

PRECANCELS/CANADA

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

by Andy Ellwood

It seems like a long time since I sat down to prepare some Comments for the Newsletter, even though it has only been six months. I was under the weather last Fall when Larry was ready to publish and my computer was also sick, sick enough to require replacement. My thanks to the other members of the Executive for stepping in and putting out another quality Newsletter, as well as dealing with the need for higher dues. I have received many congratulatory comments which really should go to Larry specifically and to everyone on the Executive in general. Larry recently won an award for his efforts and they are justly deserved. I hope he mentions the details in his comments.

I know that you are all aware of the loss of Hans Reiche last year and many have outlined his accomplishments. I was very fortunate to have known him on a personal basis and enjoyed many hours of discussion with him on philatelic matters. Some of those discussions took place on the golf course where he always put me to shame; even at the age of 83, was able to outplay me. Hans was a gentleman of the first order, always ready to talk and share his thoughts and willing to assist me in any way that he could. He would regularly offer me the

chance to improve my collection by bringing stamps to my attention, sharing the purchase to reduce the cost to us both. He is missed.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter is a short announcement from Jim Kraemer about the future of the Precancel Catalogue. We are fortunate to have wise philatelists in our group, and we owe a great deal to Geoff Walburn, Hans Reiche and Jim Kraemer for their foresight in ensuring the future of this key aspect of our hobby. They have chosen wisely in selecting Dave Marasco as he is of the same calibre as they are. Dave has the knowledge, foresight, and abilities needed to do the job.

But Jim and Dave cannot do it alone. We all need to step in and assist them in their endeavors. Publishing a catalogue is an onerous task and its contents will only be as good as the efforts made to produce. So when they ask for data to be supplied, let's all step forward and do our little bit.

The BNAPS Convention will be held in Ottawa from August 31st to September 2nd. These annual get togethers are excellent affairs and this one will be one of the very best. A Committee has been at work for the past 18 months and

are offering you some very interesting events. These include an excellent Exhibition of 250 frames, a Bourse of 23 excellent dealers (including some well-known postal history specialists), 3 days of Study Group sessions, and an auction of Specialized Material (see my invitation elsewhere).

There is a first class social program planned which includes several tours (including the Archives with Cimon Morin, the Ottawa Postal Plant, and the Postal Museum) and evenings at the Hull Casino, the Museum of Civilization (Canada Post 150th Birthday Party) and a 4-course banquet at the Hotel. And rooms at the 4 Star Crowne Plaza Hotel (right downtown) are only \$77 US a night!!! Full details on the Convention are available on the BNAPS Web Site (www.bnaps.org).

We will be holding a Precancel Study Group session during the Convention and I hope that many of you will be able to attend. Please come prepared to discuss your favourite topic and to show us your treasures. Bruce Fields has been studying the Printing Plates used to print precancels and is planning to talk about his findings at the Study Group session.

Will you be there ????

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A WORD FROM YOUR EDITOR

by Larry Goldberg

This issue is rather late. Had Andy and Duncan not stepped in, there may well have not been any issue at all.

Sure, I'm partly at fault. I've had my mind totally centered on mundane stuff like making a living. (My largest client cut my billings by 75% and took the work in house.) So, I am sure you can appreciate the fact that I may have my mind on things other than precancels.

It seems to me that a lot of us have our minds on things other than this study group. I hope that they are just minor distractions and, by

the next issue, I will see us all fighting each other for space in this publication.

In publishing a newsletter, I am reminded of Soren Kierkegaard, the famous 19th century theologian, philosopher, and founder of existentialism, who remarked that people attended church expecting to be entertained by the pastor with God prompting him. In fact, Kierkegaard said (in so many words) that we should attend church planning to perform for God with the pastor's prompting.

It is interesting how similar most organizations resemble the typical church. We join

study groups and wait for other people to 'entertain' us. In the typical church, less than 10% of the congregation does more than 90% of the work. Based on our present membership, we are not even hitting 10%.

The simple fact is that if you want to gain from this experience, you have to contribute to it.

How about starting by doing something as simple as asking a question? Ask it, send it to me and I will find an answer and publish it. It is, in fact, as much a contribution as the most detailed article.

