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DUES: This is the final issue of Volume 8 of Postal Stationery Notes. If a red "x" appears in this box  your 1990 Study Group fee (CAN\$5.00 or U.S. equivalent) is now due. (Your membership expiry date is also printed on your address label.) If sending U.S. funds, please make out the cheque to "Robert Lemire", not to the Postal Stationery Study Group. However, the good news is that this year my bank decided to stop charging a large fee for cashing cheques drawn on U.S. banks. This means that such cheques should clear much more quickly, as they do not have to be sent to someone in the U.S. to be cashed in batches. Our thanks to Bill and Jean Walton for helping to handle the cheques over the last few years.

SOME COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

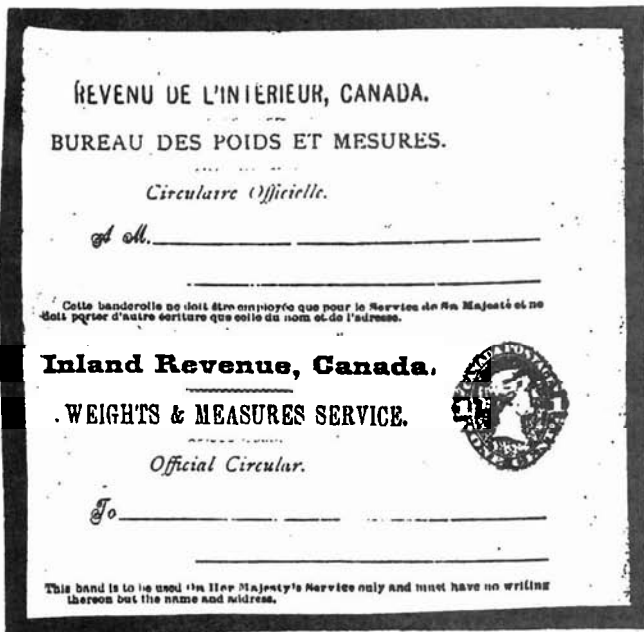
Since 1981, when the Postal Stationery Study Group was formed, several changes in procedures by BNAPS have had a very positive impact on our Study Group. First, was the decision to make space in each issue of BNA Topics for "The Study Group Centerline". This column, capably prepared by Frank Waite, gives BNAPS members a chance to learn what is being done in all of the groups. Second, BNAPS decided to provide money to defray the cost of providing copies of the newsletters to specific officers of BNAPS. Then, last year, it was decided to begin offering new members of BNAPS a one-year free membership in the Study Group of their choice (and to reimburse the Study Groups for these memberships).

With such encouragement, membership in the Study Group has now reached more than eighty. Many members are interested only in a particular area of BNA postal stationery. Although the large size of the group allows us to maintain annual dues at a reasonably low level, it has also meant the group has reached the point where it is hard for one member to know who else is interested in a particular topic. With this in mind I feel the time has come to publish a complete roster of the membership. With this issue of PSN I have enclosed a form which members can return if they wish to note special areas of interest (or if they wish to be omitted from the roster list). It is my intention that the roster will be published in the next six months.

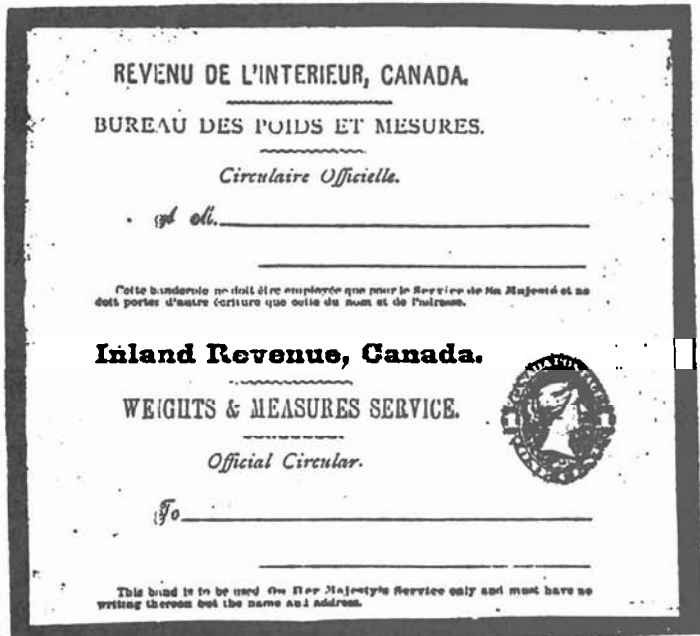
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THE INLAND REVENUE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES POST BANDS

