

## THE FLAG POLE



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### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

BNAPS Toronto '93 is now only 3 months away and I look forward to a marvellous convention. You will be able to find me - for some of the time anyway - at the registration desk on Thursday evening and Friday Morning.

Our Flag meeting is at 1PM on Friday September 4th in meeting room "A". David Sessions is our guest speaker, so we are sure to have an informative meeting.

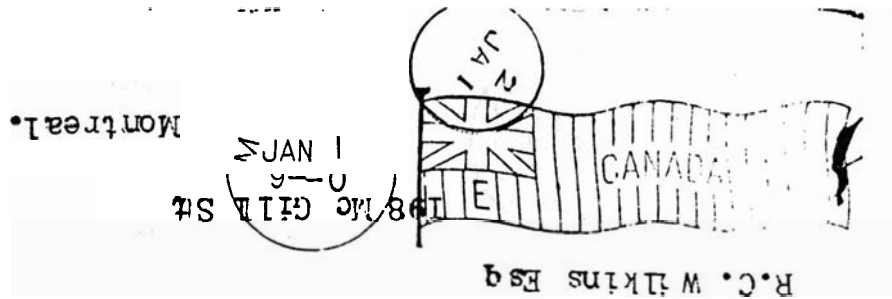
Don't forget to bring every flag cover you wish to trade and let's have a real trading session sometime during the weekend.

### EDITOR'S REMARKS

This is my third edition of the Flag Pole and I must thank John for his article on the 1937 Coronation. There has been some negative feed-back on the proposed changes to the WW I numbers, please think about this and bring your comments to BNAPS Toronto '93.

Doug is now working on the Royal Train Section of the Handbook. Bob Lee's June auction has an unreported time mark "8 PM" for June 13, which would be Moncton. Also John Robertson came up with a couple "Mai 22" errors for the English die at Toronto. The editor acquired one of them so do not expect John to have this in his trader box at BNAPS but there are bound to be some good flags available for trade at BNAPS. Hope to see you all there.

CLASSIC CORNER

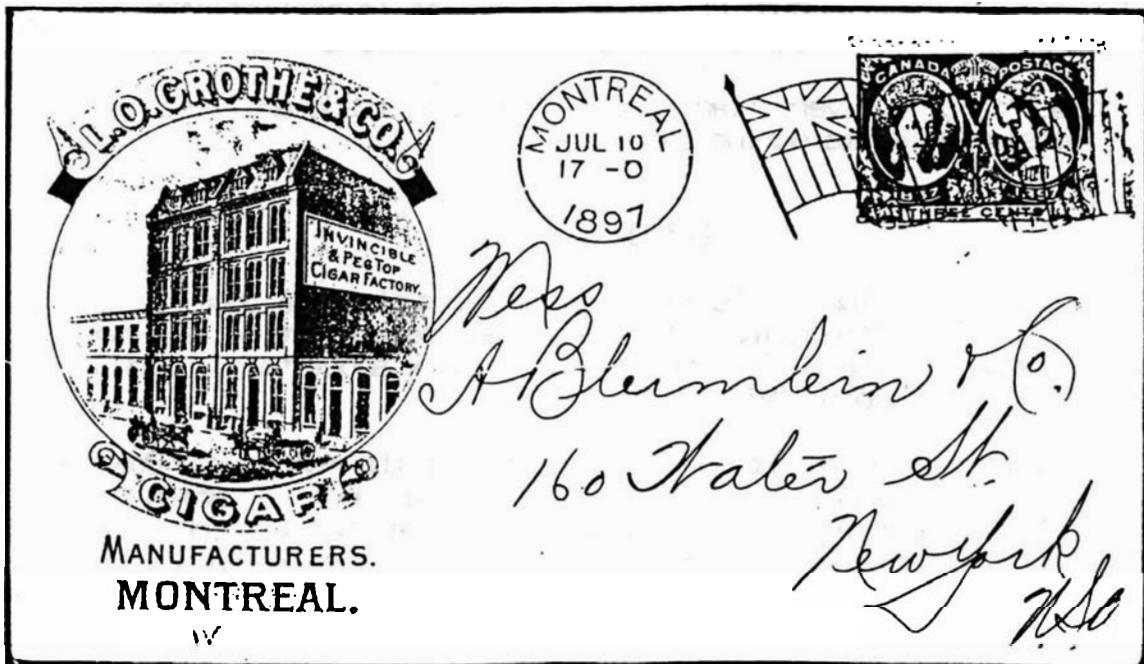


THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



Type 1-7

Jan. 1st 1897 date used as a receiving mark on a card from Toronto. Note the blank year in hub that was normally used with the "F" flag die. This is a day earlier than reported in Flag Pole Vol. 1 Nbr. 4 in Larry Paige's article.



