

THE FLAG POLE



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EDITOR'S REMARKS

I would like to welcome two new members to our group:

48. Darrell Bedford, 104 Margaret Pl, Brockville, ON K6V 6Y3. Darrell is primarily interested in the 1939 Royal Train Cancels.
49. Paul Burega, PO Box 15765, Station "F" Ottawa, ON K2C 3S7. Paul belongs to just about every other BNAPS study group and he thought that he would join ours also.

Our Treasurer reports that we still have an adequate bank balance, so that the call for membership dues has been deferred for another issue.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The meeting of our study group at BNAPEX'91 in Vancouver will be held at 4.00pm on Friday August 30th. Doug Lingard will be chairing the meeting as, regretfully, I cannot attend this year. We will be discussing the progress on updating Richardson's handbook.

Finally, some comments on the David Proulx Slogan Catalogue latest edition (blue cover), which I received recently. This of course, includes flags which are listed in alphabetic order along with the slogans. The book has its uses as a check list, but errors abound. Many have been carried over from the last edition (yellow cover).

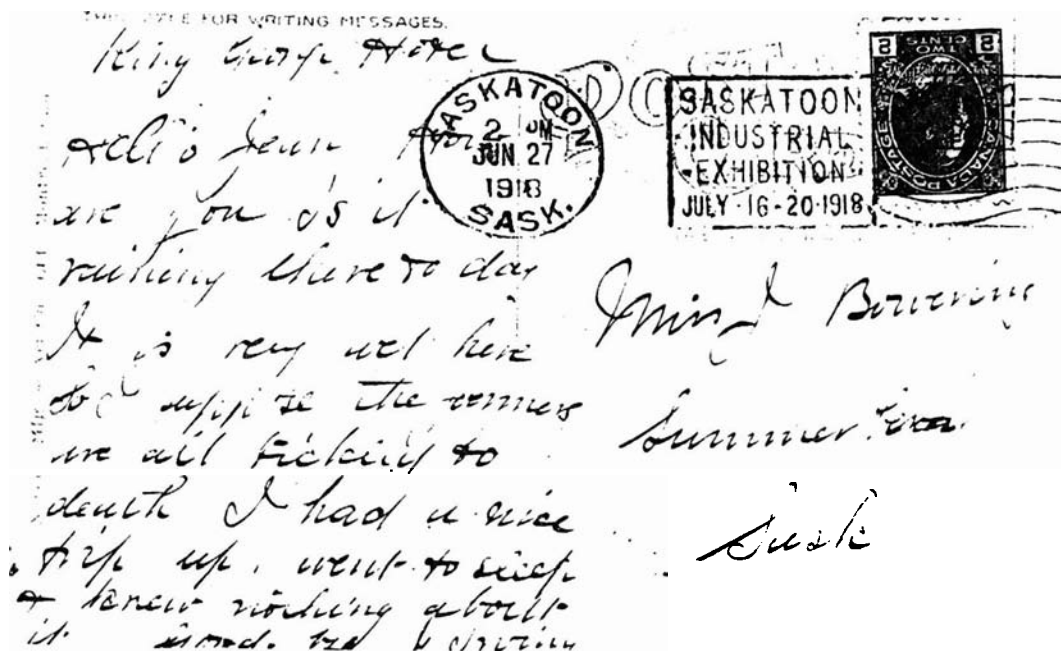
No attempt was made to contact other flag or slogan collectors

and his comment "I could not find interested collectors of new slogans to report necessary information" is simply not true. I have been at the same address since 1978 and, as one of the main updaters of the yellow edition, I would have expected him to contact me. The pricing is way off-beam, it is much too low for the scarcer items, which can only help us collectors. (Is this supposed to be criticism or a compliment? Ed.)

SOME REMARKABLE FINDS
John Robertson

During the last 2 months there have been some remarkable flag finds in the Toronto area. Member Bob Thorne and yours truly have been extremely lucky in acquiring the items shown below.

First of all appeared the 41-02 Saskatoon Industrial postcard, well within the period of use, but a nice strike and the first one that I have seen. (See Flagpole volume 2, number 3 for another. Ed.)



A week later Bob completely upstaged me when, in a box of 1960's 2"x4", he found an envelope with the rare Toronto G 7-16 and Toronto G 8-23. (The 8-23 appears to have been used in the "D" machine, see volume 4, number 1, pages 4/5 for an illustration of the G used in another machine Ed.)



Bob also sent me an illustration of two different Toronto hubs used with type 7-12. The first has a small "1897", the second has a larger "1897".

This raises the possibility of multiple hubs for other flags. Check your collection!



Finally a commercial, I need flags in quantity on 2"x4", for a study of periods of use. I can send similar items in return, I have several hundred of the more common WWI cities.

**Type 8 Short Bar Variety
Doug Lingard**

In the December 1988 edition of Flag Pole, member Fred Hollenbeck reported that Montreal 8-11 and 8-13 had a shorter top bar than the other type 8 cancellations. He asked when the damage occurred. The cover below is illustrated courtesy of Hank Narbonne. It is dated April 19th 1898, which is a few days after the conversion. It is therefore possible that the bar was damaged during conversion. Can anyone report an earlier example with the damage, or an earlier example without it? Your comments would be much appreciated.



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The 1937 Flags Revisited
Tom Almond

In Flag Pole volume 4, number 1, June 1990, John Robertson reported the use of additional hubs for London, Ottawa and Montreal. I have studied my covers and I confirm his findings.

London I have the additional hub used on May 10 on several Philatelic FDC's, all with the 8 AM time mark. However one ought to qualify the word "used". Who can say when the cancellation was applied? I cannot report the second hub used on any other day.

Montreal A similar pattern occurs. I have the additional hub used only on May 10 with Flag 51-1A.

Ottawa Usage is somewhat different. I can report hub I used on May 10, 13 and 14, and hub II used on 10, 11 and 12.

Why not check your accumulations of these common flags and report other usage?

I recently obtained an accumulation Coronation covers at auction. Amongst them was the large commercial cover that is illustrated below. It has no back-stamp and no ship markings, but it appears to me that the flag has been used as a paquebot marking. Can anybody confirm or refute this theory?



DON'T FORGET!

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AUGUST 29-31

FLAG CANCEL STUDY GROUP MEETING AT 4:00 PM FRIDAY

BRING ALONG ANY INTERESTING ITEMS TO SHOW YOUR FRIENDS

AND

YOUR TRADERS