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1973 for many dealers, including ourselves, has been the busiest year on record philatelically. All of this activity has not been confined to any one particular area, although there has been tremendous interest shown in the Canadian 1967 definitive types by veteran collectors and newcomers alike. Other purchases and sales have covered areas as widely diversified as Bundi and Antarctica. In addition, we are still up to our ears in postal stationery of the world. On the philatelic literature side, the big news is still Volume V of Robson Lowe's Encyclopedia of British Empire Postage Stamps, comprising British North America. Hardly a day passes without new orders arriving.

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Varieties of the 1967-73 Definitives

BY KENNETH W. PUGH



For many reasons the 8c definitive of December 31, 1972 is fast becoming one of the most interesting recent Canadian issues to study.

In an earlier article in this series I discussed and illustrated the dollar counter booklet of December 30, 1971 featuring the top 8c stamp with the right portion of the design missing. Since that time a relentless search for dated copies produced only one example. It is an excellent specimen, and bears the cancellation BRANDON 11:30 AM/29 VI/1973/MANITOBA.

About the same time the above variety appeared, another, consisting of a series of small dots forming a horizontal line in the top margin above the design was also noticed. Some of the examples of this variety in my reference collection bear the cancels: Wanless, Man., June 16, 1973; The Pas, Man.,



June 20, 1973 and Brandon, Man., July 26, 1973.

Another variety very similar to this is a series of dots forming a line but farther away from the design. In fact the line may be so far away from the top margin of the design that it appears at the bottom of the adjacent stamp. The dots are not as close together as the first dotted line mentioned. The example illustrated came from Rivers, Man., 22 August 1973.

I have no idea as to how these dotted lines were caused, so, if you have any suggestions please let me know. They are too well defined, and occur over too large an area to be merely freaks. I would be most interested in knowing of any other occurrences of these varieties as well. My address is 134—20th Street, Bandon, Manitoba R7B 1L4.

A New Model of the \$1 Vancouver

On 24 October 1973 in the afternoon the Canadian Post Office Department released for sale in plate block positions only a plate no. 2 of the \$1.00 Canadian postage stamp depicting the skyline of Vancouver, British Columbia. This printing on very smooth paper, tagged, with a great deal of redesigning in the background, different perforations, and some colour changes and deletions of colours is printed by the British American Bank Note Company. This stamp because of its many changes is a new specific stamp and unfortunately was unannounced.

Two or three Ottawa collectors purchased a limited quantity of the stamps from the Philatelic Section in Ottawa and had the stamps cancelled on October 24, 1973, the apparent first day of issue. For some unknown reason the stamps were sold in plate block positions only and not until a week later were full sheets available. First day of use cancellations from Ottawa are from the House of Commons, (continued on page 242)



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M-12 CAMP. & LEVIS EXPRESS - R.P.O./.

Group B-seven hammers. All seven hammers have neither a punctuation period after P of CAMP nor do they have any punctuation after S of EXPRESS. These hammers were laid down in 1907-09 and we have proof strikes of five of the seven hammers.



Hammer VII

ammer VII Proofed: October 19, 1907 Earliest: December 1, 1908 Latest: October 26, 1942 Indicia: E, W to 1910 (probably 1911); 1915/16. E, 1--March, 1910 (cone only-rare). 33, 34-1913; 1915. 31-1916 (one only-rare). 199-1914; 1918/20. 4-1917. 1-1920. 3, 4-1921/41. 59-1941/42. 136-October, 1942.

Usage: Sporadic until mid-1918, after which it is continuous without break until 1942. We hypothecate that Hammers VII and VIII were probably used on the same car, but not at the same time. Hammer VII was continuous until mid-1918 and then intermittent until 1944.

R.F.: 5(12.3%).

Comments: This hammer, the most well known of all of M-12, is a delight to find if clearly struck. Where all other hammers of M-12 have a period at the bottom of the rim, Hammer VII has a small, While this cross has a tendency neat maltese cross. to blur with overinking and wear in the later strikes. other characteristics can be used to clearly define Hammer VII. Year-date 'blank' is known for 199-3/7/X and is probably 1918.



Hammer VIII

- Jammer VIII

 Proofed: October 19, 1907

 Earliest: June 14, 1908

 Latest: June 1, 1944

 Indicia: E, W-June 1908; 1910; June 1911;

 1 inverted M-June 1908/April 1909.

 33, 34-December 1908/April 1909.

 33, 34-December 1908/April 1909.

 900/June 1911; November 1911/March 1914.

 42-July/October; 1909; September/October,

 1910; May 1914/June 1918.

 200-October 1914/September 1916 (two only-rare; 1, 2-1921/22; 1931/35; August/Sep-tember, 1943.

 31, 32-October 1932; 1938/44.

 Usage: Continuous to mid-1918, after which inter

Usage: Continuous to mid-1918, after which inter-mittent to end. (see Hammer VII above).

R.F.: 5 (10.2%).

Comments: One of the three most common ham-mers (I, VII and VIII), Hammer VIII is one of three of group B (VII, VIII and XII) that saw use in modern times—after 1930. Hammer VIII is in modern times—atter 1930. Hammer VIII is sometimes confused with Hammer XII on later strikes; however, the section on hammer identifica-tion at the end of Group B should eliminate any confusion. The indicia on Hammer VIII in the early years is a bit of hodge podge, however, there are two indicia which appear here that do not occur on any other hammer of M-12. These are 1 inverted M and 42.



Interested in RPOs? A study group is being formed; write Lew Ludlow

Hammer IX

Proofed: October 19, 1907

Earliest: June 30, 1908

Latest: May 20, 1919

Indicia: E, W-to June, 1911; July, 1914-one only. W. 1-November, 1908/March, 1909. W. 2-July 18, 1911 (one only-rare).

199, 200—September/October, 1911. 33, 34—December, 1911/May, 1915; September, 33,

1918.

32-May 20, 1919-one only. Blank-April, 1909.

Usage: Solidly continuous until mid-1915, then two lone strikes appear, one each in 1918 and 1919. R.F.: 5 (5.6%).

Comments: W. 1 and W. 2 appear only on Hammer IX and not on any other hammer of M-12. "9" for "09" on all strikesin 1909; for Group B hammers, this only occurs on Hammer IX. This hammer may have been withdrawn due to wear, particularly rim damage.



Hammer X

Proofed: October 19, 1907

Earliest: March 6, 1908

Latest: July 13, 1914

Indicia: E, W-to June, 1911; July, 1914-one only. 199, 200-July/October, 1911; August 1912/July 1913.

33, 34-December, 1911/May, 1912, 1914.

Usage: Continuous over seven year period. R.F.: 5 (5.2%).

Comments: This is the last of the four different hammers issued on this proof date. These proof strikes were found on 10 miscellaneous pages loosely located in the back of the Proof Book at the Philatelocated in the back of the Proof Book at the Philate-lic Foundation in New York covering a few months in 1907/08. No reason is apparent for the compara-tively short life of this hammer. An inverted E oc-curs periodically in the indicia—1909/11. 'TV' in-dicia in 1910 is merely a lost second leg of 'W'. During January/March and August/December, '01' for '10' in 1910. (Hammer XI is just the reverse.)



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Hammer XI

ammer Al Proofed: Unknown Earliest: July 26, 1909 Latest: April 29, 1913 Indicia: E, W--to March, 1911 33, 34-February, 1911/April, 1913 199-October 12, 1911 (one only-rare)

Usage: Apparently continuous over brief span of five years. R.F.: (5.5%).