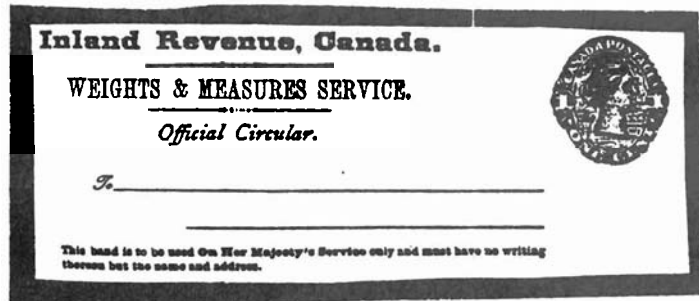
The 5th edition of Webb's Catalogue lists five different official bilingual post bands prepared for the Department of Inland Revenue Weights and Measures Service. Thanks to Bill Walton pictures of the printed portions of each of these are shown below (reduced to approximately 65%). It is interesting to note that the ornamental lines used to separate the lines of text differ, not just the settings (and /or text) of the "On Her Majesty's Service" message. DW1d is known only from the portion shown in the picture in Howes' book which is reproduced here. When displayed against the other photocopies to the same scale it appears the 1c stamp impression on DW1d is much further to the right of the printing than on any of the other bands.



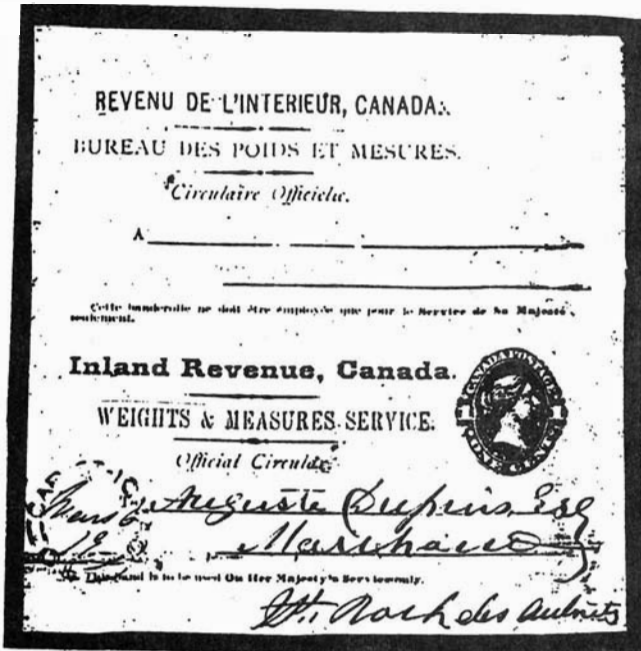
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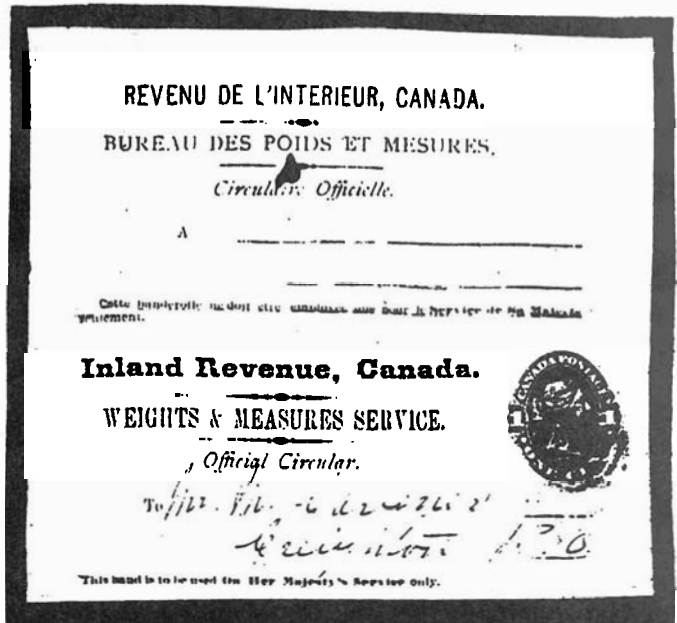
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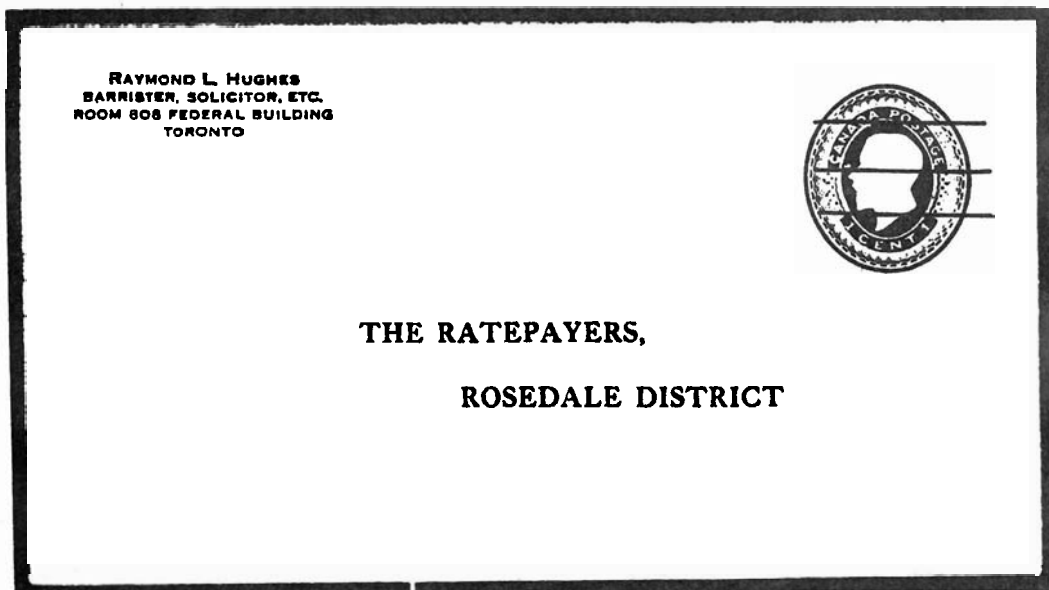
DW1e



