

BNAPS FANCY CANCEL AND MISCELLANEOUS MARKINGS NEWSLETTER 43

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• Group News,

I have finally completed my input to the second edition of our Fancy Cancel Book. I note that the preparation of the second edition took about eight months, for the first one it was 14 years, I owe a great thanks to Bob Turkowski for his help both with the proofreading and with his many other comments. In the last newsletter I wondered if there should be a new appendix showing Day Smythies and comparable Lacelle numbers. This has been done, and is appendix 7 in the second edition.

I have been asked to provide copies of our newsletters to BNAPS so that they can be scanned. This will presumably make them available sometime on line. I think that this is a great idea, but would like to know if any members have any objections. Speak up if so. Dave Lacelle Box 233, Merville BC VOR 2M0, or <<fancycancel@hotmail.com>>

It is dues time again, if a small insert is included with this newsletter, then you owe \$6.00 annual dues to: Dave. Lacelle, address above. I shall probably have to drop three members for nonpayment over two years. Dues are set to "break even" with newsletter costs.

I note that the L.Q. & S.Q. study group has a new chair, Bill Radcliffe. I wish him well in this new position, and thank Roy Sass for his good work as the former chair. (Personally, I dislike that P.C. expression "chair", please call me anything but Chair - "Chief Spellchecker" would work fine.) I have always regarded the L.Q. & S.Q. S.G. as a brother (or should that be fellow, cohort, sibling, whatever, is P.C.?) group to this one, our cancels are (almost) always on their stamps.

We have three new members: Mr. D. Dawes, 101 Leatherwood Cres., Winnipeg MB, R2G 3N1; Mr. J. Mc Cutcheon, 47 Peter St., Kitchener ON, N2G 3J7; and Mr. G. Searle, 11 Riverside, Banchory, Aberdeenshire, AB31 6PS, Scotland. Mr. Searle is the Editor of Maple Leaves, the publication of The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain. Either he, or I (or should that be "I or he" ?, these 'Chief Spellchecker' decisions bother me.) can provide more information on this group.

REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Newsletter 1, "Crown Wax Seals", Brian Plain has sent in some information from his "Dead Letter Office" book (available through BNAPS) on D.L.O. crown wax seals. I have "stolen" a bit of text from the second edition of our book to show the resultant sub table on the next page. (Hint, buy the book). Thanks Brian.

Newsletter 2, Town Names., Wally Gutzman has sent in three new entries; INWOOD ONT., Type 2, 4mm on Sc. 77, Ottawa, type 1, 3 mm on Sc. 107 (possibly a partial strike), and St. Andre Avelin, type 1, 3 mm on a three cent S.Q. Note, these plus other new listings are in Appendix 1 of our book. These simple town names are only listed when they have been noted used as cancels, and not only as instructional marks on covers.

Table below is from the second edition of our book

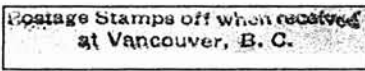
The Dead Letter Office crown wax seals were mostly used to seal official envelopes (so called "ambulance covers" which were used when registered letters were returned to the sender. In a few cases they were used as seals on letters passing through the D.L.O. Most of this information is from B.C. Plain.			
D.L.O. Canada Edmonton Branch, NA	Official envelope	Jan. 1922	2 ?
D.L.O. Canada Halifax Branch, NA	Seal	Jan. 1916	2
D.L.O. Canada Montreal Branch, NA	Official envelope	Sept. 1905	2 ?
D.L.O. Canada Ottawa Branch, NA	Official envelope	? 1929	2 ?
D.L.O. Canada Ottawa Branch, NA	Seal	Sept. 1938	2 ?
D.L.O. Canada Ottawa Branch, NA	Official envelope	Sept. 1940	2 ?
D.L.O. Canada Regina Branch, NA	Seal	July 1923	3
D.L.O. Canada Toronto Branch, NA	Official envelope	Apr. 1902	2 ?
D.L.O. Canada Toronto Branch, NA	Official envelope	June 1946	2 ?
D.L.O. Canada Vancouver Branch, NA	Official envelope	Aug. 1908	2 ?
D.L.O. Canada Vancouver Branch, NA	Seal	Dec. 1921	2
D.L.O. Canada Winnipeg Branch, NA	Official envelope	Nov. 1902	2 ?
D.L.O. Canada Winnipeg Branch, NA	Official envelope	July 1919	2 ?

