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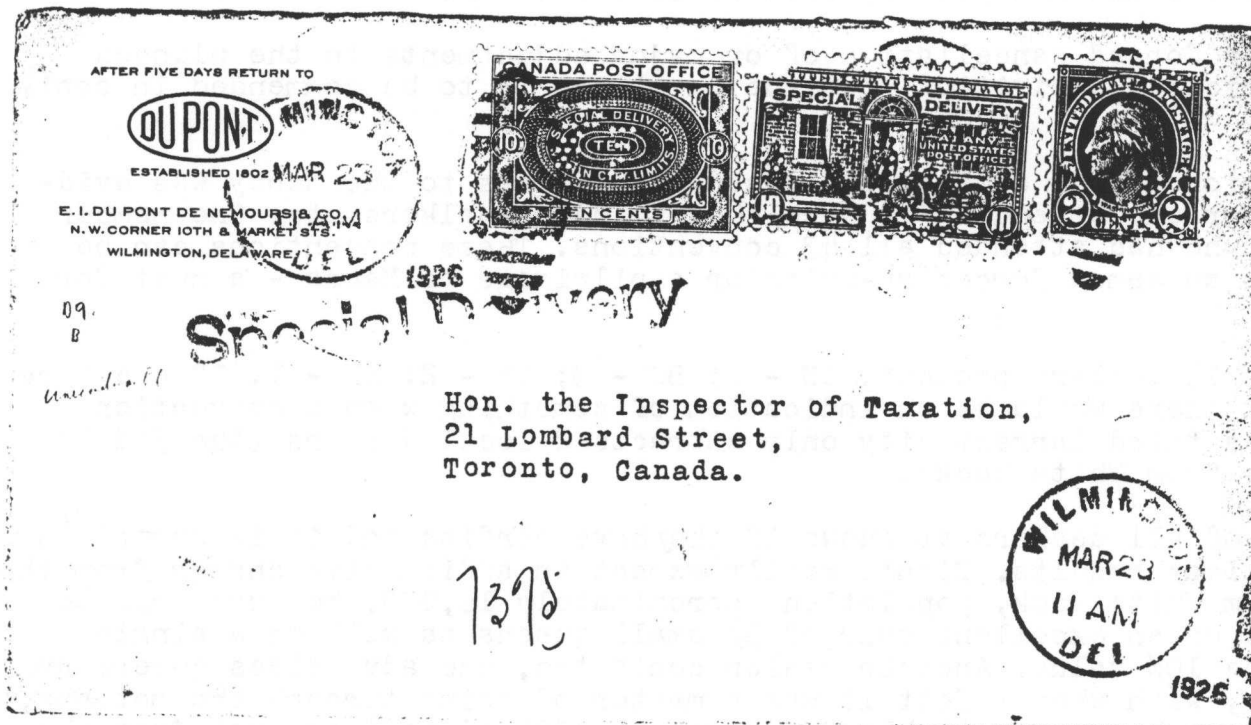
FROM THE EDITORS DESK:

I am very late this month and it started out with a very bad cold. Then I decided to take a 3 week course on Income Tax with H & R Block and it's a rough course.

In the issue you will find some sad news and I will let our Chairman tell you in his Chairmans chatter. Also because of that we have a temporary Secretary -Tresury. Michael Dicketts also will be doing the Auctions well. His address is further in the newsletter.

A report by Mike Hargraft on our yearend finances and a handbook update No 8 by Conrad Trembley.

My thanks to all contributors to this newsletter. We need more like you. So don't stop sending me more information, PLEASE. I am running low on Material for future issues. We have enough material for the March Issue only.



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As promised, or threatened, whichever way you want to look at it, this is a continuation of my first article about BNAPS91.

Left Saskatoon on a warm sunny Tuesday morning to arrive 2 hours later in a cool and wet Vancouver. It rained all that day and Wednesday and Thursday and Friday, was cloudy Saturday and rained in the evening, but when the convention was over, wouldn't you know it, the weather turned sunny and warm and stayed that way until my departure.

This was my first BNAPS convention and was impressed by the organization, in fact you could set your watch by the time of the opening and closing of the bourse and display, to the displeasure of some dealers.