TYPE 7-6 Die IV

July 10, 1897 the early date for Type 7 on a lovely corner card. From Colin Banfield's collection.

## CAMBRIDGE STAMP SHOW



TYPE 114-1 (1978)

TYPE 114-2 (1979)

In 1978 the Cambridge Stamp Club held their annual show on September 23. The club arranged for a Flag cancellation to be used and it was authorized by Canada Post for use at Galt, Ont for the month of Sept. Canada Post press release of July 14, 1978 gives the text as "STAMP SHOW SALON DU TIMBRE POST" with no mention of the date which is included in the die.

The club prepared 1000 souvenir covers with a corner card showing "The Sheave Tower" at the Old Blair Mill in Blair, Ontario with an insert outlining the history of the Tower. These were available at the show and through the mail to those who requested them. The date on the covers, however, is Thursday September 21 and not Saturday the 23rd which was the day of the show.

Commercial use is known from September 17 and there is reported use as late as September 23.

For 1979 the die was brought into use again by the club to cancel 500 souvenir covers this time the die had the date of the show removed. The corner card and insert with the 1979 covers show "The Old Galt Post Office" which was constructed in 1885 and still dominates downtown Galt. Strangely the covers are once again dated September 21 which was the Friday before the show on the 22nd. There are no reports of covers with the Flag Cancel other than the Show covers. There was no mention of the Cancellation in Canada Post's press releases so mail in orders for covers did not exist.

TYPE 114-1	1978	Sept. 21 on show card with insert	\$ 2.00
		Sept. 17-23 commercial use	\$ 4.00
TYPE 114-2	1979	Sept. 21 on show card with insert	\$ 3.00

## CHAPTER XVII

### THE KING GEORGE VI CORONATION FLAGS OF 1937

Another beautiful flag of the same basic design as the Confederation Flags of 1927 is worthy of specialist study. The number of Dies and Hub varieties make it difficult to complete and even after 35 years of looking for them my set is no more than 70% complete.

The discoveries since Ed Richardson's book are minor, consisting of Hub varieties from Montreal, London and Ottawa these will be discussed in their appropriate sections.

#### PERIOD OF USE

As Richardson states Monday May 10th to Saturday May 15th was intended but our recent survey conducted by Fred Hollenbeck has produced later use for Charlottetown, Halifax, New Westminster, Ottawa and Regina.

Regina Hub #1 is still only known for May 10th so, I think we can assume that was the only day of use.

May 10th was the First Day of Issue for the 3c Coronation stamp, which explains why the May 10th date is the most common, especially on a Cacheted Philatelic Cover. Incidentally, an interesting sideline to collecting Coronation Covers would be to collect as many different Cacheted covers as one can find.

May 12th was Coronation Day, and our recent research indicates a normal pattern of usage for that date, thus it is not as scarce as Richardson indicated.

May 10th was also the First Day of Issue of the 4c, 5c and 8c definitive issue, so covers can be found with this philatelic franking (which in my opinion, owing to the quantity of stamps used, rather destroys the look of the flag cancel).

With all the Hub and Die Varieties as listed there are now 25 varieties of the English version Type 50. Referring to the listing which follows there are now a total of 131 known with in all likelihood a possibility of another 9 turning up in the future.

As in the original handbook we are listing retail values based on what came from 7 major collectors. I feel philatelic and first day covers are worth about 70% of these values and 2" x 4" 10% to 20% of the listed value.

If you have dates after May 15 you have a real rarity for May 16 add \$ 15.00 and add \$ 25.00 for the 17th or later.

## TYPE 50 ENGLISH FLAG DIE VARIETIES

Only of concern when a town used two different, as in the case of Toronto and Winnipeg. Illustrated below, nothing has changed since Ed's book in 1973.

### Toronto Die Varieties



Die I



Die II

1. "CORONATION" - 21 mm
2. "A" of "AND" directly under "I" of "KING"
3. "D" of "AND" directly under "G" of "GEORGE"
4. Left leg of "V" in "VI" points to right leg of last "N" in "CORONATION"
5. "N" of "H. M. QUEEN" is narrower and to the left of "N" of "H. M. KING".

1. "CORONATION" - 23 mm
2. "A" of "AND" directly under "NG" of "KING"
3. "D" of "AND" directly under "E" of "GEORGE"
4. Left leg of "V" in "VI" points near left leg of last "N" in "CORONATION"
5. "N" of "H. M. QUEEN" is wider and directly under "N" of "H. M. KING".

### Winnipeg Die Varieties



Die I



Die II

1. "A" of "AND" directly under "IN" of "KING"
2. "MAY 12-1937" centred up nearer Ensign
3. "D" of "AND" directly under "G" of "GEORGE"
4. The two "H. M."s not vertically in line
5. "2" of "12" directly below white bar of Ensign.