K.F.: (5.5%). Comments: No proof strike has been found for this hammer. For May/July "01" for "10" in 1910 (see Hammer X) 199 above appears right in the middle of 33, 34 fore and aft. An unusual strike W/May 20/1911 is known on a 2c Admiral, an obvious impossibility.



Hammer XII

Proofed: Unknown

Earliest: July 18, 1910

Latest: December 31, 1939 Indicia: E, W-to July, 1911; June, 1918 (W-one only).

199, 200--August, 1911; June, 1912/June, 1914; August, 1916; 1917/1919. 33, 34—November, 1911/April, 1912; 1915

3-September, 1916; April, 1928-one each.

May 1916-one only. 4

1. 2-1925/1939.

31—December, 1932; January, 1935. January, 1936—one each.

Usage: Almost thirty years, with only two signifi-cant breaks in continuity-1920/24 and 1929/31. These gaps may be filled by finds of other collectors.

R.F.: 5 (6.7%). Comments: This hammer deteriorated quickly; by 1916, letters became thick and blurred, a condition that persisted through the balance of its life. It is that persisted through the balance of the first it is interesting that this hammer remain in service when others, apparently in better condition, were with-drawn. Similar to Hammer VIII, later strikes of Hammer XII are easily recognized by the thick, heavy strikes.



Hammer XIII Froofed: March 9, 1909 Earliest: March 24, 1910 Latest: August 22, 1918 Indicia: W-to February, 1911 (E not known) 199-September/October, 1911

June/July, 1912 October/December 1914 October/November 1916 200—August, 1918—(One only—rare) 33, 34—November, 1911/April, 1915 Usage: Continuous for nine years with almost no

break.

R.F.: 5 (2.7%).

R.F.: 5 (2.1%). Comments: This clean, crisp hammer is the most difficult of the Group B hammers to find. Three strikes on the above proof date proved to be identi-cal and one hammer. "0" for "10" in March, 1910; "1" for "13" in November/December, 1913 (3 is faintly struck or missing),

Identification of Group B Hammers

Seven Group B Hammers, on balance, have the most widely spaced letters of all hammers of this run. Group A hammers are the most narrowly spaced and Group C falls between Group A and Group B.

Step 1. If there is no base line period after "P" of CAMP and no punctuation after "S" of EXPRESS, the strike must be a Group B hammer. If there is some question on either of these punctuations, take the chordal measurement from the bottom of the right leg of the "A" in CAMP to the bottom of the "V" in LEVIS. If this measurement is 111/2 mm to 12mm it must be a Group B hammer. Group A and Group C hammers are 11mm or less.

Step 2. Simultaneously take the chordal measurements from the bottom corner of the "L" to the bottom of the "V" and "I" of LEVIS: if these measure 41/2 mm and 5¹/₂mm, the strike must be Hammer IX; if 51/4 mm and 61/2 mm, it must be Hammer XIII; if 41/2 mm (or less) and 6mm, it must be Hammer VIII or X; if these measure 5mm and 6mm (or a shade over 6) it must be Hammer VII, XI or XII.

If the measurement taken in Step 3. "Step 1" is 111/2 mm, the strike is Hammer VIII: if 12mm, it is Hammer X.

Step 4. Take the measurement from the bottom of the "V" of LEVIS to the bottom of the "P" of EXPRESS. If this measures 8mm, the strike is Hammer XII: if 81/2 mm, it is Hammer VII; if 83/4 mm, it is Hammer XI.

Step 5. For further definition between Hammers VII and XI, take the measurement between the bottoms of the "P" of EXPRESS and the "P" of RPO. If this is 11mm, it is Hammer VII; if it is almost 111/2 mm, it is Hammer XI.

Referring to the identification of Group A Hammers, Steps 3 and 4, this measurement for Group A is always 11/2-2mm; for Group B Hammers it is always 21/2-almost 3mm. From Group A, Step 5, Group A Hammers are always 11mm or less; Group Hammers are always 111/2 mm-12mm. R

(Complete measurements will be presented at the end of Group C Hammers.)

For clean strikes of the seven Group B Hammers, the above steps afford a method of clear separation; the following are additional positive identification characteristics which may be helpful on partial strikes. (Please refer to accompanying photographs.)

- A Maltese cross at the bottom must be Hammer VII; a hook on the right leg of "A" of CAMP with a hook on the right leg of "A" of CAMP must be Hammer VII; a broken left leg in "V", even on heavy strikes, and a missing left leg in "R" of EXPRESS are both indicative of Hammer VII.
- mer VII. A Group B Hammer with a broken right foot in the "X" of EXPRESS must be Hammer VIII (Hammer III, Group A, has a similar characteris-tic); amissing right foot on the "R" of EX-PRESS must be Hammer VIII; additional charac-teristics of Hammer VIII; additional charac-teristics of Hammer VIII are a hook on left foot of "A" in CAMP (not visible in photo), a weak second leg in "M", parallel breaks in the bottom of the ampersand, a break in each leg of the "V" and in the "T" in LEVIS, and breaks in the bottom of the loop of both "P"s. An ill-formed, open ampersand (see photo) posi-
- 3. An ill-formed, open ampersand (see photo) positively identifies Hammer IX; also indicative is a weak to missing top bar of the "E" and a weak to missing upper right leg in the "V" of LEVIS.
- Extensive rim damage, numerous breaks, from the "E" of EXPRESS to the "R" of RPO is in-dicative of Hammers VIII and IX.
 A missing right foot in the "A" of CAMP after November 1908 positively identifies Hammer X;
- the same is true with a double period after the "R" of RPO, which incidentally, usually has an open rather than a closed loop. After March 1911, a clean rim break over the "V" of LEVIS
- is indicative of Hammer X. A round hook on the lower bar of the "E" of LEVIS after October 1910 identifies Hammer XI. An accompanying splayed upright leg of the "L" in LEVIS confirms. A break in the lower left leg of the "A" in CAMP just below the bar in a Group B hammer identifies Hammer XI.
- A very heavy strike on late use is indicative of Hammer XII. A missing left leg of the "A" of CAMP, and a missing left leg of the "R" in EXPRESS in combination with a broken or missing left leg in the "R" of RPO identify Ham-7. mer XII.
- 8. Hammer XIII has the fewest individual letter characteristics of all Group B Hammers; how-ever, a rim break over the "M" of CAMP identi-fies Hammer XIII as does a missing left leg in the "R" of RPO when the left leg of the "R" in EXPRESS is only broken and not missing.

There are numerous other minor characteristics which assist in the identification of the seven Group B Hammers, but the above are the most definitive.



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The Sefacan — now only \$10,000 worth of scrap

After two trips to Winnipeg and a BNAPS Convention here in Calgary all within the space of two months, needless to say there are a few items worthy of note and interest to pass along. Before getting down to stamps in particular, there are one or two general comments I would like to make.

First is the winning of the Vinnie Greene award by your humble scribe for this Tagging Along column for Topics. I am very proud to be the custodian of this award jointly on behalf of two minority groups in the BNAPS. First is the group of correspondents who have kept me supplied with information, and without whom there would have been no column. Second is the small group of us whose interest and research centres on current issues, and who will be recognized and appreciated in years to come for recording the information now for the researchers to use in years to come.

