



# CANADIAN REVENUE NEWSLETTER

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In answer to the request for help to fillup some of the empty spaces in the 1st Issue of Federal Bill Revenues on display at the Postal Museum, there have been several replies. Now the first set perf. 12½ used is complete. Sheet number 2 perf. 12½ x 13½ the 7¢ and \$1 values have been donated. Sheet number 6 perf. 12½ x 13½ mint the 4¢ value has been donated. Good hunting, Let's see if we can find more?

The Saskatchewan Law Stamps (current issue). The \$50 value comes perforated and also rouletts.

This issue is issued with bright gum and dull gum. More on this later as to which values are available which way.

Last month we reported Sandy Riesenfeld found a lithographed copy of the 10¢ Quebec R 187. This month we can report Paul Markison # 81, found a 15¢ Quebec R 188 lithographed. It might be rewarding if you looked over your copies of these stamps. Who knows?

There are a few revisions to be made in Ed Zaluski's "In Prize" article. We have concluded the article in this months Issue of the Newsletter.

## REVISIONS ON THE "IN PRIZE" ARTICLE by Ed Zaluski

In Table 1, under Prize Court No. 4 - change R806 to R80b

Prize No. 5 - change 350 to 400

Insert numbers 000501 - 000550 and include with footnote "2"

Insert under Table 1

- Footnotes :
1. A minor variety displaying a double red overprint exists, the second being applied as a result of a poor quality application of the first attempt. This variety could exist for Prize Court numbers 5, 6, and 7 as well.
  2. Overprints on these 150 stamps appear across the serial number rather than across the center of each stamp.

RECEIVED IN THE MAIL - van DAM's ReveNews # 18

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - - -

# 226 - Ed Foley - Box 33112 - Denver - Colorado 80233

NEW MEMBER - We wish to welcome you to the Revenue Group

# 291 - F. J. S. Arndt - Box 5463 - Seattle - Wash. 98105

COMING EVENTS - - - - -

May 27 - 7th Annual Canadian Revenue Get-to-gether, Willow Grove, Pa.

June 9 to 16 - CAPEX - Toronto, Ont. Canada

Oct. 12 to 15 - BNAPS Convention - Palm Beach, Florida

ADLETS - ADLETS - ADLETS - ADLETS - ADLETS - ADLETS  
Send in your ADLETS, there is no charge. Here is a good place  
to add to your collection or dispose of some of these duplicates.

WANTED TO BUY. British Columbia Law Stamps. Fifth Issue only:  
30¢10¢, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1, with dated cancels before 1917. Also  
same stamps in multiples of any size, with any dates or undated.  
F. W. L. Keane, 306 - 1955 Ashgrove Street, Victoria, B. C. Canada

WANTED Match Tax Pairs, boxes, books and stamps  
Earl Covert, Box 1070, Hay River, N. W. T., Canada  
XOE CRO  
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WANTED - Nova Scotia Revenues - Canada Postage used blocks - also  
R. E. Pictorial Cards.  
E. Scott, Box 5145, Arundale, N. S., Canada R3L 4M7

#### CANADIAN REVENUES FOR SALE

Canadian Bills - R 37, 39, 40, 43, 46 at 10¢ each  
R41, 42, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 at 20¢ each - R18, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27 at 30¢ each  
R3, 6, 9, 28, 29, 45 at 50¢ each - R1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 22, 24, 44 at 65¢ each  
R32, 52 at 1.30 each - R31, 31 at 1.50 each - R14, 38, 53 at 3.00 each  
R25 at 6.00 - R30 at 7.50  
Canadian Weights and Measures - R121, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152 at 40¢ each  
R110, 111, 133, 134, 141, 147 at 60¢ each - R109, 132 at 1.00 each  
R120, 122, 143, at 1.50 each - R105, 107, 108, 119, 140, 142 at 2.00 each  
R129, 130, 137 at 3.00 each R128 at 5.00 - R127 at 6.00 - R131 (tiny fault)  
at 19.50

Ed Zalucki - 35 Amiens Street - Orleans - Ont. - Canada K1E 1P1

#### WANTED TO EXCHANGE

Federal and Provincial Revenue Stamps, Tobaccos, Liquors,  
and Match Tax Pairs, Telephone and Telegraph Franks. In  
mint or used condition. On or off documents. Also all  
material of fiscal use including studies, old catalogs, etc.  
Your want list for mine.

