

# BNAPS FANCY CANCEL AND MISCELLANEOUS MARKINGS NEWSLETTER 45

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## • Group News.

The 2nd Edition of our fancy cancel book is in print, and is available through BNAPS publications: Ian Kimmerly Stamps, 112 Sparks St., Ottawa ON, K1P 5B6, <<kimmerly@telusplanet.net>> , for \$ 24.00, BNAPS member price, or \$39.95 non members. There are many updates, new listings, and revisions as well as two new items, a "rate factor" listing, and a cross listing of D&S and Lacelle numbers.

We will be having a Study Group meeting at the Calgary Convention, I shall give my general talk on fancy cancels, and answer questions. I would particularly like to hear any comments on the second edition. If anyone wants a signed copy of the book, just bring it along. I hope to see you there.

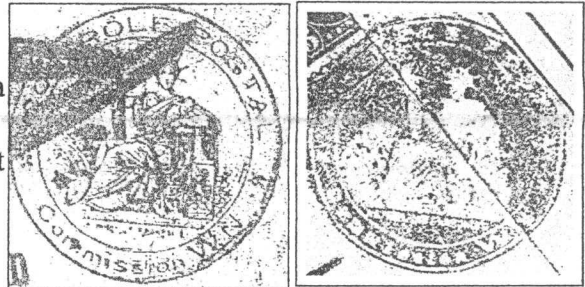
With regards to the scanned newsletters, Charles Livermore has assured me that I can provide copies of the diskette to members. If interested, <<fancycancel@hotmail.com>> , or D. Lacelle Box 233 , Merville BC V0R 2MO.

We haven't any new members this time, this is somewhat unusual, maybe I can drum up a few in Calgary?

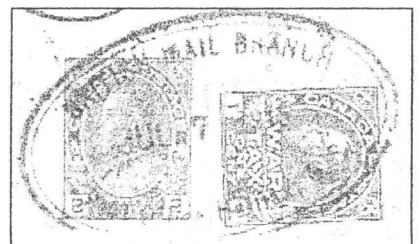
## REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Newsletter 42 etc. "Pointing Hands" Jack Forbes reports that there is an article in the American Philatelist (Mar, 2007) about these (USA examples presumably).

Newsletter 44. "CONTRO..." Cachet on page 5. Dean Mario has provided information on this, it is a French embargo mark (there are many types). He sends the two other examples here. My guess about "Britannia" was thus wrong. (I suppose the Brits will never forgive me!) These were written up in the Military S.G. Newsletter #166, Aug. 2004.



