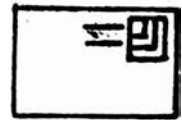
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DUES: This is the final issue of Volume 7 of Postal Stationery Notes. If a red "x" appears in this box your 1989 Study Group fee (CAN\$5.00 or U.S. equivalent) is now due. If sending U.S. funds, please make out the cheque to "Robert Lemire", not to the Postal Stationery Study Group or to PSN. Unless cheques drawn on U.S. banks are made out to me, personally, we incur bank charges of \$2.50 per cheque. It is probable that cheques drawn on U.S. banks will take 1-3 months to clear as they are accumulated, and then sent to a U.S. member to be cashed in batches (U.S. Post Office money orders made out to "Robert Lemire" would be easier to handle).

EARLIEST REPORTED POSTMARKS ON PRIVATE ORDER ENVELOPES

Over the last several years the study group has helped produce lists of earliest reported postmarks for most BNA stationery. One area that has not been dealt with is special order envelopes (including both private order and official envelopes). Although there may be some interest in earliest postmarks on envelopes for each private order issue by each specific user, such a list would be unwieldy. Also, such a list would probably yield more information about the envelope users than about the production of the envelopes.

Below an attempt is made to list ERPs for each basic issue of envelope die used on special order envelopes (both private and official) produced by (or using a stamp die supplied by) one of the security printers. Election envelopes will be considered separately at a later date.

For the Georgian issues, envelopes apparently fabricated and printed by Dominion Envelope have been listed separately from those to which stamp impressions were added by Public Printing and Stationery (PPS). The Dominion Envelope rotary impressions on envelope types EN519 to EN536 are slightly taller (side seam and pennysaver types) or wider (tab envelopes) than the flat plate PPS impressions. It should be interesting to compare earliest dates from the two printers, and to compare the earliest dates for private order envelopes with ERPs for the corresponding regular issues.

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Reports of earlier dates should be sent to the editor of Postal Stationery Notes or to Bill Walton. Because of the possibility of confusion of the Dominion Envelope and PPS types it is especially important that photocopies of both the front and back of each envelope be included.

EN500	Aug. 26, 1898	EN531 rotary	Aug. 1, 1938
EN501	-----	EN531 flat	Jan. 14, 1939
		EN533 rotary	Aug. 9, 1943
EN502	Sept. 13, 1924	EN534 rotary	Jan. 21, 1944
EN503	Sept. 24, 1931	EN534 flat	Sept. 29, 1944
EN504	Oct. 19, 1925		
EN506	Jan. 14, 1924	EN529	June 7, 1943
EN505	Nov. 13, 1930	EN530	-----
EN507	Aug. 19, 1931	EN532/DEN532	July 22, 1943
EN509	Apr. 4, 1923	EN535 rotary	June 11, 1943
EN510	Jan. 13, 1925	EN535 flat	Nov. 22, 1943
EN510a	Apr. 1, 1926	EN527A rotary	Apr. 17, 1952
		EN527 rotary	-----
EN508	Dec. 3, 1926	EN527 flat	-----
EN508a	-----	EN536 rotary	Oct. 9, 1951
EN504 embossed	Feb. 24, 1930	EN528	-----
		EN536W	Dec. 2, 1954
EN512	Feb. 8, 1926		
EN511	Oct. 13, 1927	EN537	Aug. 17, 1954
EN515	July 2, 1930	EN538	June 8, 1954
EN514	Jan. 19, 1931		
EN513	Oct. 15, 1931	EN539	Feb. 24, 1958
EN516A	Feb. 19, 1924	EN541	Jan. 18, 1955
EN517	Nov. 28, 1925	EN543	Nov. 25, 1954
DEN516	July 16, 1926		
		EN540	Apr. ? 195?
EN518	Aug. 29, 1927	EN540B	-----
		EN540C	-----
EN519 rotary	Feb. 1, 1934	EN542	-----
EN519 flat	-----		
EN520 rotary	Jan. 12, 1932	EN544/EN815	Oct. 8, 1963
EN520 flat	Sept. 16, 1932	EN545	-----
EN521 rotary	Jan. 6, 1932	EN546	June 13, 1963
EN521 flat	June 20, 1932		
EN520A	-----	EN547	-----
		EN548	Aug. 0?, 1965
EN522 rotary	Dec. 2, 1933		
EN522 flat	June 6, 1936	EN550	Oct. 7, 1966
EN523 rotary	June 6, 1933	EN552	May 21, 1965
EN523 flat	Nov. 14, 1935		
EN524 rotary	June 19, 1933	EN554	Oct. 4, 1968
EN524 flat	Nov. 1, 1933	EN555	May 30, 1969
		EN556	-----
EN525 rotary	May 21, 1939	EN557	Dec. 9, 1969
EN525 flat	Nov. 22, 1940	EN558	Aug. 10, 1970
EN526A	-----	EN560	-----
EN526 rotary	Dec. 1, 1938	EN561	Nov. 13, 1972
EN526 flat	Sept. 30, 1938	EN563	Apr. 30, 1974