During the past few months I have had occasion to talk to several Tagging fans concerning the format of my two type charts. I have noticed that most dealers and many catalogues still refer to the tagging types as one bar and two bar. I have also been told that the General Tagging types are all the same-the only difference being the size and format of the stamp. I was all set to revise my thinking and reduce and simplify the type charts, but an overwhelming majority have expressed the opinion that the charts should remain as they are. In view of this, an up to date chart is now in the hands of your editor, and will have probably been published by the time you read this. There should, of course, be no additions to the Winnipeg types, since the 1973 Christmas Issue is reported to be the last phosphor tagged set to be issued, and this being written late in October, I would be willing to bet that even this issue will be all General Tagged.

This leads into a little more information which is only indirectly connected with stamps. Dear old Sefacan in Winnipeg was sold to a scrap dealer in Winnipeg for \$10,000. The last day it was used was April 30, 1973, and it was dismantled and removed from the Winnipeg Post Office between June 18 and June 22, 1973. R.I.P.— Requiem In Phosphor—Rest In Peace—take your choice. The new machinery is being installed as this is being written, and early in the new year much of the Winnipeg mail will have the fluorescent chicken tracks and operator numbers as does that in Ottawa. I wonder if it will last as long as Sefacan's 11 years-plus?

I have started work on an up to date listing for General Tagged issues, but it will be time consuming, particularly since I do not have nearly as effective a grapevine as I had with Winnipeg collectors. I hope to have it ready in about six weeks, so you can expect it in *Topics* early in the New Year.

Two of my three fondest wishes have been realized in the past couple of weeks. First, through the courtesy of Alex Palin and David Lambert I can confirm that P.S. Perfins exist on tagged stamps, the 10c Jackpine dull paper to be exact. I cannot recall having had so many unconfirmed rumors about any other item as I have had on these P.S. tagged perfins. Second, after several years of waiting, I have finally secured copies of the 1954 QE 4c and 5c Tagged with the first G.N. Perfin Type. While on the subject of tagged perfins-I have yet to see a Perfin tagged with General Tag. Please report if, when, where, and on what!

I have a reliable report of the 10c Jackpine with Type 11A, also the current 10c with type 04A. In addition to the errors, the gums, and the papers, we now are faced with distinct variations in the widths of the fluorescent bars in the General Tagging. It would appear to be only the definitives (1967) so far, but should be watched for in the Oct. 17th issue as well. There is variation in the papers on the new issue, but let us hope it will not be quite as varied as the Centennial Issue was.



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Many members of the American Perfin Club collect all foreign perfins with a particular interest in Canadian perfins. The club distributes our handbook and as a result I get many enquiries and some new information.

Due to one of these contacts I have to revise our listing of the New York Life Insurance Company.

The Perfins Club listing has two designs used only from the New York office. Both are not as common in the United States as one would think of the head office of a large insurance company.

This company found it necessary to sometimes purchase Canadian stamps to prepay Canadian customs duty on advertising matter, to pay the 3c per \$100 required on cheques during the second World War period or to prepay return postage when sending mail to Canada for which they wished to prepay return postage.

Our handbook has previously listed only one design listed as N9 although the Perfins Club catalogue has two similar designs.

To avoid going into measurements, these two designs are fairly easy to recognize by the width of the letter "N". Our present listing is the wide variety, the new listing has a narrow "N", the difference being at least 1mm (see illustration). The narrow design is reported on 1934 Excise Tax (Sisson R-305).

Our N10 may need a slight revision in the handbook. Dr. W. C. Horning drew my attention to the fact that we had illustrated N10g as N10. I admit that this was used to show the general design and not the particular code-hole type.

The embarrassing point is that so far as I know, N10, the basic design as shown but without code holes, would be used only from the New York office of the company for one of the three purposes mentioned earlier. My own copy is on the 4c violet of 1953. I have seen so few of this basic design without code hole that I consider the revision would be to change the rarity factor to 75. Sorry about the illustration.

While on the subject of NYL I illustrate two other items of this company. So few companies punch coil stamps that it is interesting to find Scott 347, the 4c violet coil of the 1954 issue punched at the Winnipeg, Manitoba office.

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Number Description		escription	Name of User Issu		Rev. Stamp	p RF	
N9	NLY	H51/2-9-51/2	New York Life Ins. Co.	1930/60	CD/ET	40	
	(wide)	N)	New York, U.S.A.				
N9A	NLY	H51/2-9-51/2	New York Life Ins. Co.	1934	ET	80	
	(narro	wN)	New York, U.S.A.				
N10	NLY	H51/2-9-51/2	New York Life Ins. Co.	1954	ET	75	
			New York, U.S.A.				

New listings and correction

TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

Kenneth Pugh is about to issue the second part of his excellent study, Varieties of the Queen Elizabeth Era. The first dealt with types of varieties and how they occur; the second covers specific major varieties known, and will be available by the time you read this. But he needs help for his continuing research on the subject, and asks members to loan him copies of the following, for examination:

The 1962 "G" varieties (the raised "G" and missing "G") on the 2c definitive; the 8c on 7c jet plane, one without surcharge, from 1964; the 5c Education, with the missing light brown color from 1962; the Seaway 5c from 1959 with the missing "DA"; the 1967 4c and 5c from the \$1.50 booklet showing the broken necklace variety; and the 1967-73 issue coils showing hairlines. The stamps would be returned, and carefully handled.

And back in Ottawa, Maj. Dick Malott is home again after his stint in Viet Nam and once again is corresponding with members on matters philatelic, particularly on Canadian first - flight covers, aerograms, Canadian Forces air letter forms, crash covers, balloons (and anything that flies). Write him for details on covers from the hot-air balloon races at Albuquerque, New Mexico last February.

TRADE TALK

G. K. Hall & Co. of 70 Lincoln Street, Boston, has published *Philatelics: A Catalog* of the Collectors Club Library, a book 10x14 inches made up of reproductions of the library's 26,500 stock cards, each describing one book on the shelves of the famed Collectors Club library in New York. Included are priced auction catalogues, exhibition brochures, periodicals, and scores of similar publications, as well as virtually all the text books ever published on philately; there are 5,100 handbooks alone. Prior to April of next year, the book is available for \$95 (\$104.50 outside the U.S.)

The H. E. Harris & Co. catalogue of U.S.

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and BNA is issued twice a year; the 1973-74 version is now out, running to 200-plus pages — and, as always, an attractively-printed and concise volume, covering the U.S. field, in particular, extremely well.

Speaking of books, watch for the latest BNAPS' handbook on flag cancels, written by Ed Richardson. It's now being typeset, and should be available early next year through the book department.

Speaking of the trade, there seems to be a great shortage, generally speaking, of used blocks of recent commemorative stamps. For that matter, even used singles of many issues of the past 10 and 20 years are scarcer than one would expect. More and more collectors seem to be going after mint stamps these days, and ignoring the used. Meanwhile dealers say they're having trouble finding good used blocks for the collectors who *do* save them.

One reason for the scarcity is certainly this: that dealers as a whole are much less interested in buying bulk quantities of used stamps from the public at large (or from firms that receive a lot of stamped mail) than they used to be.

The dealers are relying more and more on wholesalers for their stocks, instead of going out after them on their own. And wholesalers seem to have lost interest as well. With commemoratives coming out more frequently than ever (see next item) but on sale for shorter and shorter periods at post offices, the used-stamp market is getting to the point when you can mail a letter, save the used stamp and sell it for half its face value after a year. And blocks? It's almost worth overpaying the postage and sending out four stamps if you can recover them after they've been through the mails.

Post Office Department NEW ISSUES

Postmaster General André Ouellet announced the Canada Post Office Stamp Program for 1974. A total of 45 stamps have been incorporated in the schedule, including two issues of Olympic semi-postal values.