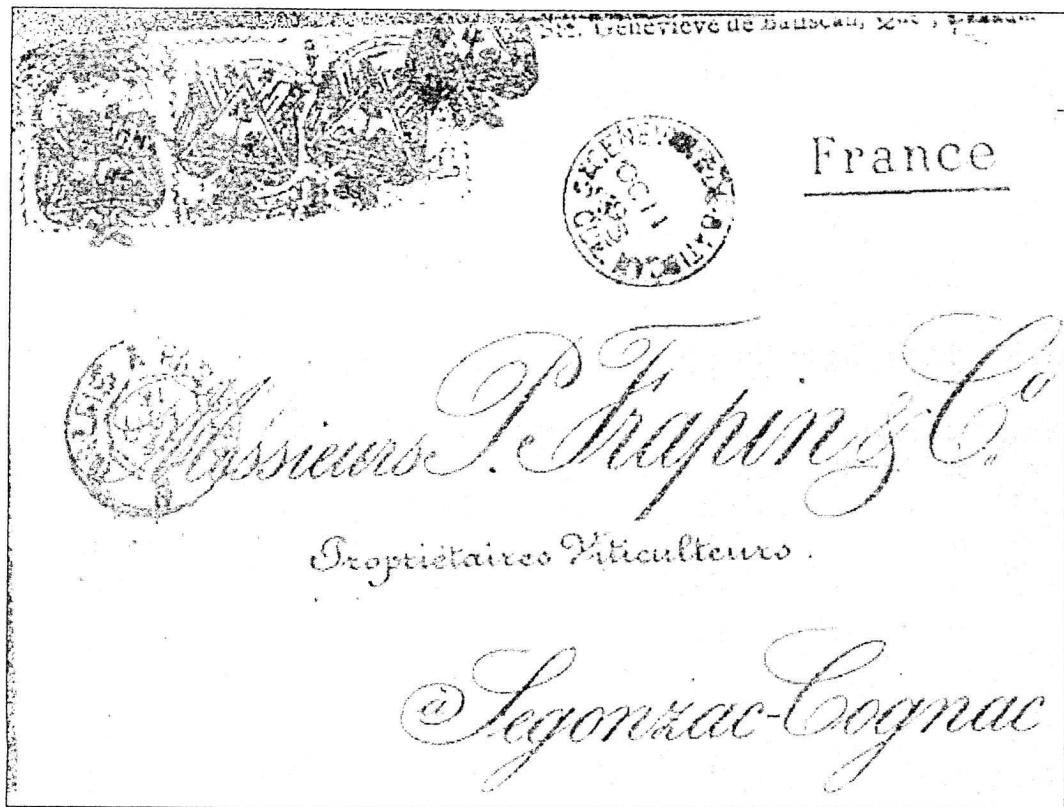
Newsletter 44. "British Mail Branch, Post Office Halifax N.S. July 7, 1915". Dean has also sent in a reference to this cancel from "Maple Leaves" Apr. 1993 on P.C. to Paris France, but with "... Office Montreal, Sept. 3 1912. The "Yellow Peril" has sent in another reference to the same cover as above, and Bill Pekonen has suggested that it was the same sort of wartime British Inspectors marking, similar to what occurred in WWII



with the "BSB" (Bacon Supply Board), later the "Meat Board". So, we now have two dates, and two P.O.'s, it seems odd that only two strikes of this have been reported and with a three year gap. The P.C. is hard to read, but may refer to some money owed, possibly the marking refers to a foreign currency control office?

## CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES

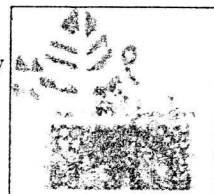
Bob Turkowski has sent in a lovely double strike on 5 cent Registration stamp (F2) of the Nicaraguan Shield cancel (L1453) used at Ste. Genevieve Que. Oct. 1893 to ? 1895. The stamp is too dark to print well, however since there has been much said about this cancel lately, I include a cut of the cover strike below - which has # 5607 Expert Committee form from the Royal Philatelic Society. I do not know who owns this item now, hopefully it is recognized as the class item it is! Does anyone have the other cover from 1895, if so I would like to know the details?



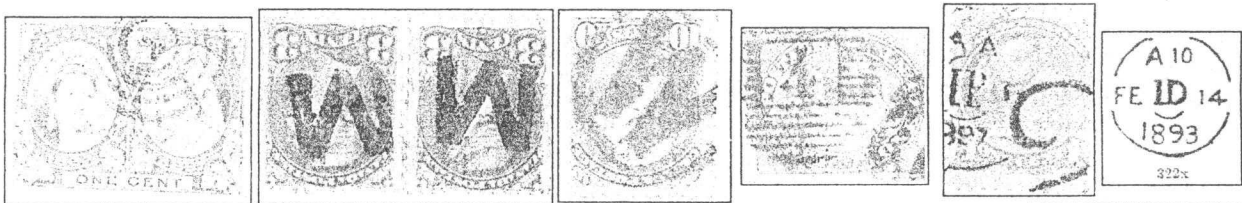
Paul Young sent in a 2 cent L.Q. with L988 on it. The stamp is too dark to scan, so the cut is our "stock" illustration. This cancel was used at Collingwood Ont., Aug. 1871 to Oct. 1871, the 2 cent L.Q. is appropriate.



