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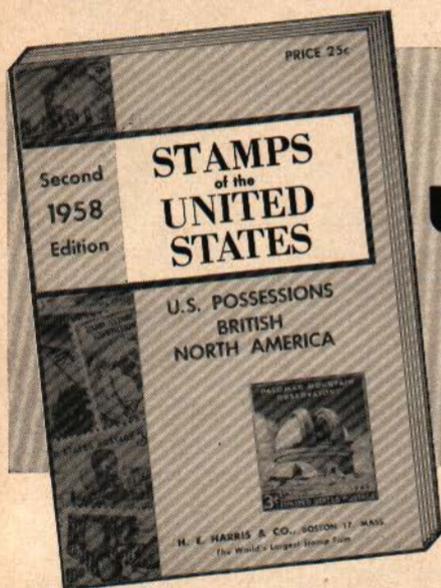
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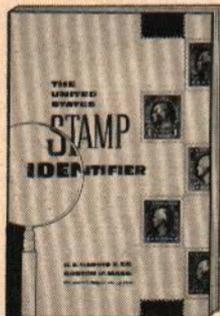
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## O.H.M.S. Missing Periods

IN THIS GROUP of the Canada Officials we find in the overprinting by the Canada Post Office a number of varieties in which the period or periods are missing. At this writing no attempt will be made to discuss individual items, but it is most important that a checklist of known varieties be completed. Collectors recognize that periods are missing after the letter 'S', 'H', 'O and H' and after 'M' in the first printings of the 1942 War Issue, and second printings of the 1949 issue. The following is a list of the reported varieties:

No.	M.P. after	Stamp in sheet	Plate No.
O1	1c	S	39 LL
		S	52 LL
		H ?	23 UR
		M ?	
O2	2c	S	52 LL
		S	52 LL
		S	52 LL
O4	4c	S	52 LL
		S	47 LL
O6	10c	S	47 LL
		S	47 LL
O7	14c	S	47 LL
		S	47 LL
O8	20c	S	47 LL
		S	47 LL
O9	50c	S	47 LL
		S	47 LL
O10	\$1	S	47 LL
O11	50c	S ?	?
O12	1c	S ?	12 UL
		M ?	
O13	2c	S ?	?
O14	3c	S ?	?
O15	4c	S ?	52 LL
O15a	5c	S ?	42 LL
		S	52 LL
		S ?	52 LL
		S	78 UL
		S	78 UL
		S	78 UL
	OH&S	?	?
		O&H ?	?
		M ?	?
		H ?	?
CO1	7c	S	47 LL
		S	47 LL
EO1	10c	? ?	?

In the No. O12 I have a horizontal strip of three with missing 'M' in third stamp. In No. O15a I have a horizontal strip of three with missing 'O & H' in second stamp, with narrow selvedge, showing tenth row position in upper pane.

As many collectors have made research into this group, would you please check the above list, with comments, and advise the writer so the checklist may be brought up to near accuracy. ★

## Convention Time

Yep! it's later than you think! September 25th to 28th is rapidly approaching, and you can help the host group by letting them know if you plan to be there.

The Alpine Inn, Ste. Marguerite Station, Quebec, will rock and roll on these dates, so get that reservation in now!

If there are any questions, and you have put away your copy of TOPICS for October 1957; or if you find same and a question still arises, drop a line either to Chas. P. deVolpi or Al Kessler, and we guarantee a prompt answer.

Come on, BNAPSers, this is our tenth—let's make it the biggest and best yet! ★

## 'Popular Stamps' Suspended

BNAPSer A. L. McCready, publisher of 'Popular Stamps', Cobden, Ont., announced in his April issue that the magazine would have to suspend publication for a time owing to sudden illness in the family. We hope that things soon right themselves and that this popular Canadian magazine will be with us once again. ★



# Rounding Up SQUARED CIRCLES

EDITOR: DR. A. WHITEHEAD, 52 Havelock St., Amherst, N.S.

## Halifax Squared Circles

**H**ALIFAX squared circles are common. This is fortunate for they form one of the very best fields for intensive study and amply repay any careful attention given to them. I have been studying them closely for years. In this I have been greatly assisted by E. M. Blois of Halifax, who I think is the outstanding authority on the Halifax postal history of all periods. Others have helped me with material or records of their holdings, notably Miss Cathleen Jones, Messrs. C. A. Kemp, C. A. Westhaven and Sibley Higginbotham, and Drs. Lorna Cooke and C. S. McKee. Many, many more have contributed records, stamps and notes. To one and all my most grateful thanks.

I soon found it necessary to begin a day-by-day record, mostly with stamps, in order to dig deeply into this subject. (I have done the same with Belleville, Ont., and Winnipeg, Man., but of this, more later on). The reportings of numerous other collectors have gone into this record and I think I am now able to give the story almost complete. Only a few details remain undecided.

### The Hammers

Boggs, in his list in 'Maple Leaves', Dec. 1957, gives the issuing date of **three** hammers for Halifax: Ju 29, 93; Au 23, 93 and Jan 12, 94. All my friends agree with me that only two of these have yet been found, and we conclude that Boggs' first hammer was never used. So my 'first' and 'second' hammer are his second and third.

### Description of the Two Known Hammers

Both have 'HALIFAX, N.S.' at top and 'CANADA' at base.

**First Hammer:** Medium-sized lettering; a period after 'CANADA'. Wear was soon

evident, with some slight bending of ends of bars, especially at lower left. Later strikes showed much 'spread' of lettering, lines and bars; the corners become rounded. At least one collector thinks these corners have been filed, constituting a second 'state'. I do not agree. The wear was gradual, progressive, and may be traced where sufficient material is available.

**Second Hammer:** Taller, narrower lettering; no period after 'CANADA'. Some rounding of the corners perceptible in later strikes.

### Chronology

This is more complex than that given in the handbook.

- Hammer I Au 27, 98 — De 21 (?), 96  
II De 22, 96 — Ja 21, 97  
I Ja 22, 97 — Mr 30, 97  
II Mr 30, 97 — Fe 9, 99  
I Revival: 2 copies are known, Oc 19, 98.  
II Revival: 2 copies or more, circa Ja 22, 1908.



Late revival of Hammer II, Jan 22, 1908.  
From the collection of R. S. B. Greenhill.

I have hammer I, 4/Mr 30, '97 and hammer II, 2/Mr 30, '97. This is the only example of both hammers used on same date known to me. I believe others may come to light, and copies with De 21, 22, '96, and Ja 21, 22, '97, should be carefully examined. I should be most grateful for information regarding hammers used (with number above the date given) on these dates.

The two revivals noted above are further proof of the many surprises to be found in squared circle study.

