

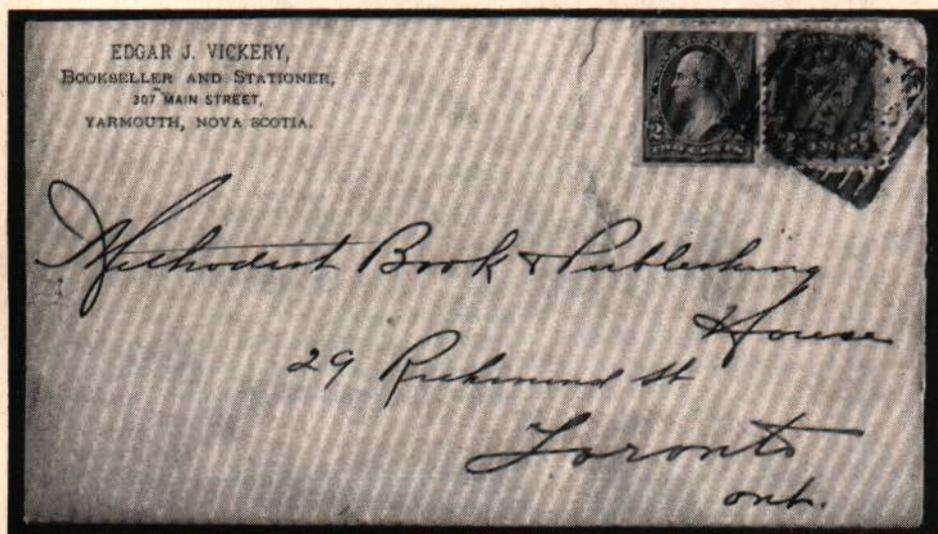
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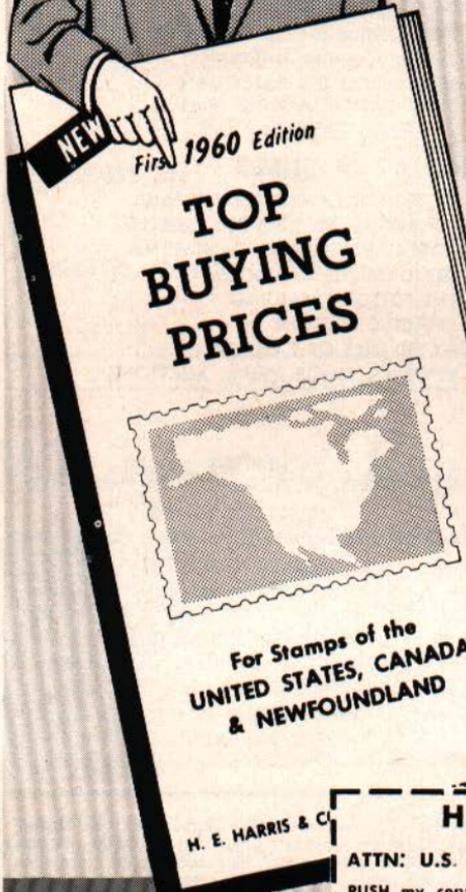
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R.P.O. ORNAMENTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SOME of the R.P.O. postmarks of Canada have one or more designs incorporated, which do not give any information about the run or date of use. These have been termed as "ornaments," and as far as has been determined, that was at first their only purpose.

It is a most interesting fact that the first Canadian R.P.O. postmark did have one of these ornaments—it was a crown, and was also equally unusual in that it was not incorporated in the rim of the hammer.

To quote in part from an original paper presented by invitation to the Fourteenth American Philatelic Congress in 1948, written by Prof. Arthur V. Richardson (BNAPS 211): "The first of the new roads was the St. Lawrence & Atlantic, from Montreal to Island Pond, Vt. . . . proposed as early as 1840 . . . by 1853 . . . the line was in operation, and by October of that year Canada's first R.P.O. was in working order and the first railroad postmark was in use. This was a large affair, double-line circle, bearing the words 'St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad/Post Office Letter', with the date and a crown in the centre. It was struck in red ink and was of a unique type, in that no other Canadian railroad marking has ever shown a crown. It was superseded by another type early in 1854. . . . It is very interesting to note that the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad was the first 'International' line on this continent."

Other Ornaments

There are several other early obsolete runs with ornaments on their postmarks. Boggis illustrates four different "Ottawa & Prescott Railway" postmarks, dated 1859-65-66 and 67 and one of the "Welland Railroad" dated 1863. These are all shown

with a single Maltese cross of slightly different types, located at the bottom of the rim. Jarrett shows four of these and an outer and inner line oval enclosing the words "P.E.I. Railway / O'Leary Road," with two six-point stars, one at each end, dated Aug. 18, 1865. Shaw also lists several later runs with a Maltese cross replacing the dot at the bottom of the rim.

To quote further from Prof. Richardson's paper, "The Pacific Province of British Columbia is in many ways a law unto itself in R.P.O. matters. Not only is it unique in that it usually indicates the province in its railway postmarks, but the runs from Calgary to Vancouver and from Prince George to Prince Rupert have a system of their own for distinguishing the different hand stamps. In addition to the usual train number, they incorporate in the date stamp a series of unusual signs—stars, crosses, the pound sterling sign and even the sharps and flats of musical notation."