DW1g

A NEWLY DISCOVERED PRECANCELLED REGULAR ISSUE ENVELOPE

Recently Pierre Gauthier forwarded a photocopy of an extremely interesting new envelope. This is the first recorded #8 regular issue envelope used as a precancelled envelope. Furthermore, neither the user nor the precancel type have been reported previously. The envelope is shown below. Earle Covert has assigned the catalogue number EN27d to this envelope.



The discovery of this envelope requires that the following additions be made to the "Canadian Precancelled Postal Stationery Handbook" and the list of "The Canadian Precancelled Postal Stationery Envelopes".

EN27d KGV 1c OVAL - GREEN - EMBOSSED, #8

Bar 17 Raymond L. Hughes

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new precancel type

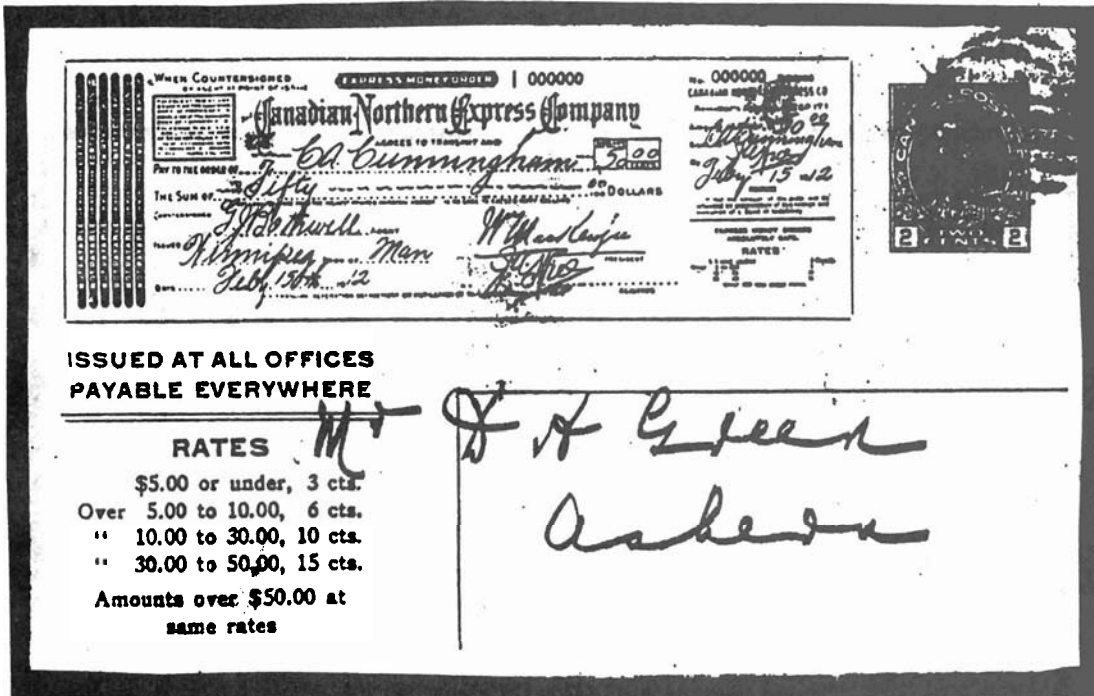
Bar 17 3 fine lines 28mm x 15mm

The imprint and added printing should be shown as above on the photocopy.

George Manley

TWO UNLISTED MONEY ORDER CARDS AND A NEW CNR BLACK VIEW CARD

Mark Fennell has forwarded photocopies of several interesting items, including the three shown below. The CNR P18D with the corrected title is particularly spectacular.



Canadian Northern Express Company (NOX ?) on P33c, die I

WHEN COUNTERSIGNED BY AGENT AT POINT OF ISSUE (WHEN ISSUED) Series N  
**CANADIAN NATIONAL EXPRESS COMPANY**  
 No. 66  
 ORDER TO PAY TO THE ORDER OF *A. B. Brown 460*  
 THE SUM OF *Forty Eight* \$48.00  
 TO THE ORDER OF *John Kealey J. M.*  
*Toronto*  
 Dated *Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 19*  
 H. Foreman  
 John R. Smith



**CANADIAN NATIONAL EXPRESS CO.**

**MONEY ORDERS**

ISSUED AT ALL OFFICES  
 PAYABLE EVERYWHERE

**RATES**

- \$5.00 or under, 3 cts.
- From 5.00 to 10.00, 6 cts.
- 10.00 to 30.00, 10 cts.
- 30.00 to 50.00, 15 cts.

Amounts over \$50.00 at same rates

*7/11/1*  
**KINDERSLEY, SASK.**

Canadian National Express Company, (CNX ?) on P34d, die II printed in light blue