APOLOGIES FROM YOUR EDITOR

You will note that this issue may appear to look a little different than previous ones. As I write this, I am not sure that my new printer can match the paper used

before. Anyhow, if it doesn't look like the others, it couldn't be helped.

On the plus side, my new printer offers both better job

quality and a lower price. So, it is a very small sacrifice to make.

Enjoy.

WRITERS' GUIDELINES NOW AVAILABLE

At the annual meeting of BNAPS in Schaumburg, IL last August, I had the privilege of chairing a workshop for study group newsletter editors. One of the things I presented was a prototype of a set of guidelines for writers to use in preparing articles for

publication. Recently, I converted them for use by our study group. If you plan to submit an article, please request a copy. By following the simple steps outlined in the document, you can greatly reduce the time it takes to prepare this publication for printing. Just let me know if you would like a copy. Write Larry Goldberg (see left-hand column for addresses).

Thanks.

ATTN: RESEARCH PROJECT COORDINATORS

Please keep the editor informed of the progress you are making on your research projects. By keeping the membership informed, you are setting up a useful pipeline for further information.

Thanks for your help.

The future of the study group depends on you. Help recruit new members.

COLLECTING THE 10C SMALL QUEEN PRECANCEL

by Duncan MacDonald

I have started to put together a more specialised collection of the 10c small queen precancels and would appreciate information from other collectors on any different shades or precancel style/type they may have on this stamp. I would like to purchase or trade for any that I don't have and would also like to obtain more examples of the pitted "o" variety. Some of the stamps came from the Lussey sales and from the Reiche collection but the majority were bought at Robert Lee auction sales in Vernon over the last few years and are from the Bowen collection.

There are 35 listings of the 10c small queen in the *Standard Precancel Catalogue*. (45 is red brown shade and 45a is dull rose shade.)

A-45, A-45-D, A-45-O, A-45a
I-45, I-45a

J-45, J-45-O, J-45a, J-45a-D,
J-45a-V, J-45a-VD

R45, R-45-V, R-45-VD, R-45a,
R-45a-D, R-45a-T, R-45a-V,
R-45a-VD

S-45, S-45-D, S-45a, S-45a-D,
S-45a-V, S-45a-VD

T-45, T-45-D, T-45-T, T-45-V,
T-45-W, T-45a, T-45a-D,
T-45a-V, T-45a-VD

The Manley collection, which was sold at auction by Sissons in 1982, contained the following items. **Lot 332**, J-45 10c pair pink, **Lot 333** J-45 rose pink normal and vertical, **Lot 353** R-45 dull rose normal, pink normal and double, **Lot 354** R-45 study of dull rose (1) Pink (5). **Lot 364** S-45 10c dull rose and pink (5). **Lot 365** S-45 10c pink vertical pair. **Lot 382** T-45 red brown (5) various. **Lot 384** T-45-V Dull Rose strip of 4, showing standard 10mm and narrow

9mm (3rd stamp) settings canceled '97 cds cancels. (if anyone would like a photocopy of the precancel portion of the two sales and p/r send an e-mail with your address to duncan@camacdonald.com.)

The following items were sold at Robert Lee auctions from the Bowen collection Auction 98 listed as rose pink not dull rose, A45a-D, J45a, J45a-D, J45a-VD, R45a, R45a-D, R45a-V, S45a, T45a, T-45a-D. Also included were S45b salmon, T45b salmon, T45b-V salmon, T-45 brick brown, T-45-D brick brown Auction 100, Listed as pink 45b, J45b-D, R45b, R45b-V, S45b, S45b-D, T45b-V.

Many of the unlisted shades were sold along with the more common shades and for those fortunate enough to be on the floor the difference was obvious. I

agree with the argument that you can't include all shades in the precancel catalogue listings and it is better to write an article for the newsletter for anyone interested to follow up on. However in the case of the 15c large Queen where Scott has a major listing of 29 (Grey Violet) and 30 (Grey many shades.) I think we need to seriously consider changing the listings. I have several examples of what is obviously the blue grey shade but there is no listing in the catalogue.

