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## Coming Events

Nov. 15 to 17- BNAPS Mid-Atlantic Group Meeting, Virginia Beach, Va.

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The Annual meeting of the Revenue Group was held in Calgary Sept. 14 at 1 P.M. 15 members attending. The same officers were elected for another year. We had a very interesting discussion with Leo La France, presenting a slide program. The text below;

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## ENIGMAS THAT STILL EXIST REGARDING CERTAIN REVENUE STAMPS

The first Federal issues were for the Province of Canada and were Bill stamps which came into use in August of 1864. There still remain four questions that have never been satisfactorily answered. These are 1. Who designed them? 2. Who printed them? 3. Who perforated them? and 4. Who paid for them?

The design of the 1¢ thru 9¢ Bill stamps is similar to the 1¢ postage issue of 1859 printed by the American Bank Note Co. The curves, buckle and vignette crosshatch are the same as the 1859 1¢ postage stamp. Micro exam of the two designs shows engravers strokes so vignettes must have been the same, especially in case of the jewels of the diadem and the head contour. The first issue bill stamps are stereotyped and somebody from the American Bank Note Co. must have supplied the master dies from which the stereotypes were made. We still don't know who printed them.

The only guage perforating machine that American Bank Note Co. had at the time was perf.12. All U.S. Postage from 1861-1894 when the Bureau of Printing and Engraving took over were perf 12. Since the Bill stamps are perf 12½, 12½x13½, 13½x12½ and 13½ who had perforating machines such

as these? They must have been of British origin and at that time there was a machine in Richmond, Va. which perfed 12½ and was used for the Confederate issues. As to whether this machine was at Archer & Daley or Keating and Ball is open to question. From the perf on the 1st issue Bill stamps it would seem to indicate that the American Banknote Co. didn't produce them.

Whether the British firms of DeLaRue or Perkins Bacon & Co. made these perf machines or sold any of these in Canada is open to conjecture.

Since as stated in Holmes, the statutes on Canada record that on June 30, 1864 a tax was imposed to cover promissory notes, drafts and bills of exchange and it came into force on August 1, 1864 that the Province of Canada must have paid the bill, but here again we don't know to whom.

So, all of you diggers of information let's see if it is possible to come up with answers to these questions? As they say we still don't know many things regarding the Revenue issues of the Federal Government and also Provincial issues. Point in fact the Niagara Falls Provisional Excise Custom Duty which you all have a chance to read Ken Rowe's thoughts on the subject.

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van DAM announces Mail Auction #31, closing Nov. 29, 1985. This auction consists of the well known John Siverts Canada Revenue collection. Included is a virtually complete Canada Revenue collection with many rare and unique items such as FG 20a 60¢ rouletted Gas Inspection, the rare Newf'd Beer Stamp, FWS 3 the 25¢ orange War Savings, French inscription BCD 1 - MS 1- inverted overprints on the Quebec Honoraires-Fees, Cape Breton Provisionals and many others. Lavishly illustrated catalog available for \$2 by air mail. Send for catalog today, van DAM.

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As I have mentioned before. It seems we have more opportunity of acquiring Canadian Revenues than ever before. I notice even at the small stamp shows and bourses more dealers have some Canadian Revenue material to offer. Also, we have more auctions featuring high quality Canadian Revenue material than I can previously remember. Good hunting. I still find a bargain occasionally.

Change of Address

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