Ivon Legris - 5817 Madore St. - Montreal - Canada H1M 1H3

I would like to thank Bill Ulrich of Ottawa for providing the two In Prize stamps on piece that started the search that resulted in this article. And secondly, I would like to thank the staffs of both the Directorate of History, Department of National Defence, Ottawa, and the Federal Court of Canada, Supreme Court Building, Ottawa, for providing the assistance and information that made this article possible.

**References:**

1. "Cause Book", Volume 3, from the Victoria Registry of the British Columbia Admiralty District.
2. Documents file titled "The Weser", Number 1-1940, from the Exchequer Court of Canada, B.C. Admiralty District, In Prize.
3. Tucker, Gilbert N., "The Naval Service of Canada, Its Official History", King's Printer, Ottawa, 1952.
4. Schull, Joseph, "The Far Distant Ships", Queen's Printer, Ottawa, 1952.
5. Clampett, Harry A., "The Prize Court Revenues", an article in BNA Topics, August, 1974.

## Annex A

### Documents pertaining to the Prize Court Case against the German Ship Weser

The following documents are from the Weser file and are identified and described in the same order as they were entered into the "Cause Book", Volume 3, Victoria Registry, British Columbia Admiralty District. Those documents known to have had In Prize stamps attached have five asterisks immediately preceding the description, with the total amount of the registration fee shown, if known.

1. The following documents were dated and registered at Victoria on October 8th, 1940.

a.+++++ An oath, made by Lieutenant-Commander Geoffrey B. Hope of His Majesty's Canadian Navy and of H. M. C. S. Prince Robert, stating that the log and papers now in the possession of the court were found on board the Weser, and that they are in the same condition as when originally found on board that ship.

6.+++++ A writ of summons, to the owners and parties interested in the ship Weser and its goods, to appear before the Court within 30 days to defend themselves against the Government's claim that the ship and its goods are a lawful prize of the crown. (This is the document to which a single copy of P. C. No. 5 serial number 000594 is still attached.) (figure 3)

c.+++++ An affidavit, filed by Joseph B. Clearihue, King's Council, stat-

ing that he had been duly authorized by the Attorney-General of Canada to act as agent for the Crown to institute proceedings against the German ship Weser and its goods, and that these proceedings constituted a claim, on behalf of His Majesty the King in the Right of Canada, that the ship Weser and its goods were required by Canada for use in the prosecution of the war.

d.+++++ A summons, to the owners and parties interested in the ship Weser and its goods, to appear before the Court at 10:00 A. M. on the 8th day of October, 1940, to show cause why an order should

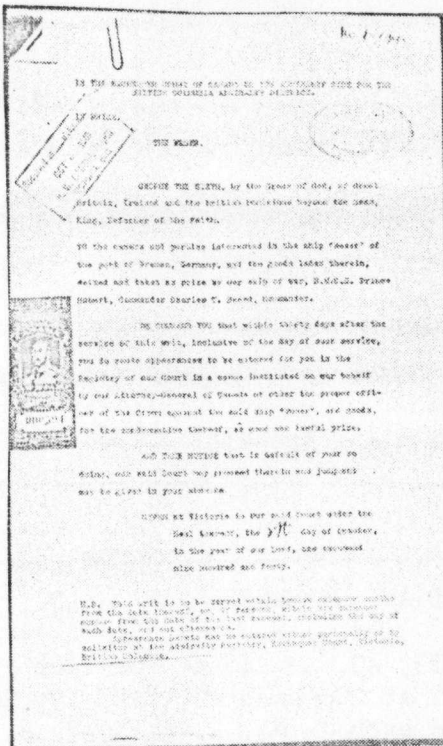


Figure 3

not be issued, on order for the appraisal of the ship Weser and its goods for the purpose of determining the amount the Crown would have to transfer to the Court to claim the prize.

e.+++++ \$5.00 An order, by the Court before the Honourable The Chief Justice of British Columbia, District Judge, (1) that the Weser and its goods be appraised and that the Marshal of the Exchequer Court be commissioned to do so, (2) that upon a filing of payment intent to the Court of the ship's appraised value by the proper officer of the Crown on behalf of His Majesty the King, the Weser and its good shall be released and delivered up to His Majesty the King in the right of Canada, and (3) that the cost pertaining to this case be reserved.