Newsletter 28, "Revisions" Crown Wax Seals. (A reference to a crown wax seal, type 1, from Vankleek Hill Ont. I have had a better look at this cover, the crown seal does not look typical for a type 1 seal, and is not tied. Both seal and C.D.S. are in blue. The stamps appear to be an appropriate early rose shade. I note the C.D.S. has ONT., the seal has U.C., which would be expected on a type 1 seal from the 1840's or 1850's. Vankleek Hill was not in the postal guide before 1865 (this cover is from May 1870), however the "town" was founded in 1797 by Simon Van Kleek, as a tavern/hotel on the route between Montreal and the future Bytown (Ottawa) and points west. The original name was "Van Kleek's Hill", I think I shall continue to list this, but with a question mark. If it is fake, it is a really good one! The table in the second edition elaborates on these seals when they are used significantly out of period, or have questions of authenticity.



Newsletter 34, 42, etc. "Stamp Fallen off at Toronto". Andrew Scott has sent along three examples of similar markings from Vancouver. He suggests that other large P.O.'s also used this type of marking. Please note, I do not claim to be an expert on instructional markings, this is a part of the "Miscellaneous Markings" aspect of the study group. This (and many other) types of instructional marking(s) are very much a learning curve for me. This is where you, "gentle reader" come in, please send other examples.

The illustrations below are not to scale, the first one appears to be from the 1960's (the date would have been on the stamp), the second from 1978, and last from 1995.



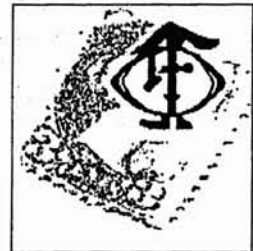
Newsletter 42, "Nicaraguan Shield" cancel, L1453. There still seems to be some confusion regarding this item. It is a genuine fancy cancel, and is known on cover, postally used. I have personally examined this cover, and have noted 23 other references to this cancel.

Newsletter 42, Page 4, Graham Searle would like to point out that there is an intaglio "R" also on this cancel, thus Pine River town initials. The "R" was not visible on my photocopy, his sketch is in the cut.

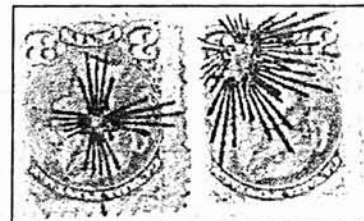


CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES

Brian Hargreaves has sent in the items below. The first is our L1489, Orillia Ont., on cover and in the correct period. His second item, the "H", may be a heavier, worn strike of the item he sent in for newsletter 39, both are in the cuts. I note that there are traces of an outer ring on both strikes, and both are on Sc. 37. This probably should have been in the second edition, although the location is unknown. Does anyone have any other examples? Brians' third item is our L418 an "OF" which was mistakenly also listed as a fancy crown (L1294) in the first edition.



Wally Gutzman sent in several items which just made 'the cut' for the second edition. He has also sent a copy of L418 as in the cut above, as well as a cover for L698, a "P" (first cut below), which confirms use at Penobsquis, N.B., Mar. 1902. Wally also includes two scarifying cancels (our D333, and D334), as well as three previously unlisted straight line town name (bundle markers) used as cancels (see pg. 2). He also has the two items below. I think they are from someone "playing around" in the modern era. Has anyone else seen similar items, if so, on what issues please?

