

# BNAPS FANCY CANCEL & MISCELLANEOUS MARKINGS NEWSLETTER 61

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## Group News.

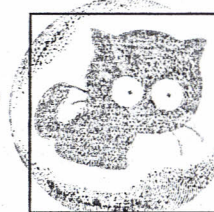
I am a bit late preparing this newsletter, hopefully some of you will receive it before the end of the year, There is a bit too much going on in the little life that is Dave, and – so I am told - only 25 hours in each day! Seasons greetings, even if late!

We have one new member, Mr. A. Forde, 26 – 567 Ward St., Nelson BC, V1L 1T1.

It is again dues time (raised to the mighty sum of \$8.00 per year), and I am again snail mailing to all our members as this method seems to both get more dues response, and also more contributions to the next newsletter when people snailmail back. We do collect ‘little bits of **paper**’ don’t we? If you owe, there will be a ‘little bit’ of a dues notice enclosed.

A few end of year membership notes are in order. Total revenues last year were \$ 578.00, (down a tiny bit), of which \$207.00 were advance payments or donations. We have 89 members (the good news), however eight will have to be dropped (the bad news) for non-payment of dues for more than two years. (R.C., S.F., A.G., K.M., G.P(e), S.P., D.W., and V.W., this will be your last newsletter. Thanks for contributions in the past.). 48 of you receive the newsletter by email, including four by both email and snail mail. This again shows that we collect bits of paper, half our members are still in a paper world. Way more than you wanted to know!

The cat stamps here, and on the envelopes are a much more modern design. I am not trying to start a theme here, but they were in a local junque shop, and I thought they might provide a balance to the “pretend Victorian” ones used in the previous newsletter.



May I please put in a free plug for the comparably new BNAPS Study Group, the “Pence - Cents Issue S.G”, run by Ron Majors. They have produced two newsletters now, and tie in nicely with the early stages of the fancy cancel era. Ron’s contact information is on the BNAPS “Study Group” page.

## REVISIONS TO PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Newsletter 53. There was some problem when this newsletter was converted from Word to .pdf. I originally thought that only one illustration had “moved”, however it now appears that some text was also missing from the top of page 5. “The next four items are probably a great example of early “philatelic inspired” items. All hail from Paradise Lane N.S. The first (July 1874) is a very weak strike somewhat similar to L 1044 (in that it has several small “X boxes), with a split ring CDS.”

Newsletter 53, page 5. The reference to Henry Hechler was incorrect, the covers from Paradise Lane were actually addressed to his brother Anton (or Antoin) Hechler. See page three of this newsletter FMI.

Newsletter 60, page 3. The text in the printed (paper) version is different than the .pdf emailed version. The reference to Mr. Mc Nabbs covers as originating from his personal files appears to be incorrect. (There were several other C.L.A. covers from other agents, all of which appeared on the philatelic market at the same time. This indicates a common government, or legal agency source.

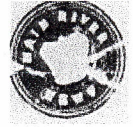
Newsletter 60, page 6. The cover initialed by Senator J.C. Aikins is family correspondence, as it is addressed to J.A.M. Aikins. (Very hard to read!)

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Newsletter 60, page 2. The Toronto oval parcel cancel numbering sequence. Graham Searle has pointed out that the Toronto duplex numerals (see L3 or L4 used between 1880 and 1897) went to number 5, which was Riverside P.O. Number 6 would thus be "Brockton" by elimination as it was apparently the only other then current Toronto P.O. unaccounted for.

### REVISIONS TO FANCY CANCEL BOOK

Page 195, there are several references to a crown wax seal (L 1271 type, 1/2 scale) used at "Main River" Newfoundland, yet the P.O. was "not listed at Confederation" in 1949. The Newfoundland river of this name seems a very unlikely place to have a P.O. A new example of this cancel (as backstamp, Sept. 1904) has turned up which resolves this. The corner card on this cover is for A. Nardini at "Nardini Crossing" which apparently had a 1911 population of 21. A bit more research indicated that Nardini Crossing, and "Main River" (apparently named after the "Main Road" are the same place, and now are parts of modern Stephenville Crossing. My that was complicated...

