensively annotated exist, and it's my hope that future researchers will find them helpful.

There is still much work to be done on this topic, and I wish that this will provide a basis and inspiration for further work. The true philatelist, the true student of postal history, will not fail to report his findings after questioning and researching.

Thank you for your interest.

See Librarian's notes page 31 regarding a bibliography -BRIAN C. DAMIEN North Brewer, Maine 7 July 1969

Postal buildings, stamps, and transportations have changed drastically even in remote areas. For example, let's examine the case of Twillingate on Newfoundland's northern coast: Twillingate was settled for many years beforehand, but did not have a post office until 1851. Until 1863 it was serviced by sailing vessels; since then steamships and motor vessels have been employed. Confederation brought a ferry to the mainland of Newfoundland, then a causeway, a new postal building, and highway mail service. Dog teams, horse teams, railway boats, and privately owned motor vessels have all been used for the mails to Twillingate, but now a truck drives to the main island of Newfoundland, daily. Having corresponded with the seventh postmaster of Twillingate, Mr. W. A. Manuel, one begins to feel that Mr. Manuel and Newfoundlanders in general take pride in being part of Canada.

What does the future hold? These are the possibilities: hovercraft riding on a cushion of air, zipping mail across the Cabot Strait in minutes rather than hours - the increased popularization of electronic facsimile, which combines telephone lines with the Xerox process - and aircraft traveling anywhere on the earth in a fraction of the present time. It can only be hoped that Newfoundland and Canada will have the foresight to recognize true progress;"The major advances in civilization are processes that all but wreck the societies in which they occur." (Alfred North Whitehead).

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Frequently we see articles in various philatelic publications bearing the name of Major Richard Malott; now it's time to find out more about him. Dick was born in Windsor and attended schools in Kingsville and the University of Western Ontario where he received his B.A. in history.

In 1950 he joined the RCAF and served as a navigator until 1954 when he transferred to the Supply Branch serving in stations in Ontario, England, Sardinia, and Ottawa. At present he is on the Development of Integrated Logistics (DEVIL) program. In 1953 he married Dorothy Payne of Halifax and they now a son, Douglas.

Dick's interests in history, aviation, and philately have been combined into one thought, that of promoting the study and collection of Canadian and Newfoundland Air Mail first flight covers. In 1959 he was assigned to present something interesting for the 50th anniversary of the first heavierthan-air flight in Canada, and he borrowed a collection of Canadian Air Mail flight covers for display. Since then he has been

seeking out Air Mail data and material from all possible sources. A special project to contact as many Canadian pioneer military and bush pilots as possible resulted in 300 persons who had flown air mail in Canada.

In 1968, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first air mail flight in Canada, he obtained the support of 30 fellow aerophilatelists to purchase a special postal die, cachets, and envelopes for the preparation of two envelopes in honor of Captain Brian A. Peck's air mail flight from Montreal to Toronto on June 24, 1918. As a result, a great deal of data, including photographs and original envelopes flown on the flight, were rediscovered. Two other events were similarly commemorated in 1968, (the most famous being the Alcock-Brown flight across the Atlantic) and 12 were done in 1970. He has an equally-ambitious schedule set up for 1971.

Two of Dick's favorite items in his collection are both trans-Atlantic covers; one is an Alcock-Brown flight, the other a cover from Shediac to Ireland and England by Imperial Airways on June 24, 1939. The latter is addressed to, and authographed by, Lester Pearson, former Canadian Prime Minister. -Dr. R. V. C. Carr

... and some doodles by The Editor

Since there is no news column this month, here's an item that was found in a recent issue of an English philatelic publication which might be of interest:

Now that a re-engraved die has appeared and been listed for the 6c black, perf 121/2 x 12 (SG 607c) these 1967-70 low-value definitives (1 to 6c) are proving full of possibilities. They should be obtained and completed now. Even mint stamps, as yet, will not cost you a fortune. All perf varieties, all phosphor bands and all coils, should be taken up. They will make an interesting side-line collection which can be further extended to include various booklet panes and the like, if so desired. No doubt time will show their proper scarcity levels.



