

**ANNOUNCING a NEW SERVICE to STUDY GROUP MEMBERS**

Perhaps in Bulletin #4, and certainly by Bulletin #5, we will be able to devote a full page, if necessary, to "Want Ads" of our Study Group members. There is no charge for this service. Each member is entitled to publish his Canadian Flag Cancel Want List, using the Richardson Handbook Nos. for not more than thirty wants (30).

Just use a Government Postal Card, address it to Ed Richardson, P.O. Box 939, League City, Texas, 77573. On the message side, print your name and address, and list up to twenty Handbook nos. These will be published in the next possible Bulletin, on a first come, first served basis.

After a member has had a free ad, he can still place another want ad at a later time, by merely waiting his turn. Again, no charge. But in no case will more than one page be devoted to such ads in any issue.

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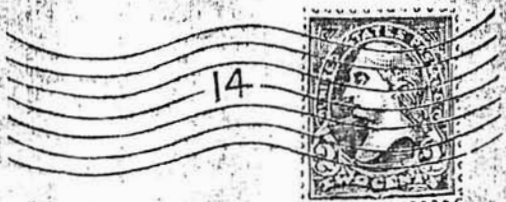
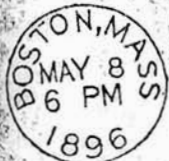
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**ADVERTISEMENT of 1896**

Illustrated at left is the full page advertisement, found on the inside front cover of Edward's Philatelic Press List #2, recently sent us by Bill Walton, BNAPSer #2617. While no date is shown, it is apparently late 1896.

The flag illustration of #1-9 has many inaccuracies, being hand drawn, and not a photo. This leads us to wonder if the illustration in the brochure mentioned by us on page 8 of the handbook, and referred to by Carstairs, might also be a hand drawn affair, and if so the March 18th date would have as little meaning as does the May 9th date shown here.

The machine being advertised here was the "Imperial" - used for Type #1, #2 and #4 Canadian Flag Cancels. The claimed speed of "5000 letters per hour" seems to have been a bit of an exaggeration. Because these machines were so slow they were replaced with the "Bickerdike" machines very shortly.

But here we have the very machine which started it all!

NEW DATES, Continued, (from page 8)

The following continues our revised listing of early and late dates with occasional other notes. New data is underlined.