## Indicia

During the squared circle period Halifax strikes show 1, 2, 3, 4 above the date. (A few 'blanks' have been reported.)

I am now certain that these numbers in the case of Halifax and most other towns are time-numbers and not, as generally supposed at first, clerks' numbers. I was slow in coming to this opinion. I had to be convinced; there had to be proof; mere assertion was insufficient. I had two stalwarts with me in this—E. M. Blois and J. J. Bonar of Edinburgh. When I deal, later on, with Belleville, Ont., I shall have more to say about time-numbers versus clerks' numbers; but even in that case I shall be open to conviction!

The familiar circular date-stamp used at MORRIS STREET, HALIFAX (circa Jy 95 to Au 01) also shows 1, 2, 3, 4 above the date. Now it is certain that such a small branch office would not have four clerks, so these numbers must be time-marks. It is logical, therefore, to conclude that the same numbers at the head office, where the squared circles were used, would also be time-marks.

The numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 may be found on Halifax markings before and after the squared circle period; for a time the letters A, B, C, D were used, in the 1880s.

Returning to squared circles, none of the numbers are rare, but 2 and 3 are the most frequently found. On page 9 of the handbook, under Halifax, I have this: "It is possible to find two or more different [clerk's] numbers with the same date. Such groups are not without interest and are in demand." (The demand, the hunt, for these has greatly increased and many collectors are keenly interested in this type of collecting.) And on page 39 I show "An unusual group of Map stamps, all dated HALIFAX, Ja 30, '99, with different numbers: 1, 2, 3." I haven't yet found '4' for this date on a Map stamp. Will someone oblige? They would find me in a generous frame of mind!

For several years I found groups of three numbers, Halifax, all same dates, accumulating nicely, but never the complete set of four! E. M. Blois had just the same experience. About a year ago we came to the conclusion that these were clerk's numbers after all, and that things were so arranged that there were never more than three clerks on duty on any one day. And then it happened! I was able to mount 1, 2, 3, 4, Ju 5, '94, proudly writing below: "The first complete series reported." (It took seven years' hard hunting.) Since then I have formed other complete groups and have helped two other keen students to do the same—E. M. Blois and Sibley Higginbotham. I shall be only too pleased to help others also.



An unusual group of Jubilee stamps. All are dated HALIFAX, Sp 28, '97, and show a complete group of time numbers, 1, 2, 3, 4, formerly known as 'Clerk's Numbers.' The '3' is the broken variety. From the Whitehead collection.

## The 'Broken 3'

The outstanding indicia variety for Halifax is the striking '3' used frequently in 1897. It looks as if a sharp object fell on



CALGARY, Alberta, on an extremely handsome cover from the Ed. Richardson collection.

the type. The chief feature is the long straight top of the '3' bent down sharply to the left. It is quite unmistakable. There is also a marked gap below the right end of the top.

I have it on many dates from Ju 13, 97 to No 30, 97. Generally it is used as the number above the date. On Ju 3, 97 and No 3, 97, it was used in the date itself.

A page of 'Broken 3s', well mounted, makes a nice display, made still more effective when contrasted with the normal '3' of this period. E. M. Blois first drew my attention to this interesting variety.

There may be found also an abnormally long-topped '3', the straight top carried over noticeably to the left. My earliest date is No 26, 94. The variety is not rare; 3/Ap 30, 95 shows the two straight-topped '3s' admirably contrasted, the abnormal long top being the '3' above the date.

Inverted digits may be found. They are rare and mere freaks. A more interesting variety is '31' above the date, Ju 19, 96, which I have seen. It is in the collection of Chas. A. Porter, North Surrey, B.C.

### Halifax Price List

At the request of several collectors, I am suggesting the following price list for Halifax squared circles.

#### HAMMER ONE

10c and up; on cover 25c and up.

Aug 93 dates, 50c and up.

Sep-Dec 93 dates, 20c and up.

(a) Matched pair (same date, different No. above) \$1.00.

(b) Matched group of three (same date, different No. above) \$3.00.

(c) Complete group of four (same date, 1, 2, 3, 4 above) \$10.00.

Required dates for (a), (b), (c), 50c and up.

Transitional period, Ja 22-Mr 29, 97, 50c and up.

Transitional period, Mr 30, 97, \$2.50.

#### HAMMER TWO

10c and up; on cover 25c and up.

On Jubilee 1c, 3c, 50c and up.

On Map stamp, 75c and up.

Broken '3', 75c and up.

(a) Matched pair (same date, different No. above) \$1.00.

(b) Matched group of three (same date, different No. above) \$3.00.

(c) Complete group of four (same date, 1, 2, 3, 4 above) \$10.00.

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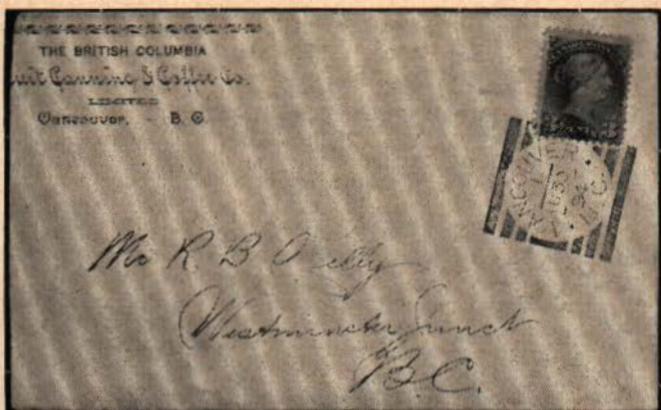
Required dates for (a), (b), (c) 75c and up.

First month (De 22, 96 to Ja 22, 97) 50c and up.

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The 'second state' of NANAIMO, B.C., also from the Ed Richardson collection.



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(Only those dates which supersede the handbook  
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#### Prince Albert

Latest: De 28, 98.

(Known also on KG V 1Tc Die I, red)

### ALBERTA

#### Calgary

Earliest: Ja 10, 94; Latest: Mr 1, '00.

Above the date: AM, PM, also '7' in 1899.

#### Edmonton

Earliest: My 24, 94.

#### Innisfall

Earliest: Fe 4, 96.

#### Lethbridge

Latest: No 2, 99.

RF: 30.

#### Macleod

Earliest: Mr 3, 94; Latest: No 9, 98.

#### Red Deer

Latest: My 15, 02.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### Ashcroft Station

Earliest: Ja 2, 97; Latest: Ap 10, 98.

#### Donald

Latest: Ja 10, 99.

#### Golden

Earliest: My 30, 95.

#### Kamloops

(On Thompson R., not Columbia R., as in hand-  
book).

Earliest: Oc 22, 93.

#### Kaslo

Earliest: My —, 95.

