

BNAPS Fancy Cancel Study Group Newsletter Number 24

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●Group News

The book is finally finished! The official title is; "Fancy Cancels on Canadian Stamps 1855 to 1950". A few "tidy up" things are necessary before printing, however it will be available soon. The price has yet to be set, it is 195 pages, has 1705 illustrations, plus another 757 reduced illustrations in a "Deletions and Miscellaneous" section.

The reviewers had a concern about my scanned illustrations which has not been raised before. Most of the illustrations include "bits" of the stamps in the background, the reviewers found this distracting. I grabbed a random page, (see back page), and would solicit your opinions on whether or not to edit out the "stamp bits".

I apologize for there only being two newsletters this year. I have been working till about midnight every night for the last three months to finally complete the book. My philatelic correspondence has also suffered. I may be able to produce another newsletter at the end of the year - this depends on how much material you send me.

The final "put together" of the new book took over three months. During, and since then, I have found 14 new entries, revisions, or corrections. More will undoubtedly follow with the publication of the book. Thus, although the book is finished, there will be a need for errata and additions. Again, please send in material or comments for these errata and/or for the newsletter.

The meeting at the Vernon was rather confused (at least from my viewpoint), there were about ten people present, they arrived at different times, and I found myself side-tracked several times by questions. We have (if I got it correct) four new members: Mr. C. Arnold, 2305 Lincoln Rd. Victoria BC, V8R 6A3; Mr. R. Boisclair, 17 rue de l'Orbite, Hull PQ, J9A 3C7; Mr. B. Heasman, 4353 Parkwood Terrace, Victoria BC, V8X 5B4; and Mr. B. Radcliffe, 500 Columbia Ave. Pitman NJ 08071, USA.

Thanks to Brian Hargreaves, Horace Harrison, John Hillson, David Mayerovitch, Joe Smith, and Tom Southey for sending along information for this newsletter.

REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

●Newsletter 1;

Crown Wax Seals., New entry, Creighton Ont., Type 2 on Sc. 37 or 41.

●Newsletter 4;

"Toronto Two's", type 22 (on pg. 7) [Note, number 23 in the new book], new cover Sept. 16 '69, this is between other dates for this type, Sept. 14 to Sept. 23.

●Newsletter 6;

Victoria Crown, new P.C., Esquimalt May '11, this is within the existing date sequence.

Montreal roller 21, new cover with precancel use, Nov. '88.

●Newsletter 20;

'Crown over REGISTERED', Type B3, July '62, Stampless from Trinity Newfoundland to Lymington UK, (via Halifax). This is one month earlier than previously reported for this type.

●Newsletter 22;

The "HA" cancel, this item must now be considered as 'dubious authenticity'. Although HA West was the originator of this P.C., and he was the P.M. of Annapolis, his term did not start until Aug. '96. The P.C. is from Nov. '86.

●Newsletter 23;

Kingston Crosses.

-My comment "otherwise unremarked cancel series" was incorrect. Six of these were noted in "Canadian Philatelist", Sept. '61, pg. 289.

-New entry (in upper cut) used. Jan. '73. I knew of this cancel, however I had only a reduced photo of a double struck example which was too poor to produce a good illustration. Thanks to John Hillson for this example, which will now be an "addition" to the book.

-New entry (in lower cut), used June '77, this was previously not located, the information just made it into the book.



CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES

Now that I have finished writing the new book, I personally have little to add here. I am sure however that once the book is released, some comments will be necessary. I feel that I should make a comment about my choices of which material to list.

I have not listed everything sent in to me, and have some times attached less importance to an item than an owner might. Sometimes I have had to list an item as "dubious", "bogus", or even "fake". I have never referred to any current ownership of any items, however the provenance of some material is stated IE; formerly from the Jarrett, or Day, or Smythies collections. I would wish to apologize in advance if I have unintentionally harmed anyone by declaring that any items are not authentic. All opinions of authenticity in the new book are mine alone, are based upon 15 years of (part time) research, and I have "no axes to grind". Now, on to other things.

David Mayerovitch has sent along a copy of the other KING Ontario cancel used from Nov. '86 to June '87. His example is a new early date, Oct. '86.



Brian Hargreaves has sent along these two items, the first is D&S 58, a homemade imitation of a 10 ratemark. He also includes an example of D&S 710 (used at Wellington Ont., Apr. '69 to Nov. '69) on St. Helena, and also on 12 1/2 cent L.Q. The second St. Helena example is from my collection, neither reproduces well as the stamp is a dark red. I had wondered if these were originally a pair, however the perfs do not seem to line up. I include a quote regarding this item from the new book below.



"This is a "problem child" in that it appears to have been used as a receipt cancel on a wide range of (usually poorly cancelled) stamps. It has been noted on a 5 cent beaver (Sc. 15), various L.Q.'s, early S.Q.'s and stamps from Chile and St. Helena; all stamps from between '67 and '72. I have only seen two covers, other sources have dated this from '68 to '70. Often in blue ink, and S.O.N.. P.M. was D. Campbell, Jarrett 1080."

Joe Smith has sent along several items, this odd geometric from Perth Ont. used Aug. '77 to Feb. '78, as well as this curious item which may be the same as number D&S 448 from Cookstown Ont. Jan. '77 to May '77, or may be the broken handle of a CDS hammer "pressed" into service. Illustrations three, and four, are examples from the new book of similar items. He also sends along what someone else described as a "shrimp" cancel, which I suspect is really a glancing side strike of an oval rubber parcel (or similar) hammer.



Tom Southey has sent in several examples of simple cork cancels from Fox Island Main N.S. The second one is probably a modified worn bullseye hammer. He has a personal interest in other material from this P.O., if any of you have any he would like to hear of it.



I seem to have a half page left over, and shall thus run this 1898 picture of the Ottawa P.O. (on left) as seen from the Parliament Buildings. The year 2000 in

Ottawa is the anniversary of the Great fire of 1900. April 26, 15,000 homeless, property loss at \$100 million!
Have a good winter, and best in '00.



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Deletions and miscellaneous (1/2 scale)



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Sample page
from new
cancel book.
Re. illustration
details, see
pg. 1.

Fancy Cancels on Canadian Stamps, 1855 to 1950.

Author; D.M. Lacelle.

Published by; British North America Philatelic Society.

This book presents illustrations, and basic details (including place and date of use, possible meanings etc.) for 1700 Canadian fancy cancels. While information from previous publications is included, a wealth of new material is included, both from the author's 15+ years of research, and, from the B.N.A.P.S. Fancy Cancel Study Group.

The 'what, why, when, and where' aspects of fancy cancels are covered in an introductory text, 1700 scanned illustrations are presented, and an additional 750 entries in a "Miscellaneous and Deletions" section cover possible duplications, spurious, bogus, or fake items. Several appendices elaborate upon specific areas (for example; Foreign Cancels on Canada, or Utilitarian Devices used as Cancels etc.), also, an alphabetical list of Post Offices using fancy cancels concludes the book.

The book is currently (August '99) in press, and will be soon available through B.N.A.P.S. publications, printer; John Jamieson of Saskatoon Stamp Centre. The price has yet to be determined.



CANCELS On Canadian Stamps 1855 to 1950

by D.M. Lacelle



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