10-1	TORONTO "A"	May 3, '01	<u>Sept. 6 '01</u>	
21-1	BRANDON	<u>Apr. 17, '17</u>	Sept. 20 '17 (M)	
21-2	REGINA	Feb. 19, '17(M)	<u>Apr. 11, '17 (R)</u>	
23-1	"D" CALGARY	<u>Feb. 28, '17</u>	<u>Apr. 9, '17</u>	
23-3	"D" CHARLOTTETOWN	<u>Apr. 17, '17</u>	Oct. 5, '17	
23-4	"C" GANANOQUE	<u>May 20, '17</u>	Sept. 28, '17(R)	
23-6	"C" LONDON	Feb. 22, '17(P)	<u>Apr. 22, '17</u>	
23-8	"D" REGINA	<u>Apr. 18, '17(R)</u>	<u>Sept. 28, '17(R)</u>	
23-10	"D" SYDNEY"	<u>Apr. 2, '17(R)</u>	Sept. 14, '17(R)	
23-11	"B" TORONTO	Feb. 26, '17(R)	<u>Oct. 6 '17</u>	
23-12	"D" TORONTO	<u>Mar. 8, '17</u>	<u>May 28, '17</u>	
23-13	"D" VANCOUVER	<u>Apr. 4, '17</u>	Sept. 24, '17	
23-14	"D" WINDSOR	<u>Mar. 31, '17</u>	Sept. 21, '17(R)	
23-15	"D" WINNIPEG	<u>Mar. 3, '17</u>	<u>Aug. 16, '17</u>	
24-2	RENFREW	<u>Apr. 21, '17(R)</u>	<u>Sept. 22 '17</u>	
25-1	BRANTFORD	<u>Feb. 10, '17</u>	<u>Oct. 6, '17</u>	
25-3	OTTAWA	Feb. 8, '17	<u>May 18, '17</u>	
26-1	EDMONTON	<u>Apr. 11, '17(R)</u>	<u>Sept. 24, '17</u>	
26-2	<u>VICTORIA</u> (typo error)			
27-1	ST. JOHN	<u>Feb. 15, '17</u>	Oct. 6, '17 (R)	
27-2	TORONTO	<u>Feb. 6, '17(R)</u>	May 31, '17	
28-2	ORILLA	<u>Apr. 2, '17</u>	May 19, '17(R)	
28-3	SAULT STE. MARIE	<u>Mar. 24, '17</u>	Aug. 29, '17	
<u>29-2</u>	(NEW) <u>GANANOQUE</u>	<u>Apr. 2, '17(R)</u>	<u>Apr. 4, '17(R)</u>	30.00
			0.00	
31-1	MONTREAL	Feb. 20, '17	<u>Mar. 24, '17</u>	
32-1	QUEBEC	Mar. 1, '17(R)	<u>Oct. 1, '17</u>	
32-2	ST. HYANCINTHE	Feb. 28, '17	<u>Sept. 6, '17</u>	
33-2	VICTORIA	<u>Apr. 5, '17</u>	Oct. 10, '17	
34-3	GUELPH	<u>Apr. 4, '17(R)</u>	Sept. 17, '17	
35-2	BROCKVILLE	<u>Apr. 22, '17</u>	<u>Oct. 1, '17(R)</u>	
35-3	FREDERICTON	Mar. 1, '17 (M)	<u>Oct. 8, '17</u>	
35-4	MEDICINE HAT	Mar. 26, '17	<u>Aug. 17, '17</u>	
35-7	NORTH BAY	<u>Apr. 3, '17(R)</u>	<u>Aug. 30, '17(R)</u>	
36-1	HAMILTON	<u>Apr. 20, '17</u>	Oct. 6, '17	
36-2	WINNIPEG	<u>Feb. 9, '17</u>	Apr. 13, '17	
36-4	RENFREW	<u>Feb. 19, '17</u>	<u>Apr. 16, '17</u>	

New Dates, etc. (Cont. from page 10)

37-2	EDMONTON	<u>Oct. 29, '17</u>	Nov. 12, '17(M)
37-8	ST. JOHN	<u>Oct. 28, '17</u>	<u>Nov. 18, '17</u>
41-1	SASKATOON	<u>June 24 '17</u>	<u>July 9, '17</u>
41-2	SASKATOON	<u>May 8, '18</u>	July 16, '18(R)
41-3	SASKATOON	<u>May 13, '19</u>	June 29, '19

In the next issue of the CANADIAN FLAG CANCEL BULLETIN we hope to complete our preliminary listing of new dates, etc., thus bringing the Handbook completely up-to-date. We would appreciate members of the Study Group reporting any new data on types #43 thru #85, as soon as it is possible, so it can be incorporated.

#### Sketches of Study Group Members

Starting with Study Group Member #1, and proceeding numerically, it is our (Secretary and Editor) intention, to write-up each of the Study Group members in the BULLETIN. Please send to Ed Richardson, a letter which would be useful in writing up this sketch, giving your collecting, and other interests, your occupation, family data, etc.

#### SKETCHES of STUDY GROUP MEMBERS

##### #1 - Edward "Ed" A. Richardson

Ed, as BNAPSer #168, has been a member of BNAPS for exactly 30 years this very month, joining in April 1945. During that time he has served in numerous Offices, including that of President 1947-49, on the Board of Governors for a couple of terms, as chairman of the membership committee, and a member of the permanent Convention committee. He is presently Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and Liason with the many BNAPS Study Groups. A Fellow of the Royal of Canada.

Ed has collected just about every phase of Candian philately, every by-way, every side-line. However, currently his interests are confined to the postage issues thru the Admirals - with special emphasis on the Numeral and Edward issues; Revenues; Flag Cancels, of course; Airmails, including Semi-Officials, mint and flights; Precancels; Exhibition Covers to 1925; P.E.I.; Booklets and Panes thru 1932; Military Covers 1636-1975; 4-ring Numeral Cancels on 3d and 5¢ Beavers; Fancy Cancels on the Small Queens; Officials, including the Perfin types; and Pictorial Slogan Cancels.