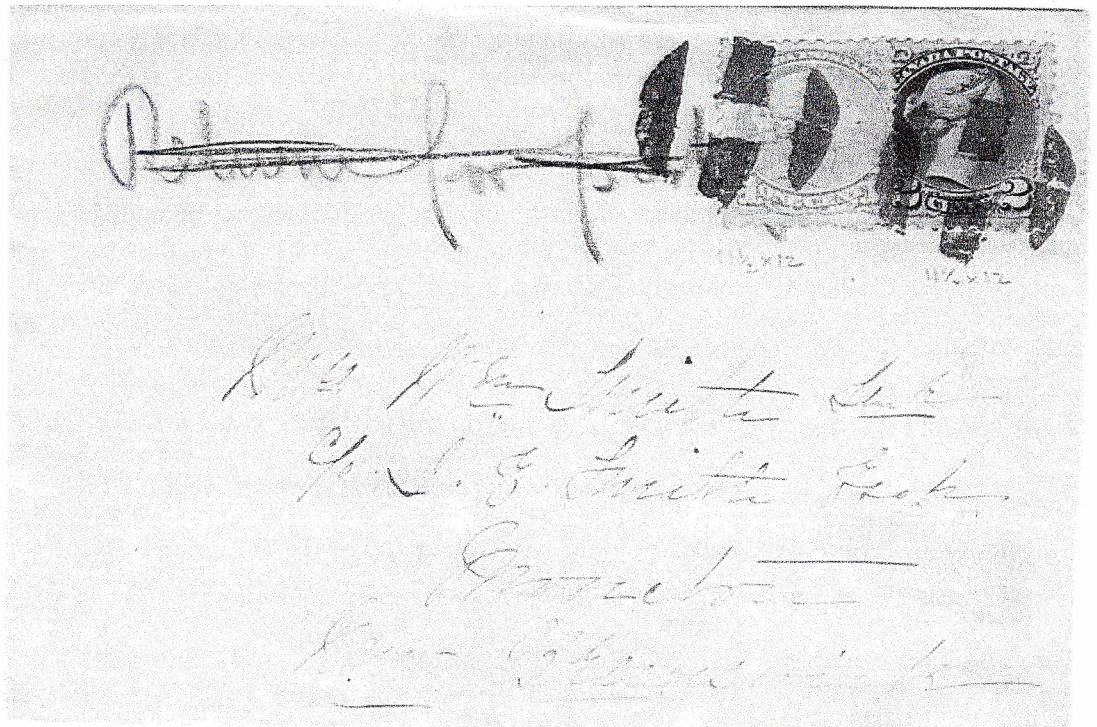


Page 198, the Victoria, Esquimalt crown cancel, L 1291, 1/2 scale. Two new covers are reported, Oct. 29 1880 (Victoria), an early date, and Dec. 9 1904, Esquimalt.



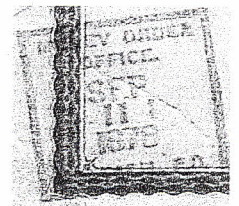
### CORRESPONDENCE AND QUERIES

Ron smith sent in this BC cover with the question of where the stamps, (and thus cancel) would have been applied. Back stamps are New Westminster Oct. 10 1878, Spences Bridge Oct. 23, New Westminster Oct. 25, and Victoria Oct. 2 ????. My guess is that it was delivered by hand or favour from Spences Bridge to New Westminster, who then sent it back to S.B. where the stamps and cancel were applied, then back to N.W. Spences Bridge was on the Cariboo gold rush route, which had peaked six years earlier.



The S.B. PM "left the place" in 1881, and the PO was closed for the next several years. The population in 1892 was "32 whites, 130 indians". As it was a small place in 1878, the PM would probably know from the writing or would be able to find out easily who to charge the three cents to.