#### Nanaimo

First State:

Latest: De 23, 96.

RF: 40.

Second State:

RF, for impressions up to 1910: 40; for later  
dates: 20.

Above the date: AM, PM, 1, 7 (this is on  
later strikes and stands for 7 AM, I am told).

#### Rossland

Latest: De 5, 96.

#### Sandon

(Now a 'ghost' town.)

Earliest: Sp 15, 97; Latest: Jy 28, 99.

#### Union

The handbook 'location' is erroneous and will be  
corrected in a future issue.

Latest: Ap 29, 98.

#### Vancouver

Earliest: Oc 23, 93; Latest: Ap 6, 96.

#### Vernon

Earliest: Mr 23, 95; Latest: De 30, 97.

Above the date: Blank, also 3 (?).

#### Victoria

Hammer One:

Earliest: Jy 10, 98; Latest: Mr 20, 95.

RF: 15-20.

Hammer Two:

Earliest: Ja 7, 95; Latest: Oc 11, 97.

RF: 10.

Hammer Three:

Earliest: Oc 3, 97; Latest: Ja 28, 1900.

RF: 10.

Hammer Four:

RF: 50.

### A Find

Norman Brassler, Paterson, N.J., reports  
finding ST. GABRIEL DE MONTREAL.  
This is the second copy known. ★

### U.P.U. Studies Stamp Sizes, Colors

At the recent Ottawa Congress of the  
Universal Postal Union a committee was  
appointed to study adoption of limits on  
the sizes and colors of stamps. The com-  
mittee's proposals will be presented to the  
next U.P.U. Congress, in Brazil in 1962.  
The proposals on sizes and colors were  
made in an effort to eliminate excessively  
large stamps.

Another subject discussed was a plan to  
replace the International Reply Coupon  
with an international stamp valid for post-  
age in any country. This will also be under  
consideration by a committee, and resolu-  
tions presented at the 1962 meeting. ★

# Duplex of Quebec Province

**T**HE Province of Quebec has two large cities—Montreal and Quebec—which between them had more than 45 duplex hammers in the Victorian era. Apart from these, the province did not go in extensively for duplex, the only examples recorded to date being five duplex among four towns up to 1893, i.e., when squared circles were dropped, while nine more towns commenced using duplex after squared circles stopped around 1899-1901. As the duplex of Montreal have already been described and illustrated in TOPICS (Sept. 1957), I propose to omit these in this article, which will describe and illustrate the duplex types recorded for the city of Quebec (15), with which can be correlated the 16 duplex recorded for the other 13 towns.

In the first requisition for duplex hammers to Berri in 1860, Montreal, Quebec and Three Rivers were included. I have failed to trace any example of Three Rivers, presumably it was of the standard early type (vide TOPICS, page 198, figs. 1 or 2) with the letters 'CE' in the dater.

The earliest Quebec duplex is rather a mystery (see fig. 1). If this was made by Berri, it was quite different to his usual type, having eight thick bars in the killer and a type II closed circle in the dater. Moreover, it was apparently not brought into use for years, the earliest known date (illustrated by Jarrett and Boggs) being 1866. I have strikes dated 1868 to 1876, during which period it was in frequent use. So it seems reasonable to assume it was not made until 1866, and could not have been supplied by Berri in 1860. There were two hammers, i.e. with indicia (a) blank, 1866-68; (b) with the letter 'C', from 1868. What this letter indicated is not clear, possibly it was a time mark.

This duplex continued in use until 1876, when it was replaced by a pair of new duplex (fig. 2), similar to the standard Berri type, i.e. with 11 or 12 thin horizontal bars in the killer and an incomplete circle in the dater, but with the letters 'QUE' instead of 'CE'. These duplex were not made by Berri but by Pritchard and Andrews of Ottawa, as impressions of them are found in the Proof Book of the Philatelic Foun-

dation, New York (the P.F. Book), dated 1876. There were two hammers, with 11 and 12 bars respectively. The P.F. Book also records in 1877 a hammer for Three Rivers, of the same type II.A.11.

In 1880 Quebec, simultaneously with Toronto and Montreal, adopted a rare type of duplex (fig. 3) with the name of the town in capital letters incorporated in the killer. There is a remarkable feature about this duplex. Normally, duplex hammers are rigid, so that any relative movement between dater and killer is impossible. But in the case of this Quebec duplex—and this also applies to the similar Toronto duplex—the dater and killer were **not** rigidly fixed together, and different strikes show distinct relative movement. Member J. J. Bonar (No. 892) has suggested that the detachable portion, i.e. the dater, was screwed on instead of being fixed by a bayonet joint, and in consequence might end up at any hour and any angle to the fixed killer. Fig. 3 illustrates this. The 2-ring target duplex, discussed and illustrated on page 201 of TOPICS (Sept. 1957) are further examples of these shifting duplex types, which may provisionally be classified as "Screwed" duplex. None of these continued in use very long, and all are distinctly scarce.

About the same time, 1880, Quebec also introduced the standard duplex type of that period, with 14 horizontal bars in the circular killer, and type II dater with the word 'CANADA'. There were two sub-types of this, at first with blank indicia, and later with 'AM/PM'. These are both recorded in the P.F. Book. This type of duplex was also adopted by two other towns in the province, St. Hyacinthe with 14 bars and St. Johns QUE. with 15 bars (fig. 4). In 1886 there was a further change, the number of bars in the killer being reduced to 10, which also is recorded in the P.F. Book.

Between 1888 and 1895 two more pairs of duplex hammers came into use. The first pair (1888-91) had nine medium bars in the killer of 25 mm. diameter, with 'AM/PM' in the dater, but one dater shows small dots and the other shows small Maltese crosses on either side of the date. The second pair (1891-95) also had nine bars in the killer, but the daters varied, in one



FIG. 1. Type II. A. 8

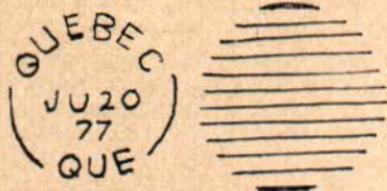


FIG. 2. Type I. A. 11.



FIG. 3. Type II. G. 8



FIG. 4. Type II. A. 15



FIG. 5. Type II. A. 9.



FIG. 6. Type II. A. 9



FIG. 7. Type II. A. 9.



FIG. 8. Type II. A. 9.



FIG. 9. Type II. A. 9



FIG. 10. Type I. G. 10.

case 25 mm. diameter with Maltese crosses (fig. 5), in the other 23 mm. with dots.

Buckingham apparently had no squared circle hammer, as it is not recorded by Whitehead. Instead, a duplex hammer was in use 1894-99, with 10 thick bars and blank indicia.