Off and on, over the past 30 years, Ed has written for just about every philatelic publication. "The Hollow Tree" Column ran in Popular Stamps and the Canadian Philatelist for nearly 20 years. He edited the Revenue Column in BNA Topics for a time, and has written extensively on Patriotics, Postal Stationery, Advertising Covers, Military mail and Semi-Official Airmails. He is of course the author of the Canadian Flag Cancellation Handbook, and the Editor of the Bulletin.

Ed is currently Vice-President of the Texas Philatelic Association, and expects to run for the Prexy post in 1975. He is secretary of the Revenue Study Group, active with the Cowboyz'nGals BNAPS Regional unit, and is currently writing a Revenue Handbook, and a Military Postal History. While he retired three and a half years ago, he says "there are still just not enough days, not enough hours, to do all one needs to do!"

Of the 26 Annual BNAPEX affairs, Ed has managed to attend 24 of them, most of the time accompanied by his wife, - Mickey, BNAPSer #2390. Ed's favorite job is that of annually, at the Awards Banquet, to announce the new members of BNAPS Honor Society, The Order of the Beaver.

Originally an "Appleknocker" from Ithaca, N.Y. he migrated to Texas some 21 years ago, as Financial Vice-President of an Independent Petroleum Co. With the current mess, - he thinks he picked the right time to retire.

OUR FIRST MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Now that the Study Group has reached a respectable membership total of 32 - we think it is time we publish our first - CHARTER MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY.

First we list below in alphabetical order, the names of the 32 members with their Study Group Membership nos. Beginning on the next page you will find the members listed in numerical order.

Alphabetical Listing Only

BAIN, Rev. John S. ....	#28
BAYLEY, Colin H. ....	18
CLARK, Emerson A. ....	21
CURTIS, Wayne R. ....	3
DITMARS, V.M. ....	4
ELLISON, Kenneth V. ....	25
FRASER, Don. ....	23
GACHWENDTNER, J.G. ....	32
GREENE, Vincent G. ....	20
GUILE, Clifford R. ....	5
GUTZMAN, W.L. ....	14
HANSEN, Glenn F. ....	6
HARRIS, Edmund A. ....	22
HOLLINGSWORTH, Dr. Chas.W. ....	26
KILISH, Ted L. ....	7
LAMB, Richard M. ....	29
McGEE, John. ....	27
MILLMAN, W. Logan. ....	8
PAIGE, Larry R. ....	9
PAYNE, John. ....	10
PERKINS, Thomas J. ....	30
PETERS, Reimers A. ....	2
PROULX, David H. ....	16
RICHARDSON, Ed. ....	1
ROBINSON, W.G. ....	17
ROCKETT, Wilmer C. ....	11
SESSIONS, David F. ....	15
SQUIRELL, Michael. ....	31
STEINHART, Allan L. ....	12
STULBERG, Dr. Fred G. ....	13
THOMAS, Robert B. ....	19
VEITH, Gordon S. ....	24

Quite an impressive list, reached in less than six months! When we started we dared hope that we might reach 35 by our meeting time in Sept. Looks as if we could well surpass that. So turn now to the next page for the detailed listing by numbers.

NEW DATA on TYPE #3

On page 12 of the Handbook I state "While no January dates have been reported they may exist. Very likely no new lower section of the hub die was ordered, therefore any January dates would probably be without year date!"

Well January dates DO EXIST, as note the illustration at left - January 2, 1897. However our hunch that they might not have the year date proved wrong.

So now we surmise that both the 1896 and 1897 date dies came with the machine when it was put into use in December 1896. Why then was it used so short a time?



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY (see page 12 for alphabetical listing and key study group membership nos.) As of March 8, 1975.