Each issue of Olympic semi-postal values will be offered in surcharged denominations of 8c, 10c and 15c. Both issues will feature four different designs repeated in the three denominations for a total of 12 stamps each issue. The designs, stressing physical fitness, will depict Canadians in typical outdoor activities. The designs for the spring issue portray swimming, jogging, hiking and cycling. Continuing this theme, the fall issue portrays skiing, skating, snow shoeing and curling in its designs.

The schedule for the 1974 Stamp Program is as follows:

January 16—Pacific Coast Indians (two 8c stamps)

- February 22—Pacific Coast Indians (two 8c stamps)
- March 22 Olympic Semi-Postals (four 8 plus 2c, four 10 plus 5c, four 15 plus 5c)
- April 10 World Cycling Championships (8c)
- May 3 Winnipeg Centennial (8c)
- June 7 Centenary of Letter Carrier Service in Canada (five 8c stamps)
- July 12 Agriculture in Canada (8c)
- July 26 Invention of the Telephone (8c) August 28 — Multicultural series (two 8c stamps)
- September 23 Olympic Semi-Postals (four 8 plus 2c, four 10 plus 5c, four 15 plus 5c)
- October 9 Universal Postal Union Centennial (8c and 15c)
- November 1 Christmas (6c, 8c, 10c and 15c)

BNAPS: ELECTED OFFICERS

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Alfred P. Cook, Coy Glen Road, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850 Sam C. Nickle, 1208 Belavista Cres., Calgary 9, Alta. James A. Pike, 5805 Balsam St., Apt. 801, Vancouver, B.C. Jack Levine, 2121-G North Hills Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27610 Leo J. LaFrance, Box 229, Ossining, New York 10562 Nine sitting; three elected each year for a three-year trm: 1971-1973: James C. Lehr, E. H. Hausmann, Robert H. Pratt 1972-1974; G. B. Llewellyn (chairman), C. R. McNeil, D. G. Rosenblat 1973-1975: Ed Richardson, Wilmer C. Rockett, S. S. Kenyon

minutes of the

25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CALGARY, ALBERTA, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1973

The meeting was officially opened and called to order at 10 a.m. by president Al Cook. He asked the meeting to rise in silent prayer to the memory of our deceased members.

President Cook then read a message from member Jar Gross, offering his best wishes for a successful convention.

On motion by E. A. Richardson, seconded by E. Whiting, the meeting voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting as published in BNA *Topics* of November 1972.

President Cook welcomed all to the convention and, for himself and on behalf of all those attending, expressed the appreciation and thanks of all to Sam Nickle for an excellent convention. President Cook offered and expressed his appreciation to all officers and committees for their performance of their duties.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is my extreme pleasure to be here with you all at this our 25th annual convention and especially to enjoy with you all this, the 30th anniversary of our Society. I think it fitting and proper for me on such an occasion to assume to speak for the four of the original 10 "Founding Fathers" who are still with us as members of the Society: Walter Pollock, Harold Meyers, Bill Peterman (our Treasurer Emeritus) and myself, and say, "Thanks to all fellow BNAPSers since that first 10 for making our Society the wonderful Society it is—the best, none better!

Each and every prior year, I have started my report by remarking "as usual and normal, my report will show an increase in our total membership". I'll change that slightly this year and report that our membership had a remarkable increase, the best ever: 103. Let me offer here a comparative analysis between this year and last, to show and establish how that remarkable increase was realized:

There were four Life Members this year to the total of 39 Life Members.

Let me explain here that the 1330 figure does not correspond with the total membership figure reported in the October issue of Topics. When doing a monthly tabulation, I noticed some errors in the printed reports which were continued but have been corrected in my report of the November issue of the magazine.

Further in my report of membership enrollment, let me add another gratifying aspect — 57 members participated in new member enrollment this year compared to 44 last year and 40 the year prior to that. This continued increase in membership participation in enrollments is a very nice indication of the members' attitude and opinion of their Society — the society for their friend-collectors.

Each year the President's Certificate is awarded the member who proposed the most new members during the year. The secretary tabulated the new members and proposers from January 1, 1972, to December 31, 1972 and the member who proposed the most members is, once again, Glenn H. Hansen.

Each year a winner is voted to receive the V. G. Greene Award - a silver cup awarded to the author or authors of the best original article or series of articles, column or series of columns, which originally appeared in Topics. To select such a winner, the elected officers, members of the Board of Governors and the donor of the award are canvassed by the Secretary for their three selections in order of their considered merit. Points are awarded on this basis: 3 for 1st, 2 for 2nd and 1 for 3rd; and the selection so receiving the most points is so voted the winner. The above noted were canvassed by the secretary and all but five eligibles submitted their selections. The secretary tabulated the selections on the point basis and the winner is Kenneth G. Rose.

- Jack Levine, Secretary

The secretary's motion for approval was seconded by G. B. Llewellyn and accepted by the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The annual report of the treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1972 was presented and published in the August issue of Topics. As noted in this report we had a net income of \$1,582.43 which is about the same net as reported for 1971. This was due to all concerned with operation of the various departments of the Society in making concerted effort to control costs and strive for additional sources of income.

We are sincerely appreciative of their efforts and wish to take this opportunity to thank them all.

Operations for the year 1973 through September 15th have indicated an unad-

New members enrolled Replaced on Rolls		1972 159 8	Dropped from Rolls Resignations Deceased		4
Increase Total	170	167	Decrease Total	67	83

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY: 1971-72 VS. 1972-73

justed income of \$15,127.99 and expenses of \$9,402.46. With expected expense of \$6,000 for the remainder of the year and additional income of \$600 we should finish with a surplus of about \$325.

However, with the increase in membership it will require our increasing the number of Topics printed along with additional cost for postage, mailing, etc., so that this overage may disappear. It should also be noted that the unadjusted income does not take into account what the final costs and earnings of the various departments will be at the year's end.

Since we still have funds that can be used for current expense I have not asked that dues be increased for the year 1974. It is not improbable that with mounting costs it may be necessary to take such a step for 1975. — Leo LaFrance

The treasurer's motion for approval was seconded by E. Whiting and affirmed by the meeting.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Since our meeting in St. John's, Newfoundland, September 9, 1972 the Board has received one complaint from a dealer member resulting in the expulsion of a member under Article 5 Section 4 for conduct unbecoming a member.

The Treasurer's report for the year 1972 was received on June 2, 1973 and the Treasurer was instructed to publish the balance sheet and income and expense statement in Topics pending their presentation to the Board at our meeting in Calgary.

On June 24, 1973 I received a lengthy communication from editor and board member E. H. Hausmann regarding the work done by members Fred Keane and Paul Hughes on the 1967 Definitive Issue. This subject will be on our agenda under new business.

On July 17, 1973 President Alfred P. Cook forwarded a letter received from President Harry Sutherland of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada regarding two resolutions re Tagging adopted by the Royal at their annual meeting in Toronto requesting our support in presenting this matter to the Post Office Department. This matterial was mailed to all Board members on July 21, 1973 advising that the matter would be on the agenda for discussion at our meeting at Calgary. My letter requested those that would not be in attendance to let me have their vote by mail.

The action taken by the Board on these matters as well as any other action taken during our meeting will be reported to the membership at large at the General Annual meeting.