"The Chateau Laurier"—Ottawa  
 Canadian National Railways



*Mrs J. Williamson*  
*Room 813.*  
*Brooks Bldg.*  
*Regina, Sask.*

CNR 18D

The printing under the blacked out line reads  
 "The Fort Garry Hotel - Winnipeg"

DO ANY COPIES OF THESE REPLY CARDS STILL EXIST ??

In going through the Post Office records one can find printing orders for items that have never been reported. In the hope that collectors will find items more readily if they know what they are looking for, I am reporting several reply post cards that were apparently printed to special order. Of these cards only one appears to have been reported (and then only as a proof copy), and none are listed in any postal stationery catalogue.

1. From file 13-19-9 comes a series of correspondence concerning 1600 2¢ + 2¢ reply cards (probably 6" x 4") prepared for the Livestock Bureau of the Department of Agriculture in June 1934. These cards were printed by PPS without Post Office authorization, and were released to the user only after considerable correspondence between PPS, the Post Office, the Department of Agriculture and the normal security printer.
2. More 2¢ + 2¢ reply cards for the Department of Agriculture, rouletted or perforated between, but prepared by the appropriate security printer, BABNC or CBNC: 1500 in 1934, 8000 in 1935, 5000 in 1936, 7000 in 1937, 10,000 in 1938, 7000 in 1939, 5300 in 1940, 7200 in 1941, 8700 in 1942 and 3600 in 1943.
3. 1¢ + 3¢ reply cards for the Department of Agriculture, rouletted or perforated between, prepared by CBNC: 3600 in 1943, 14,000 in 1944, 21,000 in 1945, 7000 in 1947, 3500 in 1948.

It is rather interesting that, after supplying cards to the Department of Agriculture for almost fifteen years, the Post Office finally decided to tell them in 1949 that there was a special third class rate for government departments (i.e., the 2¢ and 3¢ stamps were actually overpayments of the required (1¢) rate).