The final change in Quebec duplex took place in 1900-01, when the standard type of that period was adopted, with nine thick bars in the killer. There are, however, three interesting variations in the dater which were briefly mentioned in my article on Canadian Time Marks (TOPICS, Feb. 1958). In rapid succession we find (i) large dater 25 mm. with low numbers as indicia 2, 3, 4 (fig. 7); (ii) small dater 23 mm. with letters B, C, D as indicia (fig. 8); (iii) small dater with high numbers, 7, 12, 19, etc. as indicia. Smaller towns had AM/PM or blank.

Variations of this type of duplex were adopted about the same time for a number

of towns, some of which had never had duplex before. There are two distinct types of duplex in this late period, i.e. (i) small dater and killer 22 to 24 mm. with small letters; (ii) large dater and killer, 25 to 26 mm. with large letters. Two more important towns, St. Hyacinthe and Three Rivers, had the larger size (fig. 6) while seven other towns had the smaller size (fig. 9). The complete list, so far recorded, is given in the accompanying Appendix, with details of dater and killer. Quite possibly there are others which have not yet come to light, and if readers of this article can find and record new items, it will be valuable addition to our knowledge.

Finally, I must mention and illustrate (fig. 10) one rare freak. In 1891 Huntingdon was using a remarkable duplex, with dater of the antiquated type I (no complete outer circle) and a circular killer of 10 thick horizontal bars, cut diagonally, from 11 to 5 o'clock, by a broad blank line. This is unlike any other known duplex, and why

## Newfoundland P.O. Salaries

MEMBER W. E. Lea (No. 687) has sent us the following list of Newfoundland post office salaries, published in 'The Royal Gazette', Nos. 1-44 (Jan.-Oct. 1875). This should indicate the comparative size and importance of the various post offices of that period, as it is highly probable that there is a direct relationship between the salaries paid and the size of the office.

Postmaster Harbor Grace (for services and rent of offices)	\$450
Letter Carrier	52
Postmaster:	
Carboneau	250
Brigus	242
Trinity	160
Placentia	120
Bonavista	100
Fogo	100
Twillingate	120
Bay Bulls	70
Ferryland	80
Trepassey	24
Little Placentia	70
Burin	120
Harbor Briton	100
Burgeo	60
Greenspond	100
New Pelican	100
Channel	80

Heart's Content	\$ 40
La Poile	30
Rose Blanche	60
Catalina	50

### Waymasters—Way Offices

Bay Robert	\$24	New Harbor	\$24
Bay de Verde	24	Nippers Harbor	24
St. Georges Bay	24	Oderin	24
Bay of Islands	24	Old Perlican	24
Black Head	30	Paradise	24
Bonne Bay	20	Petty Harbor	8
Burnt Island	8	Portugal Cove	35
Cats Cove	8	Port de Grave	19
English Harbor	20	Push Through	20
Exploits	20	Salvage	20
Fermeuse	8	Salmonier North	24
Fortune	35	Salmonier South	8
Fortune Harbor	8	Scilly Cove	8
Garnish	24	Sound Island	16
Gooseberry Is.	8	Spaniards Bay	16
Grand Bank	35	St. Mary's	40
Grates Cove	8	St. Lawrence	24
Harbor Main	40	Tilt Cove	19
Harbor Buffet	20	Topsall	20
Hant's Harbor	20	Tor Bay	20
Heart's Content	40	Western Bay	20
Hermitage	24	Little Bay Is.	16
Herring Neck	20	Jacksons Cove	16
Holyrood	20	Bareened	8
Upper Island Cove	24	Clark's Beach	8
Kings Cove	30	Northern Bay	8
Lamaline	24	Pouch Cove	20
Lower Island Cove	24		

this small town, which, so far as I know, never had another duplex before or since, should have adopted this peculiar pattern, is a mystery.

This concludes the list of duplex recorded

to date for the Province of Quebec (omitting Montreal), a total of 15 for Quebec itself, and a further 16 for 13 other towns. Any additions to this list would be very welcome. The accompanying Appendix summarizes the data. ★

## APPENDIX

### DUPLEX OF QUEBEC AND PROVINCE

Serial No.	Approx. dates	Details of dater Letters and diam.	Indicia	Details of Killer	Illus. No.	Remarks	
1 a & b.	1866-75	mm. II. CE. 20	Blank or C	8 thick bars	20	1	Two hammers
2.	1876	I. QUE. 21	AM PM	11 thin bars	25	2	In P.F. Book
3.	1877-80	I. QUE. 21	(blank)	12 thin bars	25	3	Similar duplex in Toronto & Mont. at same time.
4.	1880	II. 23 CANADA	(blank)	8 thick bars enclosing QUEBEC	23		
5 a & b.	1880-86	II. 24 CANADA	AM PM (blank)	14 thin bars	24	4 type	Two hammers in P.F. Book
6.	1886	II. ? CANADA	(blank)	10 medium bars			In P.F. Book
7 a & b.	1888-91	II. 25 CANADA	AM PM	9 medium bars	24	5	In P.F. Bk. 2 hammers* (See note)
8 a & b.	1891-95	II. CANADA (a) 25 (b) 23mm.	Nos. 2, 3, 4	9 medium bars (a) 25 (b) 23 mm.		6 type	Two hammers.
9 a, b, c.	1899-1902	II. CANADA (a) 25, (b & c) 23 mm.	(a) 2, 3, 4 (b) B, C, D (c) 7, 12, 19	9 thick bars (a) 24 (b, c) 23 mm		7, 8, & 9 type	Note changes in indicia. AM PM for small towns.

### ADDITIONAL DUPLEX OF OTHER TOWNS OF QUEBEC PROVINCE

							Name of Town
1.	1861-	I. CE ?	?	Probably 13 bars			Three Rivers.
2.	1877	II. QUE.	AM PM	11 medium bars		2 type	" " In PF Bk.
3.	1891	I. QUE. 21	Blank	10 thick bars cut diagonally	20	10	Huntingdon.
4. 5	1883-97	II. QUE. 25	AM PM	15 thin bars	26	4	St. John, QUE. † (See note)
6.	1894-99	II. QUE. 24	Blank	10 thick bars	22		
7-15	1899-1902	II QUE. 22 to 25 mm	AM PM or Blank	9 thick bars	22 to 26	9	Nine towns** (See note)
16	1901-02	II. QUE. 25	Small Nos.	8 thick bars	24	6	Berthier-en-haut

TOTAL ADDITIONAL DUPLEX = 16 FOR 13 TOWNS.

#### NOTES:

\* (a) Small dots; (b) small Maltese crosses in dater.

† Similar for St. Hyacinthe (1883) but 14 bars.