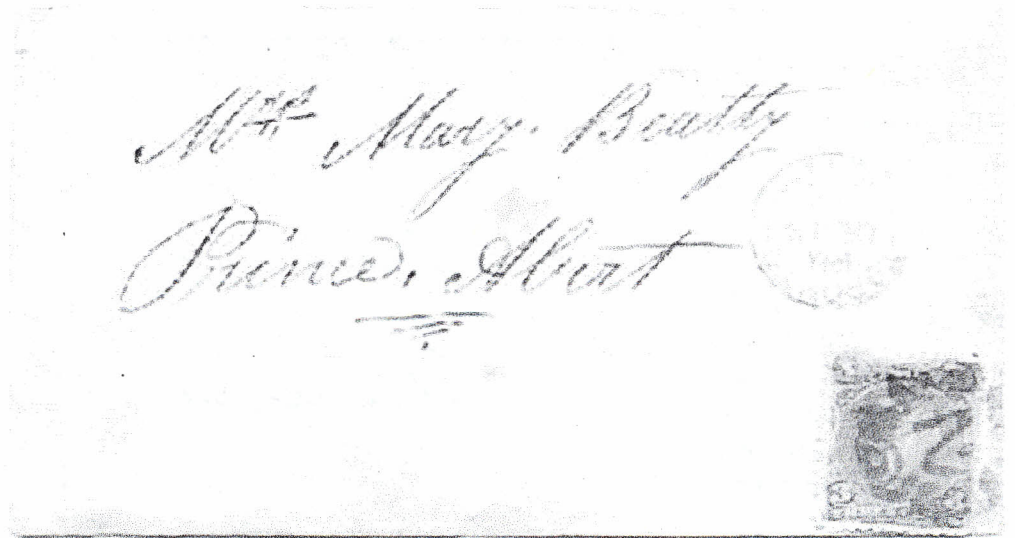
I borrowed this item from 'The Bull.MOOSE', (a PHSC Money Order Office study Establishment [MOOSE] S.G.). It is a very modern looking M.O.O. marking, yet is from Montreal Sept. 1878! FMI on MOOSE, Doug murray, Box 693, Charlottetown PEI, C1A 7L3.



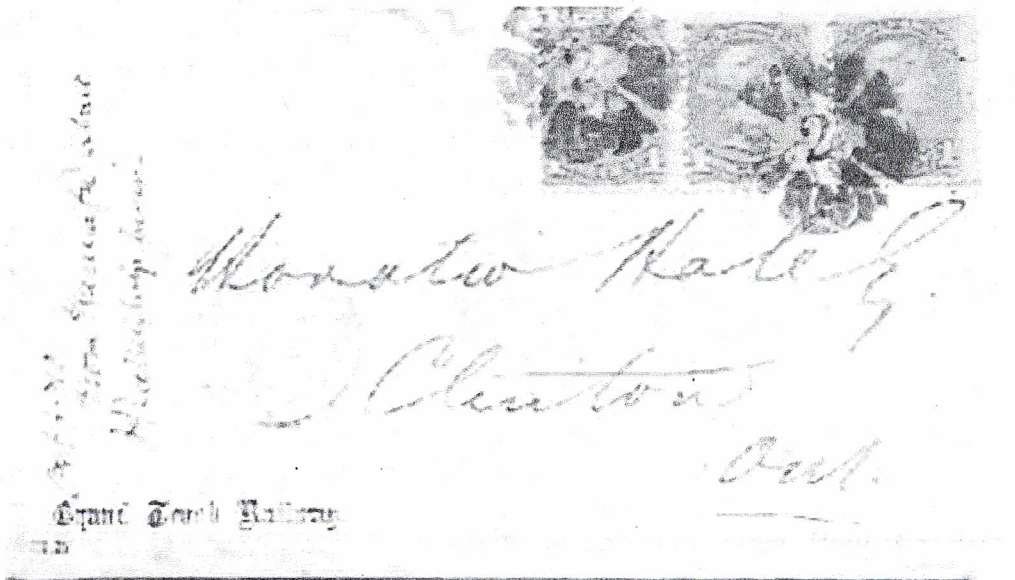
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Two more previously unrecorded "Toronto 2's" covers have been sent in by Brian Hargreaves. The first is L 34, Dec. 18, 1869, which is within the correct range of dates for this cancel. The cancel looks fine, but the address, and location of the stamp are both odd. The CDS, and cancel were also both applied upside down to the stamp and address, but this can happen when the P.M. reaches across the counter and cancels your item correct way up for him, upside down for you. I did a bit of