4. In Vol. 62, file 13-19-8 pt.2 a letter discusses completion of a printing order for La Coopérative d'Electricité d'Abitibi-Ouest for 25,000 2¢ + 3¢ reply cards (printing in the colour of the stamps) in July 1953. The 3¢ portion was apparently printed:

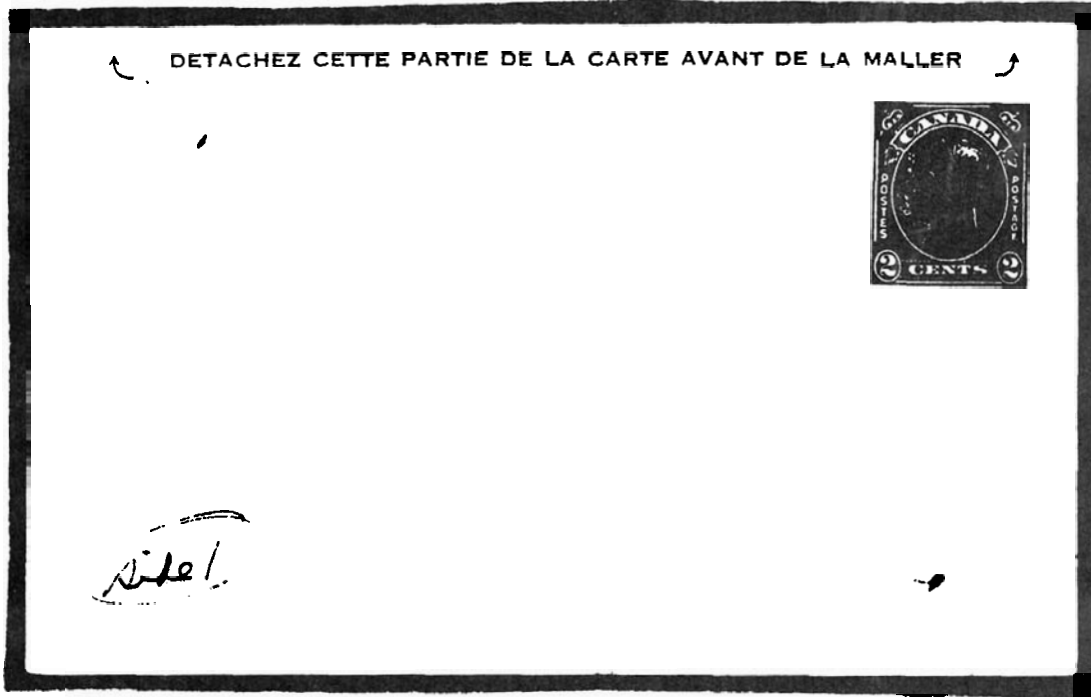
La Coopérative d'Electricité d'Abitibi-Ouest  
Casier Postal 578  
LA SARRE, QUE.

The 2¢ portion was printed with the message:

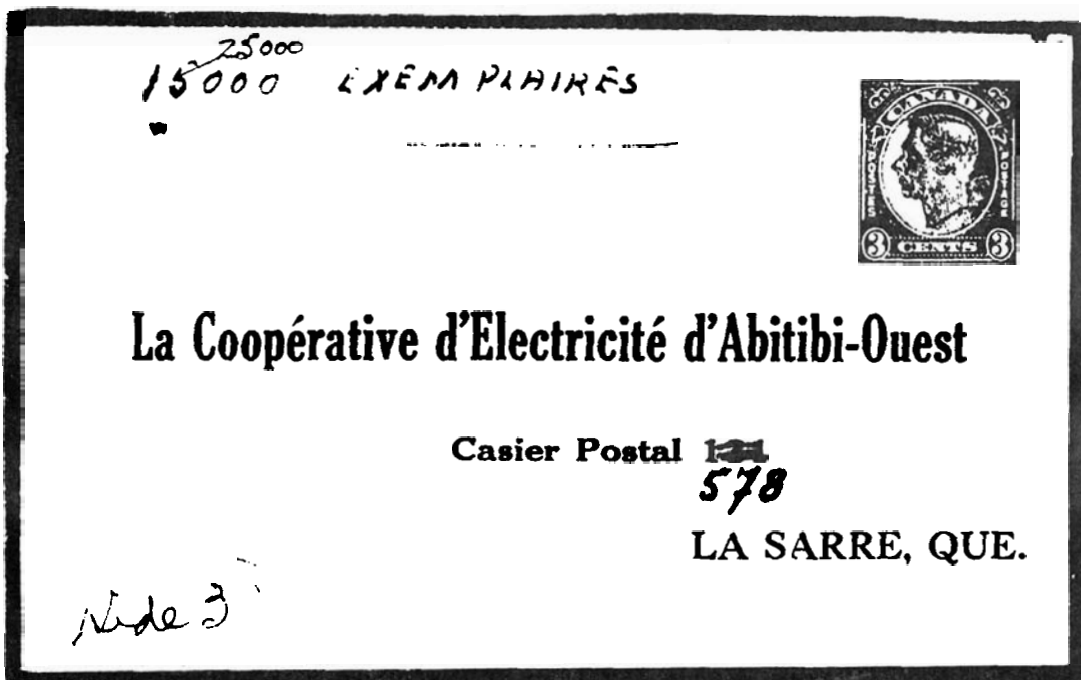
DETACHER CETTE PARTIE DE LA CARTE AVANT DE LA MALLER .