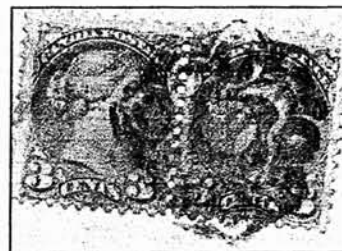


Doug Lingard has sent in a cover of one of the 'Ottawa Geometrics' series, our L1699. This is a new late date, Oct. 1876.



I have received a rather "round about" request for an opinion of authenticity on three cancels used on George V stamps. One of them, a small 'pointing hand' is shown above. (I'm not sure how well this will print, but I shall play with contrast etc.) I suspect it is not genuine, and also illustrate a similar bogus item, our D624b. Some of the "Pointing Hands" (Return To) illustrated in recent newsletters have been similarly sized, however they have all had text attached. Has anyone seen this hand on admiral (or other) issues?

John Hillson has sent in three covers, the first with a very cut up "Pembroke Ont. fancy "4", our L79. It is a mystery why this P.M. used at least seven different "4"s for Pembroke. John's second item is our 1035, a star from Chatham N.B. used from 1872 until 1874. His third item is a fancy Toronto cork, somewhat similar to our L1628, but considerably later, April 1876. This should probably be listed as a new fancy cancel.



The items on the last page are firstly, from "Canadian Philatelist" (no relation to the current magazine) from June 1929, and include some updates to Fred Jarretts' then new book Feel free to "cut and paste" into your copy of Jarrett. I suspect the "thrifty Scot" joke at the page bottom, would be considered "politically incorrect" in this day and age..

The last page is a quick 'n dirty scan of some of my collecting interest, "Foreign cancels on Canada". I welcome comments or information on any of these, it is a big world out there...

May I wish all of you the best of the Season, a Merry Christmas, and lots of good additions to your collections in '07.

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B. N. A. UP-TO-DATE

A page conducted by Fred Jarrett, author of Standard British North America Catalogue.

Two items for the Revenue Catalogue are illustrated above, the Saskatchewan Telephone Frank being designated as A117, Nos. 3232 to 3241 in B.N.A. Catalogue, and the British Columbia Telephone Frank being given A114a as designation, No. 3169, top of Page 367, black on pale green.

A few new cancellations and postal markings are illustrated above. No. 476 needs no explanation. No. 447a appears on cover from Placentia, Newfoundland, Oc 5 1870, to Cheshire, Conn., U.S., prepaid with 13c orange, backstamped at St. Johns Oc 7 1870, where it was apparently delayed waiting for the N.Y. Steamship.

Nos. 605e and 605f are rate markings from Eden-Mills, C.W., and Ayr, C.W., respectively, noted My '52.

Dr. Edward J. Bernstein of Detroit, has completed a paper, to be published shortly, dealing with the Reciprocal Postmarks of Canada and the United States. I believe I am correct in saying that these interesting postal markings, of which there is a limited variety, have never been called to the attention of philatelists until the publication of the B.N.A. Book (see Page 452) which showed a representative collection. Dr. Bernstein's pioneering in this field has resulted in new varieties being added to the list, with additional data as to dates, colors, etc.



A117



A114a



605e

605f



447a



FIELD POST OFFICE

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the Post Office Department, as witness the absurd restrictions which regulate the publication of illustrations of stamps there. It is perhaps a bit of poetic justice that the greatest postal fraud of all time should have been perpetrated in a country which has been to such pains to make dishonesty in postal matters impossible.

If I were a collector of United States precancels, which I am not, I think I should get rid of my holdings as soon as I could. I should not be surprised if the collector of these specialties find himself in the same boat with those who are interested in cigarette, snuff and tobacco stamps and the like, forced to do his collecting sub rosa.

MAC'S "SERIOUS" MISFORTUNE

Jock: "I hear that you gave up stamp-collecting last year. Why was that?"

Mac: "Well I had a very serious loss. I mislaid my free packet of stamp-mounts, and I couldn't remember the address of the stamp dealer who sent them to me!"