Study Group BNAPS Nos.	Name	Address
168	<u>RICHARDSON, Ed</u> (See page 11 for sketch)	PO Box 939, League City, Tex. 77573
1202	<u>PETERS, Reimers (Ray)</u>	3514 N. 24th St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85016. Top Flag Collector. Dealer. See June issue for full sketch.
2100	<u>CURTIS, Wayne R.</u>	PO Box 541 Station B, Montreal, PQ H3B 3K3. Precancels, Fed. & Prov. Revenues; Post. Stat; Flag, Slogan, RPO, Squared Circle & Montreal Num. & Lett.
769	<u>DITMARS, Voorhis M.</u>	663 Philip St., Fredericton, N.B. Canada generally; incl. Precancels & Post. Stat.
2124	<u>GUILE, Clifford R.</u>	61 Desaulniers, Apt. #1, St. Lambert, P. Que. Pre-stamp & Stampless; Flag, RPO, Squared Circle cancels.
2203	<u>HANSEN, Glenn F.</u>	375 Jefferson Ave., Winnipeg, Man. Editor of Hansen's "Guidebook & Catalogue of Canadian Stamps" - 3rd edition now in works. Specialty is the 1967 issue. Large Queens, 2 & 4 ring num., Flag & Squared Circle cancels.
1901	<u>KILISH, Ted L.</u>	9208 Trinity St., Detroit, Mich. 48228. Illustrator for the Handbook. A leading Flag Canc. specialist, - also collects Canada 20th Cent.
1161	<u>MILLMAN, W. Logan</u>	1476 Coronation Lane, R.R. #5, Sarnia Ont. 20th Cent. Canada and Newfoundland.
2384	<u>PAIGE, Larry R.</u>	1069 Shillelagh Rd., Chesapeake, Va. 23323. Study Group Secretary. Top Student of Flag Canc. Collects the works, incl. Revenues, Post. Stat. & S/O.
2175	<u>PAYNE, John</u>	2108 - 66 Ave. SE, Calgary, Alta. New BNAPS Sales Manager, 19th & 20th Cent. Canada, N.B., and Newfoundland.
249	<u>ROCKETT, Wilmer (Bill)</u>	2030 Overlook Ave., Willow Grove, Pa. 19090. Ch. Revenue Study Group. Order of the Beaver. Wide field of BNA Philately & sidelines. Member BNAPS Board.
2010	<u>STEINHART, Allan L.</u>	80 Grand Ravine #915, Downsview, Ont. Cancellation specialist - RPO, Terr., Flag & Squared Circles. Full Canada field, incl. Post. Stationery.
2290	<u>STUBBERG, Dr. Fred G.</u>	15 Westgate Crescent, Downsview, Ont. M3P 1P7 Editor, The CANADIAN PHILATELIST. Prolific philatelic writer. Full Canada postal field, specialist in cancels of 1851-1900. A Director of the Royal of Canada.
1300	<u>GUTZMAN, Wally L.</u>	372 Vinet Ave., Dorval, P. Que. Full field of Canada & Newfld. postage; RPO, Flag and Squared Circle Cancels.
(appl)	<u>SESSIONS, David E.</u>	56 Hoyle Court Rd., Baildon, Shipley, West Yorkshire, England. G.B. BD17 6JP Membership Sec. of Canadian Philatelic Society of G.B. Dominion issues thru the Edwards. All Cancels and Postmarks.
2562	<u>PROULX, David H.</u>	7629 Homestead Dr., Baldwinsville, N.Y. 13027 Author of 1973 "Slogan Postal Cancels of Canada"; Flag & Slogan Cancels; Post. Stationery entires.
2982	<u>ROBINSON, W.G. (Bill)</u>	5830 Cartier St., Vancouver, B.C. V6M 3A7 Full range of Canada, Newfld. & B.C. incl. Revenues; Specialty - Cancels, RPO, Terr. & early western, especially those of B.C.

Note: Members #1 thru #13 are those who originally formed the group at Williamsburg, Va. in September, 1974.

