



Summer Stamping

This issue comes to you a bit late. Home renovations caused the stamp den to be packed into boxes. What was thought to be only a few weeks work rolled into months. Now I have everything scattered all over the place, in boxes, in

piles, and on top of everything. I will spend the fall getting organized again.

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Book Review, by Peter McCarthy

A Canadian Railway Postal History Anthology, edited by W. G. Robinson, 227 pages, 8 1/2 x 11 soft cover illustrated. Published for the Canadian R.P.O. Study Group of B.N.A.P.S. Ltd., by William G. Robinson, 5830 Cartier Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6M 3A7 Canada.

A Canadian Railway Postal History Anthology was published to commemorate the one hundredth newsletter issued by the Canadian Railway Post Office Study Group. Bill Robinson has done a masterful job in selecting highlights from those 100 newsletters. The very first article - The Introduction of the Railway Postal Car to Canada (A Little History) by Thomas A. Hillman - is almost worth the price of the book alone. In addition there is a lot of useful information for the novice and the newcomer to the study group. One being, What Do All Those Letters Mean? by Joe Purcell - an explanation of railway name abbreviations.

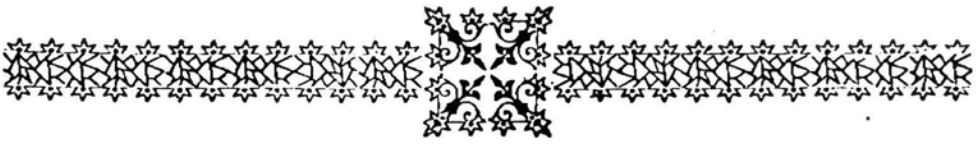
Frank Waite undertook quite a project that he shared with the study group. Appearing in several

issues was an article entitled After The Ampersand. This helped members identify hard to make out second named terminals. Dedicated study group members certainly keep these newsletters handy as invaluable aides.

Cross Border railway postal history is well represented by articles and even a poem by Dr. John McCrea who must be considered as a foremost expert on the subject.

Other useful data are things such as maps and timetables and many articles by the dean himself, Lewis M. Ludlow. The R.P.O. is represented from Newfoundland to British Columbia as Bill takes us through the carrying of the mails in the Romantic age of steam, with well chosen articles on the history and development of many of the railroads over which the mails traveled.

The anthology not only belongs in the hands of the R.P.O. study group members but should also formulate a part of the library of all students of Postal History



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