- George B. Llewellyn, chairman

Llewellyn moved the acceptance of his report and, on second by I. Taylor, was affirmed by the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Chairman Llewellyn reported on the meeting of the Board of Governors held at 10:30 a.m. on September 21, 1973, at Calgary, Alberta. He reported that a full Board was in attendance.

The secretary was instructed by the Board that he shall hereafter specifically note where a member is expelled and for what reason instead of such expelled member be listed only as dropped from rolls.

Treasurer LaFrance read his report to the Board and was instructed to confer with John Love, C.P.A., to set up proper procedures to be observed and followed by the Sales and Handbook Departments which would result in meaningful audit of the Society's books in accordance with standard accounting practices. LaFrance advised the Board that, due to extreme demands and pressures of business, he would not stand for re-election after the finish of this term.

David Verity also informed the Board that, due to demands of the office of Handbook Department, he too had to ask for a replacement and would continue to serve until such a replacement has been appointed. Both were given accolade for their excellent performance in their offices.

President Cook advised the Board that the convention guidelines were now completed and in the hands of the future convention Chairmen as required.

The Board approved the expenditure of approximately \$2000 for publication of the now completed handbook on Fancy Cancellations by E. A. Richardson.

The Board also appointed a committee composed of president Cook, editor Hausmann and board chairman Llewellyn, to complete publication of a handbook on the Definitive Issues of 1967 compiled by Keane

and Hughes and that final decision be made during May 1974.

The Board confirmed its decision to consider the transfer of the Society's library to the Postal Museum in 1974 as decided last year.

On motion by Cook, seconded by Pratt, the Board affirmed the motion that the Society not endorse or participate in the approved resolution of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada regarding the tagging of the P.O. department issues.

The Board approved a motion by Nickle, seconded by Rockett, that the Society advise the proper postal authorities that, while we greatly appreciate the offer to include membership promotional material in specific mailings of their department, we regretfully had to decline such offer.

Ed Richardson was appointed to review the rules for Society exhibitions with authority to revise these rules to conform with the very high standards of society exhibitions.

George Llewellyn was re-elected to serve as chairman of the Board by a unanimous vote of the Board.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

Editor Ed Hausmann reported to the meeting that his office has been functioning well and that a reasonable supply of material was on hand but he can and does always use and need more. Review of new books, etc., has been placed in the able hands of Max Rosenthal. He thanked all who have contributed material to the magazine and the Editorial Board for its great help when called on for such assistance.

REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Our hard-working editor, Ed Hausmann, is again to be congratulated on his outstanding work as editor of Topics and making a determined effort to get the magazine out on time.

There was very little criticism of Topics, except, perhaps, in the April issue where some members objected to the 'April fool' article, which I, personally, thought very amusing.

We have several interesting manuscripts on hand which the editor plans to publish during the coming year.

- V. G. Greene, chairman The report was accepted on motion by V. G. Greene, seconded by R. Carr.

REPORT OF THE SALES MANAGER

Current sales this year are well behind our record pace of 1972, primarily because of a lack of enough material for sale. We continue to serve about 250 members or about 20% of the membership. On behalf of all those using the Sales Department I would like to give special thanks to those members who have been submitting material to the circuits regularly for a number of years - H. G. Walburn and Fred Hadley for keeping precancels going (with Bob Wooley's help); Bill Rockett and Ed Richardson, who keep revenue collectors happy (with some help from me); Stu Kenyon with a constant flow of cancellations; Bob Woolley on general Canada; and last but not least, Vinnie Greene, who keeps everyone happy. Don't know what I'd do without them.

There have been no unusual problems this year. Although our sales will be lower this year, the Sales Department will continue to run profitably and contribute both service and earnings to the membership.

- James C. Lehr

On motion by Llewellyn, seconded by LaFrance, the report was accepted.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Again I am unable to attend our annual convention, but I know it will be most successful. My regards to all in attendance.

In my past two annual reports I did not mention the number of requests that I received from members; frankly it was a bit embarrassing to mention. In the past current year requests went up by 100%-plus, with 117 sendings to 67 members. This total does not count the number of times that members asked for information for their research from the library which were many. The majority of the requests for literature from the library have come from the new members.

No binding was done in the current year, but the new year will see more of our journals bound and jackets made.

A supplement to the Library List has been completed consisting of 300 plus new titles.

I would like to thank those members who donated philatelic literature to the library over the past year, and the members of the Library Committee for their support.

- Michael Squirell

A motion by V. G. Greene to accept the report was seconded by Llewellyn and so voted accepted.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

As you will have noticed from the report of the librarian, requests for books are up 100% with 67 members using the services of the library. This is very encouraging and shows that members are aware that we have one of the best libraries of BNA material in existence.

The Board wishes to thank Mike Squirell for again doing an excellent job as Librarian for the Society.

-V. G. Greene, Chairman Motion by Llewellyn, seconded by LaFrance that the report be accepted and so ordered.

REPORT OF THE CIRCULATION MANAGER

Sales of back issues of Topics continues at a steady rate as has the sale of Tagged Stamp articles made up into sets. The Circulation Department still maintains a very good supply of most issues of Topics from 1955 to date which are made available to everyone at \$1 per copy, post-paid.

Mailing costs have again risen this year, with some degree of improvement in the delivery of Topics. A number of our regular members have requested first class or even airmail delivery of their copy of Topics. These requests have unfortunately had to be declined.

It is of interest to note that the Circulation Department is now located in a room devoted entirely to the hobbies of the manager and that all correspondence now receives almost immediate attention.

A comment should be made here on the high cost of stationery in the 1972 financial statement. In 1971 much of the equipment used was borrowed, also acquired by begging and 'lease-lend' and paper was donated. In 1972 with sufficient funds on hand it was felt that the department could afford to set itself up on its own feet. So small items of normal office equipment were acquired.

The financial report which is submitted with this written report again indicates another successful year of operations. This situation should continue on into the new year, with our ever so slightly increasing membership.

During the month of October it was necessary to increase our printing requirements of Topics to take into consideration this increase in our membership. We are presently printing 1350 copies per month.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT January 1st, 1972 to December 31st, 1972

RECEIPTS

Balance Forward \$103.32 Sales of Topics and Tagged Stamp articles 354.77

- \$458.09

EXPENDITURES

Postage	\$ 70.17
Remitted to Treasurer	150.00
Tagged Stamp Articles	
(Printing, Binding and	
mailing)	20.00
Stationery	55.45
Miscellaneous	31.66

\$327.28

Balance Forward \$130.81

- Robert Boudignon

It was moved by Levine, seconded by LaFrance that the report be accepted and so ordered.

REPORTS OF PUBLICITY CHAIRMEN

CANADIAN DIVISION

You are probably aware that I have been called many things, among which is a "man of letters".

However, this report is short on my reporting number I have written this past year, most were acknowledged favourably.

As previously advised, fewer copies of my work were distributed to reduce costs.

I would like to report on one I wrote "with tongue in cheek"—to The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada—asking if they wouuld waive protocol—believe it or not, it was a pleasant surprise they accorded to my request.

- C. Russell McNeil

U.S. DIVISION

A total of 24 magazines, newspapers and other periodicals were sent press releases in conjunction with BNAPEX '73. Two

releases were sent. The first (with general information) was sent in May, the second (dealing with the first day Olympic covers) was sent in July. After January 1974 information will be sent on BNAPEX '74, being held in Williamsburg.

- Alfred H. Kessler

It was moved by I. Taylor, seconded by Llewellyn, that McNeil's report be accepted as read and so ordered.

It was moved by Levine, seconded by Llewellyn, that Kessler's report be accepted as read and so ordered.

REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Your handbook committee continues to operate efficiently and has had another successful year. Much of the success is due to the efforts of Dave Verity who was good enough to take over the distribution of books a couple of years ago.

He has added several books of interest which we have distributed as agents.

Of our own publications, BNA Fakes and Forgeries by E. A. Smythies has had good demand and the second edition of Fancy Cancellations of the Nineteenth Century by Day and Smythies, with some 300 additional designs which had been published in Topics is moving quite well.

A supplement to the Perfins Handbook bringing the information up to date has been published, updating the 1967 edition to 1973.

I am hopeful that by the end of this year we will be able to publish Canadian Flag Cancellations by Ed Richardson — a long needed handbook which I am sure will be very popular.

Unfortunately, Dave Verity finds that he is unable to carry on his job as distributor due to the lack of necessary time involved and we are looking for a replacement.

Some member, now retired from business, would find this to be an interesting part time occupation and the Board of Governors would be very pleased to hear from a volunteer.

- Robert Woolley

Motion was seconded by Llewellyn and so voted accepted.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The undersigned received from the secretary, and processed, 54 applications during July 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973. It is with pleasure that I report all applicants' references returned favorable information as to the character of said applicants. In fact that were several that indicated some very promising and what should prove very exceptional future members of the society. The average age of the 54 applicants was 36 years.

- Alfred H. Kessler

Moved accepted by Levine, seconded by LaFrance and so ordered.

REPORT OF THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

Ed Whiting reported to the meeting that there had been a slight increase in advertising during the past year and expected such improvement would continue. He asked that all advertising copy be sent to him and not to any other office since it caused delays.

REPORT OF STUDY GROUPS CHAIRMAN

Ed Richardson reported to the meeting that the 10 study group seminars conducted at the convention were all well attended and successful. Two new study groups were formed — one on RPOs chaired by L. Ludlow, the second on Military Forms chaired by C. Campbell.

REPORT ON CONVENTIONS

Convention chairman Bob Carr reported to the meeting that preliminary plans have been effected for the 1974 convention in Williamsburg, Virginia. The Williamsburg Lodge where the convention will be held cannot confirm any prices until May of 1974. Levine, host of the convention together with Mr. Warlick, will try to get an earlier commitment from the Lodge in order to advise the membership of charges early enough for them to make early reservations. Releases about the convention will be published in *Topics*.

For 1975 George Wegg will host the annual convention in Toronto at the Guild of All Arts on September 18-20. More details will be reported at the 1974 convention.

Lew Ludlow has committed San Francisco for the 1976 convention at it will be given serious consideration.

Stu Kenyon entered a bid for Edmonton for the 1977 convention and it too will

be considered. Harry Lussey will investigate the possibilities for the 1978 convention in Florida.

The 1979 convention is being given serious consideration to be held in Ottawa under the hosting of Jim Kraemer.

Under new business, Glenn Hansen suggested that the Society consider the possibility of preparing binders for the magazine that would be sold to the members for that purpose. There were other suggestions offered and all will be taken under consideration to a report at the next convention.

John Siverts suggested to the meeting that less expensive methods of producing the membership directory be explored. The officers were given the authority to explore the avenues of producing the membership directory and to then proceed with such production.

REPORT OF THE BALLOT COMMITTEE

Since the candidates for the three members of the Board of Governors were uncontested, the secretary, Jack Levine, cast one vote for the candidates and thus officially re-elected them to continue in office. Those so elected to continue in office as Board of Governors for the term of 1974-1976 were: Edward H. Hausmann, James C. Lehr, and Robert H. Pratt.

The meeting rose to give a standing ovation and vote of thanks to Sam Nickle for the excellent convention provided in all areas

There being no further business for consideration by the meeting, it was voted adjourned on motion by Richardson, seconded by Llewellvn.

From the Secretary

JACK LEVINE Raleigh, North Carolina

New Members

New Members Beswick, Michael, 84 Scarborough Heights Blvd., Scarborough, Ont. Cohen, Morton W., 141 Ardmore Road, West Hartford, Connecticut 06119 Durnick, Thomas J., 8—9926 84 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T6E 2G3 Hale, George L., M.D., No. 2204—1333 South Park Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia Hoffman, Michael J., Staff U.S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia 23708 Holeton, David R., Nashotah House, Nashotah, Wisconsin 53058 Kuttner, William R., 3535 Chevy Chase Lake Drive, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015 Lee, Ian A., 20 Connaught Street, Oshawa, Ontario L1G 2G9 MacDiarmid, Selwyn Wesley, Box 5094, Station F, Ottawa, Ontario K2C 3H3 Madge, Victor A., 661 Dane Avenue, North Bay, Ontario P1B 7G8 Morin, Cimon, 283 rue Williams, Apt. 3, Sherbrooke, Que. Rutherford, A. T., 3650 Walnut Grove Road, R.R. 4, Mississauga, Ontario Whitrock, Jon R., 509 South St. John Street, Bethany, Illinois 61914 Wirth, Edmund, 355 Touzin Avenue, Dorval 780, Quebec Wright, Dr. A. J. L., 20 Waubeek Street, Parry Sound, Ontario P2A 1B9 Wyllie, Alfred Kenneth, P.O. Box 728, Kingston, Ontario K7L 4X6 2999 3000 3001 3002 3003 3004 3005 3006 3007 3008 3009 3010 3011 3012 3013 3014 Applications Pending – "A" Group (Applications shall be pending in two successive issues of the magazine)

(Applications shall be pending in two successive issues of the magazine) Ayre, Hartley SJ., Vane Cottage, 22 Cleveland Walk, Bath, BA2 6JU, England Birkenhead, Michael, 8 Hollow Lane, Hayling Island, Hants, England Brolly, Michael T., 252 Sherman Avenue, New York, New York 10034 Burger, C. Allan, 49 Cuffley Crescent South, No. 303, Downsview, Ontario M3K 1X4 Calirns, R. J. Douglas, 3580 Yonge Street, No. 308, Toronto, Ontario M4N 2N8 Collins, Robert A., Box 211, Alsask, Alsask, Saskatchewan Denman, Robin, 334 Dulwich Avenue, St. Lambert, Quebec LoPatriello, Robert B. M., 98 Elmer Avenue, No. 108, Toronto, Ontario M4L 3R7 Milpacher, H. Peter, 694 McClure Road, Kelowna, British Columbia Myers, John H., 69 Grand Street, Midletown, Connecticut 06457 McKenzie, Mrs. Catherine, 378 King Street, Amherstburg, Ontario N9V 2E2 Nishio, Herbert K., 52 East 41st, No. 1, San Mateo, California 94403 Richardson, Sidney T., 410—11th Avenue N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2M 0B9 Sabourin, Marcel, 224 Richelieu Blvd., Beloeil, Co. Vercheres, Quebec Smith, George Y., M.D., 133 Woodridge Road, Butler, Pennsylvania 16001 Thompson, D. H., 11228 Braniff Green S.W., Calgary, Alberta Walters, Peter S., 1724 Newport Hills Drive West, Newport Beach, Calif. 92660

Applications Pending - "B" Group

Archcer, J. H., 2142 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221 Baldwin, Fred A., 39 Fairholt Road South, Hamilton, Ontario L8M 275 Baldwin, Fred A., 59 Fairfolt Road South, Hamilton, Ontario L8M 215 Berman, Elliot A., c/o Moss, Lawson & Co., 2 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ont. M4V 1L5 Bezanson, Warren B., 1702 Canterbury Road, Greenville, North Carolina 27834 Christman, Edwin F. Jr., 5419 Jason, Houston, Texas 77035