More posers — this time on election-ledger pages

A puzzler: In an old collection I recently purchased the following items were found: nine ledger pages, seven from "Electoral District Brandon" and two from "Electoral District Dauphin." Each sheet bears a pane of 100 of the 3c brown Admiral (Scott 108).

These panes are cancelled with what appears to be a 3-line roller in black or purple. Tying these panes to the ledger sheet in the lower right corner is an oval stamp impression with the words AUDIT. GEN. OFF/MAR 14, 1921/RECEIVED in block letters within, on the Brandon pages; the date on the Dauphin pages is APR 2, 1921.

Can anyone explain this usage? — Robert L. Kisch

Postage Dues and mail sorting machines

Remember the red Postage Due stamps issued on February 8, 1967? These were in denominations of 1c 2c 3c 4c 5c 6c and 10c, measured 20 mm x 17 mm, and were lithographed.

Then in 1969 the Post Office issued 8c and 12c denominations which were engraved, and measured 191/4 mm x 16 mm.

Now we find the Post Office has issued a second printing of the earlier denominations, this time engraved and in the same size as the 8c and 12c. From this we can assume that the philatelic branch is sold out of the first lithographed printings.

Another interesting item: A new mailsorting machine at the main post office has been ready to operate since February but its use was delayed by, among other things, the mail strike in Canada. Men who wanted to operate it had to make application for the jobs, and those accepted had to take special courses.

Well the machine started in use on Monday November 30 at 3:30 p.m. with 12 operators, so look for the numbers on the back flaps of envelopes from Winnipeg.

- Stuart A. Clark

Editor's note: Mr. Clark also sent us a clipping from the Winnipeg Tribune dated December 3, telling of a walkout by postal employs the day before. The postmaster at Winnipeg had refused to allow two union organizers from Ottawa into the building to examine the new machine, which caused the 40-minute protest. One union organizer said that no further walkouts can be expected if his union and the post office are able to work out an agreement regarding the use of the sorting machine. He also said that the complex machine is not a threat to job security.

A "few" revenues?

In the last issue of *Topics*, E. A. Smythies, in discussing the perforations of the Small Queens, mentioned that the $12\frac{1}{2}$ perforation was rarely used, "but was used for a few revenue and bill stamps".

"A few" is somewhat of an understatement, considering that the entire first issue of Canadian bill stamps of 1864 was perforated $12\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$. Most of them were issued with perforation of $12\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$, some of them in perforation $13\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$, and some in $13\frac{1}{2}$.

Some of the Ontario Law issue used from 1870 to about 1912 were perforated $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$. This was probably the earliest group printed of this issue, and all values were not included. Late rissues included more values and did not use this perforation.

This would indicate fairly substantial use of the $12\frac{1}{2}$ perforation.

-Howard L. Martin

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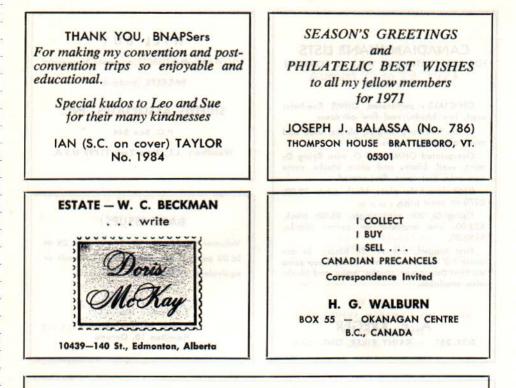
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- 341b Dec. 61, 5c QEII blue, 1 pane of 20, none tagged, red imprinting i) "tear here" strip is vertical with multiple panels
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3 Oct 62, 5c Cameo blue, 1 pane of 20, blue printing on multiple panels 405b not tagged

- 405pq tagged
- 402a 2 May 63, 2c Cameo green, 2 panes of 25, none tagged, green printing on multiple panels

404b 4 Feb. 63, 4c Cameo red, 1 pane of 25, none tagged

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457b 8 Feb. 67, 4c Seaway Locks, 1 pane of 25, none tagged

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- 8 Feb. 67, 5c Fishing Dock, 1 pane of 20
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- 11 Oct. 67 3c Christmas 1967 2 panes of 25 Centennial imprint red on multiple panels.
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