- 18 704 BAYLEY, Colin H. 425 Hinton Ave., Ottawa, Ont.  
A major contributor to the Handbook. Fellow of Royal of Canada. Full range of Canada postal issues. Speciality - 1868 Large Queens. Director of the Royal of Canada.
- 2373 THOMAS, Robert B. Bonnybrook Trail, Norwalk, Conn.  
06850 Wide range of Canada & Provinces, 19th Cent. Precancels, RPO, Terr., Flag & Squared Circles.
- 20 L 40 GREENE, Vincent G. 77 Victoria St., Toronto, Ont.  
A Past Pres. BNARS, Order of the Beaver. Fellow of the Royal of London & Canada. Signer of Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. International Jurist. Co-Author of book on N.B. & N.S. Postal History; See Sissons sale Feb.11-12
- 21 1498 CLARK, Emerson A. PO Box 6788, Burbank, Calif. 91510  
President, American Phil. Society. Full range of Canada & Newfld. incl. Post. Stationery & S/O airmails.
- 22 729 HARRIS, Edmund A. 620 - 75th Ave NW, Calgary, Alta.  
T2K OP9 New Treasurer of BNAPS. All Canada 19th & 20th Cent. postage, RPO, 2 & 4 ring num., cork, crown, terr., flag and other cancellations.
- 23 2145 FRASER, Don 1183 Warsaw Ave., Winnipeg, Man.  
19th Canada; 19th-20th Newfld.; Terr., Squared Circle, Flag cancels. Specialty - Manitoba Postal History.
- 24 3244 VEITH, Gordon S. PO Box 51011, New Orleans, La. 70150  
Has collected many areas of US & foreign, in Canada we know only of Precancels, Flag Cancels. Will wait for data.
- 25 1977 ELLISON, Kenneth V. Oyama, B.C.  
Sec. of Military Postal History Study Group; All Canada & B.C. Speciality - B.C. Cancels.
- 26 896 HOLLINGSWORTH, Dr. Chas. 17 Mellish Rd, Walsall, Staffs, Eng-land, G.B. Secretary, Canadian Philatelic Society of G.B.  
A major contributor to Handbook. Frequent author. Fellow of the CPS of GB; 19th-20th Cent. Canada postage & stat. RPO, Flag, Slogan, 2-ring cancels. A student of the issues of 1897-1903; deals thru the Edwards, re-entries, vars.
- 27 (appl) McGEE, John PO Box 98, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770  
Publisher of "Machine Cancel Forum", a frequent plugger for our study group and the handbook.
- 28 19 BAIN, Rev. John S. 424 5th St., Santa Rosa, Cal. 95401  
He and Vinnie Greene are two of the original 40 charter members of BNAPS. Collects the full Canadian field.
- 29 1255 LAMB, Richard M. Box 573, Kitchener, Ont. N2G 4A2  
Dealer. If you collect Flag, Squared Circle or other cancels, and other Canada & Newfld. material you should be on his mailing list, for his "Special Offers" List #24 was out in February and probably well picked over by now.
- 30 1350 PERKINS, Thomas J. 900 Kern St., Richmond, Calif. 94805  
Full field of Canada postage, incl. Post. Stationery. A revenue fan. Doesn't pass up many sidelines.
- 31 2372 SQUIRELL, Michael 241 12th Ave., Lively, Ont. POM 2E0  
BNAPS Librarian, and would like to help you. Literature. 19th-20th Cent. Canada.
- 32 (appl) GACHWENDTNER, J.G. 5232 Sundown Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28303. Just got in under the wire, and all we know is that he tells us he is "a newcomer to the fascinating study of Canadian Flag Cancellations." We'll get more data later.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION of MEMBERSHIP

Great Britain (2)	#15 & 26	U.S. - N. East (4)	7, 11, 16, 19
Canada - West (4)	#10, 17, 22, 25	- South (3)	9, 27, 32
" - Central (9)	#6, 8, 12, 13, 18, 20, 23, 29, 31	- S.W. (3)	1, 2, 24
" - Que. & Mar (4)	#3, 4, 5, 14	- West Coast (3)	21, 28, 30
		Total (32)	

DO YOU NEED a #83-1 with Sept. 22nd DATE?

