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## Alberta Law Stamps — 2nd Issue

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TOPICS carries the statement "Published by and for Members of the British North America Philatelic Society" which in itself should be self-explanatory. To elaborate a bit, let it be understood that any member is at liberty to submit his writings of general interest on BNA. These submissions, while subject to editing, are not subject to censorship, as we believe in the freedom of expression. Articles submitted must be signed by the writer, and being signed, it is understood that the writer alone assumes responsibility for his statements. Other members have the right to comment, as evidenced in the "Letters to the Editor" section.

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SLOGAN cancellation from Ottawa, BLOOD DONORS/WANTED. Bilingual.

Number 252, the 4c grey of the War Effort series is no longer on sale at the Philatelic Agency.

Recently seen — A 216 cancelled Kitchener, MR 4 35. First day of issue was MY 4 35. Anyone know the how or why?

NEW NOMINATION, For Bd. of Governors — Oscar P. Noe.

This issue announces the inception of our Society Sales Circuit. I've heard that there is some "nice stuff" being entered. Get your name on the mailing list.

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Includes material of interest to the BNA collector. If you live in New York or vicinity — drop in anytime till the day of sale to inspect the lots catalogued. If you live outside the metropolitan area — your mail bids will receive careful attention. Use Air Mail to assure prompt receipt of your bids.

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### John B. Kilton

109 Empire St.

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BNAPS # 57

ASDA

I have tried to make this article as complete and thorough as possible. However, if for any reason there are some points which are not clear I would be happy to answer any correspondence whatsoever to clarify the situation to the best of my ability. You may write to the Editor or you may write me direct. Just in closing let us add that the perforation gauge used was one that measures perfs to the nearest quarter.

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## Chatter

Congratulations to Walter Hoffmann on a new issue, 6 lbs, 1 oz. of femininity. (What will she collect, Walt, Booklets or B. N. A.?)

Your Sec. has the Precancelled 3c purple from London, also reports of a 2c W. E. London and a 3c red, 3c purple, Toronto. I'll advise by "TOPICS" if and when I get them.

Lert L. Baulch, #93, was elected 1st Vice-President of the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association, Galt, Ontario. Congratulations and best wishes to him.

J. R. Barraclough's article was "swell," a truly fine presentation of a study. This same opinion has been expressed in letters from many members, and also by well known writers of B. N. A. Everyone is hoping for more.

Congratulations to B. N. A. P. S.—Its first anniversary. From 15 members to 125 in one year. There must be good reasons.

New slogan cancellations—STAMP/OUT/V.D. (From Brantford).

How many revenue collectors can boast of a copy of Marks A 18a, the imperforate horizontally of the \$1 red and green, First Issue? From a reliable source, the information that only 2 sheets of 25 each were printed. A reconstructed sheet of 25 exists, leaving 25 copies not accounted for.

Our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to member A. L. McCready, editor and publisher of "Popular Stamps."

I haven't said it before, but I'm saying it now — you'll be reading the new Holmes Catalog at about the same time you'll be reading this.

How nice "TOPICS" looks with the new cover. B. N. A. P. S. is always improving.

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## MORE ABOUT CANADIAN PHILATELIC LITERATURE

by F. Walter Pollock

In my article in TOPICS for July, I mentioned two editions for Lowe's Catalogue, distinguished by their covers, but I could not be more specific as I possessed only the red-jacketed edition at the time. Now, through the kindness of Robert J. Duncan (BNAPS # 37), I have both editions, the second being bound in orange-colored cloth.

Although both editions show, on their respective title pages, that they were copyrighted in 1925, actually the orange book is a revision prepared during October or November, 1928; the two lowest values of the then new Scroll Issue are listed (they appeared in October), but not the remainder of the set (which was issued in December, and in January, 1929).

In Popular Stamps for September columnist Phil Atts suggests that we "might have added the B. N. A. section of the publications of The Philatelic Society of London issued in 1889. This is not often seen around and commands a high price. Kohl's Handbook No. 4 (in German) also has considerable specialized Canadian material."

Of the P. S. L. publication I must confess that I know nothing. The Kohl Handbook I simply forgot, but I might have omitted it in any case, as it would be of value to so few, and it's possible that there are many other good studies of Canadian stamps available in foreign languages.

I should add, though, that the current Billing's handbooks occasionally contain material of Canadian interest, and collectors are advised to watch the advertisements of this series, checking the list of contents of new volumes added. In the offing too is a Stampless Cover Catalog for Canada and Newfoundland, being compiled by Harry M. Konwiser.

