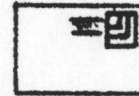




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New Railway View Card

See Page 41 for a report of a newly-found Canadian Northern Railway pictorial card. This 80-year-old card proves once again that there remains much to be discovered in Canadian Postal Stationery.

XPRESSPOST

In the last issue, we heard (by way of Allan Steinhart) of changes in the XPRESSPOST appearance. John Grace and Peter Zariwny have been hard at work compiling a list of known varieties (old and new). If any other members wish to contribute, get your reports in to me, and it will run in an upcoming issue.

Eaton Post Cards

John Grace is also currently working on a comprehensive listing of Eaton cards, but not the special-order catalog cards. The company has, over the years, used many regular-issue post cards to mail advice of delayed shipment, etc. John would very much like to hear from others who have such cards . . . photocopies (front and back) of cards he has not seen would be welcomed. They may be sent directly to him, or to me for forwarding.

The Bulova Project

The Bulova project, first mentioned here nearly a year ago and which is the joint project of John Grace and John Aitken, is coming along well, according to John (Grace). Several study Group members have contributed photocopies. I have seen samples; it is very comprehensive and very well done. I anticipate having the entire text shortly; it will appear (perhaps in installments) in the journal shortly.

Christmas Seal Cards

Back in Volume VI (pages 21-25 and 35-38) George Manley provided a very nice listing of the Christmas Seal cards of Canada. Pierre Gauthier has found a card to add to the listing which appears on page 37. P83a, with illustration type K, now can be checked off for Quebec! Pierre also sends a photocopy of P66, used before the precancelled cards, which is a first reminder, and is not in Mr. Manley's list at all. See page 44.

Uh, hello?

What a year! I've worked for three companies in the past six months . . . and haven't yet changed jobs! That's just the way it is in the data processing field these days; there's not much to do about it but roll with the punches (and there have been a few) and try to deal with the repercussions (which, in this case, has meant that I've had to spend a great deal of time away from home).

Some stability seems now to have been regained with little permanent damage but please **do note the change in internet access** (in the box on page 38) . . . all this modern technology is great, but *forwarding* mail is arbitrary, at best.

This issue is being mailed with Number 4 (which has been ready for some time but never sent to the printer). It may end up being an overall saving in postage!

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- More on the Plates of P1 and P2 . . .
- GO Letters
- An Admiral UPU Card Discovery

ERP Update Number 5

This ERP update includes some very nice dates, across all periods. There are several lovely Victorian items, for example, and a number of changes in Centennial listings. I have a personal appreciation of the new date for P78, moving the ERP back almost three months.

Our current plan is to make the next update in *Notes* the last before publication of an illustrated handbook with text and notes. We believe CAPEX may turn up another flurry of new dates.

Thanks go this time, as usual, to a number of contributors. This includes John Aitken, Colin Campbell, Earle Covert (this only required an invading army of Study Group members in Hay River), Pierre Gauthier, Andre Giguere (who has become a remarkable contributor), John Grace, Robert Lemire (henceforth, with *Topics* responsibilities, to be known as Robert Lemired), Bill Pawluk, Bob Schlesinger, and Peter Zariwny (thanks again for the time and trouble in Edmonton).

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11	EN97	Apr. 1, 1969			

*This date requires a handbook change in note 1 after L8a. It should now conclude "... which predates the ERP for L6a."

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1. A photocopy has been submitted of P34f or P34j, Jan. 25, 1922. This date precedes the ERPs for both items, and should be footnoted on page 35.
 2. Another photocopy of either P34l or P34m is dated June 1, 1922. This precedes the ERP for P34l but not P34m. It should be footnoted on page 35.
 3. On page 41, the P85 date should be marked "***", and a footnote added: **P85 is known on a railway form postmarked July 3, 1954.
 4. An example of EN54 (or EN63D) was brought by one of our members to the Edmonton BNAPEX. It is dated (with a blackout cancel) Nov. 24, 1944, and is thus obviously EN54 -- except that I and several of the leading Study Group students measured it at what appeared to be 20 3/4 mm, making it EN63D with an impossible but unmistakable date. Room lighting was not the best, but seemed adequate, and our measuring devices read other George VI dies correctly. This is driving me nuts in several ways. Go figure -- please.