research, Prince Albert PO opened in 1844 (named Reach PO until May 1863), and is near modern day Scugog. The town was a major distribution centre for its area as it was on a plank road to Oshawa, but lost importance when the railway to nearby Port Perry was completed in 1872. Mary Beatty's son was a prominent businessman with (among other things) a local harness manufacturing plant. Both these facts add authenticity to the cover.



The second cover is more standard in design. This is L 38, Oct. 9 1870, and is also within the expected range of dates for this cancel. I have often wondered if the "2" inside this (and L 39) was recycled from the official "Two Ring 2" hammer? 2R2 was used for only a short time, and is reported as "very rare in the S.Q. period, which started in mid March 1870. **Do any of you have cover dates for the Toronto Two ring 2 hammer Please advise if so.**

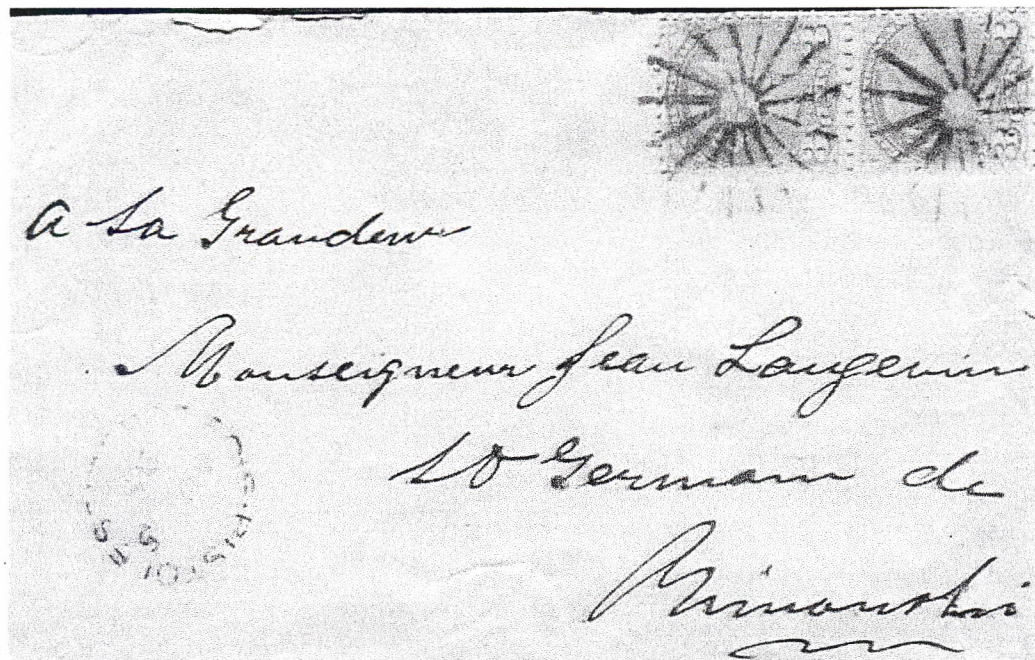


Brian also sent along this cryptic item which at first glance (to me) looks like "DP", or "DT" in a rough rectangle. Brian suggests "JG" when viewed upside down. It is unlike any listed cancel. A possibility is that it could be the end of a boxed PAQUEB"OT" marking similar to Jarrett 459?