Interleaf — Royal Stores Ltd./G. Browning & Son  
Stamps — Pane of eight (4 x 2), 1c #131  
Interleaf — G. Knowling Ltd./Bowring Brothers  
Stamps — Pane of eight (4 x 2), 2c #132  
Interleaf — Whitehead Morris / James Baird  
Stamps — Pane of eight (4 x 2), 2c #132  
Interleaf — T. J. Duley & Co. / Bowring Brothers  
Interleaf — Riverside Woollen Mills / T. J. Aylward  
Back Cover — Telegraph Rates / Ayre & Sons

Type 2 booklet existence doubted, further information is desired.

Type 3 is a booklet with a two piece buff cover, 5 panes of 4 stamps each, and 5 interleaves. The panes consist of one pane of 1c #183 stamps, three panes of 2c #185 stamps, and one pane of 3c #187 stamps for a total of 40c. The booklet is held together by two wire staples at the left of the cover and the stamps are stapled through the top margin in such a manner that the bottom of the stamp is again to the right. The stamps in the booklet are line perf 13 x 13.

Front Cover—Coat of Arms and list of panes / Ayre & Sons

Stamps — Pane of four 1c #183

Interleaf — Gerald S. Doyle / G. Browning & Son

Stamps — Pane of four 2c #185

Interleaf — A. E. Hickman & Co. / Steers

Stamps — Pane of four 1c #185

Interleaf — Bowring Brothers / James Baird

Stamps — Pane of four 2c #185

Interleaf — "Matchless" Paint / Bowring Brothers

Stamps — Pane of four 3c #187

Interleaf — Dickinson / Telegraph Rates

Back Cover — Ayre & Sons / Postal Rates

Type 4 booklet has a light yellow one-piece cover which is folded in half and the five panes of 4 stamps each are set inside the fold and held in place with one wire staple. The stamps used are one pane of the 1c #184, three panes of the 2c #186, and one pane of the 3c #187 for a total of 40c. These stamps are comb perf 13¼ x 13¼ and they are set in so that the bottom of the stamp is toward the right. This booklet however contains only four interleaves. The sequence follows:

Front Cover — Coat of Arms and list of panes / Ayres & Sons

Interleaf — Gerald S. Doyle / Money Order Rates

Stamps — Pane of four 1c #184

Interleaf — Postal Pointers — Browning-Harvey

Stamps — Pane of four 2c #186

Stamps — Pane of four 2c #186

Stamps — Pane of four 2c #186

Interleaf — "Matchless" Paint / Telegraph Money Orders

Stamps — Pane of four 3c #187

Interleaf — "Rayophane"/Newfoundland Postal Telegraph

Back Cover — Ayre & Sons/Postal Rates

Type 4A has the same stamps and the same number of panes as Type 4 but they differ in the following details. The buff cover is two-piece and held in place by two staples. The stamps differ too in that they are line perf 13¼x13¼. The same number of interleaves are used but they are in different order. The sequence follows:

Front Cover — Coat of Arms and list of panes/Ayres & Sons

Stamps — Pane of four 1c #184

Interleaf — Browning-Harvey/Postal Pointers

Stamps — Pane of four 2c #186

Interleaf — Gerald S. Doyle/Money Order Rates

Stamps — Pane of four 2c #186

Interleaf — "Rayophane"/Telegraph Money Orders

Stamps — Pane of four 2c #186

Interleaf — "Matchless" Paint/Newfoundland Postal Telegraphs

Stamps — Pane of four 3c #187

Back Cover — Ayre & Sons/Postal Rates

# Report of the Secretary

## NEW MEMBERS

- 112 Apking, George, Daykin, Nebraska.
- 113 Cole, Clifford C. Jr., 2835 Arden Road N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.
- 114 Gates, Henry, 418 Overlook Drive, Alliance, Ohio
- 115 Goodale, Edward, 490 Dundurn Street S., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
- 116 Levitt, Albert H., 505 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.
- 117 Nouse, Henry O., 405 N. Elizabeth Avenue, Ferguson 21, Missouri
- 118 Olivier, Georges, 12 Wellington Street N., Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada
- 119 Richardson, Dr. H. E. 3810 Northwestern Avenue, Detroit, Michigan

## APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Armstrong, Charles, 21 Hammersmith Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Coll.) (CX) CAN—Ao, CS, Locals, Rall, c, eg, t, x, P, PE, Sc. CAN, NFD. PRE—R. by J. Levine No. 1.
- Bamforth, William H., 17 Alpine Terrace, San Francisco 17, California. (Coll.) (CX) CAN, NFD—A\*o, AMfc, ff, COc, fd, rr, s, CAN—CA19, Vs. U. S. by H. R. Meyers, No. 9.
- Bileski, K., Station B., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (DC) General. Canada Specialized. Also B. N. A. proofs & essays. By J. Harvey Westren, No. 22
- Miller, Michael, 26 S. Calvert Street. Baltimore, Maryland (Coll.) Canada, mint singles & blocks. U. S., Danish West Indies, Confed. States. By H. R. Meyers, No. 9.
- Schum, Arthur B, 509a Lee Avenue, Borger, Texas (Coll.) Br. Colonials. By H. R. Meyers, No. 9.
- Solomon, Richard S., Ph. D., 305 Marathon Avenue, Dayton 6, Ohio (Coll.) Canada 19th, General Foreign to 1920, dated Town Cancellations. By H. R. Meyers, No. 9.

## ADDITIONS TO EXCHANGER LIST

- 13 Wadden, M. F., 357 W. 58th St., N. Y., N. Y., (CX) CAN, NFD, PRE—A\*o CAN NFD—AM, B, BK, C, CO
- 29 Brogan, M. C., 63 Chatham Rd., New Britain, Conn. (CX) CAN, NFD—Bo, PL. CAN—R used blocks. Foreign, used blocks.
- 30 Todd, Thatcher B., 905 Penn St., Chester, Pa. (CX) CAN—A\*o, AM, BK, Cpr., CO, CA, PL, R, S, V, Imperf Pairs, Germany
- 68 Moll, Arthur B., 1240-72 St., B'klyn 28, N. Y. (CX) NFD—A\*o. AM, B, BK, CA, CO, L, PE, PL, R, S, V: Falkland Islands
- 101 Curtis, Kenneth V., 1723 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., (CX) CAN, NFD, PRE—Ao. CAN, NFD—CA. Br. America

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## A NEW BRUNSWICK "WHODUNIT."

by Walter W. Chadbourne

Several years ago I acquired a lot of New Brunswick covers, all bearing the five cent green, and mailed from North Head, Grand Manau to Woodstock. All were singles, except three legal size envelopes each with pairs making the ten cent rate. All three of these were mailed within the same month in 1866, and each shows the dispatching and receiving town postmarks. However, one, and only one is additionally handstamped "Insufficiently Paid 7 Cents," a marking listed in Jarrett. Although there is no evidence that the particular cover was registered, one can only conclude that the marking indicates the fact. If not so, why was it applied?

All this leads to an inquiry of our member readers. Does the New Brunswick seventeen cent black, Scott # 10 exist genuinely used on cover? If so, do the markings indicate use for registry? I have not seen one in dealers' hands or offered at auction in fifteen years of collecting. I would appreciate an article throwing light on the use of this elusive stamp.

# COLLECTOR WILL BUY

The following B. N. A. Must be 100% superb. Scott's Cat. #s.

Canada, o. g. 26, 42, 61, 62

Canada used — 13, 18, 31, 32, 42

Canada, used, light town cancellations. 50, 59, 62

Newfoundland used. 13, 32, 33, 34, 43. Prince Ed. Isld. o.g. #3 #8

British Col. o.g. #1 #10 #14. New Brunswick o.g. #5

R. A. COLEMAN

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Pittsburgh 17, Pa.

A. P. S., B. N. A. P. S. (Other references on request.)

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Cigar, Cigarette & Tobaccos wanted. Early and late. Customs and Excise, particularly the early Twist, Leaf and Reworked strips. Send what you have with your net price or preference in exchange. Jack Levine, 510 Liberty Ave., Brooklyn 7, N. Y.

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**WANTED.** Newfoundland booklets or panes. Also booklet covers or complete booklet remainders with the stamps removed. Arthur Moll, 1240 72 St., Brooklyn 28, N. Y.

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**WANTED TO BUY—NEWFOUNDLAND REVENUES—**Inland Revenue, any denomination with head of Queen Victoria or King Edward, any denomination above ten cents with head of King George, any denomination above one dollar with caribou design. Transportation Tax or Money Order Tax, any denomination. Send me one of above stamps if you have no more. Please submit with prices. Colin MacR. Makepeace, 1030 Hospital Trust Bldg., Providence 3, R. I. I will pay full catalog for a superb used copy of Newfoundland #170. Daniel C. Meyerson, 765 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn 13, N. Y.