Bill Walton

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Columbia House Special Order Envelopes

Two envelopes printed for Columbia House with the precancelled Flag in the Field non-denominated stamp have been found. Both are on shiny white paper which seems to confuse the photocopier. Both are precancelled with a simulated machine slogan reading (around the circle) CANADA POST * POSTES CANADA / BLK L4W 1S2 NBRE and, in the circle, TORONTO / ONTARIO. The slogan is the usual "POSTAL CODE / CODE POSTAL"

The first is a window envelope with the stamp printed on the flap (i.e., the flap is on the front). The tag is in the form of a simulated perforation. The envelope measures 159 x 122 mm and has side seams; the window measures 102 x 41 mm and has round corners and dull glassine. There is printing on both the front and back. The notice "SPECIAL / OFFER / EXPIRES / SEPTEMBER 22, 1995" is in red, in a red two-ring circle (broken by the window). The corner card is printed in robin's egg blue and reads: COLUMBIA HOUSE / P.O. Box 5000, Station "D" / Scarborough, Ontario M1R 5C3
Over the window, in the blue shade, is "WE WANT YOU BACK!" and that has a yellow underline.

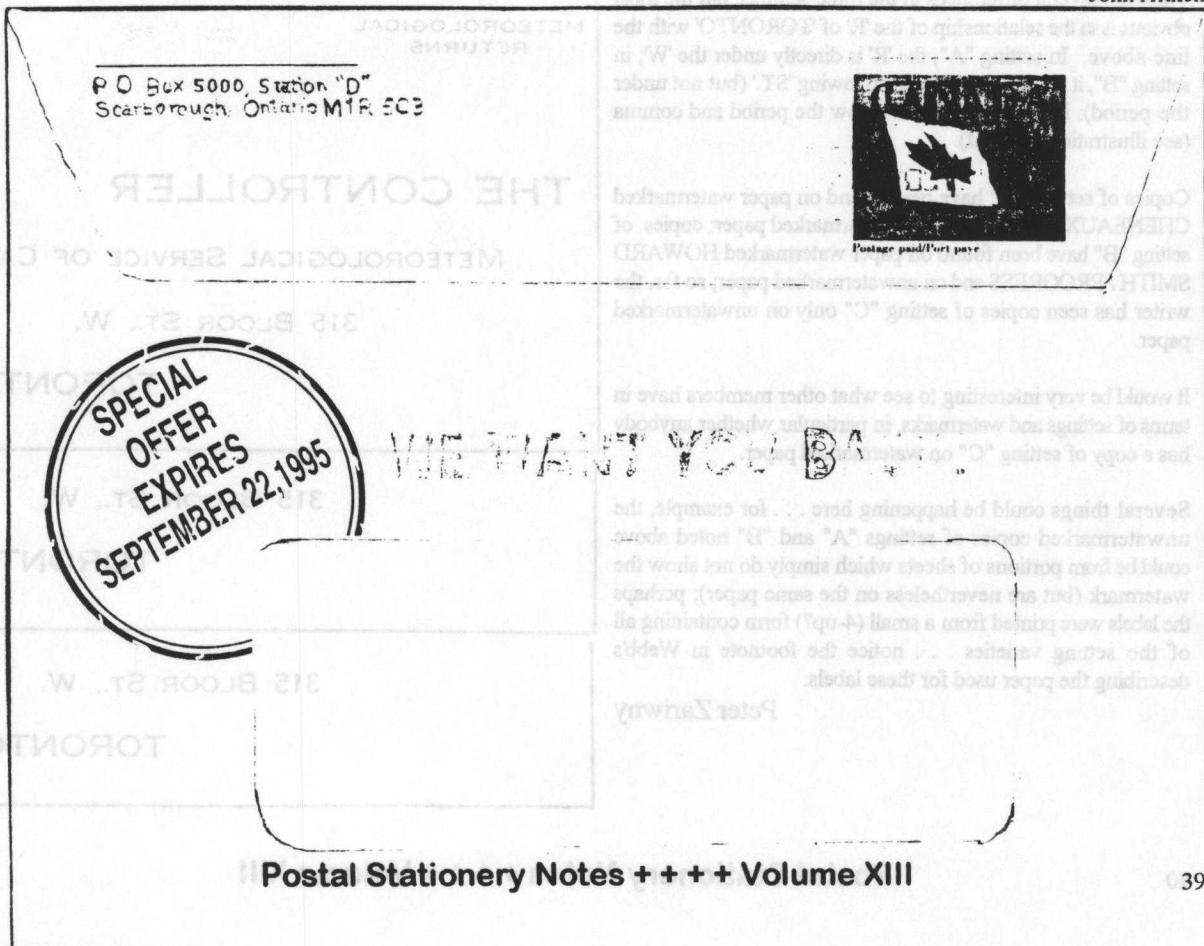
The back of the envelope has a big block of the blue ink, with a message outlined in white or yellow: "Due to the exclusive nature / of this SPECIAL OFFER / to Preferred Former Members / please respond / immediately." The words "exclusive offer", "Preferred Former Members", "respond" and "immediately" are in yellow; the rest (including the underline) are in white.