Ron Smith sent in this curious leaf or tree cancel on cover from Perce Que., May 1873. It made it into the second edition as L1251.



Brian Hargreaves sent in a whole bunch of material, some of which is below. His first item is L807, on one cent Jubilee (Issued 1897), it has been reported from the 1880's to mid 1890's. I checked three examples, all were from 1890 to 1895, the 1880's report may have been late use of the stamp, or an error. The second item is L886, which I described as a "problem child" as the place and date are unconfirmed (Watson's Corners Ont. ? 1891), the ink colour is unusual (blue), and there are sometimes traces of other cancels. This consistent use on a pair makes me feel better about this cancel. Brian's third item, L896 is on an appropriate 1870's shade of the 10 cent S.Q. The next two items are foreign cancels, the "4" on Sc. 14, is from New South Wales (I think), can anyone out there confirm this? The other curious CDS resembles Jarrett 322x (at right), Newfoundland 1893-1894. I note that Glen Archer had earlier sent in this same item (which was for sale on Ebay Germany), at the time I had suggested it was probably a (German) (?) cancel. Sorry for the wrong information Glen.



Brian has also sent in a cover example of L1533 at right, now located as Dominionville Ont., 1892. This P.O. opened in 1877, closed in 1913, and had J.R. Mac Naughton as PM after 1890. (Does this mean I am now starting on a third edition of the Fancy Cancel Book?)

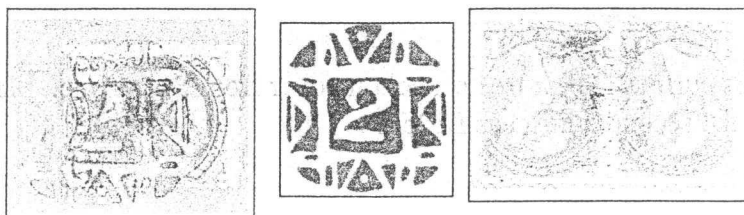


'Confederation', the L.Q.'s & S.Q.'s Newsletter had an interesting item, a list of 2 ring numerals reported on the 1859 issue, the last printings from this issue would have been in 1867. Twenty different two ring numerals are reported, they were issued in March or April 1868. These stamps could have been from one to nine years old when used. This shows that the late use of stamps (including P.O.'s using up old stock) was fairly common in the 1860's and 1870's. When a fancy cancel is known from (say) only one strike, an expression such as "on issue of 1859" must be thus taken with a grain of salt.



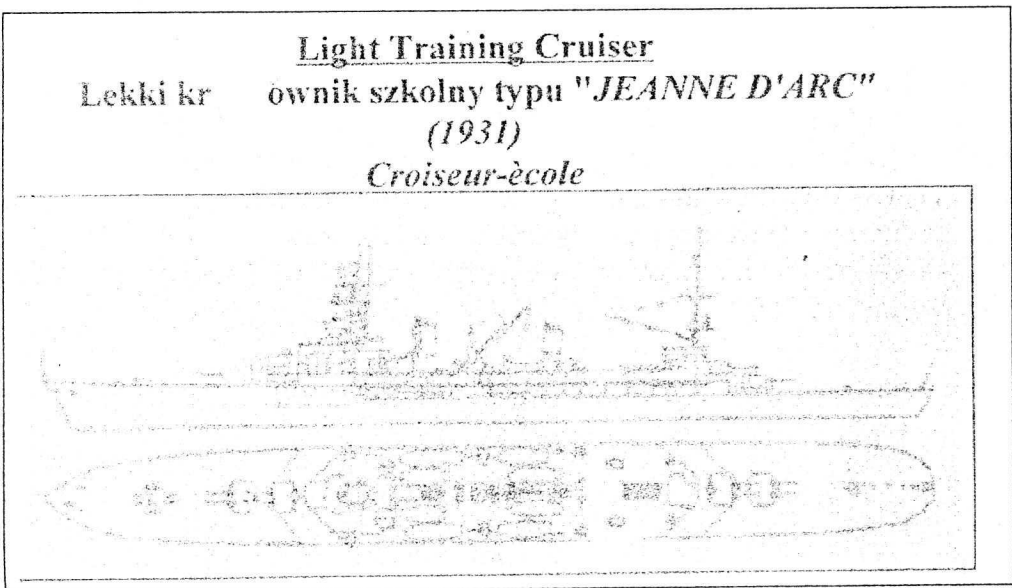
I have found a new early date for L582, an "M" for Manitoba, Feb. 1873. This overlaps by three months the similar cancel L581.