\*\* Granby, Hull, Magog, Ste. Cunegonde, St. Hyacinthe, St. Jerome, Sherbrooke, Three Rivers, Valleyfield.

# Notes on Canadian Airmails

By N. PELLETIER (BNAPS 1268)

**B** RITISH COLUMBIA AIRWAYS LIMITED was formed in 1928 as an air service between Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. Official permission was granted to issue a special 5 cent stamp as an extra charge on letters using the airline's mail service. An order was given Victoria printers for 100,000 special stamps.

The airline's first flight was on July 23, 1928. Covers from Victoria, B.C., bore a handstamped impression in three lines: "First Flight/Air Mail/Victoria-Vancouver,

B.C." Since the printers did not produce the stamps on time, only regular postage stamps were used. It is my belief that very few covers from this flight are in the hands of collectors.

The special B.C. Airways' stamps were finally received and first used on the August 3 flights to and from Victoria and Vancouver. The Victoria covers have the word "Regular" added between the words "First" and "Flight."

Some philatelic catalogues state that in



the first flight utilizing the air stamp, the plane and crew were lost. This is incorrect, since old newspaper files prove that this airline made regular flights, and had recently inaugurated a triangle schedule (Victoria-Vancouver-Seattle) which lasted until late Saturday morning, August 25, 1928.

The following Monday's newspaper informs us that a British Columbia Airways ten-passenger Ford tri-motor aircraft had left Vancouver at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning for Seattle (one hour's flight) and had crashed while flying low in extremely

foggy weather. Pilot Harold Walker (veteran Seattle air mail pilot), co-pilot L. Carson of Victoria, and five passengers were lost. The crash is believed to have been heard from the coast but heavy fog and smoke made it impossible to determine the cause of the sound. The plane evidently came down near Port Townsend, just across the Straits of Juan de Fuca from Victoria. The water at this point had a strong rip-tide and a depth of approximately 20 fathoms. A search was made by boats and aircraft from both sides of the border. ★

## Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



HERE were two interesting sales of Newfoundland material held in New York during the month of February by the firm of H. R. Harmer. The first was the sale of the Chaffin material and it took place on Feb. 3. Among the lots offered for sale was a corner block of 8 (2x4) of the 1d (Scott No. 1) which brought \$80 as compared to a catalogue valuation of \$88. A block of four of the 5d (Scott 5) went over full catalogue when it was knocked down at \$140. A diagonal bisect of the 8d scarlet (Scott 8a) on cover to New York didn't stop until it got to \$440. A block of four of the 1d (Scott 15a) went very reasonably at \$50 and a complete sheet of 40 of the 5d (Scott 19a) sold for \$160. A mint sheet of 20 of the 6d rose (Scott 20) realized \$21 and a sheet of 20 of the 6½d brought \$80. The roulettes were all present in mint blocks, a set seldom seen at auction, and those in attendance seemed to realize it because the 1c (Scott 37) brought \$170, and the mint block of the 2c (Scott 38) sold for \$90, while the block of the 3c (Scott 39) brought the top price of \$200. The last value, the 5c (Scott 40), realized \$100.

The collection also had one of the finest assortments of the 1897 Provisional ever offered at auction. A trial proof of the com-

plete setting of 50 in red on white paper (heavily creased) realized \$130 and an unused copy of the surcharge in red of Type I, Gibbons 80a, went for \$150; the same stamp in used condition sold for \$170. A copy of the Type II with wide space between 'ONE' and 'CENT' and probably unique, changed hands at \$550. This last item was surcharged in red and in black. The ordinary Type I also in red and black went at \$220 for an unused copy and \$180 for a used copy.

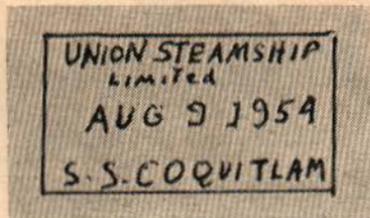
Amongst the 1920 Provisionals an invert of the 2c on 30c (Scott 127a) was knocked down at \$75 and an essay of the surcharge in red on the stamp sold for \$45. An invert of the 3c on 15c (Scott 128a) sold for \$150. The 3c on 6c with inverted surcharge (Scott 160a) realized \$105, just topping \$95 realized for a copy of the trial black surcharge (5 mm. spacing). In the airmails a Hawker on cover (Scott C1) traded hands at \$1100.

The second sale comprised the 20th century Newfoundland collection of the late Caroline Prentice, and a resume of the prices realized for this material will be found in the 'Trade News' section of this issue (page 129). ★

MORE INFORMATION ON . . .

## Union Steamships Limited

IN THE November 1957 issue of BNA TOPICS we published some notes on the cancellations of Union Steamships Limited. Since that time we have received further information on these markings from members A. G. Anderson (who supplied the original data) and Jas. B. McClelland.



Mr. Anderson states that 1954 markings are found with a frame of different size (37 x 22 mm.) as illustrated in the above sketch. He has these on the following booklets: (Scott 1958 numbers) 284a, 286a, 306a, 325a, 327a, 328a, 286b, 287b, 327b. He also reports "S.S. CATALA" on Scott Nos. 284a, 286a, 306a. These are cancelled in violet on complete booklet panes.

More recently Mr. Anderson has reported a strike measuring 14 x 43 mm., with cut corners, in reddish violet, reading:

UNION STEAMSHIPS LTD.

Oct. 27, 1936

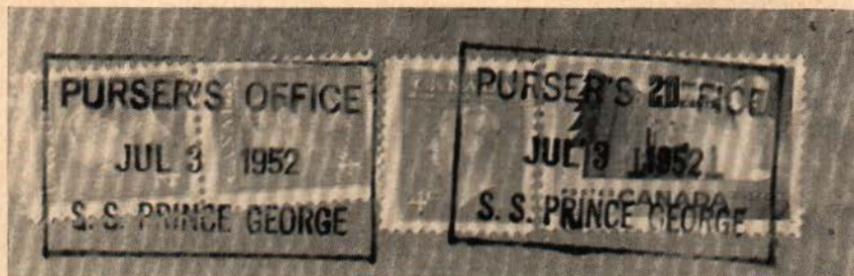
S.S. LADY CECILIA

This is on two stamps on piece with Scotts 217 and 196. He also has the above cancellation, with name of boat not showing, on perfin W6-WHM-H5½ (Perfin Group listing).