EN559	-----	EN572	May 19, 1978
EN564	Dec. 13, 1974	EN573	Nov. 29, 1979
EN570	Oct. 19, 1975	EN582/DEN83	Mar. 3, 1982
EN571	Oct. 19, 1975	DEN585	May 12, 1983

THE POSTAL STATIONERY LISTINGS IN THE
WALSH AND BUFF NEWFOUNDLAND SPECIALIZED STAMP CATALOGUE

John M. Walsh and John G. Butt, Newfoundland Specialized Stamp Catalogue 1988, Walsh's Philatelic Service, 9 Guy St., St. John's NF, A1B 1P4, CAN\$27.00

This seventy page book was recently published in Newfoundland. It is really more of a check list than a catalogue - there are no prices given. In addition to lists of the regular adhesive issues it provides information on postal stationery, revenues, meters, slogan cancels and perfins as well as tables of postal rates and lists of post offices. With the exception of drawings of the 1897 1c surcharges, and of reduced sketches of the slogan cancels, there are no illustrations. The entire text is printed in blue, primarily in very small print, and is therefore very difficult to read except in a strong light. I presume the blue printing is an attempt to preclude photocopying, but as I paid for a copy of the catalogue it does not seem fair I should deliberately be subjected to eyestrain.

The postal stationery section is spread over two non-consecutive pages (separated by the Newfoundland Postal Slogans). The first striking problem with the section is the inclusion of the reply letter card Webb L1 as a reply post card "PC11". This reflects a lack of understanding of postal stationery. However, there are many other difficulties. It is not clear to what degree of detail the authors wished to delve in the stationery section. The fact that two distinct printings of the 1892 reply cards exist is not mentioned. The only difference noted between the 1c cards of 1915 and 1930 is the card stock, the differences in the shading lines being completely ignored. The existence of a later 1c die (Webb P13a) is not mentioned.

The note at the beginning of the section on post cards indicates that they were all recess printed "engraved". This is not the case. Card stock varieties are listed for several post cards. In some cases (e.g., "PC3") only two varieties are listed when there are several. In other cases (e.g., "PC2") two stocks are listed when it seems there was only one printing. The inconsequential progressive "broken T" variety of the 1889 surcharge is listed, but no mention is made of the fakes listed in Webb's Catalogue. The paper and shade varieties listed for the envelopes also seem quite arbitrary. The date at the beginning of the list of the post bands should read 1889, not 1899.

The formula registered envelopes are listed. This is useful as they are not listed in other current catalogues (strangely, the formula aerogramme is not listed). Unfortunately it is not spelled out that these are formula envelopes, not prestamped registered envelopes, nor are the knife varieties for envelope types "A" and "B" mentioned.

The rate charts, if they have been put together with more care than the postal stationery section, will be of great use to all philatelists interested in Newfoundland. For postal stationery Webb's is a much more accurate source of information. The Walsh and Butt Catalogue does do a better job of listing Newfoundland postal stationery than the Scott Specialized Catalogue (which has no list at all).

Robert Lemire

SMALLER FORMAT POSTAL CARDS

Recently I have had a number of letters and comments about the status of postal cards that are smaller than the regularly issued cards. In many cases the card has advertising or added printing that fits the smaller size format. There are, of course, two possible ways explanations for the existence of these smaller cards. One is that the cards were prepared to special order by the security printer. The other, and generally more likely explanation, is that the advertising was privately printed on regularly issued sheets of standard size cards purchased from the Post Office Department. After the printing was applied, the sheets were trimmed to centre the printing at the same time the sheets were cut into single cards.