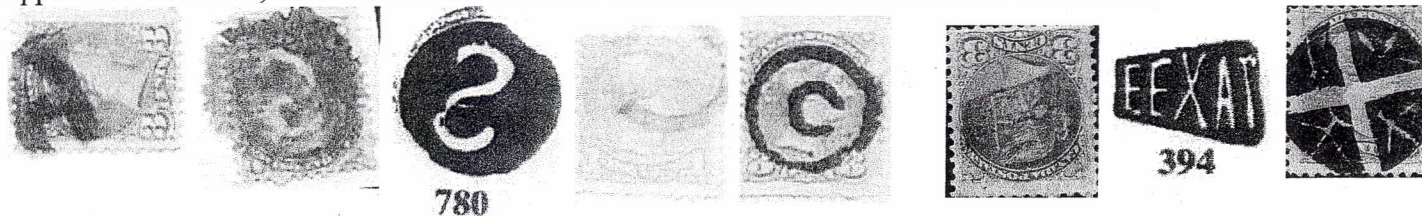


I have a query regarding a much more modern fancy cancel. There was a display at the Calgary BNAPEX which included a fancy (I think) deer cancel from Malahat BC in Oct. 1953. I tried unsuccessfully to contact the exhibitor so that I could use it in this newsletter. **Do any of you have an example of this (or any other?) fancy cancels used from Malahat BC in 1953? Please advise if so.** The P.O. opened in 1937 named "Scenic View", changed to Malahat in 1942. The 1953 PM was V.D. Angus. The PO is apparently still open in the "Oceanview Motel", and if I can remember to do so I shall forward this newsletter to them on the off chance they might know more information...

Ron majors sent in this unlisted radial cancel from Trois Pistoles Que., Aug. 188 ?6? The CDS and cancel are upside down like the "Toronto 2" on page 2. (A right handed PM causes the cancel to be darkest on the right side.) Like the Toronto 2 cover this item appears hurried, the writing is terrible "Rimouski" for example, the CDs is poor etc.



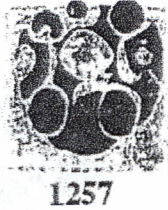
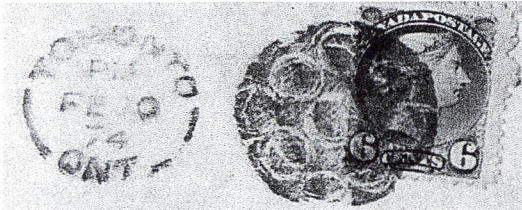
George Pond sent in the 'letter or initial' cancels below. The first is an unlisted "A", or some initial ending in "A". Are there any other examples of this out there? The second item which is in blue ink, can be seen as a "C, G, 9, or 6" depending on how you view it. (In hindsight, another possibility is the reverse intaglio "S", L780.) The third item is either a new "C", or philatelic use of D 162, which was a Carriers mark used in 1958 to 1959, and should not be on a stamp at least 60 years older! Are there any other examples out there? Georges last item appears to be L 333, and this indicates that the book illustration is about 15% over scale.