Jas. B. McClelland adds to the information now accumulating on these markings with the following letter:

"Am enclosing a couple of pictures (see below) of 'Steamer' cancellations from my collection which might be of interest appropriate your article in the November 1957 issue of TOPICS. The pictures are self-explanatory re stamps, dates, ship names. The S.S. Prince George was operated by the Canadian National Steamships service—this item

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# THE *Editor's* MAILBAG

## Reprinting of Back Numbers of Topics

As a new member, I have been feverishly trying to acquire all the back numbers of TOPICS. As many members will agree, the pursuit of the first six volumes is a frustrating and arduous task.

If there were a sufficient number of members interested in the purchase of these back issues, maybe some action could be initiated with a view to reprinting these hard-to-get numbers. Let's hear some discussion on the subject.

F/L J. J. Charron (No. 1525)

## We're Glad to be of Service!

It was very good of you to accede to my request regarding the two missing copies of TOPICS which have now arrived here. Your service is very much appreciated. Frankly, I am delighted to have a complete file of the magazine and thanks to you for the help.

I would like to explain that the primary reason for the delay in asking for help was this: early in 1956 I became a hospital patient, undergoing major surgery on two occasions, and only just recently have I been able to begin taking an interest in things apart from recovery. It is very gratifying to receive such co-operation as you have now given, for I consider that anything which pertains to membership in the Society is very much worthwhile.

W. A. C. Warren (No. 952)

## Plate Blocks

Following is a copy of a letter I forwarded to the Canadian Post Office Department under date of March 13, 1958:

"I have collected matched sets of Canadian plate number blocks for a good many years. I have spent hundreds of dollars on them and have bought most of them in the free market of dealers.

"I was terribly concerned when I learned of your ruling that in the future all plate numbers would have to come from the Philatelic Agency.

"I for one will no longer collect Canadian stamps or plate numbers as of the time that your ruling went into effect. I know there are hundreds of collectors that feel as I do. If we cannot have free enterprise there should be NO ENTERPRISE. I

cannot spend the time to fill out orders to Ottawa for stamps, go to the bank for exchange, pay postage, etc., when they come from your dealers prepaid and we pick out what we want.

"In my opinion you have killed the goose that laid the golden egg. As an example, on your \$1 totem pole stamp, to get matched sets I have to buy \$16 face value of your government's stamps which will never be used. This is for each plate number and also for the 'G' overprints, so for two plates of each this would be \$64 you collect. I for one am through and I will try and get every B.N.A. Society collector to do likewise."

Dudley Atwood (No. 998).

- **EDITOR'S NOTE:** To the best of our knowledge, there is nothing in the new arrangements which will prevent dealers from stocking and selling plate blocks. As most of them always obtained their supplies from the Philatelic Agency, it seems that things will go on as heretofore as far as obtaining blocks from dealers is concerned.

## 'Sputnik' Squared Circle

I fear that the 'Sputnik' which invaded the squared circle as recorded by Dr. Day in the February issue of TOPICS is one which failed to get into its proper orbit and that the strip you illustrated came to earth at Chatham, Kent, England. In other words Dr. Day's strip was in all probability on a letter addressed to Chatham which was re-addressed to some other town and received on 17th April the Chatham date stamp which is the common contemporary English type of squared circle. I have two covers with similar English cancellations around this period and one or two specimens off cover. Re-directed letters provide quite an assembly of 'used abroad' cancellations. Several are illustrated by Jarrett and I have come across several others.

May I also shed a little light on the cover illustrated on page 35 of the same issue. The Scotch whisky it advertises was the product of the Distillers Company Ltd.

—whence the initials—at that time one of many companies in its line but which now by a process of amalgamation has come to control the major part of the whisky trade in Scotland.

J. J. Bonar (No. 892).

• **EDITOR'S NOTE:** See also the March issue for a similar explanation of the Chatham cancellation by Dr. Whitehead.



#### 'Improvised' Duplex

Referring to Mr. E. A. Smythies' "Post-script" in TOPICS of September last, there is in my collection what appears quite evidently to be another 'improvised' duplex made up with the town dater of Bowmanville and the two-ring target.

This is dated 15 years later than those Mr. Smythies refers to and the spacing is 7 mm. instead of 4 mm. with the target just a little below 3 o'clock. However, the manner of its use leaves little or no doubt of the two being tied together in one hammer. The marking is a transit back stamp partly missing the cover. There can be no conceivable reason for the use of the target as a separate hammer and the whole marking has every appearance of one strike. Enclosed is the cover for inspection. (See illustration above.)

Chas. A. Porter (BNAPS 669)

• Letters have been received commenting on our editorial and other aspects of the plate block controversy. Unfortunately there was neither the time nor room to include them in the current issue. They will be published in the June issue, together with any further communications received on this subject.

The Editor.

## Union Steamships Limited

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was on a mailing from Ocean Falls, B.C., to Vancouver.

"The S.S. Catala was operated by Union Steamships Ltd. Origination and destination of this item is not known. Both boats are now out of this run. I have several other cancellations on the 3c Medallion."

According to a story in the 'Vancouver Province,' Dec. 21, 1957, the ships of the Union Steamships Ltd. were up for sale because of unprofitable operation of the line without government subsidy.

A later report in the same newspaper states that "Union Steamships, which dropped its Bella Coola-Johnstone Straits passenger service because Ottawa would not boost its subsidy, will resume most of the run next month [April]."

"The announcement was made by Capt. J. A. MacDonnell, just four days after Northland Navigation announced it would service the isolated ports, starting in June.

"The Union run, using the Catala, will service Englewood, Beaver Cove, Alert Bay, Gointula, Port Hardy, Namu, Ocean Falls, Bella Coola, and two points on Rivers Inlet." ★

#### This Postman Has Odd Route

Liverpool, N.S.—Postman Basel Bush has an odd route—he drives over sand dunes on the first leg and finishes up in an 18-foot dory.

His run starts at West Dublin, 30 miles from Liverpool. First stop is the Bush Island post office. The road to Bush Island runs along the top of sand dunes, on a narrow strip of land connecting the island and the mainland.

From there it's a 30-minute ride by dory to the post office on Bell Island. Powered by a one-cylinder inboard engine, the dory chugs over the route three times a week, summer and winter.

Only twice during the past four years has this postman been stopped by rough seas or blizzards. ★

#### Newfoundland and Br. Col. List

We have received a copy of a very comprehensive list of Newfoundland and British Colonies from BNAPS'er Charles A. Mann, Box 3442, Charlottesville, Virginia, featuring some very nice material. You are invited to write for a copy. ★

## CROMWELL CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND BRING \$60,000

The second portion of the 20th century British Commonwealth section of the Caroline Prentice collection was sold in February by **H. R. Harmer Inc.**, 6 West 48th St., New York, for a total of \$60,821.25.

Only Canada and Newfoundland were offered at this sale, the balance of the British Commonwealth having been sold last November for \$67,045.