From any one card it is not possible to prove unambiguously which procedure was followed. Even overlap of printing from one card to the next may simply mean the printing was not aligned identically on each card. Therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, cataloguers must assume the smaller format cards were simply cut from sheet (or even single card) stock. For this reason several small format cards listed in the 4th edition of Webb's Catalogue were not included in the 5th edition. This does not mean the varieties are not collectible. Indeed, with added advertising, many of the small format cards are often particularly attractive.

The following list is not meant to be exhaustive, but only to provide examples of cards provided by different security printers in different eras.

Carter Cummings & Co. Limited 134 x 78mm P62
 134 x 80mm P66
 136 x 83mm P83

Bulova Jewellers 137 x 83mm P61e
 134 x 82mm P66
 136 x 80mm P66

Omer De Serres 127 x 75mm P37d
 127 x 78mm P41a
 129 x 77mm P41b

London Board of Education 148 x 91mm P114

- Greyhound Package Express 140 x 90mm P114 (i.e., P114a)
- 140 x 90mm P116 (i.e., P116b)
- 140 x 90mm P117 (i.e., P117b)
- 140 x 90mm P118 (i.e., P118a)
- 140 x 90mm P119 (i.e., P119a)

(note: It is not clear why these are listed separately in the Webb's 5th edition (pg. 84).)

In the same vein, Bill Grosnick has sent a photocopy of an interesting card used by the Canadian Express Company. At first glance the card (the back of which is shown below) appears to be a copy of P14, but it measures 5 3/4" x 3 3/8" rather than the normal 5 1/2" x 3 3/8". The copy is postmarked Sept. 13, 1893 and hand-dated September 12th of the same year. Now this might simply be a slightly miscut copy of P14, but there is no evidence that P14 was issued this early (our ERP is currently Jan. 29, 1894; Howes gives February 1894). Thus, it seems more likely that the card is a printer-trimmed copy of the larger (6" x 3 5/8") P13. Do any members have a similar card from this period?

Robert Lemire

CANADIAN EXPRESS COMPANY.			
55 & 57 YONGE ST Toronto			
JNO. D. IRWIN, Agent.	Sept 12 1893		
We have received to your address and hold at your risk..... <i>Pa</i> IN BOND , from..... <i>ms</i> CHARGES.			
Expense.....	<table border="1" style="width: 100px; height: 100px;"> <tr><td style="width: 50%; height: 50%;"></td><td style="width: 50%; height: 50%;"></td></tr> </table>		
Express freight.....			
Entry fee.....			
Cash Paid Duty and Warehouse.....			
Collection.....			
Manifest No. <i>475</i>	<i>8.990</i>		
Received Payment.....	<i>paid</i>		
Please furnish invoice to enable us to pass Customs, and send guarantee for all charges. Will be sold by Public Auction under the existing Customs laws, unless duly cleared and duty paid within thirty days from this date.			

MAINSTREAM BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CANADIAN POSTAL STATIONERY

3. Canada - Its Postage Stamps and Postal Stationery by Clifton A. Howes, BSc., F.R.P.S.C. - published by the New England Stamp Co., Boston; reprinted under the new title Canadian Postage Stamps and Stationery, published by Quarterman publications, Lawrence, MA, 1974.

Howes was an enthusiastic collector of Canada, a serious student of philately, and a distinguished philatelist during the first third of this century. In his Foreword he noted the passage of twenty years since the publication (actually in 1889) of the Royal of London's book on BNA issues, and suggested that the time was ripe for a "special work, treating

exhaustively of the postal emissions" of Canada. The result was by far the most massive work on Canadian postal issues produced to that time, and the first such to be undertaken in North America.

In preparing his manuscript, Howes undertook several important steps, each of which had enormous impact on his stationery as well as his adhesive chapters. First, he went to Ottawa to study a complete set of Postmaster General Reports. Second, he searched some (though far from all) of the major philatelic journals. Third, he examined leading collections of the day - and this is interesting, because the adhesive collections he cites are still famous (Pack, Worthington and Seybold), whereas the post card and envelope collections he cites (John N. Morse and Edwin F. Sawyer, respectively, and both of Boston) are unknown, at least to me -- who were these collectors, and what became of their holdings?

The subsequent appearance of Jarrett, Boggs and Holmes caused this work to drift into relative obscurity, but it has always deserved better. The last five chapters of the book (48 pages) are devoted exclusively to postal stationery - by definition Victorian and Edwardian issues exclusively. There is a wealth of detail, including best estimates of issue dates, quantities, details of the issues and discussion of varieties such as the "lithographed" envelope (pp. 232-3), the wove paper - perhaps of 1891 and 1895 (pp. 233-4), and the stamp-at-left reply card (Webb P6a) and the controversy it created (pp. 253-5). The Howes illustration of a Weights and Measures wrapper (pg. 269) is still the sole basis for the listing of Webb DWld.