One of our members has sent in two items below, which appear to me to be fake (he agrees). The odd thing about these fakes is that they are weak strikes. The first one (Toronto 2, D&S # 17) seems to be based on a 1959 Bowman Sale illustration, (illustrated), and the second ("PA", D&S 669) on a Smythies illustration.

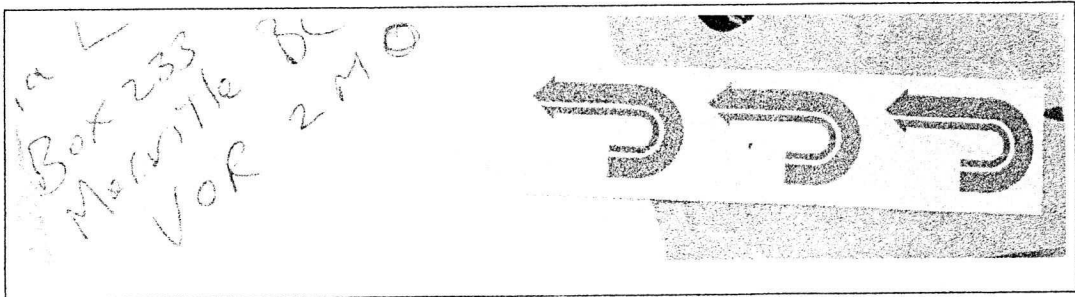




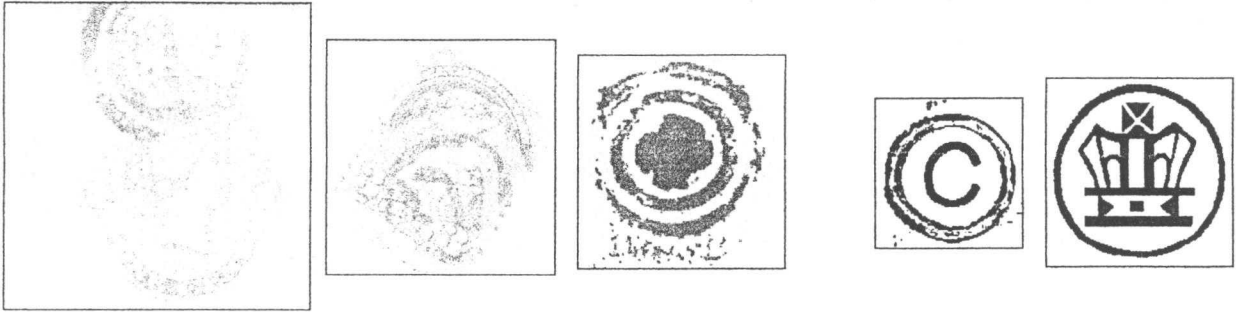
The "Yellow Peril" has sent in another query, this odd 1934 CDS and straight line "Croiseur -Ecole-Jeanne-D'Arc". I was able to find out the information below. It was a "Light Training Cruiser", Polish (?) Registration from 1931. What the connection is with Canada is unknown, but I note "Canada" is specified in the address, which probably indicates foreign or "paquebot" mailing.



I have also recently discovered the re-directed arrow (descendant of the "pointing fingers" of yor) as in the cut below. Once again my mail went first to Melville Sask. rather than Merville B.C. One wonders what other cute little arrow symbols Canada Post could come up with - tongue in cheek - perhaps  "delayed in mail" etc.?