The second is also a window envelope with side seams, but it is larger and the flap is on the back. The tag is a bar to the right of the stamp, and it wraps around to the back of the envelope (there is also simulated perf tagging). The envelope measures 212 x 116 mm; the window is L-shaped, with the taller part measuring 86mm wide and 50mm deep and the other part measuring 171 x 27 mm. -- the corners are rounded and the glassine is dull. Again, there is printing on the front and back. On the front, there is a gold arc above the window (the same color as the tagging bar . . . these don't seem to react to UV, but it's hard to tell because the paper is so bright). At the lower right corner are seven diagonal bars (which extend slightly to the back); these are in a bright violet. Below the window is a message in dark blue: "PERSONAL INVITATION . . . to receive an extraordinary / music offer. / (Details Inside.)"

On the back, on the flap, is a return address in black ink: "COLUMBIA / HOUSE" in white relief in a black box; beside that: "5900 Finch Ave. East / Scarborough, Ontario M1B 5X7". Underneath, in the dark blue ink, is "You are about to experience music / as you never have before. // Please respond by September 22, 1995"

Both of these envelopes are very striking.

John Aitken





PERSONAL INVITATION... to receive an extraordinary music offer.
(Details Inside.)

Meteorological Returns Labels

Three settings have been found for the Meteorological Returns address labels, Webb DEN526-5 and 5a; these are illustrated and described below. Also, two known watermarks are described and pictured (on page 41).

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There are several differences in the three settings, but the most obvious is in the relationship of the 'R' of 'TORONTO' with the line above. In setting "A", the 'R' is directly under the 'W'; in setting "B", it is below the comma following 'ST.' (but not under the period); in setting "C", it is below the period and comma (see illustrations at right).

Copies of setting "A" have been found on paper watermarked CHENEAX BOND and on unwatermarked paper; copies of setting "B" have been found on paper watermarked HOWARD SMITH / PROGRESS and on unwatermarked paper; so far, the writer has seen copies of setting "C" only on unwatermarked paper.

It would be very interesting to see what other members have in terms of settings and watermarks, in particular whether anybody has a copy of setting "C" on watermarked paper.