It is not possible to show the different shades of the 10c or 15c in a newsletter but I will bring them to BNAPS in Ottawa for anyone interested to have a look at during the study group meeting



Scan of the largest known multiple of the 10c small queen with Type R precancel

A NEW RESEARCH EFFORT

by Andy Ellwood

Recently, I have been attracted to some of the covers sold through eBay and have bought a few. In turn, this led to looking at stocks of postal history at a couple of recent Bourses where I also bought a few. Oh, I guess I should have started by saying that the covers all have precancels and most also have corner advertising. But I guess that is probably obvious to anyone reading this.

Today, I signed on to the precancel section of eBay and there was another cover, this time with a newspaper corner ad from Halifax. This started me thinking about Norm Wagner's interest in the companies that used precancels and the stories behind them. In turn, I began to wonder how many different companies have used precancels in their

mailings over the years and **THIS REALLY GOT ME STARTED** down a new direction.

I wonder if it would be practical to compile a list of companies whose name has appeared as corner advertising on precancel covers?

I know, I know, the number must be tremendous. But you could break it down based on the stamp used or the type of precancel or the location or even the time period if it was shown somehow. I'll bet that a few individuals who also wondered if it would be possible to accomplish something started the current listings of slogan cancels.

Keeping track of the results shouldn't be too difficult as

the data could be entered on a spreadsheet, which some day might lead to some form of printing if you wanted a hard copy. It would probably be just as easy to keep it in digitized form because the cost of distributing the results on a CD is not very high.

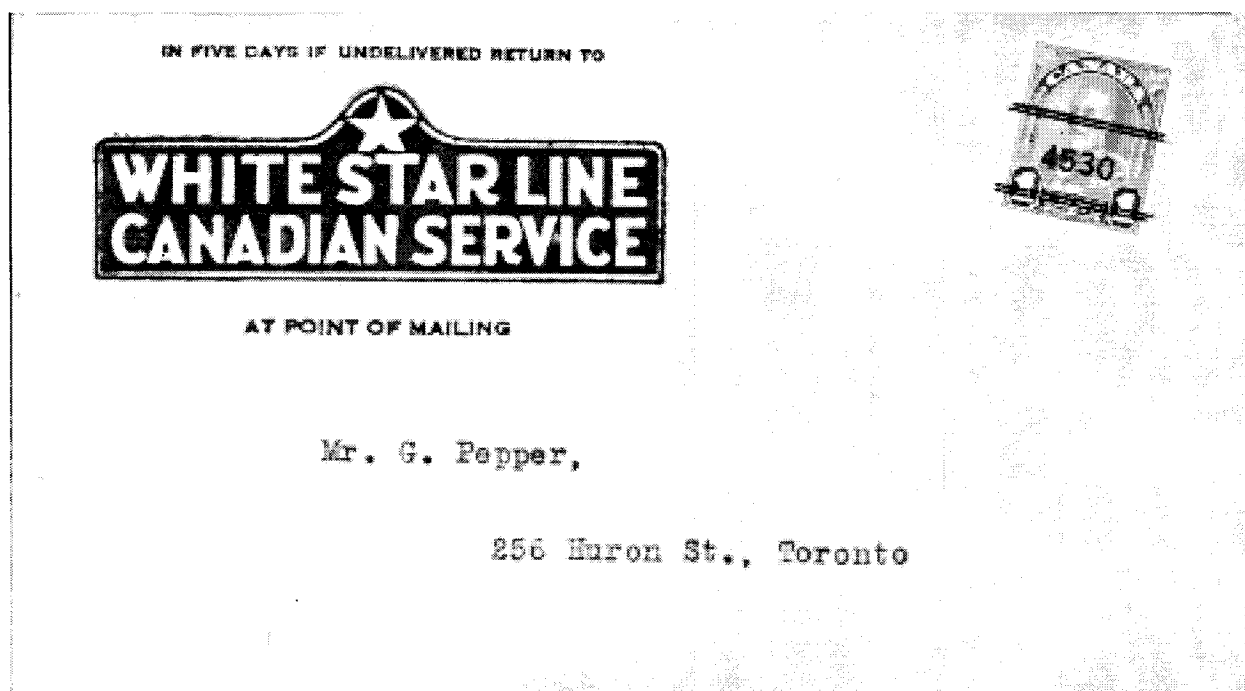
Is the information available? I should think so as most of us have some precancel covers lying around. Gathering the data might be a little tougher, but that is what research is all about, isn't it?