There were 3 main receptions, the first being at Brock House on the Thursday evening, originally intended as an outdoor BBQ but changed to an indoor smorg, and the best of the 3 by my judgement. It probably is an indication of my spartan prairie lifestyle when it came as a shock that the drinks were \$4.00 each. The second reception was - Meet the Past Presidents held at the Bayshore Inn. It was a cheese cracker and fruit affair, and for those who like cheese, a meal could be made of it, but kept my distance from the drinks as they were now \$4.50 a shot. The final reception was the Awards Banquet at the Bayshore. The proceedings were interesting and varied but the meal would not get any rave reviews from me.

The weather forced cancellation of or major adjustments to the planned extra curricular activities, but the committee is to be commended in coping the way it did.

An indication of the dedication of some collectors to the hobby was evidenced by persons attending in wheelchairs, using walkers etc. One member was there who had attended all 43 conventions. These conventions can be likened to an armed forces re-union or a pilgrimage to Mecca - a must for some.

There were 14 dealers present. ON - 8; BC - 3; AB - 2; SK - 1. If one were an analyst there would be an indication of something when a convention held in Canada's third largest city only attracts 2 local dealers (the 3rd BC dealer was from White Rock).

I enquire of all dealers at shows if they have perfins and it is surprising what sometimes results. Didn't really expect an affirmative answer from the dealer from White Rock, population approximately 14,000, but was able to obtain W10 on an excellent pair of 3¢ small queens as well on a single copy of the 10¢ value. Another dealer contacted, who advertises covers and stationery, with whom I felt it was a matter of going through the motions, turned out to have a veritable gold mine of Admiral perfins, not just the 1, 2, and 3 cent values but everything up to the \$1.00. This contact has resulted in my receiving 2 further perfin lots in the mail. Also spoke to a person at the show, not a dealer, and from him I now have a shoe box of perfins to sort through. It pays to talk perfins.

A list of members registering was available, which contained 187 names, but in many instances included a spouse. Of the total, 55% were from Canada, 44% from the USA and 1% from elsewhere which included Bermuda, South Africa, New Zealand, and the UK.

If you do not live within a reasonable distance of a convention, it can mean a fair expenditure to attend. In this specific case, Saskatchewan and east probably meant travelling by air, registration fees ended up being \$140.00, and accommodation if you stayed at the Bayshore, which I did not, was \$150.00 a day and up, plus \$5.00 per frame if you entered a display, add meals etc and you can figure it out.

The Bayshore Inn probably rates second only to the Pan Pacific Hotel as a place of prestigious accommodation and surroundings, yet a scant 2 blocks away you come across the seamy side of Vancouver life. There are the bag men with shopping carts full of cans and bottles collected from dumpsters and sleeping with this rubbish in doorways. There are the beggars and pan-handlers on the street. On 2 separate occasions saw persons rummage through corner garbage cans and eat and drink items found therein. Homosexuals flaunt their lifestyle on the street and prostitutes ply their trade. Even at McDonalds they put a mark on your cup when you get a free refill as I gather some of the street people would go back for thirds, fourths, or fifths if they didn't.

This concludes the second article, which has very little to do with perfin themselves, but thought those who have never been to a BNAPS convention might be interested in the insight. In the final instalment, the display aspect will be covered.

CLOSED ALBUM

It is with regret that we advise of the death, on December 19th, of Michael A. Hargraft, our Secretary-Treasurer. He passed away during the night of a massive and unexpected heart attack at the age of 55 and leaves to mourn his wife and family.

Mike assumed his duties with our Study Group in mid 1986 and carried out his responsibilities in a very capable and efficient manner. He also organized and looked after our auctions as well as being an avid researcher devoting much time to the study of various aspects of perfin collecting.

While I never met Mike, I had corresponded with him over the years and on occasion phoned him, and came to realize how truly dedicated he was to the advancement and promotion of our hobby.

He will truly be missed by all who came in contact with him, either personally or otherwise.

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Mike's passing poses some problems for our Study Group, one of which has been quickly buy temporarily resolved. Michael Dicketts, our original Secretary-Treasurer, has volunteered to again act in this capacity, as he did upon the passing of Joe Purcell and until Mike assumed office, but only for a 6 month period. We are most grateful to Mike D. for coming to our aid as he is thoroughly familiar with the responsibilities involved. If anyone would like to volunteer for the office of Secretary*Treasurer, would they please contact the Chairman.

The other problem is the status of our latest auction, and at this time I don't think anyone knows what it is. Have written to Mrs. Hargraft asking her to turn over all records, monies and auction material to Mike D., but until this is done we will have to be patient and wait.