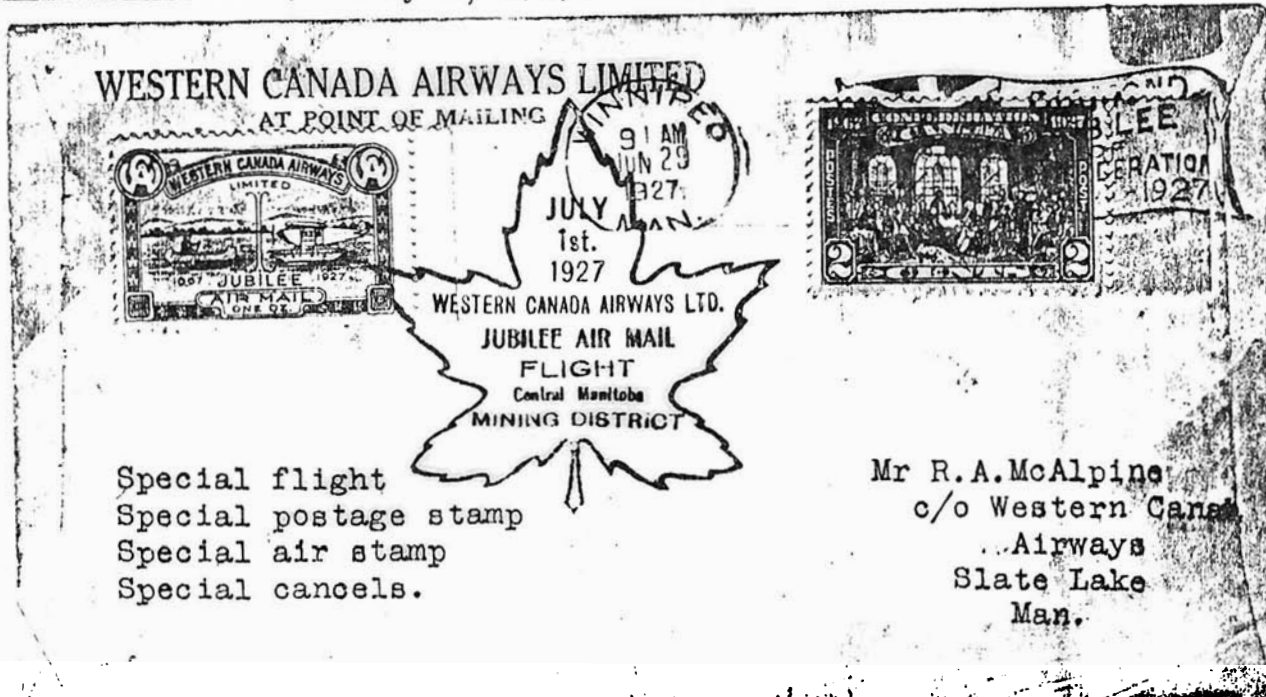
As you know from reading the February BULLETIN, only 220 examples of this flag were processed on Sept. 22nd. W.G. Robinson, 5830 Cartier St., Vancouver, B.C. V6M 3A7 has a couple extras which he will trade for any of the 1973-74 Howe Flags of Halifax, One for one basis.

ED RICHARDSON'S WANT LIST

So you thought I had 'em all! Not by a long shot! As you can see by this lengthy want list, I still have a long way to go. I NEED:-  
 1-1 7-3a 8-6a 8-23 32-2 37-1, 40-2 43-2 In addition to the  
 4-2 -6a 8-9a 12-1a 35-4 37-2 40-3 52-1A 24 varieties listed  
 4-5 8-2a 8-11a 25-4 35-8 39-1 41-3 52-2A - I also am always  
 looking for year dates, months, and even days on most other types. So if you have duplicates to dispose of, a collection for sale, or a single cover to sell or trade, - get in touch!

AN UNUSUAL 1927 CONFEDERATION FLAG COVER

In connection with the Canadian Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, the Canadian P.O. Department authorized the Western Canada Airways to issue a special 10¢ "Jubilee" stamp, for use in connection with their special "Jubilee Flights" of July 1, 1927.