In any case, I think that I will put together a simple spreadsheet and fill it in with the info that I have on hand. I will post the result on our Web Site and ask our members to add data from their holdings. And let's see where this leads us.

As far as technology goes, I have Quattro Pro 9, Microsoft Excel, LOTUS 123 release 5, and Microsoft Works installed on my computer. I don't know if these can be opened by each other and I am not knowledgeable enough to know which program would be the most available and used by our members. Perhaps you could advise me on this aspect. Personally, I like Quattro the best, but there isn't really much to choose between them all.

Anyway, at this point I am just throwing the ball up in the air. Who wants to take a crack at getting involved? Best regards.

Editors Note: *I believe that there is a way of opening all of the formats in Microsoft Excel, but the opposite is not necessarily true.*



If you have advertising covers franked with precancels, get involved in this new research project.

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BRANTFORD 3-105 SHEET REVISITED ... AGAIN

by Duncan McDonald

Bruce Field's article on Brantford 3-105 sheet revisited made the observation "if this plate is found to have been used to print the medallion issue, it would be almost certain that only one plate was used to print the Brantford type 3 precancels." I went through my duplicates of Brantford 3-195 and was able to send Bruce a copy that confirms the same plate was used to print the medallions.

I also went through my variety collection and found the following examples of the use of a plate over an extended period of time. Montreal Style 4 (shown from top to bottom, left to right), Admiral 4-105 dies 1 and 2, 4-112, Scroll 4-149, 4-150, Leaf 4-162.



THE STANDARD PRECANCEL CATALOGUE: NEW EDITOR ANNOUNCED

by Andy Ellwood

Since the passing of Geoff Walburn and Hans Reiche, there has been much speculation and not a little concern expressed by the precancel community about the future of the Precancel Catalogue. For many years, these two gentlemen and Jim Kraemer have been the Editors of the catalogue and have produced a fine document which has become the basis for precancel identification, standards, and pricing. It is now the basis of the specialty and its loss would be very significant.

Fortunately, Hans and Jim took steps last year to address the problem. As a result, Jim Kraemer has asked me to publish the following announcement in this Newsletter:

*An agreement, initiated by the late Hans Reiche and James E. Kraemer appointing David Marasco an Editor of the **STANDARD PRECANCEL CATALOGUE** and **THE PRECANCEL HANDBOOK**, has been signed. The foregoing two works are copyright including the*

numbering system with all rights reserved in the name of the Editors. The Editors are James E. Kraemer, Ottawa, Ontario, and David Marasco, Surrey, British Columbia.

Dated Ottawa, Ontario, December 18, 2000

With this announcement, precancel collectors are assured of the continuation of the Catalogue. On behalf of the BNAPS Precancel Study Group, I offer the Editors our sincere thanks and support. There is much

work to be done in the on-going production of the catalogue. Study Group members are encouraged to undertake to support this effort, both in spirit and in any physical way that is requested. It is in the best interest of us all.

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RARE OR UNUSUAL PRECANCELS

by Duncan MacDonald

Shown here are some of examples of some rare and/or unusual precancels.

Hans Reiche stated that the **Carlton Place, 1-196, missing city name**, was from plate 1 LL position 73 to 78. (Figure 1)