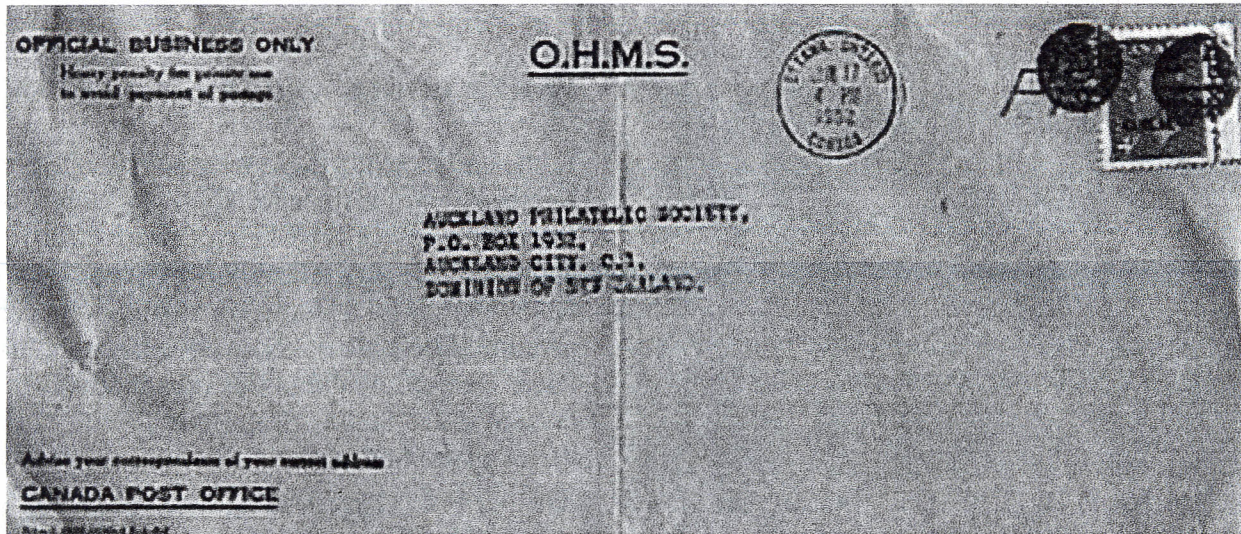
Guy Jaffrey sent in these items above right. The first one is an enigmatic cancel "EEXAT", L 394, listed by Day and Smythies (D&S 480), and which I had never seen before until now. While I have not seen the actual item, the fact that it is both a poor and weak strike tends to lend authenticity. The stamp appears to be from about 1895, although I may wrong on this. (Please correct me Guy if so.) I had thought that this (if it ever turned up) would prove to be the initials of some "Secret Society", "legal term", or some such obscure Latin expression. If so it certainly is obscure, the only "English" use of it (other than some very modern semi-conductor or software references) I could find was "placitum quare eexat cum injuste", which was in a legal petition to James I in about the year 1206. (The complainant's oxen had been sold without his permission.) It is unlikely this has much to do with an 1890 stamp cancel! The word also appeared in a Chinese community market website, and in a few foreign language references. Someone went to the trouble to carve this, what does it mean?

Guy also sent in this quartered cork, but with some internal intaglio details. I have not seen the actual item to check for perf hole staining, ink penetration etc., but I have some suspicion that this is a bogus item, probably of fairly modern manufacture. Guy's third item (next page) is an unlisted Toronto geometric cancel similar to L 1257, but used two years later, February 1874. See also L 1449, a similar Toronto item used January 1874 to January 1875. Some of these circular holes in the Toronto corks were caused by inserting, and/or removing screws or nails into the corks possibly to expand them so they fit better into the metal cancel hammer collar. Some however are decorative. There were too many to list all of these in the book.

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Mike Street sent in a reference to this presumably cancelled on receipt U.K. "Batley – Yorkshire" cancel on 10 cent Canada. The Canadian stamp may have actually already had a weak cancel!

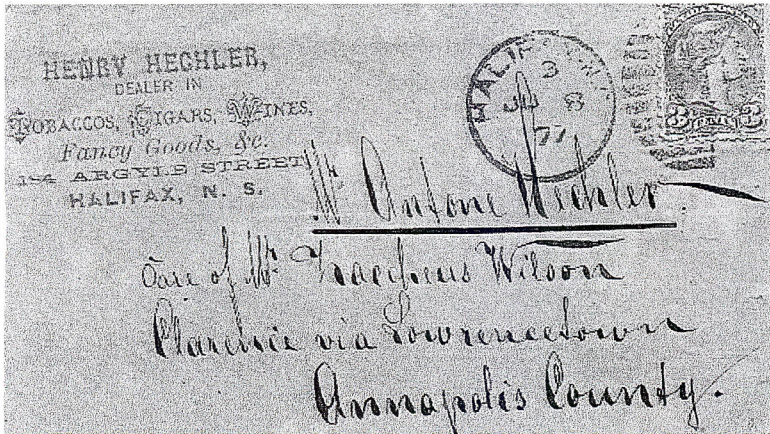
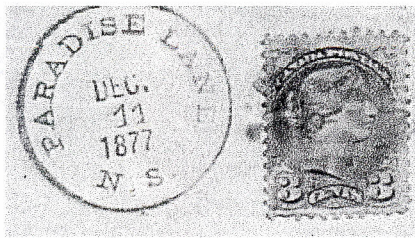
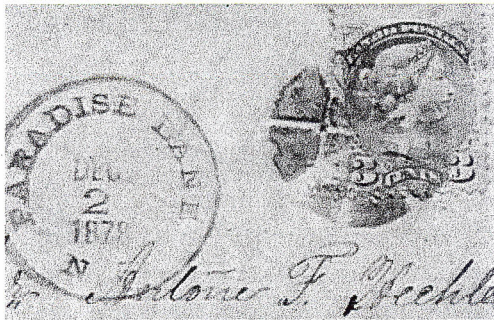