Several things could be happening here . . . for example, the unwatermarked copies of settings "A" and "B" noted above could be from portions of sheets which simply do not show the watermark (but are nevertheless on the same paper); perhaps the labels were printed from a small (4-up?) form containing all of the setting varieties . . . notice the footnote in Webb's describing the paper used for these labels.

Peter Zariwny

<p>METEOROLOGICAL RETURNS</p> <p>THE CONTROLLER</p> <p>METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF CANADA</p> <p>315 BLOOR ST., W.</p> <p>TORONTO (5), ONT.</p>	
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Meteorological Returns Labels, continued

Examples of the watermarks referred to in the text:

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THE CONTROLLER

METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF CA

315 BLOOR ST., W.

TORONTO




METEOROLOGICAL RETURNS

THE CONTROLLER

METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF CANADA

315 BLOOR ST., W.

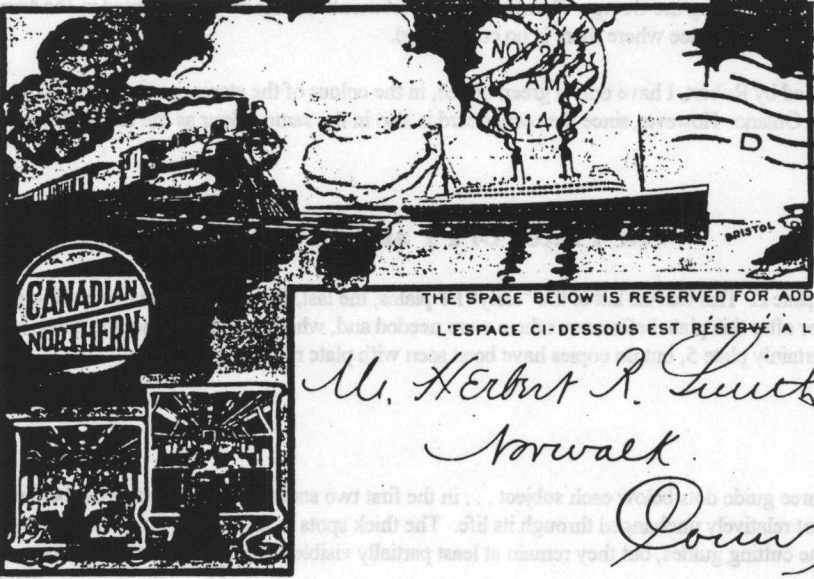
TORONTO (5), ONT.





P R O C E S S E D

New Railway View Card

From Pierre Gauthier comes the report of another unlisted, though very old railway view card . . . this from Canadian Northern Railway, in the design of NTH4, but on the 1-cent red Admiral bilingual card, Webb P28c. The card is postmarked Nov. 29, 1914, from Brandon, Manitoba. A remarkable discovery. The front of the card is illustrated below.



THE SPACE BELOW IS RESERVED FOR ADDRESS ONLY.
L'ESPACE CI-DESSOUS EST RÉSERVÉ À L'ADRESSE.

Mr. Herbert R. Smith
Norwalk.

Down 4.5.9!

A 1961 Aerogramme Variety

Recently I visited my friend John Sheffield in London and took the opportunity to view some lots for his April 6 auction. In one of the boxes I found a notice from the post office describing a new paper and design modification for the current aerogramme (Webb A25). Bill Walton had described this variety at a study group meeting, but I thought it interesting that the post office recognized it and distributed it. It would be interesting to see what the ERP for this item is. John (Sheffield) very kindly copied the notice so that it can be reproduced in the newsletter.

John Aitken

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
Financial Branch
Postage Stamp Division

Ottawa 4, Ontario
10th July 1961

NEW TYPE OF PAPER FOR AEROGRAMME

The enclosed aerogramme contains a slight modification in the specifications of the paper and it is now being distributed throughout Canada. A solid arrowhead, preceding the words "First fold here" on the new paper distinguishes it from the previous form on which the arrowhead is composed of minute dots visible with a magnifying glass.