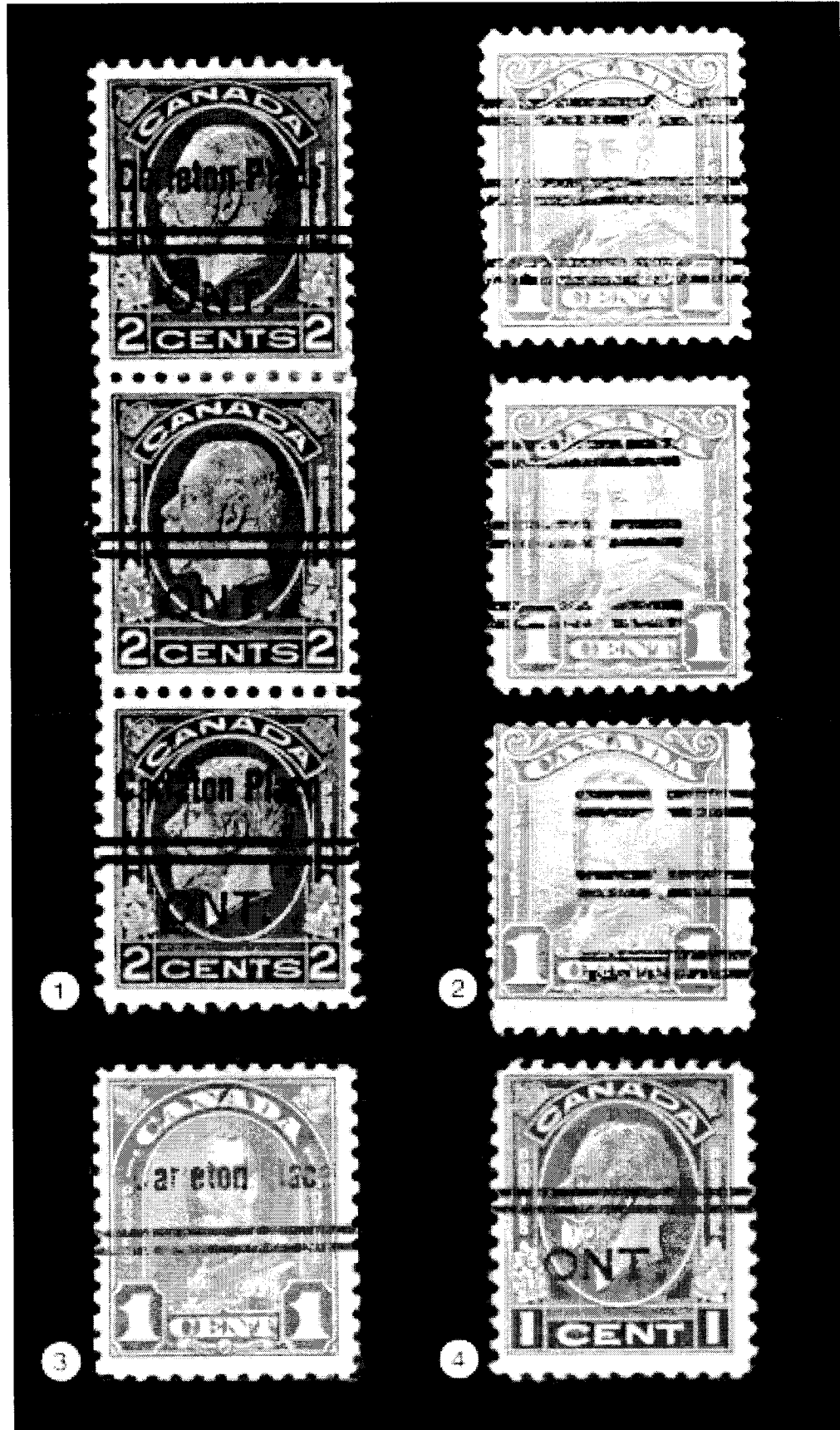
These three examples on **W-162** clearly show that the stamps were printed both normally and inverted. Since it is normally not possible to tell when a bar style has been inverted, no attempt is made to say which one of the pair is inverted. (Figure 2)

The **Carlton Place, 1-163 missing province**, is one of three known copies. (Figure 3)

195 missing town name. (Figure 4) (I think this is probably the previously unrecorded Hamilton style!!! But I was unable to persuade Norm Wagner to pay the appropriate price for such a rarity.)

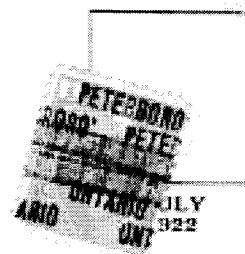
This is an extremely rare cover as it is one of the two known copies of **Peterboro 1-105-ID.** (Figure 5 shows a closeup of the stamp.)

The Montreal stamp (Figure 6) is interesting. It was probably caused by underinking. There is a faint trace of the start of the Q where the province name should be.



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THE DELAVAL LINE



HONEST BLACKER,
CLINTON,
COLLHURON,



WILL WE SEE YOU IN OTTAWA AT AT THE BNAPS ANNUAL MEETING?

PLAN ON IT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE ANDY'S ARTICLE ON PAGE 1 OF THIS ISSUE.

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WANT LISTS

You can have your own want list published here. Write the editor with the details of your ad.