George Pond sent in the item below, on commercial P.C. from Windsor N.S. Nov. 1882, and suggested it was an unlisted "2 in rings". My first thought was that it was L D24 ("Bogus on a 1890's S.Q."), as in the second cut, however the "2" is shaped differently. My second thought was that it was a poor strike of the two ring numeral 40 (2R40) upside down. This hammer was in use for over 60 years, and some "funny" uses have been reported. The 2R40 was last (?) used in the 1930's in the St. Regis I.R. Quebec. Third thought, an upside down deformed strike of the Windsor N.S. 2R43, this would be a late use, they were issued in 1868. A bit more research, and... the 2 ring 43 was used until it was just a blob, and has even been erroneously reported as a "fancy butterfly" (third cut) in the Fancy Cancel Newsletter 13, when used in June 1880. Use in 1882 is thus likely, this is probably the case here.



The Apr.- June 2007 BNA Topics has an interesting item on pg. 5, relating to the relationship between the Ottawa Main P.O. and the House of Commons P.O. It indicates that "free" government mailings (i.e. no stamps) were sent through the House of Commons P.O., however when stamps were required, the Ottawa Main P.O. (just across the street) was used. Both L334, and L1284 in the cuts above) were apparently special cancels used at Ottawa Main P.O. with these stamped government mailings. Stamps were often required when the letter was Registered, or to a foreign destination, etc.

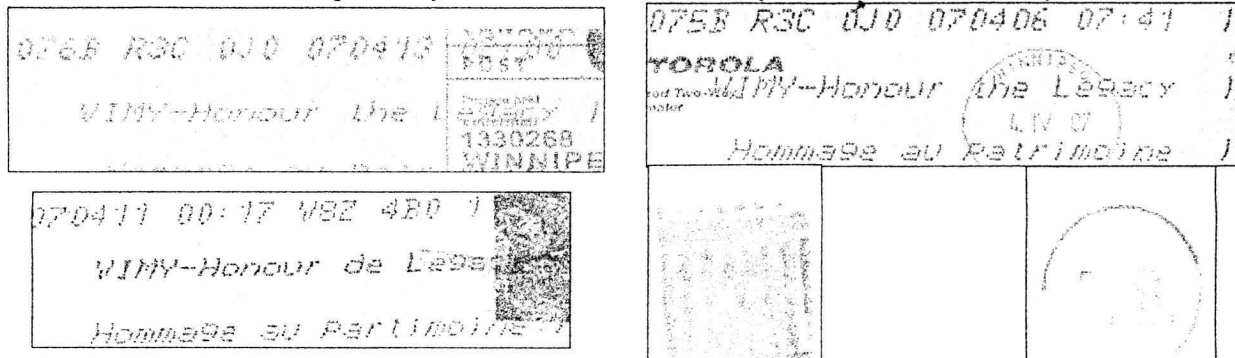
David Dawes has sent in the modern oddities and errors below, and on the next page. The first one seems to be some sort of accounting summary, either from the senders' machine, or from a P.O. machine. Both markings are in red, I note that both have the meter number "1500193". Does anyone know anything more about this?