HANDBOOK UPDATE NO. 8 BY CONRAD M. TREMBLEY

| P A G E # | P E R I O D | YEARS of SERVICE | Postmark | | | COMMENTS | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|----------|--------|------------------------|
| | | | FIRST | LAST | ON | | Earliest | Latest | On |
| 22 | B2 | 1928 | | 150 | | 33/12/13 | | 241-2 | |
| 23 | B13 | | 1930 | | FX57 | | | | |
| 24 | B15 | 1937 | | | P10&232 | | | | lots of usage on # 232 |
| 25 | C5 | | | | | 04/09/04 | | | See Perforator # 63 |
| 26 | C12 | | 1922 | 105 | | | 77/5/- | 586 | Later issues reported |
| | | | | | DIE | | | | |
| | | | | | # 1 | | | | |
| 20 | C19 | | | | | | 53/10/22 | 301 | |
| | C21 | | | | | 17/02/17 | | MR3 | |
| 30 | C23 | | 1954 | 340 | | | | | |
| | C24 | 1903 | | 90 | | 1912/--/ | | | Proulx cancel # 3160 |
| | C26 | | | | | | | | Location:Weyburn,SK |
| 28 | C26 | | | | | | | | Location:Weyburn,SK |
| 31 | C30 | | | | | | | | Country found |
| | | | | | | | | | on NFD # 270 |
| 32 | C36 | | | | | | 37/09/28 | 233 | |
| | C37 | | | | | 1912/--/ | | | Proulx cancel # 1655 |
| | C38 | | 1969 | 504 | | | 55/11/10 | 355 | |
| | --- | | Partial Perfin CN, damaged die, see | | | | | | C45(found on # 287) |
| 33 | C43 | | 1987 | 1166 | | | | | Country found |
| | | | | | | | | | on NFD # 190,191 |
| | C44 | | | | | | | | (See update # 3) |
| | C45 | | 1990 | \$0.39 | Queen | | 90/05/23 | 920 | Add Addendum F |
| | C46 | | | | | | | | Add Addendum F Excise |
| | | | | | | | | | 1915,1934 |
| 34 | C53 | | | | | | | | Country found |
| | | | | | | | | | on NFD # 191 |
| 35 | C61 | | | | | | | | Add Addendum I - C9 |
| 36 | C63 | | | | | | 1917/--/ | | Proulx cancel # 1655 |
| 39 | E4 | | | | | 09/03/06 | | 90 | |
| 40 | F4 | | | | | | 1924/--/ | 109I | Proulx |
| 41 | G5 | | 1928 | 146 | | 14/12/24 | | 105 | |
| 42 | G14 | | | | | 09/12/09 | | 90 | |
| 43 | G15 | | | | | 11/03/25 | | 90 | |
| | G16 | | | | | | 55/04/12 | 316 | |
| | G17 | | | | | 13/05/28 | | 104 | |
| 44 | G20 | | | | | 13/07/17 | | 106 | |
| 53 | M12 | | | | | 14/10/14 | | 119 | Country found |
| | | | | | | | | | on NFD # 185 |
| 54 | M14 | | 1977-81 | 709 | | | | | |
| 55 | M21 | | | | | | | | Add Addendum I Special |
| | | | | | | | | | Delivery |
| 57 | N1 | | | | | 11/--/29 | | 90 | |
| | N3 | | 1938 | 241 | | | | | |

C40 : add 143, 146, 152, MR3a.
C41 : add 506, 515, 534, 597a, 612, 714, 782, 859.
94 C42 :too many changes and additions for this update.
C43 : " " " " " " " "
95 C44 :add 104, 106, 113, 119, 120, 144, 151.
C45 :add 455, 491, 754, 785, 792 etc. too many additions for this
: update
C46 :add 144, 159, 191a.
96 C47 :add C5, FX68.
N3 :add 233, 241a.
O7 :add 165a.
97 L1 :add 322, 469, 650, 716.
98 P15 :add 244, 533, 557.
99 Q1 :add 245, 262, 275, 338.
103 B13:add Excise 1934(FX57).
C28:add Inland Rev. Excise (FX 3).
104 C36:add Customs 1935.
C46:add Excise 1915 and 1934.
105 S1 :add Excise 1934.
110 C46:add C5.
C53:add C3, C9, C61.
S4 :add C9.
112 :add C45 - 952
S1 :add 297.
S3 :add 129.
S18:add 127