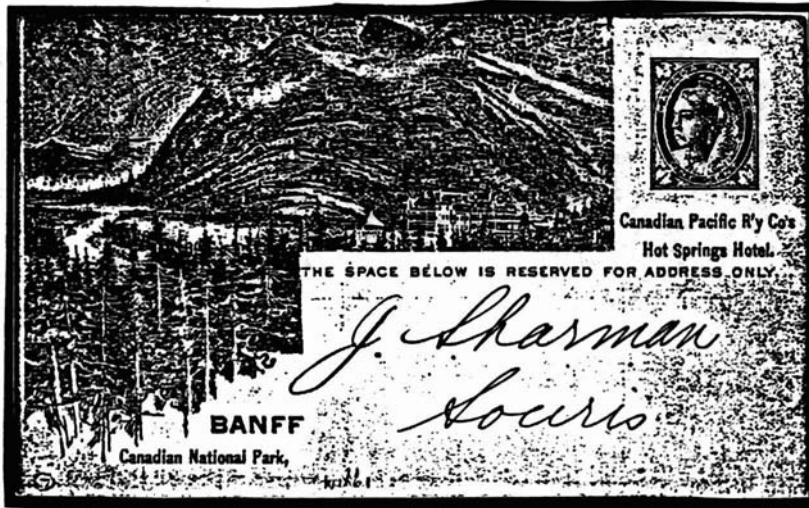
Boggs (who was not about to pay tribute to Jarrett) did acknowledge the outstanding work of Howes. Indeed, the subsequent major works on Canada all relied directly or indirectly on Howes. Today's stationery collectors might still find a careful reading of Howes worthwhile.

Note: It is my intention to pursue this bibliography through Jarrett and Boggs and then to backtrack, and concentrate on the specialized stationery works from the 19th century on. At this point, separate stationery references and the listings in Holmes will begin to converge. Subsequent to Holmes, the later Canadian stationery cataloging efforts will conclude the bibliography.

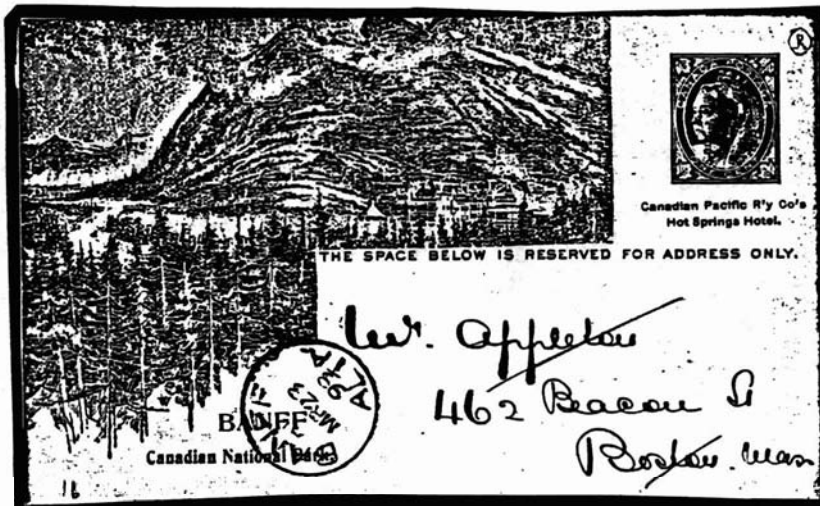
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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY PICTORIAL POST CARDS