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**WANTED—**Newfoundland 5c Caribou, #190, 191 and 259 upper left corner blocks with sheet margins and plate markings. Also clearly dated used copies. Arthur Moll, 1240 72 St., Brooklyn 28, N. Y.

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**WANTED—CANADIAN Precancels; DOUBLED AND INVERTED VARIETIES.** Forward with your price or preference in exchange. Jack Levine, 510 Liberty Ave., Brooklyn 7, N. Y.

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I don't know why, but I've become interested in Newfoundland Proofs and Essays. If you have any for sale send them along priced net. Daniel C. Meyerson, 765 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn 13, N. Y.

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**WANTED—**I am making up a reference collection and need all philatelic literature covering the postage issues of Canada and BNA. Please send a list of what you have and price to Ens. John S. Siverts, 765 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, Cal. Apt., 35.

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**WANTED—**Anything unusual you have in used 19th cent. Canadians in fine condition especially covers, shades, cancellations and multiple pieces. Also your duplicate complete booklets. Send with best price to John S. Siverts, 765 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, Cal. Apt. 35

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**WANTED—**Canada Postage and Revenue. Also have many duplicates — sell or exchange. Write for want list. Enclose yours. Bert L. Baulch, 162 Chatham St., Brantford, Canada.



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## ALWAYS IN THE MARKET

To buy any size collection or accumulation any country of the world or specialized sideline, as long as value is \$500.00 net upwards.

Particularly want all B. N. A. including revenues, proceeds, profits and essays; the larger the lot the better.

I do have quite a stock of Canadian Revenues available, easily the finest in existence as incorporated in it are two of the largest collections of Revenues known plus a host of smaller collections. My latest purchase was the magnificent C. H. Dunham collection which included in turn Senator Calder's revenue collection. So far the only section of this that I have dispersed is the Bank Laws. Am always willing to exchange portions of any of this stock for any useful foreign on a net basis but due to lack of time am unable to attend to specific want lists or to take on any exchange deals less than \$100.00 net in value.

Have also a very good new issue service covering the world. Particulars on request.

**K. BILESKI**

Station B

Winnipeg, Canada

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# RARE B. N. A.

We carry one of the largest stocks in the world on unusual and rare B. N. A. We have many outstanding pieces for the specialist, and will be glad to have your want list.

## CANADA

1	3d laid fine strip of 3 tied to piece	110.00
2	5d laid Jumbo margins on all 4 sides superb	55.00
2	6d laid good strip of 3	135.00
4	3c beaver fine horizontal pair	25.00
4	5c beaver major re-entry	30.00
4	5c ribbed fine pair on cover	50.00
4	5c thin paper superb copy on cover	25.00
4	5c wave good pair	25.00
4	5c fine used pair	50.00
4	5c fine o.g. block	275.00
4	7c laid superb appearance but repaired	24.00
12	5c perf major re-entry	55.00
12	5c perf pair	45.00
14	1c 1859 used block of four thinned	22.50
14	1c strip of 6 town cancellation very fine appearance 1 stamp defective but very rare in pieces larger than 5	40.00
14	1c strip of five on cover	15.00
15	5c beaver strip of 3 on cover 1 defective	7.50
15	10c black brown on cover, usual centering	50.00
17	10c strip of 3 on cover to Cuba	45.00
19	17c 4 different shades of all fine nontax	85.00
21	5c strip of 4 on cover pen cancelled	7.50
22	1c perforation used strip of 3	25.00
25	5c dark brown fine cover	4.00
27	15c lilac fine block of 4 no gum	11.00
27	fine o. g. block of 30	100.00
28	15c grey fine block of 3 o.g.	20.00
29	1c laid lovely looking copy but repaired	40.00
32	1c yellow orange fine cover	7.50
42	5c large, fine cover	12.00
43	5c large fine o.g. strip of 3	90.00
45	1c small queen v. fine block of 3	6.00
46	2c small queen v. fine block of 12	15.00
46	3c small queen v. fine block of 6	10.00
47	50c widow queen fine used block of 4	10.00
50	15c Jubilee superb block of 12	25.00
51	1c Jubilee v. fine sheet of 100	5.50
52	2c superb block of 25	4.00
54	15c Jubilee superb block of 12	10.00
56	2c Jubilee superb block of 15	15.00
58	15c Jub. v.f. plate number blk. of 25	75.00

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