1. "A" of "AND" directly under "G" of "KING"
2. "MAY 12-1937" centred down nearer bottom line
3. "D" of "AND" directly under "E" of "GEORGE"
4. The two "H. M."s are vertically in line
5. "2" of "12" centred to left of white bar of Ensign.

### DATER HUB VARIETIES

Hub varieties are known from London, Ottawa, Regina and 3 different from Montreal. Period of use for London, Ottawa and Montreal is a little uncertain, so more information is still needed.

#### LONDON



HUB 1  
Small ONT.  
Compact LONDON



HUB 2  
Large ONT.  
Wider LONDON

#### OTTAWA



HUB 1  
Small ONT.  
Small OTTAWA



HUB 2  
Large ONT.  
Large OTTAWA

#### REGINA



HUB 1  
SASK. at base



HUB 2  
TERMINAL A. at base

Montreal will be illustrated under the French sub-section.

## TYPE 51 BILINGUAL DIE AND HUB VARIETIES

Used only in 2 Cities - Montreal and Quebec City. Montreal now seems to have used 3 Hubs as mentioned earlier but only two Dies. These are illustrated below.

### HUB VARIETIES

TYPE 51-1



Die 1, Hub 1 - Narrow P.Q.

TYPE 51-1A



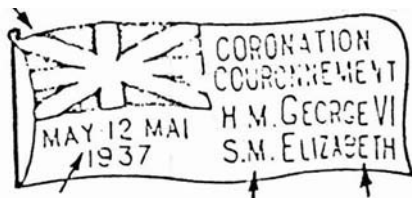
Die 2, Hub 2 - Short L

TYPE 51-1B



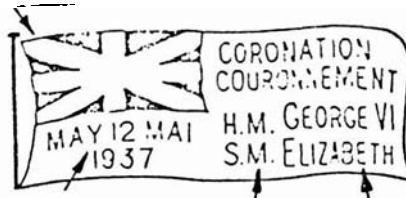
Die 2, Hub 3 - Slightly curved L  
Long tailed Q  
Break in frame below Q

### MONTREAL DIE VARIETIES



Die No. 1

1. "Y" of "MAY" has right arm pointing well to left of the centre vert. white stripe.
2. "N" in "S. N." is narrow and to the left of the "N" in "H. N."
3. Narrow white bar in Ensign
4. Last "E" in "GEORGE" is slightly to the right of the last "E" of "COURONNEMENT".



Die No. 2

1. "Y" of "MAY" has right arm pointing at the left edge of the centre vert. stripe
2. "N" in "S. N." is same size and directly below "N" in "H. N."
3. Wide white bars in Ensign
4. Last "E" in "GEORGE" is directly below last "E" of "COURONNEMENT".

1937 CORONATION

TOWN	NBR	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	21	VALUE
CALGARY	50-1	X	X	X	X	X	X					4.00
CHARLOTTETOWN	50-2	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	10.00
EDMONTON	50-3	X	X	X	X	X	X					6.00
FORT WILLIAM	50-4	X	X	X	X		X					10.00
FREDERICTON	50-5	X	X	X		X	X					10.00
HALIFAX	50-6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				4.00
HAMILTON	50-7	X	X	X	X	X	X					2.00
LONDON HUB 1	50-8	X	X	X	X	X	X					4.00
HUB 2	50-8A	X		X								4.00
NEW WESTMINSTER	50-9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				10.00
NORTH BATTLEFORD	50-10	X	X		X	X	X					15.00
OTTAWA HUB 1	50-11	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			4.00
HUB 2	50-11A	X	X	X								4.00
PORT ARTHUR	50-12	X	X	X	X		X					10.00
REGINA HUB 1	50-13	X										10.00
HUB 2	50-13A	X	X	X	X	X	X					4.00
SASKATOON	50-14	X	X	X	X	X	X					4.00
SAINT JOHN	50-15	X	X	X	X	X	X					6.00
TORONTO DIE 1	50-16	X	X	X	X	X	X					2.00
DIE 2	50-16A	X	X	X	X	X	X					2.00
VANCOUVER	50-17	X	X	X	X	X	X					2.00
VICTORIA	50-18	X	X	X	X	X	X					4.00
WINDSOR	50-19	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			4.00
WINNIPEG DIE 1	50-20	X	X	X	X	X	X					6.00
DIE 2	50-20A	X	X	X	X	X	X					4.00
MONTREAL												
DIE 1 HUB 1	51-1	X	X	X	X	X	X					4.00
DIE 2 HUB 2	51-1A	X										4.00
DIE 2 HUB 3	51-1B	X	X	X	X	X	X					4.00
QUEBEC	51-2	X	X	X	X	X	X					6.00