J.A. MacDonald
Director of Financial Services

Special Order Envelope Pennysaver Notices

In the October, 1995 issue of PSN, Robert Lemire commented on the colour of printing of the pennysaver notice on Dominion Envelope prepared special order envelopes.

In checking my collection it seems to me that for the George V ovals – 1-cent orange only – the flap notice was the same colour as the stamp.

From the 1-cent green ovals onward, including the George VI envelopes Robert mentions, the notice is printed in the same colour as the corner card, with black being the default choice where there is no corner card.

Other than the red notice mentioned by Robert, I have only a green notice, in the colour of the stamp, on an EN522-10 used by Hughes Typewriter Company of Hamilton, Ontario. However, since the corner card is also in the same colour as the stamp, the notice/corner card relationship is intact.

John Aitken

The Plates of P1 and P2

This issue we'll be looking only at plate E. This was the last of the "early" P1 plates; the last, for example, to have cutting guides all around each subject. It was almost a year after this plate before any others were needed and, when that time came, the plates had an altogether different look. This is almost certainly plate 5, but no copies have been seen with plate number evidence.

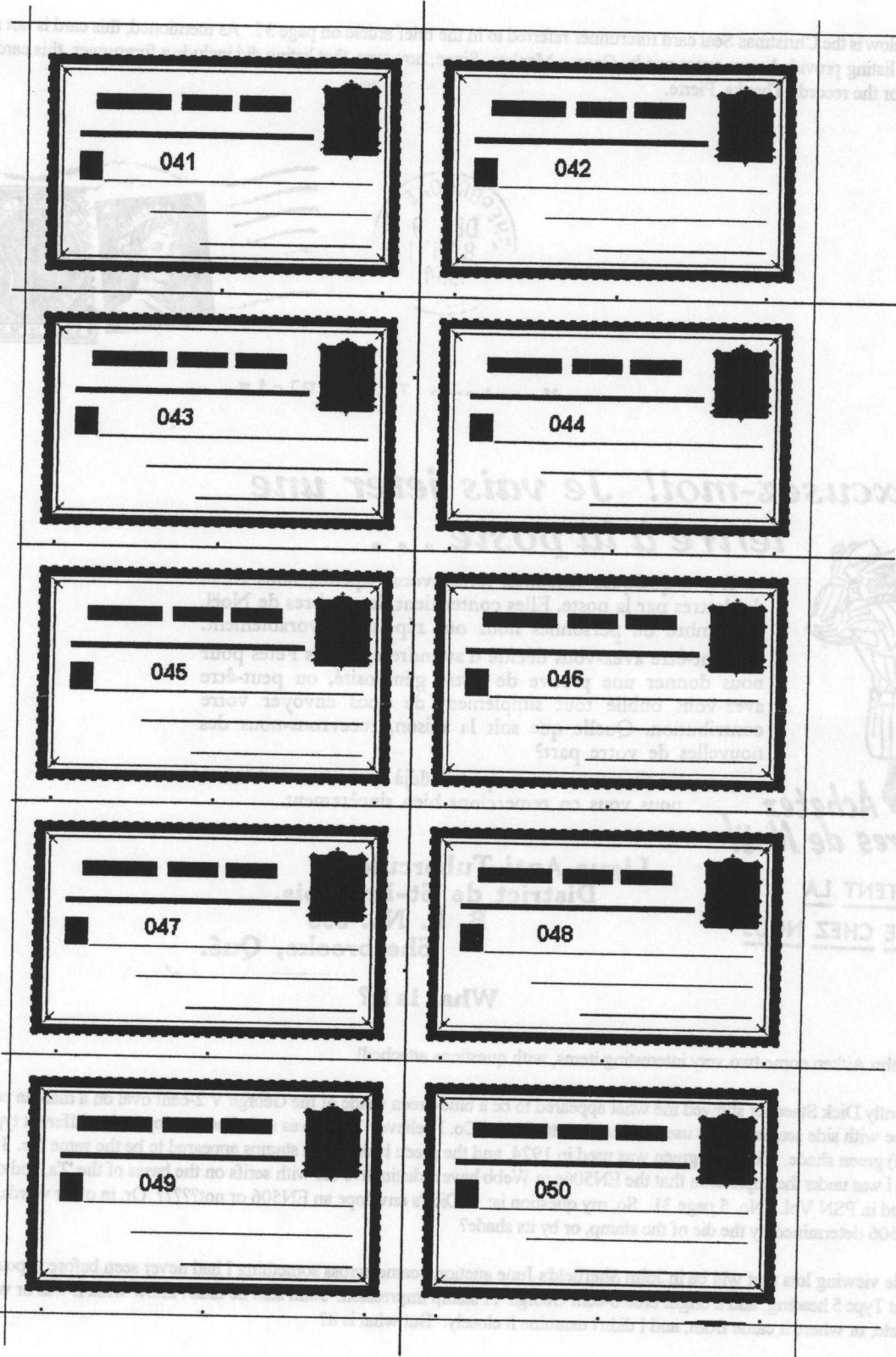
Plate E
ERP: June 14, 1872
States: 8

Illustration (page 43): Note the three guide dots below each subject . . . in the first two states, only the center dot (below each subject) is present. Otherwise, the plate went relatively unchanged through its life. The thick spots in the cutting guides are always present. Over time, there was some wear on the cutting guides, but they remain at least partially visible even in the latest printings.

Steven Whitcombe

(continued . . .)

Christmas Seal Card Forerunner



Christmas Seal Card Forerunner

Shown below is the Christmas Seal card forerunner referred to in the brief article on page 37. As mentioned, this card is not included at all in the listing provided some years ago by George Manley. Since, however, that listing did include a forerunner, this card should be shown, for the record. Thanks, Pierre.