Deedy, Kenneth J., 782 Sylvan Avenue, Bayport, New York 11705 Gray, John J., 44 High Street, Tenterden, Kent, England Griffis, Gary, P.O. Box 296, Pointe Claire, Dorval, Quebec Laroche, Jacques J., 97 Convoy Avenue, Halifax, Nova Scotia Macneall, Norman, 22A Aldwych Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4J 1X2 Mann, P. M., 36 Sydenham Street, Guelph, Ontario N1H 2W4 Murray, Rev. Thomas Barry, 45 Winnett Street, Woodstock, Ontario N4S 5Z4 Pope, Preston A., 217 Southcliff Avenue, S. San Francisco, Calif. 94080 Shelton, Joseph M., 219 Beechy Drive, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4C 2X6 Simrak, Ray, Schoolane R.R. 1, Windsor, Ontario N9A 6J3

Applications for Membership

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

(C-Collector D-Dealer DC-Dealer-Collector) (c-correspond x-exchange)

- ALYEA, Gordon R., R.R. No. 7, Belleville, Ont. K8N 4Z7 (C-cx) CAN, NFD, N.S., PEI, N.B.—19th and 20th centurymintandusedpostage and blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Precancels. Mint and used Airmails. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- ASSAD, William J., Box 402, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 8V4 (D) 1st Day covers. Proposed by C. R. McNeill (649).
- BARNES, W. H., 280 Main St., Ottawa, Ont. K1S 1E1 (C) CAN, NFD, PROV-19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Complete Booklets. Precancels. Mint and used Airmails. Postal Stationery entires. Tagging, papers and coatings. Proposed by L. R. Horning (2191). Seconded by C. H. Bayley (704).
- BEAUDET, Leopold, 158B McArthur Ave., No. 609, Vanier, Ont. K1L 8C9 (C) CAN, NFD-Mint and used postage. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes and complete. Precancels. Mint and used Airmails. Postal Stationery entires. Literature. Perf., papers, shades, constant flaw and tagged varieties. Propoosed by J. Levine (L1).
- CARTER, Jack P., 4353 Illinois St., San Diego, Calif. 92104 (C-cx) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Federal, Provincial and Tax-Paid Revenues. Mint, used and semi-official Airmails. SPE-CIALTY—Revenues. Proposed by E. A. Richardson (168).
- CZAPLICKI, Ronald A., P.O. Box 4635, Inglewood, Calif. 90309 (C) CAN-19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes and complete. Federal and Provincial Revenues. Mint and used Airmails. Postal Stationery entires. Literature. Proofs and Essays. All cancellations. SPECIALTY-19th century Postal History and Postal Stationery. Proposed by D. M. Verity (2312).
- DRAKE, John J., 1 Villa Verde Drive, Buffalo Grove, Ill. 60090 (C) CAN, NFD, PROV-19th and 20th century mint postage. 1st Day covers. Federal and Provincial Revenues. Mint and semi-official Revenues. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- GRAPER, John C., P.O. Box 4200, Delaware City, Del. 19706 (C) CAN, NFD, B.C., N.S., P.E.I., N.B.— 19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Coils, OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes and complete (QE II). Precancels (QE II). Christmas Seals. Federal and Provincial Revenues. Mint Airmails. Literature. "Locals". SPECIALTY—QE Definitives and Tagged. Proposed by D. M. Verity (2312).
- KRIZ, John J., 3306 Hayes St., Evanston, Ill. 60201 (C-cx) CAN, NFD, PROV-19th century mint postage and blocks. Pre-stamp, stampless and 1st Flight covers. Coils, OHMS-G, Precancels, Seals, Provincial Revenues, Postal Stationery entires, Literature, Proofs and Essays. "Locals". Territorial and Slogan cancellations. SPECIALTY-19th and early 20th century covers. N.W.T., Yukon Postal Stationery. Proposed by R. M. Lamb (1255). Seconded by A. W. Leggett (2471).
- LOVE, Andrew G., 72 Baycrest Place, Calgary, Alta. T2V 0K6 (C) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st Day covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. Mint and used Airmails. Literature. SPECIALTY—George V issues. Proposed by A. Murray (2858). Seconded by J. Benningen (1881).
- MOREIRA, Arthur, P.O. Box 355, Halifax, N.S. (C-x) NFD-19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Pre-stamp, stampless, 1st Day, 1st Flight covers. Plate Blocks. Mint, used booklet panes and complete. Revenues. Mint, used, semi-official Airmails and on cover. Postal Stationery entires. Literature. Proofs and Essays. Cancellations. Proposed by H. D. Hicks (247). Seconded by E. P. Tizard (1911).
- PIZIALI, Lawrence C., 1168 Manistique, Detroit, Mich. 48215 (C-cx) CAN, NFD, N.B., N.S., P.E.I.-Mint postage. Coils. IHMS-G. Mint Airmails. "Locals". Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- PREISLER, Rev. H. Max, Clarendon, Quyon, Que. (C-cx) CAN—20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st Day covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. Mint, used booklet panes and complete. Precancels. Literature. Proofs and Essays. Cancellations. Re-entries. SPECIALTY—2c Red Admiral in all forms. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- ROSENBERG, Howard, 1340 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60626 (C-cx) CAN-Mint and used postage. 19th century covers. SPECIALTY-Centennial Definitives low values. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- ROUSE, Eric G., 20 Saratoga Drive, Scarborough, Ont. M1P 4H9 (C) CAN-19th century used postage. RPO, Squared Circle cancellations. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- WINSLOW, Rev. John A., 105 Hill St., Kinston, N.C. 28501 (C) CAN, NFD-19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Colls. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Federal, Provincial and Tax-Paid Revenues. Mint, used and semi-official Airmails. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- WOIKE, Mervin E., 316 East 89th St., Apt. 4D, NYC 10028 (C) CAN-19th century mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Federal and Proovincial Revenues. Mint Airmails. Postal Stationery entires. Proofs and Essays. SPECIALTY-Revenues. Proposed by W. C. Rockett (249).
- WOOLCOTT, Robert J., 224 Jeffcoat Drive, Rexdale, Ont. (C-cx) Squared Circles. Proposed by N. A. Pelletier (1268).

Changes of Address

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Notes from the Librarian

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Major R. K. Malott has sent the library a revised listing of the 15c Canada Gooose Aerogrammes of Canada 1971-72 which appeared in the January 1973 Topics, plus another study by Malott and Capt. George Vanderburgh, A Brief History of Canadian Forces Post Office (CFTO) 5005 In South Viet Nam Serving the MSSD-ICCS. Included in this second study is South Vietnam's Military Postal System and a map of Vietnam showing the sites of the ICCS.

Henry Chlana has donated \$3 for bookbinding. The book plate (illustrated) with the donor's name will be placed in a bound book for which donations are received.

The National Postal Museum had an excellent display of cancelling devices including all the known found Squared Circle hammers and some rare WWI hammers. Jim Kreamer and his staff have my congratulations and I know those who were in attendance at the Royal Convention in Toronto this past June, for this presentation. It is imperative that information concerning the location of old cancelling hammers be relayed to the National Postal Museum, so that they may be preserved for future philatelists.