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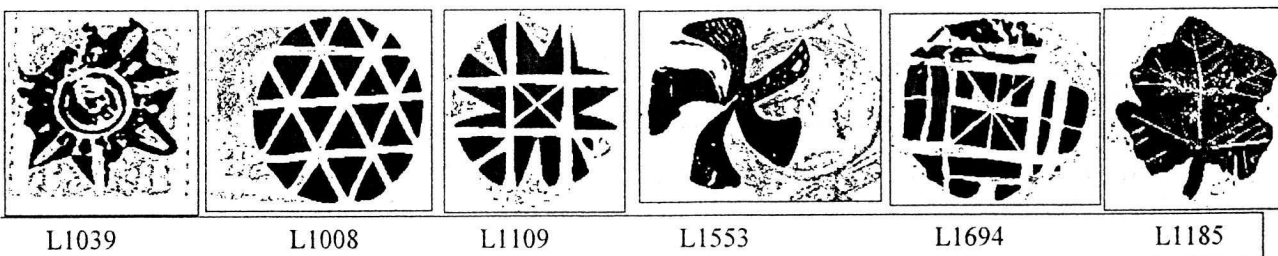
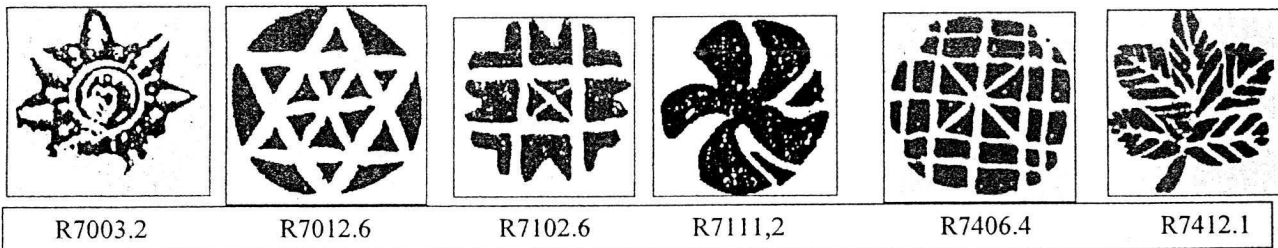
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David's other three covers (two from Winnipeg, one from some guy named Lacelle in Merville B.C. - recancelled in V8Z 4B0 (4181 Glanford Ave., Victoria)) have the "G's" in "legacy" and "hommage" replaced with "9's". The Victoria example has a new French word also- "Partimoine" for "Patrimoine"! Are these examples of things people in the future may be collecting as exotic errors? They certainly (unintentionally) show the human touch (pun intended), and are examples of common items generally thrown away - as were many cancels we now collect. Oh yes, David's last name is spelled Dawes, not Daws as in the last newsletter. David has also sent in this example of a parcel roller cancel (a precancel use?) on the 3 cent war issue, with the "1" almost perfectly centred. These can easily be mistaken for fancy cancels.



BNA Topics, Jan.- Mar, 2007 has an article by Mike Street on the "Other Article" rate, which shows (pg. 16) an "AO" mark as in the cut above right. Mike suggests this could stand for "Article Other" (Other Article in French would be "AA" Article Autre wouldn't it?). The cover is a short paid (postage due) from Toronto to Kampala Uganda, 11 Mar. 1969. I searched my cancel database, the only other item "AO" mark was "AOF", an imaginative straight line fake instructional mark created by someone in the 1970's, (see L D123), and used on covers 1890 to about 1920. It is very unlikely that this "AOF" has any relation to Mike's cover. Does anyone have any other ideas?

I will run some more of Ron Leith's Toronto Geometric corks below. He has sent me many more, however I need some time to study the new material. As Ron's illustrations often differ from my illustrations, I have run both below, the "L" illustrations are at the bottom, and notes are on the next page.