MONTREAL R 1113.

Excusez-moi! Je vais jeter une lettre à la poste . . .



**Achetez
des Timbres de Noël**

**ILS COMBATTENT LA
TUBERCULOSE CHEZ NOUS**

Il y a quelques semaines, nous avons expédié, nous aussi, des lettres par la poste. Elles contenaient des timbres de Noël, et nombre de personnes nous ont répondu favorablement.

Peut-être avez-vous décidé d'attendre après les Fêtes pour nous donner une preuve de votre générosité, ou peut-être avez-vous oublié tout simplement de nous envoyer votre contribution. Quelle que soit la raison, recevrons-nous des nouvelles de votre part?

Si vous avez expédié déjà votre contribution, nous vous en remercions bien sincèrement.

**Ligue Anti-Tuberculeuse
District de St-François,
B. P. No. 395
Sherbrooke, Qué.**

What is it?

From John Aitken come two very interesting items, with questions attached!

1. Recently Dick Staecker showed me what appeared to be a blue-green shade of the George V 2-cent oval on a manilla paper window envelope with side seams. It was used by the Galletta Power Co. I believe. There was a similar envelope with different type font in the (normal) green shade. The blue-green was used in 1924, and the green later. Both stamps appeared to be the same die. I mention this because I was under the impression that the EN506s in Webb have a distinctive die with serifs on the bases of the '2's, and other features described in PSN Vol. I No. 5 page 31. So, my question is: Is Dick's envelope an EN506 or not???? Or, in other words, is the listing for EN506 determined by the die of the stamp, or by its shade?

2. While viewing lots that will be in John Sheffield's June auction I came across something I had never seen before: a postal card, with apparent Type 5 heading, and a bright blue 8-cent George VI stamp impression. John said he didn't know what it was or whether it was legitimate, or where it came from, and I didn't examine it closely. But what is it?

Membership List

We currently have more than 100 active, paid-up members. That makes us one of the largest study groups in BNAPS. There are many new members listed below, and a few changes of address. (This page will be left blank in all office and library copies, and all over-run copies.)