Memo from the President

ALFRED P. COOK Ithaca, New York

The following cable sent on September 24 to Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, whose annual convention started September 26:

Dr. M. W. Carstairs, CPSGB Convention, Queens College, High Street, Oxford, England. Annual meeting BNAPS September 22, unanimously sends greetings to CPSGB. Also authorized Bob Woolley not only to transport dues from members, but also to convey this message. Unfortunately Bob had coronary now under intensive care prognosis fair Calgary care Sam Nickle. Your (continued on page 242)

Further Sketches of BNAPSers...

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J. PAUL HUGHES

A 67-issue specialist, along with many other interests

J. Paul Hughes No. 2042

When I heard of the efforts of two of our members working on a new handbook of the 1967-73 issues, I missed F. W. L. Keane but I did manage to get to do a sketch of J. Paul Hughes — and here it is.

Paul is a native of Edmonton and homesteaded in northern Alberta during the depression. During World War II, he spent five years as an officer in the British Columbia Dragoons — much of it overseas. He returned from the war to become a lumberman and a carpenter. He "retired" in 1967 but two years later, was back to work with the British Columbia Ferry System — and he lives in Sidney, B.C.

Paul has been collecting for over 20 years, mainly Canada with emphasis on the Squared Circles, RPOs, Town Cancels, Stationery, and Perfins. In addition, he has some New Zealand, plus ships and horses on stamps.

Besides the handbook, Paul does *Topics* and our Society a great service: he takes care of the Index, no small task. Also, he has contributed to *Topics* (February, 1972).

-Dr. R. V. C. Carr

...and some doodles by The Editor

A Parable for Postal People: There was once a fine, wholesome, ultra-respectable family whose style of living was said to set an example for the entire nation. The family was written up in the picture magazines, university quarterlies and all the newspapers, and indeed the families in children's books were modelled after them. There was a father, a mother, a girl and a boy (plus a white dog who barked on cue). They all worked hard and drank lots of milk.

But one day when the children were out, the mother said to the father, "I'm afraid something is very wrong with the children. They've been acting strange lately. We give them larger and larger allowances, yet they sell their Christmas presents every January. I think they've got a—a badhabitofsomesort," she said. She didn't like to say it too plainly. "Whatever it is, it's an expensive habit. I think they're even pilfering money from my purse." She sniffed looudly.

"A bad habit, eh?" said the father. "This might be more serious than you think."

In a few days the father came in, ashen-white. He got straight to the point. "They're collecting mint plate-blocks of new issues," he announced. "And what's more, they're collecting all *four positions*. They're hooked. Oh my God!" "Oh dear," said the mother, breaking into tears. "They're so young. How did it ever

"Oh dear," said the mother, breaking into tears. "They're so young. How did it ever get started? I suppose they began just like the others you read about — they come from good families, but they save just one little stamp, and then because they don't want to be called sissies they save another. Can't the police clamp down on the, the — what do they call them, the *pushers*?"

"Are you kidding?" said the father. "It's the government which is behind it."

"The government? Our government?"

"Of course. Who do you think is doing this to our children? And it's getting worse. Next year they're going to put out *forty-five* separate stamps. That's about one stamp every *eight days!*"

"O gracious merciless postmaster-generals!" said the wife.

(to be continued)

MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

Those Connells

In reference to Max Rosenthal's fine article on the Toronto stamp dealers in August '73 *Topics* — one error was made by "Sullexas" in his 1886 article concerning the Greenslade forgery of the Connell. *Not one ever got out*, contrary to the article! They were made by a printer by the name of Alexander and he had been given instructions that a definite border — clear — be made between the Connell and the boxed border which contained the Greenslade Brothers' name.

The printer got suspicious, wrote Ottawa, the postal authorities arrived and the plate was destroyed by two gravure marks across the face. The printer's son made one pull (in a lighter shade of brown) which is in my possession along with a letter of explanation by the boy — Willie. This story and the picture is in Argenti's text.

In the same issue, there is an article on Charles Connell by Doug Patrick which is most interesting and very enjoyable to read but contains many questionable remarks.

There are no records to indicate Connell *purchased* "his" stamps. The one who made this statement is not a member of the family or postal group — nor will they verify this remark. The number existing, kept by the family, etc., is only speculative — we still do not know the number printed!

As to the legitimate use of the stamp — I'm still looking for one! I can't even find a *forged* cover — and I have come close to seeing two — but never have! The forged Connells are invariably perforated proofs.

As to Col. Dibblee's statements — he was an elderly man when questioned about what happened when he was but a young teenager. I do not find his statements carrying much weight especially when so many other conflicting stories exist.

Lastly — Connell resigned in disgust with the wild liberal press (true 103 years ago, too!) and his opponents who hated him for his "arrogance" — but he came back. Was elected to the Legislature in Ottawa!

One more point — who selected Charlie's picture for the 5c? At the time of the final

selection, he was not in Fredericton and there is a belief that his secretary might have done "this foul deed".

Regardless, the Connell story is just about the most interesting and intriguing story in BNA postal history and makes a great study.

- Dr. Robert V. C. Carr

Last words on April Fool

I write to defend, or rather to counter, the criticism of your humorous efforts against the rather solemn Mr. Bayley. Somewhere Robson Lowe has deplored the lack of a sense of humor — and by inference a sense of proportion on the part of philatelists. And I couldn't agree more.

The satire I thought was singularly well done; one slid into reading it and then gradually caught on. As for the items' taking up 10 per cent of the available space, I wonder if even the most dedicated BNAPSers find all the articles equally valuable. I would surmise that *more* readers could share enjoyment of your flights of fancy than is the case with many another serious study.

-John Alden

I read with interest Colin Bayley's comments in *Topics: Mail from our Members* in the April issue and glanced through it at the post office here in Lively, Ontario, I asked them when the first class rate was going up and had they heard about a 9c stamp being issued. Yes, I was fooled until I read the story, then had a good laugh.

It seems to me that Canada's stampissuing policy is getting to be a big joke, as the editor's comments point out. Collectors of Canadian stamps are being taken for a ride; note the Olympics issues. But Stamp collectors are going to get off lightly compared to coin collectors; for them to buy one each of the coins that will commemorate the 1976 Olympic Games will cost them \$250-plus.

- Michael Squirell

This concludes correspondence on the April-Fool's Day news column; the editor appreciates the support.

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the Senate, and the Canadian Forces Base civilian sub-post no. 54. Other cancellations are not known from Ottawa although a couple of hundred were cancelled at the House of Commons and/or Senate on October 25, 1973. There were approximately 30 complete sets of plate block positions and 250 singles cancelled in Ottawa on October 24, 1973. Rumours have been heard that a few were cancelled in a sub-post office in Toronto, on October 23 but the individuals stating that there were some could not produce any at the time. Since this stamp will be very scarce on the first day of issue, apparently October 24, 1973, collectors should use discretion on other dates offered until substantiated.

"Anyone wishing further data on this subject may contact Major R. K. Malott, 16 Harwick, Ottawa, Ontario, K2H 6R1, Canada." — Maj. R. K. Malott

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PERFINS continued

The fourth item has been sent in by one of the Perfin Club members as a possible new code-hole variety. The design is similar to our type Cc4 from the Toronto office with an additional hole appearing in code hole position No. 13 on stamp Scott 279. Personally I have two reasons for not accepting it as a new design. First, if any NYL insurance office was large enough to have had a perfin machine for mail, either in the USA or Canada, there would have been more examples reported. Secondly the hole at position 13 appears too close to the vertical line of the "L" and is a little out on alignment. In my opinion it is a vagrant extra hole.

Does any reader have one of this design?

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