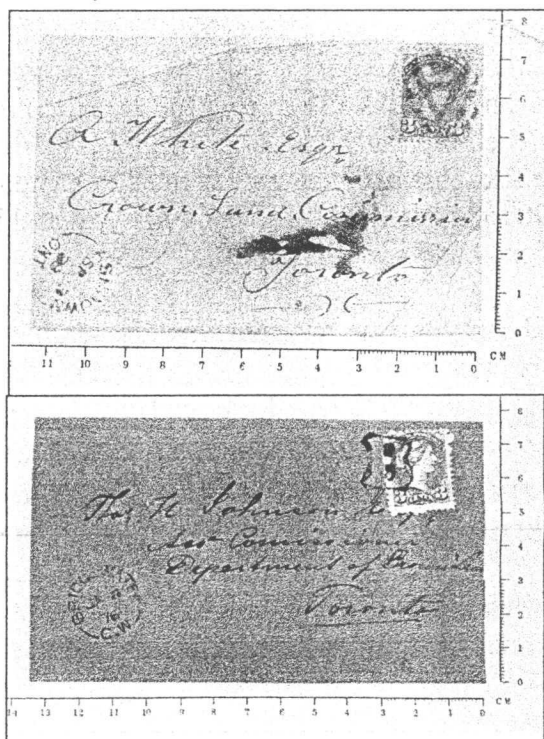
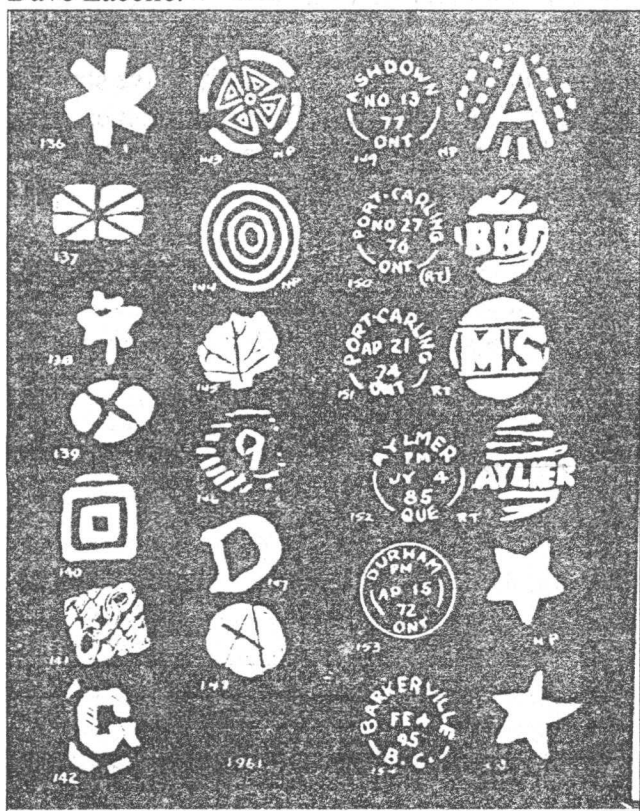
1. Now located Toronto, Mar. - Apr. 1870 (Date of 1880 was unconfirmed and was from Jarrett).
2. Leith, Dec. 1870 - Jan. 1871, Lacelle, Jan. 1871.
3. Leith, Feb. 1871, Lacelle, multiple locations (5) incl. Toronto Aug. 1870 - Feb. 1871.
4. Nov. 1871.
5. Leith, May 1874 - June 1874, Lacelle, June 1874.
6. Leith, Dec. 1874 - Jan. 1875, Lacelle, Jan. 1875 - Feb. 1875, usually with "NIGHT" CDS.

I shall close with illustrations from some of the research from the first edition of Day and Smythies. The first is from a set of nine negative photo plates from Apr. 1961, and the second is from a set of photos (about 350 in total) of most fancy cancel covers, prepared in 1959, six sets of these photos were prepared, I have one, and know that two others have survived.

The last page is an ad. for the book. One minor thing, just for the record, this book is a 'labour of love' so to speak. Other than a few free copies, I do not receive any financial reward from sales. On the other hand, BNAPS looks after all printing, advertising, sales etc. at no charge to me. On the third hand, the new information which YOU, the study group members, send to this newsletter is thus made widely available in the book. I thank you for this, please keep sending it. On that note, I shall close. A good and happy summer to all, and

Good Collecting

Dave Lacelle.



Just when you think you have it all figured out... A neighbour was looking at the geometric cancels in the first edition, and said "those are quilting patterns", she then gave them names!

Quilting was of course very popular in the S.Q. era, many P.M.'s were female, this is something to look into. Who would have thought it?

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