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Briefs . . .

Duff Malkin sent along a colorful flyer from Canada Post advertising a "STOCK UP & SAVE!" promotion. The sale included Priority Courier envelopes; XPRESSPOST envelopes; and Regular Post prestamped envelopes (Puffins illustrated) . . . buy 10 and get an additional envelope free (through April 30th). Very interesting!

John Aitken would like to hear from any member who comes across any P.O.D. list of stationery available . . . he is particularly interested to know how Type I (no headings) cards, which were sold only in sheets to the public, were made available to collectors, especially in the 1930-1960 period.

Back in Vol. XIII #2, while informing the readers of my e-mail address, I made a couple of comments about e-mail and the Internet, in general. Member **Leopold Beaudet** sent me a letter commenting on my comments; I feel that he brings up several interesting points, and I'd love to hear from other members on the same issues . . . Leopold writes, in part:

" . . . As for e-mail on the Internet, it is fast, efficient, and low cost. In fact, I believe this represents the last nail in the post office's coffin. The post office lost most of the business-to-business mail to couriers, FAX, and e-mail several years ago, they are losing the government/business-to-individual mail to direct deposit and automatic debit services offered by the banks, and with the Internet they risk losing the individual-to-individual mail. What's left? Parcels and junk mail . . . and getting into courier and e-mail services themselves which is what Canada Post is doing with mixed success. Makes the prognostication for the future of philately rather gloomy, especially when you factor in the lack of interest shown by the younger generation, and, perversely, the plethora of stamps being churned out by the countries of the world these days."

In a letter subsequent to that in which he described the Columbia House special-order envelopes, **John Aitken** relates that **Dick Staecker's** son received from Columbia House an envelope identical to the smaller one (illustrated on page 39), except that it is franked with a permit, rather than the non-denominated stamp, and it has a different expiration date. Very interesting.

A Newfoundland Rate Question

Horace Harrison needs our help! He has sent photocopies of five copies of Newfoundland P14, the 2-cent George V of 1933. All are cancelled in July or August, 1940, and three of them bear additional 1-cent adhesives. I'll let Horace take over:

It appears, from the evidence of these five postal cards, that the post card rate within Newfoundland was increased to three cents from two cents sometime in 1940; and that the word was slow in getting out. All five of these cards are addressed to a wholesale/retail drygoods supply house in St. John's, "S. O. Steele & Sons, Ltd." of Water Street, and are obviously commercial messages as shown by the text on the message sides. There was a short period in 1932, from May 2 until September 21, when the local post card rate had been increased from one cent to two cents (according to research in newspaper files by C. A. Stillions). Is it possible that there was a short period in 1940 when the inland post card rate was increased from two cents to three?

It would be appreciated if any responses to this plea for information be sent to Horace (see membership list on page 45 for address). He will subsequently share the information in a variety of journals.

All five of Horace's cards are from small towns, as follows: 1. St. George's (population 725) - stamp added; 2. Trinity (population 450) - stamp added; 3. King's Cove B. B. (population 345) - stamp added; 4. Marys Town (population 910) - no stamp; 5. Brigus, C.B. (population 886) - no stamp.

Another EN74b Found

In recent correspondence with Peter Zariwny I learned that Peter had a used copy of EN74b. This is the first report of one I have heard of since Bruce McCallum's find of three copies back in 1982 (See PSN Vol. I #4 page 29). Peter kindly provided a photocopy, which shows that the envelope comes from the Niagara Peninsula area (like the three copies mailed from St. Catherines) . . . it is cancelled Welland, Oct. 7, 1962.

I have been looking for other reports for the last dozen years, without success. Nor have I heard of, let alone found, a mint copy. I would be very interested to hear what the experience of other study group members has been.

Also, for the sake of consistency, should the variety be described in the same way as the Cameo envelopes, by measuring the top line (44 mm)?

John Aitken