f.+++++ An affidavit of writ of Summons, sworn by Heber Wellington Goggin, that he, as the Marshal of the Exchequer Court, did serve a writ by affixing that writ to a conspicuous part of

the ship "Weser", leaving it there for a short time, then replacing it with a true copy, at Esquimalt Harbour, County of Victoria.

g.+++++ An undertaking, made by Joseph B. Clearihue, K. C., the proper officer and agent for the Crown, to pay to the Court on behalf of the Crown the appraised value of the ship Weser and its goods at such time as the Court shall decide.

h.+++++ A commission of appraisal, taken out by Joseph B. Clearihue, K. C., authorizing and commanding the Marshal of the Exchequer Court to choose an experienced person to appraise the true value of the ship Weser and its goods, and then to file that appraisal with the Court.

i.+++++ A release, taken out by Joseph B. Clearihue, K. C. Solicitor for the Attorney-General of Canada, to the Marshal of the Exchequer Court, commanding him to release and deliver the ship and its goods unto His Majesty the King in the Right of Canada, for his use.

2. The following document was dated the 8th day of October and registered at Victoria on the 9th day of October, 1940.

a. A notice of issuance of writ intended for and published in the Victoria Daily Times newspaper dated 9th October, 1940. This writ advised that anyone interested in the prize ship Weser made an appearance before the Court within 30 days.

3. The following document was dated and registered at Victoria on the 18th day of October, 1940.

a.+++++ An affidavit, sworn by Harry A. Barnett, that he would appraise the cargo of the Weser at its true value to the best of his ability.

4. The following document was dated and registered at Victoria on the 6th day of November, 1940.

a.+++++ An affidavit, sworn by Robert Rennie, that he would appraise the ship Weser at its true value to the best of his ability.

5. The following document was dated and registered at Victoria on the 9th day of December, 1940.

a. An Affidavit, sworn by Bernard Bierman, stating that, as a qualified lawyer and having excellent knowledge of both English and German, he had translated the ship's register from German into English, and that the translation identified as exhibit 'B' was a true English translation of that register.

6. The following document was dated the 2nd day of December and registered at Victoria on the 9th day of December, 1940.

a.+++++ \$1.25 An oath, made jointly by Heber W. Goggin and Harry A. Barnett, stating that the value of Weser's cargo was appraised at \$59,115.60. (The two In Prize stamps on piece that started

this whole story came from this document.)

7. The following document was dated the 19th day of December and registered at Victoria on the 23rd day of December, 1940.

a. An oath, made jointly by Heber W. Goggin and Robert Rennie, that the value of the ship Weser was appraised at \$1,223,900.00.

8. The following documents were dated and registered at Victoria on the 9th day of January, 1941.

a. An affidavit, sworn by Ivan Stanley Day, a Lieutenant-Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy, stating that, as a Staff Officer of Intelligence, he made a search of the Weser on the 10th day of October, 1940, in order to discover if any further documents remained on the ship. Documents marked as Exhibits listed below were identified.

Exhibit A: Weser's register.

Exhibit B: Declaration by Weser's Master regarding the provisions on board ship to the port authority at Manzanillo, Mexico.

Exhibit C: Latest crew list dated 25th September, 1940.

Exhibit D: Cargo list for discharge at Pacific Coast ports.

Exhibit E: Documents dealing with the purchase of ship's provisions at Manzanillo.

Exhibit F: List of ship's equipment in good standing on the Weser.

Exhibit G: Ship's cargo loading plan.

Exhibit H: Copy of invoice for oil supplied by the Mexican Petroleum Company to the Weser at Manzanillo.

Exhibit I: Extracts from the ship's certificate.

6. +++++ An affidavit, made by Joseph B. Clearihue, K. C., stating that proper legal procedure had been followed and that neither appearance nor claim by the owners and parties interested in the ship Weser and its goods had been made.

c. +++++ A summons, taken out by Joseph B. Clearihue, K. C., issued to the owners and parties interested in the Weser and its goods, to attend before the Court on the 13th day of January, 1941, to show cause why an order for trial should not be made to determine the final disposition of Weser and its goods, the date for

this trial to be the 18th day of January, 1941.