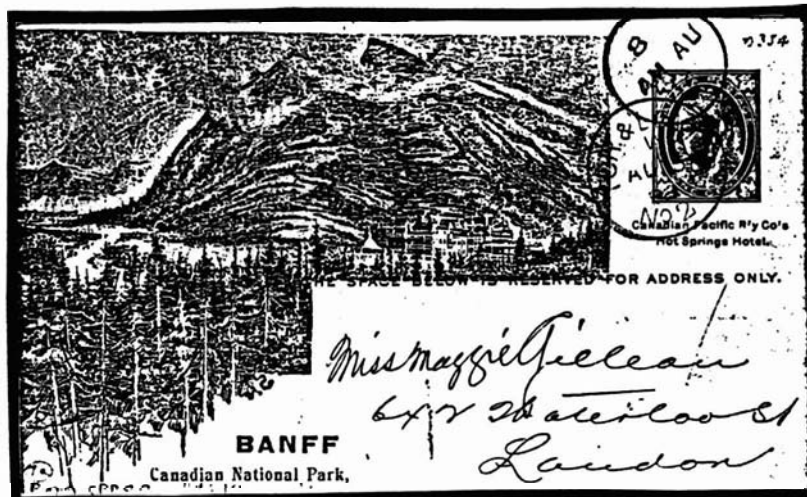
As mentioned in the last issue of PSN, it was decided at the study group meeting at BNAPEX to show the CPR railway views in PSN over a number of issues. Bill Walton has reported sequential changes in many of the views. The extent to which these (sometimes minor) varieties will be illustrated will be being governed by comments received by the editor. It may well be that illustration of the views will alert members to varieties in their own collections that have not been previously reported. Photocopies of such cards should be sent to the editor of Postal Stationery Notes.



CPr1 - "Hot Springs Hotel" 22mm, "Canadian National Park" unserifed



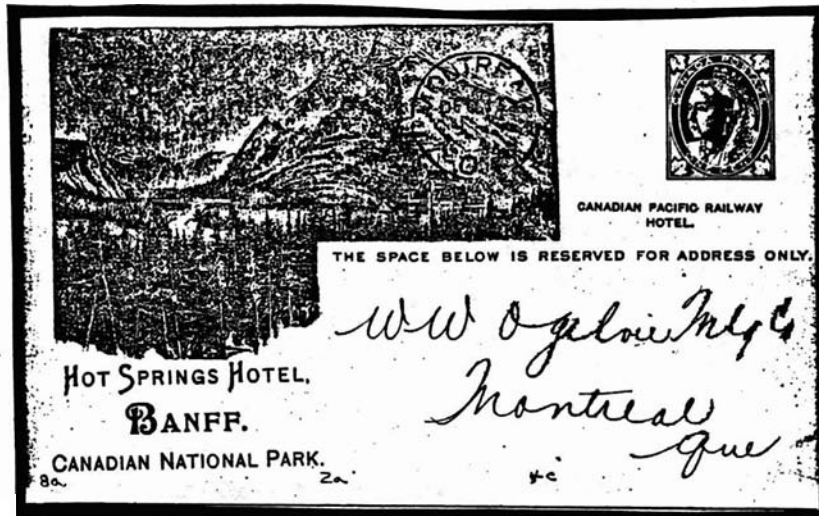
CPr1b - "Hot Springs Hotel" 19mm, "Canadian National Park" serifed
"BANFF" unserifed



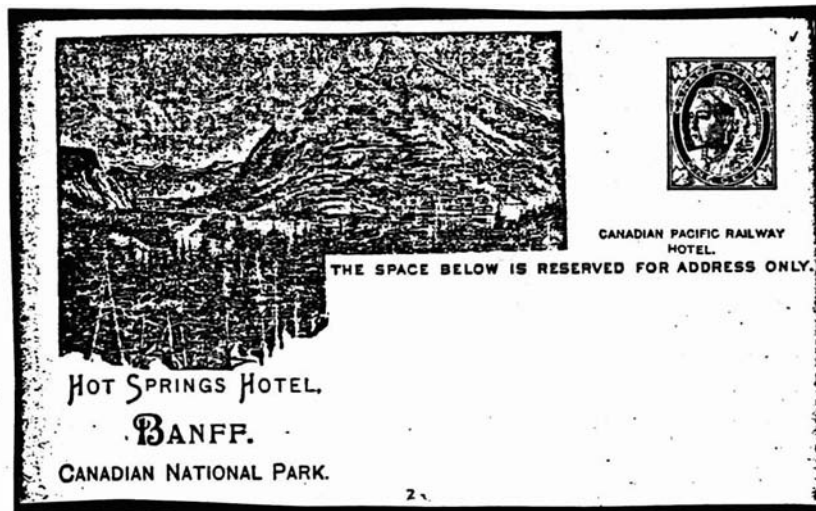
CPr1a - "Hot Springs Hotel" 19mm, "Canadian National Park" serifed
"BANFF" unserifed, thicker letters than CPr1b



CPR2 - "CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY" 40mm



CPR2a - 1st state, "CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY" 32mm



CPR2a - 2nd state, "CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY" 32mm

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