

BNAPS FANCY CANCEL AND MISCELLANEOUS MARKINGS STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER 48

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• Group news

We will be having a meeting at the BNAPS Convention in Halifax, Aug. 30, 10:00 to 11:00. If any of you have any specific topics you would like presented, please give me a holler <<fancycancel@hotmail.com>> Hope to see you there.

One of our long time members, Gerry Carr has passed on. Gerry was particularly interested in Masonic cancels - which is not surprising given his high level of achievement in that organization.

We have one new member; Mr. R. Milner. Box 517. Fort Vermillion AB TOH 1N0.

REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

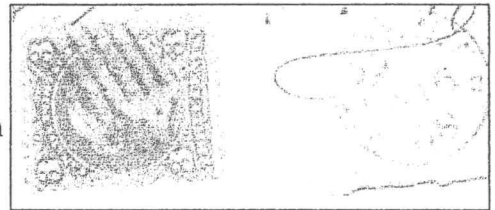
Newsletter 1, Crown Wax Seals, Port Clyde N.S., June 1932, Type 2, as seal. I would also note that this P.O. opened in June 1873, when this seal would have been issued - 59 years earlier! I also note, I am still adding new data, to our newsletter 1 from 19 years ago!

Newsletter 47, "fancy cancel" cover to Fred Jarrett. Jack Forbes has come up with two examples of Fred's signature. They are different than on this letters address, so Fred did not send them to himself. See also page 3 for a possible philatelic cancel to Frank Campbell.

Newsletter 48, The inkjet error is more serious than I reported. There is extra text "De partout" on line two which is from another cancel. (Rough translation - Santa is thus saying "HO HO HO from anyone".) Thanks to Mike Street.

CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES

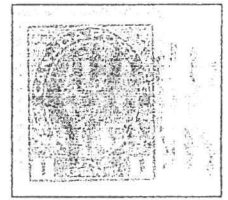
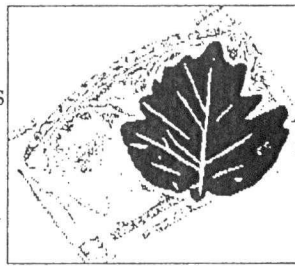
Derek Smith has sent in two covers with L1596, a scarifying cancel. This type of cancel was intended to cut into the stamp, thus allowing ink penetration to prevent reuse. For more information on these, see newsletter 10 on line at the BNAPS site. These covers both confirm use at Saint Johns N.B., May 1868, and also provide a new late date, Nov. 1868. Derek is currently specializing in Saint. Johns postal strikes. He also sent along the lovely advertising cover, with an oval "dot" cancel, Saint Johns, Nov. 1868. Some similar cancels have smaller "dots", and were probably intended as scarifying cancels. (I am using the Canadian "convention" spelling here. St. Johns is in Newfoundland, Saint Johns is in New Brunswick, St. Jean is in Quebec.)



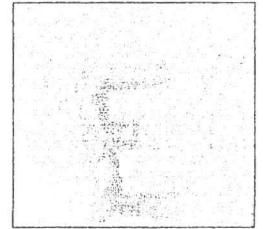
A recent Maresch sale (Feb. 27) had a second confirming cover of L1251, a leaf from Perce Que. Apr. 1873. This is a new listing in the Second Edition of our book.



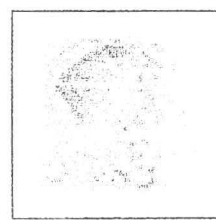
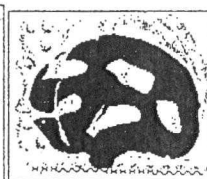
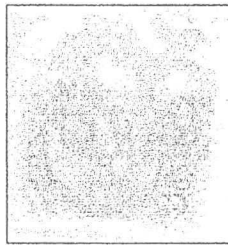
Bruce Holmes has sent along an example of L1195 on Scott 97. This leaf cancel was used at Souris East P.E.I., Jan. 1900 to May 1909, so this stamp which was issued in 1908 is OK. He also sent along the item below which at first glance appears as a leaf (somewhat similar to the Perce item above), however a bit of elementary sleuthing indicates it is just a distorted roller parcel cancel. (Sorry Bruce, I couldn't resist the pun.)