This item above, (roughly ½ scale) also sent by Mike Street (actually a reference to Ebay), may be an example of a 'philatelic item', or it might be genuine usage. A solid "cork" (unusual at this time) was used to cancel a January 1952 OHMS overprinted stamp which in turn had been placed over a "FREE" government handstamp on an official Post Office OHMS envelope as it was to an overseas destination. (Technically, the "On His Majesty's Service" marking might not be appropriate on overseas mailings?) It must also be noted that the recipient was the Auckland Philatelic Society (founded 1896).

. Alexander Forde sent in this cover from Cobourg Ont. Dec. 1875, which appears to have been made from a very thin mouthed bottle (See D 326, or D 326). It may also be a spool of thread 'pressed' into use as a cancel, see also Newsletters 41 and 42.



Two more of the odd Paradise Lane CDS (a very USA style design CDS hammer) have been sent to me by Jack Forbes. These are illustrated next page, the top two are somewhat similar in design to (but not fakes of) L 1689, L 1547, and L 983. The previous examples of Paradise Lane 'odd' cancels were in Newsletters 49, and 53, and all were to Anton Hechler, who was Henry Hechler's brother. Henry Hechler was an early stamp dealer in Halifax, he also produced many 'exotic' items such as bisects [L 488] "Official" overprints (D 337), etc. (D 90). It can be argued that as some of these items did actually travel through the mails that they are not bogus. I note that most of these covers are to the address that was Henry's early tobacco (etc.) shop, and I have also found on Ebay a reverse letter (in the third cut) to Anton (from Henry) which indicates Anton lived about three km from Paradise Lane. Note also, these early "philatelic oddities" were actually postally cancelled with the CDS next to the cancel so that they could make nice 'cut squares' for collectors!



**FAKES, BOGUS AND SPURIOUS ITEMS**

In the early 1970's there were an extensive number of bogus transportation markings put on the philatelic market. Many of these were addressed to a J.A. MacAuley of South Side River Dennis (aka Denys) in Nova Scotia. The genuine post mark on these covers reads "S.S. River Dennis", and this was imaginatively presented as "Sailing Ship River Denis" with various fake transportation initials, crests etc.

added for effect. See D 26, 'CPSSC 2', D 122 'AM', D 123 'AOF', D 168 "CAN PAC". (Ref. PHSC, Mar. 1977) The faker also produced some "cork inserts to CDS hammers (D 358, D 383) and two bogus flags, D 641 (illustrated) and D 642. D 641 was used extensively as a fake cancel or precancel, and sometimes with the other fake markings above. The origin of the stamp (but not necessarily the faker) has now been discovered. PHSC Journal Summer 2012 showed a King George VI coronation cover with D 641 and the cachet as in the cut.



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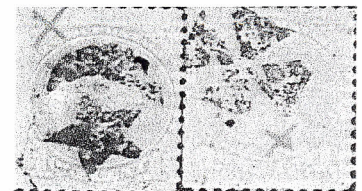
The text reads "Newfoundland's First CACHET COVER, Sponsored, PRINTED and MAILED by THE PIONEER STAMP CO., THE

STATION, GRAND FALLS, NEWFOUNDLAND." I do not know the link between this 1937 cover use, and the 35 year later fakes, but would guess the faker bought some left over items from the former Pioneer Co.

These two cut squares were recently offered for sale on line, and are probably bogus. One of them resembles L 1516, but the postal stationery is at least 10 years too early. There is no need to cancel postal stationery, and these just look too good to be true.



These last items were produced recently by a collector to "show how easy it would be." They should NOT have been placed on S.Q.'s! Note the presence of other cancels.



& Good collecting,

Dave.Lacelle