One of our members has supplied photocopies of proofs of separated rouletted message and reply portions of this card, and these are shown below.

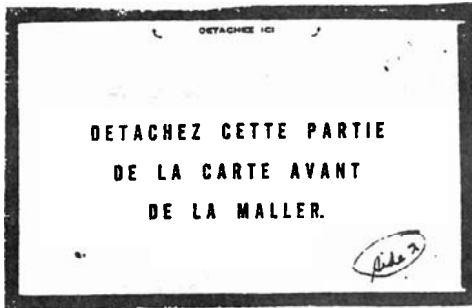
Robert Lemire



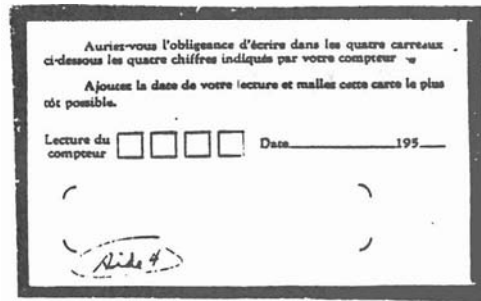
Message half of an unlisted 2¢ + 3¢ reply card (proof)



Reply half of an unlisted 2¢ + 3¢ reply card (proof)



back of message half (25%)



back of reply half (25%)

A NOTE FROM BABNC CONCERNING THE 3-ON MIMEO ROULETTED CARDS

In PSN Vol. 6, pg. 31, John Aitken summarized a number of observations concerning the mimeo rouletted post cards printed by British American Bank Note Company (BABNC) between 1960 and 1975. During a brief examination of Post Office records at the National Archives of Canada in Ottawa, I found (in file 13-19-11 of Volume 62) a letter related to different types of rouletting as applied to cards prepared in 1969.

The letter to Mr. F.G. Flatters, Superintendent, Postage Stamp Division, Canada Post from R.F. Blandford, secretary BABNC, is obviously in answer to a complaint concerning difficulties in separating some of the 3-on cards. Dated February 12, 1970, it reads in part:

"In 1969 a small portion of a run was not perforated by the normal "litho-perf" method. This process was carried out on a separate machine in order to meet a delivery requirement at that time. While we felt the change produced an equivalent perforation it was difficult to control on the post card stock, and some of this material with different perforation must be what is being reported from Hamilton.

"Current orders for Ivory Post Cards, 3-on, are being processed in the regular manner which has given satisfactory performance for over ten years."

The card in question is apparently Webb P102c, one of the few cards on which John did not note any roulette varieties, (but also might be the revalued card, P107k). It seems quite possible that a second roulette, (i.e., not 12.1/2 cm) will eventually be found on P102c.

The contents of the letter are misleading in that we know both methods of rouletting were used over a period of several years (not just once on a particular card). It was previously concluded that the cards rouletted .12 (in 2 cm) from the back, and having a compression strip, were prepared using the light wheel. This is by far the commonest roulette found on the BABNC cards, although the above excerpt from Blandford's letter suggests that the common roulette should be from the litho-perf rule. John Aitken recently wrote and reported a conversation with an employee of a printing firm whose comments tended to support the conclusions previously reported in PSN.

Robert Lemire



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