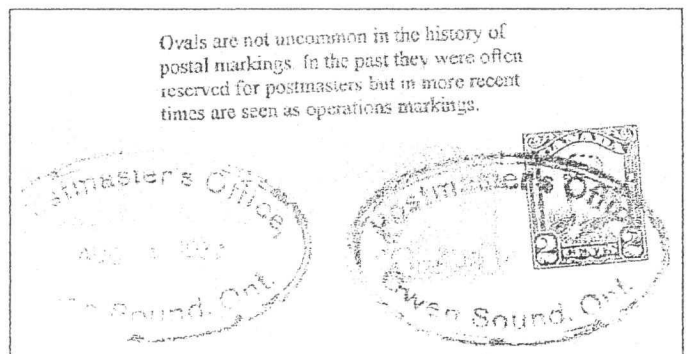
A recent Longley << www.longleyauctions.com >> sale had this large "E" cancel which is not listed in our book. The cover also had the P.M.'s (Edouard Leblanc) return address in the same purple ink. I have not personally examined this cover, however it looks good. The cover is from L'Epiphanie Que., Mar. 1896. Edouard was P.M. from May 1857 to June 1898, so this could be either a P.M., or P.O. initial type.



Ron Smith has sent in the items below, all are on cover. The first is probably a very worn (or poor) strike of L990. This star was probably made by P&A of Ottawa, and was used by at least 10 P.O.'s. His cover has back stamps of Baddeck N.S., and Englishtown N.S., July 1871. The second item is similar to L1639, which while not located, is from the 1890's. The P.O. on Ron's example is Truro ??? (RPO?) Nov. 1880. The CDS and cancel are both poor strikes. The third item is unlisted, but possibly Masonic, it is similar to L1315. Several other similar items (but not located) are known. This would be a candidate for a new listing in any third edition. The P.O. is Stewiacke Crossroads N.S., Apr. 1892. Ron's last example is L D232a, a disintegrating "H" (L481) cancel which has also been imaginatively described as a "fancy drawbridge". It is from Weymouth Bridge N.S. July 1888. This cancel had been in use for six years by then, P.M. Hoyt served between Jan. 1877 and Feb. 1913.



I "stole" the item at right from "The BULLMOOSE" PHSC Money Order Office Study Establishment (thus "Moose") Newsletter, as an interesting "Miscellaneous Marking". The study group contact is Doug Murray, Box 693, Charlottetown PE C1A 7L3. (This may be philatelically inspired as it is addressed to Frank Campbell, author of "Canada Post Offices 1755/1895" (pub. 1972, started in 1928 and completed in 1958). and may thus be similar to the "fancy" covers to Fred Jarrett in Newsletter 46 and 47.)