PRECANCELS ON THE 3c SMALL QUEEN ISSUE.

Ron Ribler, chairman of the LQ/SQ Study Group, is interested in buying precancels on the 3 cent SQ issue. He has the A, I, J, R, S, and T and is looking for the others. Send pics and prices to him at laudron@yahoo.com or PO Box 22911, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33335.

PRECANCEL LATHEWORK & ANY MAJOR PRECANCELLED RE-ENTRIES .

I am also interested in trading or purchasing for the more expensive \$100+ town type precancels I need. I can be reached by e-mail at duncan@camacdonald.com or at Duncan MacDonald, P.O. Box 37013, Lynnwood Postal Outlet, Edmonton, Alberta T5R 5Y2, CANADA

TOWN PRECANCELS ON KGVI REVISED & UNREVISED ISSUES.

Larry Goldberg is looking for town precancels (other than the more common ones) on the KGVI revised and un-revised issues. What have you got for sale? Email editor@kg6.com or by snail mail at Box 7170, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-7170

TORONTO PRECANCELS ON COVER. Larry Goldberg is seeking covers bearing precancels with Toronto town cancels. What have you got for sale? Email editor@kg6.com or by snail mail at Box 7170, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-7170

IMPORTANT!
WANT ADS ARE FREE TO STUDY GROUP MEMBERS, BUT WE CAN'T RUN YOURS IF YOU DON'T TELL US WHAT YOU WANT.

WANTED

I would like to purchase any of the stamps listed below and will pay 1.5 to 2 times catalogue depending on condition. I will also pay \$1,000 for any of the Sydney stamps and \$2,500 for Amherst 1-107. I have some duplicates of the more expensive stamps so would consider a trade for what I need. I will also pay catalogue (+ for VF) for any of the \$150+ stamps not on the list below. Contact: Duncan MacDonald, BOX 37013, Lynnwood Postal Outlet, Edmonton, AB T5R 2Y9 CANADA OR via Email to: duncan@camacdonald.com