Many of the rare Canadian items were proofs, imperforates or similar items beyond normal catalogue listing but the interest was none the less very heavy. The 1908 Quebec Tercentenary set in un gummed horizontal pairs, cataloguing £128 by Gibbons brought \$210 (L. A. Davenport); 1912-25 die proofs sold between \$37.50 and \$52.50. In the imperforate section two booklet panes of six of the 2c teche-beche went to K. Bileski at \$320 and normal imperforate blocks of four sold from \$70 to \$110, cataloguing \$80 or \$100.

The 1914 unissued MacDonal-Cartier commemorative set of seven die essays brought \$805 (Davenport), and a set of 10 die proofs of the 1928-29 pictorials went to the same buyer for \$400.

### Other Canadian prices included:

1930-31 imperf. 10c to \$1 in o.g. blocks of 4, \$280 (J. Sissons); 1932 Medallion 5c block of 4, imperf. vertically (cat. \$250), \$170, and a second block with plate No. 1, \$230; imperf. 1c to 13c set in o.g. pairs, \$210 (Empire Stamp Corp.); 1935 Jubilee set of 6 die proofs, \$630 (Davenport); imperf. set in o.g. pairs, \$220; 1935 'secret date' imperf. set in o.g. pairs, \$210 (Davenport); 1939 Royal Visit 1c die proof, \$140; imperf. set of 3 in o.g. pairs, \$100; 1942-43 imperf. set in o.g. pairs, \$240 (Empire Stamp Corp.); air post 1928 5c large die proof, \$140; 1932 Conference, essay of 6c on 5c surcharge, \$130.

### NEWFOUNDLAND PORTION

The top price material in the auction was the air post issues of Newfoundland but the postage issues included some interesting realizations.

The 1910 Guy lithographed set in imperf. blocks of 4, the 6c type II, brought \$450, going to England; three unique 1919 Caribou essays also crossed the Atlantic at \$140 each. A set of six progressive die proofs of the 1929-31 1c went overseas at \$220 and a set of four of the 3c made \$160; a set of five of the 1937 Long Coronation similar proofs of the 15c brought \$220.

The real excitement of the auction was however the air post issues of Newfoundland, special issues for the many pioneer trans-Atlantic flights that started from St. John's.

Two o.g. copies of the 1919 'Hawker' 3c brought \$1900 and \$1100, the latter centered somewhat to top right; an attractive flown cover made \$1300. An 'Alcock-Brown' flown cover, carried on what was the first successful trans-Atlantic crossing, brought \$170.

In 1919 essays were prepared by Whitehead, Morris & Co. Ltd. for stamps for a proposed St. John's-Montreal service. A paste-up photographic and hand-painted example of a 5c value brought \$575, and a somewhat similar essay of a 10c value with an extra vignette went to the same buyer at \$615. Inverted overprint copies of the 1921 'Halifax' 35c sold at \$350 (to England) and with narrow spacing \$390.

Excitement hit the peak, however, when the rare 'Pinedos' of 1927 were offered. A single o.g. copy, perfectly centered and with the lightest gum wrinkle, sold at \$3300. The next item was lot 366—the famous 'Cromwell' block of 4, the finer of the two existing blocks of the Pinedo.

The block was commenced by the auctioneer, Bernard Harmer, at \$14,500, and progressed in \$500 raises, A. L. Michael of Wingfield & Co., London, competing against the auctioneer, with Mr. Michael finally succeeding at \$17,000.



'Pinedo' block reached \$17,000

The realization of \$17,000 was the highest figure ever for a 'straight' (non-error) 20th century item, exceeding the previous high of \$16,500 also obtained for a Pinedo block one year ago.

The next lot, a Pinedo cover, went to Italy for \$410. Of the 1930 'Columbia' 50c on 36c, an o.g. copy made \$520, a block (sheet) of four was reasonable at \$2100, and a flown cover from the 'Harbour Grace Mail' group cost \$675.

Original India ink rough sketches of the 1931 permanent issue of three values sold at the exceptional figure of \$750 each.

The remaining rarities were a single and a block of four of the 1932 'DO-X' \$1.50 on \$1 with inverted surcharges. The single went at \$900 (against \$650 catalogue) and the block of 4 sold for \$3400. It is believed that the block of four was the first ever to have been offered 'under the hammer.'

## Offer Exchange Plan

A full-fledged exchange plan has been put into operation for auction bidders by **Canada Stamp Co.**, Willowdale, Ont. This should be of particular interest to overseas members in countries where there may be currency restrictions, and also to those collectors who might wish to take on some new field of endeavor and dispose of items to finance same. According to this firm, they are the only auction house offering this service.

## Canada-U.S. Postal Relations Featured in Strand Stamp Journal

The 'Strand Stamp Journal', published by **H. E. Wingfield & Co.**, 392 Strand, London, W.C.2, England, commenced publication in its February number of an article entitled "Eighteenth Century Postal Relations Between Canada and the U.S.A." The writer is Arthur Hecht, who is an archivist to the National Archives in Washington. In sorting the records of the U.S. Post Office Department he has come across much new and useful information on the U.S. and Canadian mail services which has not been published previously.

## Steinway Collection Brings \$30,000

Full rooms competed actively against extensive mail bidding when the well known Theodore E. Steinway collection was auctioned by **H. R. Harmer Inc.**, New York, in March. The sale of some 830 lots brought \$30,414.25.

The most talked-about lot in the auction was Mr. Steinway's well-known collection of "Music in Philately" in three specially designed albums. It contained literally everything philatelic that pertained to music. ★

## Special Stampex Issue of 'Philatelic Magazine'

The sixth annual National Stamp Exhibition organized jointly by the Philatelic Traders Society and the Junior Philatelic Society in London, England, was the occasion for a handsome special issue of the 'Philatelic Magazine' dated March 21. The cover was richly printed in gold ink and the contents live up to the handsome wrapping. Of interest to B.N.A. collectors is an article on the Large Cents of Canada by Patrick Hamilton. The editor of TOPICS has a limited number of samples copies if any readers are interested.

## Second Edition of Harris Catalogue Features B.N.A., United States

**Stamps of the United States, U.S. Possessions and British North America, Second 1958 Edition.** (144 pages, 1500 illustrations) including U.S. Stamp Identifier. Published by H. E. Harris & Co., Cataloge Dept., Boston 17, Mass. Price 25c.

A perpetual demand for the very popular U.S. and B.N.A. stamps is definitely indicated by the newly published second 1958 edition of the above catalogue. This completely revised edition of the handsomely-illustrated 144-page booklet, with an annual circulation of nearly 100,000, will give thousands of collectors a clear picture of the current active market.