9. The following documents were dated and registered at Victoria on the 13th day of January, 1941.

a. +++++ \$2.50 An order of trial, stating that upon reading the summons dated January 9th and the affidavit of J. B. Clearihue sworn on January 9th, 1941, upon hearing Mr. Clearihue before the Court, and upon no appearance having been entered to the writ, a trial or hearing of this cause take place before the Exchequer Court on Saturday, the 18th day of January, 1941, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon or as soon as possible thereafter.

6. A notice of trial, issued by the District Registrar Cleeve G. White, to the owners and parties interested in the ship Weser and its goods laden therein, stating that the trial date had been set for Saturday, the 18th day of January, 1941, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon as possible thereafter.

10. The following document had no origination date but was registered at Victoria on the 13th day of January, 1941.

a. +++++ A numerical list of Weser's papers drawn up by the District Registrar, Cleeve G. White. This list comprised the following:

- (1) Bill of Health,
- (2) Crew List,
- (3) Clearance from Manzanillo,
- (4) Weser's log book,
- (5) Weser's register,
- (6) Declaration by Master of ship regarding provisions on board ship,
- (7) Latest crew list dated 25 September, 1940.

(8) List of cargo for discharge at Pacific Coast ports,

(9) Documents dealing with purchase of ship's provisions,

(10) List of ship's equipment in good standing,

(11) Cargo loading plan of ship,

(12) Copy of invoice for oil supplied to the ship, and

(13) An extract from the ship's certificate.

11. The following document was dated the 8th day of October, 1940, and registered at Victoria on the 18th day of January, 1941.

a. An affidavit, sworn by Lieutenant-Commander Geoffrey Bateman Hope, that the German ship Weser (Master Ernst Biet) was stopped at latitude 18 deg. 59'N, longitude 104 deg. 23'W, and that, as Executive Officer of His Majesty's Canadian Ship Prince Robert, he led a boarding party onto the Weser at 00:05 hours on the 26th day of September, 1940, and seized the ship as a prize of war. Subsequently, he navigated the Weser back to Esquimalt Harbour and handed the ship over as a prize of war to the Marshal of the Exchequer Court of Canada on its Admiralty Side. Then on the 8th day of October, 1940, he deposited Weser's papers in the Registry of the Exchequer Court, the papers being

- (1) Bill of Health,
- (2) Crew list,
- (3) Clearance from Manzanillo, and
- (4) The ship's log book.

12. The following document was dated the 18th day of January, and registered at Victoria on the 5th day of February, 1941.

a. A decree, issued by the Court, after having heard the evidence and Council for the Crown, and in default of an appearance and claim by Weser's owners, proclaiming that the ship Weser belonged to enemies of the Crown at the time of capture. Therefore, the ship Weser was declared as good and lawful prize and the Court decreed that it should be delivered to His Majesty the King in the Right of Canada. However, the Court further directed that hearing of the claim for the condemnation of the cargo be adjourned until the 9th day of April, 1941.

13. The following document was dated the 2nd day of April and registered at Victoria on the 3rd day of April, 1941.

a. An affidavit, made by Harry Ambrose Barnett, stating that, as a marine surveyor appointed to appraise Weser's cargo and stores, he had done so and provided a detailed list.

14. The following document was the last, dated the 9th day of April and registered at Victoria on the 23rd day of April, 1941.

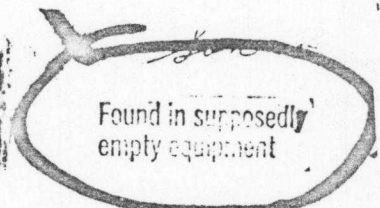
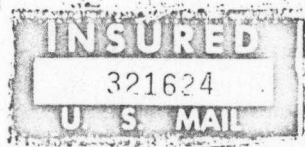
a. A decree, issued by the Court, stating that, in default of an appearance and claim by the owners, Weser's cargo and goods be delivered to His Majesty the King in the Right of Canada in lieu of sale.

### IN CASE YOU WONDERED...

The piece of mailing envelope shown below, which was kindly sent this office as an explanation of the lateness of transmittal of one of our circuits, may suffice to explain away certain of our circuit losses.

This one, luckily, was found.

It is also indicative of the efficiency of the USPS that the marking takes the form of a rubber stamp...which would lead one to believe that



this is a quite frequent occurrence.

And this is insured mail, which is (theoretically) supposed to be tracked.

It may come as no surprise that we have had losses with certified and registered mail as well. Draw your own conclusions.