BRANTFORD		LINDSAY (cont'd.)		SASKATOON (cont'd.)	
1-90-D	\$200.00	1-217-I	\$300.00	1-120a	\$100.00
3-104-ID	\$200.00	LONDON		1-196-D	\$200.00
3-163-I	\$100.00	1-105-D	\$200.00	ST. JOHN	
BRIDGEBURG		1-120a	\$150.00	1-89-D	\$250.00
1-89-ID	\$200.00	1-MR4-ID	\$200.00	1-89-ID	\$250.00
1-89-M	\$200.00	3-163-I	\$150.00	ST. THOMAS	
1-89-DU	\$200.00	4-218-I	\$200.00	1-119-I	\$200.00
1-104-IDE	\$100.00	MONCTON		1-163i-D	\$200.00
1-105-IE	\$150.00	1-112-I	\$200.00	TORONTO	
1-89-DE	\$200.00	1-163-D	\$200.00	3-74-IDU	\$200.00
2-89-ID	\$250.00	2-104-D	\$150.00	3-74-M	\$200.00
BROCKVILLE		2-111-ID	\$200.00	3-74-MU	\$200.00
1-104-M	\$200.00	2-149-D	\$200.00	3-91-FU	\$200.00
BROWN'S NURSERY		2-195-D	\$200.00	3-91-IU	\$200.00
1-89-ID	\$200.00	3-195-D	\$200.00	3-91-PU	\$200.00
2-89-D	\$250.00	3-195-I	\$200.00	3-113-I	\$150.00
CALGARY		MONTREAL		3-149-I	\$200.00
1-106-ID	\$200.00	2-94-ID	\$250.00	4-92	\$300.00
1-149-D	\$200.00	3-91-ID	\$250.00	5-89-IT	\$250.00
1-162-D	\$200.00	4-104-P	\$250.00	5-90-ID	\$150.00
2-111-I	\$250.00	5-107a-I	\$100.00	5-91-ID	\$200.00
COBOURG		5-112a-I	\$100.00	5-104-IT	\$250.00
1-166-D	\$200.00	5-117-D	\$200.00	5-104-T	\$250.00
EDMONTON		7-119-I	\$200.00	6-104-M	\$200.00
1-106-D	\$200.00	7-141-I	\$200.00	6-MR2-ID	\$150.00
1-111-ID	\$250.00	7-150-D	\$150.00	7-104-IT	\$200.00
1-119	\$200.00	7-163i-ID	\$200.00	7-112a-I	\$150.00
1-163i-D	\$200.00	MOOSEJAW		7-120-D	\$100.00
2-106	\$250.00	2-196-D	\$200.00	9-104-D	\$200.00
3-104-ID	\$200.00	NIAGARA FALLS		11-150-D	\$150.00
ESTEVAN		2-89-I	\$300.00	12-112-I	\$200.00
1-104-	\$200.00	NORTH BATTLEFORD		VANCOUVER	
GALT		1-163i-D	\$200.00	1-91-ID	\$250.00
1-105-	\$200.00	OSHAWA		1-112a	\$150.00
1-149-	\$100.00	1-163i-D	\$200.00	2-116-ID	\$200.00
1-150	\$100.00	2-195-I	\$200.00	3-112-I	\$150.00
HALIFAX		OTTAWA		WALKERVILLE	
1-90-D	\$200.00	1-92-D	\$150.00	1-113	\$200.00
1-90-IDE	\$200.00	1-108-D	\$200.00	1-113-I	\$200.00
1-91-ID	\$200.00	1-116-D	\$200.00	1-116	\$200.00
2-105-ID	\$150.00	3-104-D	\$200.00	WINDSOR	
2-105iii-D	\$200.00	3-113-ID	\$200.00	3-107a-D	\$100.00
2-107-D	\$200.00	PETERBORO		3-195-I	\$200.00
2-108-ID	\$200.00	1-89-D	\$200.00	WINNIPEG	
2-116-M	\$200.00	1-105-ID	\$250.00	1-92-ID	\$100.00
2-117-	\$200.00	1-107a	\$75.00	1-104-D	\$200.00
3-195-D	\$200.00	1-107a-I	\$75.00	1-112a-D	\$200.00
3-195-M	\$200.00	1-111-I	\$150.00	1-112-I	\$200.00
HAMILTON		1-149-D	\$200.00	2-89-ID	\$300.00
1-90-ID	\$200.00	2-196-D	\$200.00	2-90	\$300.00
1-111-D	\$200.00	2-196-I	\$200.00	2-90-ID	\$300.00
2-89	\$300.00	QUEBEC		3-163i-D	\$200.00
2-90-I	\$300.00	1-90-M	\$200.00	3-163-I	\$200.00
4-105-D	\$200.00	1-90-O	\$200.00	4-108-ID	\$200.00
4-105-ID	\$200.00	1-94-I	\$200.00	4-116-M	\$250.00
HAMILTON		3-112-D	\$150.00	4-116-O	\$250.00
4-107-D	\$200.00	3-149-ID	\$200.00	4-118-I	\$200.00
4-118-I	\$100.00	3-163-D	\$150.00	4-150-D	\$100.00
HAMILTON (cont'd.)		REGINA		6-163i-D	\$75.00
4-120a-D	\$200.00	1-89-D	\$250.00	6-197-D	\$200.00
4-150-D	\$150.00	1-111-ID	\$200.00	WOODSTOCK	
KINGSTON		2-109-I	\$200.00	1-163-I	\$200.00
2-104-ID	\$200.00	2-112-ID	\$200.00		
2-105-D	\$200.00	2-112-AI	\$150.00		
2-163i-D	\$200.00	REGINA (cont'd.)			
2-195-M	\$250.00	2-163i-D	\$200.00		
LINDSAY		SASKATOON			
1-120a	\$150.00	1-112-AI	\$100.00		
1-149-D	\$200.00	1-118-D	\$200.00		

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Wayne Walton

As of the end of June, our paid membership has slipped to only 25 members. We have three promises to pay at the annual meeting, but that still leaves nine members who still have not renewed.

For those who have not renewed by September 1, this will be the last copy of the newsletter you will receive.

Dues are currently US\$10 or CDN\$15,

If paying in Canadian funds, please send CDN\$15 to Andy Ellwood, Box 83004, Ottawa, ON K1V 1A3. If paying in US funds, please send US\$10 to Dr. Wayne Walton 589 Thomas Jefferson Circle Madison, TN 37115. This is being done to facilitate the exchange of dollars.