An upward trend is seen in Canadian issues with the most strength in issues through the mid-20s. The used 10c 1859 black brown (No. 16) made a \$10 gain, listing now for \$68.50. Other significant changes were: the 7c unused 1903-08 Edward (No. 92) going from \$1.85 to \$2.25; the unused 1908 Quebec (No. 96-103) increased to \$21 as compared to a former price of \$18.75; and a rise from \$1.65 to \$2.25 was noted for both the unused and used 1c 1924 imperforate (No. 136), and the used 50c 'Bluenose' (No. 158). Newfoundland also had its share of editing, evidenced by the increases in issues such as the unused 2c 1866 (No. 24) going from \$2.75 to \$3.50; the used 20c Gilbert issue (No. 220) from \$1.10 to \$1.35, and the unused 48c 1937 Coronation (No. 243) from \$1.00 to \$1.20.

These are only a few of the many revisions contained in the new edition of this popular catalogue which may be obtained from the publishers at the nominal cost of 25 cents.

## Caspary Total Passes Fine Art Record

The largest total ever realized at auction in the United States for one collection was reached on March 25 during the disposal of the thirteenth Caspary sale by **H. R. Harmer Inc.**, New York.

At the conclusion of this session a total of \$2,537,422 had been obtained. The previous record was \$2,536,663 from the sale of the Robert Hoe books, manuscripts, art and furnishings shortly after the turn of the century.

Philately can be proud of the fact that a collection restricted solely to the 'humble' postage stamp has proved more valuable than a property representing all objets d'art.

The next Caspary auction (Sale 14) has been scheduled for June 4, 5, 6 and 7, and

will comprise Latin America, notably Argentine, Buenos Aires and Auruguay, with Brazil, Chile, Colombia and States and Peru prominent among the remaining countries. The catalogue may be ordered from Harmer's at \$1 (refunded to purchasers in future Caspary autcions).

### 'Rothschild' Air Collection

Shortly after World War I the Hon. N. C. Rothschild was obliged to go to Switzerland for health reasons. To occupy his time he started collecting stamps and in the few years before his death formed an outstanding 12-volume collection of air stamps and covers. The collection, which has never been exhibited and is virtually unknown in philatelic circles, is now the property of the late N. C. Rothschild's grandson, the Hon. N. C. J. Rothschild, who has instructed **H. R. Harmer Ltd.** to offer the collection at auction on June 9, in London.

The Newfoundland section of the collection includes the finest group of 'Hawk-

eds' ever offered at auction, comprising a mint pair and single, three on flown covers and an uncanceled single on a piece with a 'MS Martinsyde'. The \$1 Alcock is represented by two sheets and a back-stamped cover, followed by a 'Halifax' sheet and a mint invert.

### Keystone Postcard Club Elects Officers

**Philadelphia, Penna.**—The Keystone Postcard Club, at a recent election of officers to serve for 1958, chose Alfred C. Riley as president, Harry P. Mason as vice-president, Elwood B. Silverthorne as treasurer, and Elizabeth A. Riley as secretary.

This group meets on third Saturdays at the Ben Franklin Hotel, S.E. corner 9th and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia. Hobbies of members include postcard, stamp, cover, coin and antique collecting, plus others.

A copy of the 'Keystone Hobby News', the official monthly organ, may be obtained from the publicity director, Louis Meyer, 244 Fernon St., Philadelphia 48. ★

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## THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF

# Canadian Prime Ministers

AS SHOWN ON CANADIAN STAMPS

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No. 8: Sir Robert Borden

**E**DUCATED as a lawyer, Robert Borden practiced in Nova Scotia, and was elected by the federal parliament as a Conservative member for Halifax in 1896.

Later, as leader of his party, he won the election of 1911, defeating Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the question of Reciprocity. Borden was the third Conservative prime minister to come from the province of Nova Scotia.

When war broke out in 1914 he pledged

his support of Great Britain, being wholeheartedly supported by Laurier as spokesman for the Liberal party.

Borden saw that Canada's first contingent went overseas by October 1914. He was largely responsible for Canada's World War I effort whereby 400,000 men were called to the colors. To maintain this force he introduced compulsory service in 1917 against much opposition from Quebec. However, he went to the country in 1917 on a Union government program and was elected by a large majority.

At the end of the war Borden represented Canada at Versailles, and at the conclusion of this conference he decided to retire from public life, being succeeded in office by Arthur Meighen in 1920. He died in 1937 at the age of 83, respected by all for his contribution to public life in Canada. ★



# OFFICIAL SECTION

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## NEW MEMBERS

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- Barron, Gerald Landon, 131 Bellemoor Rd., Southampton, England (DC-X) CAN—Genl. issues. 1st day and 1st flight covers. Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. L506.  
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Knight, Alexander Duncan, 261 Maplehurst Ave., Willowdale, Ont. (C-X) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. 1st day covers. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Mint airmails. Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.  
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, April 1, 1958 .....	942

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# The Last Word

*From The Editor*

## NOT NECESSARILY THE 'LAST' WORD

IN calling our column "The Last Word", we do not infer that anything printed here is the "last word" on any particular subject. Proof of this is the letters received in reply to our column on plate blocks in the April issue. Unfortunately it is not possible to print these letters this month because of time and space limitations, but all letters received will be published in the June number . . . To get back to the name of this more or less monthly effort, we originally called this "The Last Page" but having noticed another publication with an identical column title, we changed to the present form. All it means is that it is the last page of words in a particular issue. After all, our readers have the "last word" in most things!



**We have noticed** that philatelic publications which we receive on an exchange basis have been almost unanimous in condemning the Canadian Post Office Department's policy in selling plate blocks only at the Philatelic Section. The editors of these dozens of publications on both sides of the Atlantic feel that the department should have "stuck to its guns" and eliminated the plate numbers entirely, as originally planned.

One notable exception has been 'Weekly Philatelic Gossip' whose column "The Canadian Round Table" has been "agin the government" ever since the controversy started. In the issue of that publication dated April 12 there appeared the rather startling assertion that the "monkey business with plate blocks" had a part in the defeat of the Liberal party at the recent election. We certainly have no wish to bring politics into the pages of this publication, but it seems highly improbable to us that any collector is so fanatic about plate blocks that it would influence his vote at a national election. It is true that the original decision to do away with plate numbers was made by the old Liberal government, but this decision was likely made at the civil service level in the interests of efficiency, and the Postmaster-General at that time merely carried the measure through on the advice of the senior members of his department. It just happened that the government changed at about that time and the new Postmaster-General, William Hamilton, was left to bear the brunt of the attack from angry plate block collectors. If the officials of the department had delayed their recommendation for a few months, it would have been Mr. Hamilton as Postmaster-General, who would have brought an end to plate blocks in Canada.\*

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