The cover shown here bears the 2¢ Confederation stamp bearing the FIRST DAY cancel of June 29th, at Winnipeg. The cover was then forwarded on to Lac Du Bonnett, where it became one of the 42 covers carried to Slate Lake on July 1st. Flag Cancel, Scarce First Day, First Flight -what more could any collector ask?

THOSE THREE FLAG LOTS in SISSONS Feb. 12th (Greens) Sale		Sold For
576	1897 Jubilee, 2¢-\$5 complete tied to 16 covers with Ottawa AUG 10 '97 Jubilee Flag Cancels (#4-6).....	\$4,250
668	Lavender Map, tied to First Day cover with Toronto DEC 7 1898 "D" Flag, correct local rate (#8-20).....	withdrawn
669	Lavender Map, tied to cover to England with Ottawa DEC 25 "G" Flag, first day imperial rate, very fine (#8-15).....	\$ 150

REGARDING THIS, and OUR NEXT ISSUE

We hope you like this enlarged 9-paged issue. As you can see, we have not yet ran out of material, and our next issue, planned for JUNE, will be another 9-page affair as well. But we depend upon study group members for new data, suggestions, contributions - so keep 'em coming!

ENOUGH ERRORS on the ROYAL TRAIN to Cause a Wreck!

ROYAL YORK HOTEL  
TORONTO



*Mr. J. P. ...*  
7382 ch. St. Colomb -  
Montreal

Last month, on page 5, we mentioned a TRAIN ROYAL Flag cancel with the "MAY" instead of "MAI" spelling. Now we have a ROYAL TRAIN cancel with "MAI" instead of "MAY" - the exact reverse! As you may recall, the other cover was dated May 22nd, and so to is this one, and this bears a nice illustrated corner card from the city where the Train was located on May 22nd - Toronto. This one courtesy of Wayne Curtis.

Just goes to show what you might find if you keep your eyes open when you are scrounging thru the dealers' bourse!

And SPEAKING of the ROYAL TRAIN

Our Study Group member Bob Thomas has a couple of Royal Train covers which carry special interest for him. They bear the complete set of Royal Visit Stamps, and bears the Flag Cancel of May 21st. For the reason for the special interest I quote:-

"You might like to know that my Father-in-Law, E.R. Battley, was Chief of Motive Power for the Canadian National Railways, and had the Canadian National parts of the Royal Train built and assembled at the Point St. Charles Shops in Montreal. These two covers were sent from the train which he was riding. (Pilot train.) In a letter in one he described the trains' make-up!"

FLAG CANCEL SEMINAR at BNAPEX '75

We are now making plans for another Flag Cancellation Seminar, to be held at BNAPEX '75, at Toronto. We expect the seminar to be scheduled for Friday afternoon, September 19th. It is not too soon for all members of the Study Group to start making plans to attend this 1½ hour session.

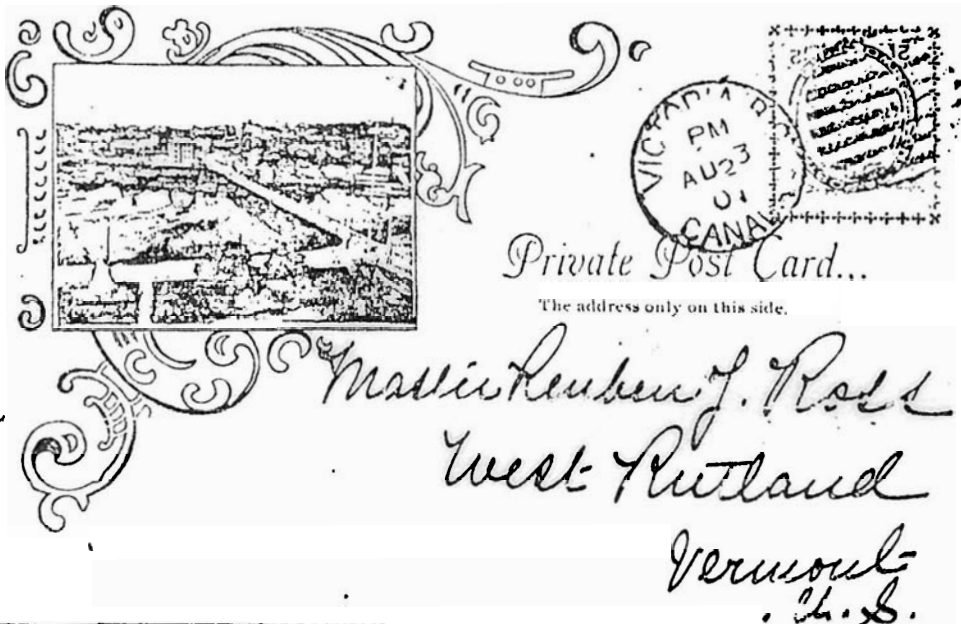
About 15min. will be devoted to the Study Group's business, and the rest of the time will be devoted to 1.) Displays; 2.) New discoveries; 3.) a question and answer period; 4.) Discussion of some areas for study in 1975-76, and possibly 5.) a mini-auction.