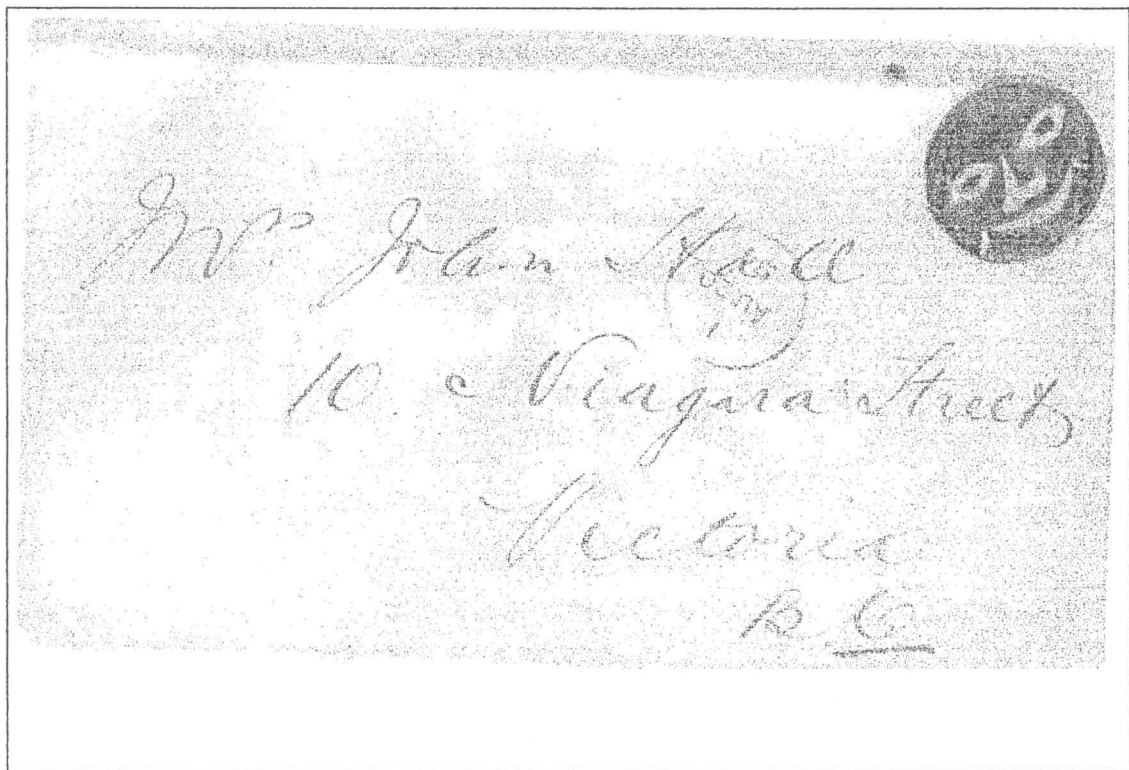


Wally Gutzman has sent in the items below. The first is a very late state of L148: a "21" used at Walkerton Ont., ? 1868 to July 1871. The second item is on a 3 cent S.Q. (printing unknown), and may have some Masonic significance as it is somewhat similar to the trisected triangles L1333 - L1335. Does anyone have a cover? Item three may be part of a large rate mark "5" or "3", see Jarrett 604a for example. Item 4 four has not been reported before, does anyone have a cover? Finally, item five is a heavy strike of L122, on P.C., a "9", Dunnville Ont., Nov. 1879.

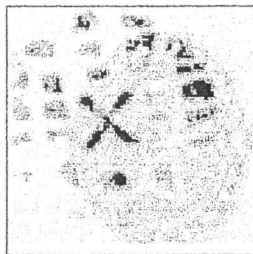


Two people have written in regarding the Bogey Head L1346. John Hilson has sent in confirming use at St. Catherines Ont. in Nov. 1881, the 1881 date is thus not a date error. It is possible that a cancel carved expressly for Halloween /All Saints Day would be put aside, and used on (or around) these days two years in a row.

Another member has sent in this spectacular fake. The L1346 is at top, Jarrett's illustration is below. The fake was based on Fred Jarrett's 1929 illustration (Jar. 1140), when the location of use was unknown, although Fred had it as 1895. This cover originated in Revelstoke B.C., and traveled to Victoria B.C. in Aug. 1894. There are also nice Government (Gold Commissioner), and transit marks on the back of the cover. Terrible thing to do to a nice BC cover!



Brian Hargreaves has sent in the three items at right, the first two were recent Ebay offerings. I believe the first item to be a rather imaginative bogus item. ("Bogus" is used in the context that it is not intended to fake a genuine known item.) There is a possibility that it may be a USA cancel, it is addressed to Boston Mass. For the record, the CDS is Marysville N.S., Dec. 1894. The second item (bottom left) is more likely to be genuine, although it is a rather simple design. It is from Enfield Ont., June 1893. The last item a signet "IH" is new, and at first I thought it was L506, however the "V" is missing. Brian did not say what the printing was, however it appears to be a Montreal printing, probably early 1880's. Brian included a scan of the back, and the ink penetration looked good. I would consider this a "good" cancel, at least a six on my 1 to 10 scale of authenticity. Does anyone have any further comments on this item?



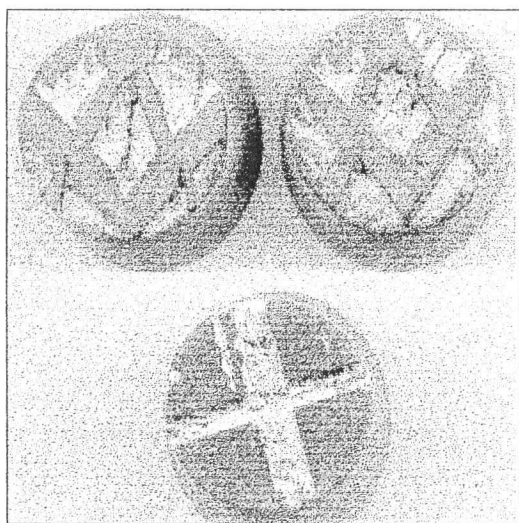
FAKES AND FORGERIES STUDY GROUP

There has been some talk about forming a new BNAPS study group for this topic. It would be at least in part complimentary to our group as we often have spurious, bogus or fake items for discussion. I would support this new group, and if they would like to rerun material from our newsletters (especially Newsletter 35 "detection of fake cancels") I think such should be made freely available.

In closing I would like to thank you for sending in material for the newsletter **PLEASE SEND MORE**. I note an unintentional theme in this newsletter, items from Nova Scotia. This is very appropriate as our convention is in Halifax in the near future. Hope to see you there.

Good Collecting,
Dave Lacelle.

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The scan at left is of the bottom of the hand carved corks which I bought about 15 years ago in a 'junque' box. I have ran strikes from these in the past, however there have been no actual strikes reported. Someone went to the trouble of carving these. Any comments?