The idea for the mini-auction is to allow each member to bring 1-5 Flag Cancels, each having a handbook value of \$12.50 or more. Each to be sold to the highest bidder, without reserve, with 10% going to the Study Group treasury. No Auction lists, no mail sales.



LOOK FAMILIAR?

The Private Post Card illustrated here this month looks strikingly similar to that illustrated on Page 5, February issue. However the previous card had the new late date of the Victoria Provincial Exhibition Flag Cancel, - August 22nd.



This card, shown us by Fred Langford, is dated August 23rd and bears the normal duplex cancel.

While the picture is different, both cards are from the same series. They WOULD make a Nice pair!

Langford is the author of the "FLAG CANCEL ENCYCLOPEDIA" which covers the US field quite exhaustively.

While on the subject of the Victoria Flag Cancel, we'd like

to recall that it is a hand cancel, and not a machine type. This is pointed out in the handbook. I called it a hand-roller of awkward size and shape. Fred thinks it should be more accurately called a hand-rocker type. We'll further into this.

WONDER WHERE THEY ARE NOW?

Reading the Jubilee Philatelist for Dec. 1, 1899, - an illustration caught my eye. It was hand drawn so I do not illustrate it here, but it did show a BISECTED 2¢ MAP STAMP cancelled Montreal Oct 17, 1899, with a type 8 flag cancel. We quote the story "Mr. C.E. Holmes, of Montreal, cut a 2¢ map stamp in two vertically, (actually was diagonal, Ed) intending to use each half for a 1¢ stamp. Taking the upper half, he put it on a letter addressed to himself, mailed it, and the next morning it reached him. The next day he took the lower half and mailed it and got it alright. He repeated this the next day, but the postman asked him for 2¢ to pay for a letter that had not been sufficiently prepaid. Needless to say, the letter is now in the Dead Letter Office!" We wonder what ever became of those first two covers? Not rarities, nor valuable - but certainly interesting philatelic curiosities.

ANOTHER CURIOSITY PIECE

Recently I was shown by Prof. Fred B. Hutt, BNAPSer #871 a small piece, bearing a SQUARED CIRCLE, and RPO, and a FLAG CANCEL all cancelling the stamp. The Flag cancel, too small a piece to show the postmark, was the "F" #12-3; The Squared Circle, probably applied as a transit marking was that of Lindsay, Ont., a terminal point on the railroad; and the R.R. Cancel was that of the Ottawa & Brockville RR "N" run. So which collection do you put it in?

SOME DATES to REMEMBER (Ed Richardson plans to attend them all)

- May 3 - Arlington, Texas - Regional BNAPS meeting in conjunction with Mid-Cities POSTEX show. 60 Frames of BNA, two BNA seminars, luncheon.
- May 24 - Willow Grove, Pa. - Annual Bill & Edna Rockett "Revenue" Party.
- May 29-June 1 - Quebec City - Annual Exhibition. Convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Seminars.
- Sept 18-20 - Toronto, Ont. - Annual Convention, and Exhibition of BNAPS. Flag Cancel Study Group Meeting. Other seminars.