Definite Purpose

However the R.P.O. markings of British Columbia, which display a very large majority of these ornaments, were the result of a very definite purpose. Originally each R.P.O. clerk was issued a hand stamp in which was incorporated a particular design or symbol which was registered for his use. In this way, any reference to the handling of the mail matter on that run could be traced to the clerk responsible. This practice eventually fell into disuse and as the personnel was changed from time to time these hand stamps were transferred without being registered.

Many new hand stamps have been issued on these runs without these individual designs or symbols. But old habits are persist-

ant and not easily broken, and in evidence, some of the postmarks supplied after registration was discontinued have ornaments, but with slight differences, and are distinguished by a more modern design of the type letters.

With one exception, all of the British Columbia R.P.O. hand stamps have these ornaments in pairs, one on each side, between the ends of the run and the "B.C." or other marking at the bottom. Most of the earlier ones are located close to the ends of the run, and the later ones are centered in the space between. The one exception consists of three small, eight-ray sunbursts at the bottom of the rim, in a curved row conforming to the circle.

Designs Repeated

A number of the designs are repeated in different hammers, but in different locations or positions in relation to the lettering in the circle, or with some variation in the design, such as round or square dots, or solid or hollow ones.

As there are no available records to establish the priority of the issue of these different hand stamps, the numbering adopted is on a progressive basis of the different designs, from the simple straight line or bar, through the different types of the single and double crosses, the straight line in combination with the various types of dots, the right angle cross with dots, followed by several different sunbursts, some geometrical figures, the signs of musical notation, the different types and arrangements of the pound sterling sign, and finally the dollar and the cent sign.

One other design, the shamrock, has been reported, but there is no positive evidence of its existence at hand. Enquiries addressed to the post office at Vancouver brought the following reply, signed by A. E. Catterall, District Director: "Unfortunately no information is available from the files now on hand and there is no record of the date stamp featuring the shamrock design now in use."

From further inquiries, it appears probable that an incomplete strike of a Maltese cross, with the bottom arm missing, has been mistaken for a shamrock marking.

Ornaments on R.P.O. Postmarks of British Columbia

(Note corresponding number in illustrations)

No.	Description	Run
1.	Single line, straight bars, 1x3 mm., in line with run	Rob. & A'head

2.	Two thin lines, parallel, conforming to the circle	C. & V.
3.	Two thick lines, parallel, conforming to the circle	C. & V.
4.	Two short lines in line, a third line centered at right angles towards the centre	C. & V.
5.	Four short lines, two and two in line at right angles, forming a cross	Pen. & O.L.
6.	Long thin curved line, conforming to the circle, with short cross line, centered	Vic. & Well.
7.	Similar, circle replacing the short line	Vic. & Well.
8.	A thin line right angle cross, close to the run	C. & V.
9.	A thin line diagonal cross, close to the run	C. & V.
10.	A thick line diagonal cross, slightly serated, centered	C. & V.
11.	A thin line diagonal cross, centered	Cal. & Van.
12.	A smaller thin line diagonal cross, centered	C. & V.
13.	A double cross, close to run	C. & V.
14.	A double cross, centered	Nels. & Mid.
15.	Two swastika crosses, arms bent counterclockwise and clockwise	Cal. & Van.
16.	A dot between two bars in line, with a third bar, centered, at right angles	C. & V.
17.	The same with fourth bar forming a cross, at bottom	C.P.Ry. WEST of Winnipeg
18.	Two of same located at centre between run and B.C.	C. & V.
19.	The same located close to the run	C. & V.
20.	A bar and one square dot centered on circle side, located close to the run	C. & V.
21.	Similar with another dot on opposite side of right hand line	C. & V.
22.	Similar with dots on both sides of both lines	C. & V.
23.	Two diagonal bars, both inclined left, with square dots, square to and on both sides of both	C. & V.
24.	Two diagonal bars, inclined left and right, with square dots diagonal to the lines	C. & V.
25.	Two diagonal bars, both inclined right, with round dots	C. & V.
26.	Two diagonal bars, inclined left and right with round dots	C. & V.
27.	Two thin diagonal bars, both inclined left, with small round dots	C. & V.
28.	Two thin diagonal bars, both inclined right, with dots that are tiny rings	Cal. & Van.
29.	Two thin diagonal bars, inclined left and right, with dots that are tiny rings	C. & V.

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B.C. (7)	*	B.C. (19)	*	%	%	*	*
B.C. (8)	*	B.C. (20)	*	%	%	*	*
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| 30. Two thin diagonal bars, both inclined right, dots are hollow squares diagonal to line | Cal. & Van. | 41. Two diamonds with long axes at right angles to circle | P. George & P. Rupert |
| 31. Two thick diagonal bars, inclined left and right, with hollow squares, diagonal to lines | C. & V. | 42. The musical sign for a sharp | P. George & P. Rupert |
| 32. Right angle cross, diagonal to circle, with a round in each angle | C. & V. | 43. The musical sign for a flat | P. George & P. Rupert |
| 33. Right angle cross, square to the circle, with a square dot in each angle | C. & V. | 44. A straight line, parallel to the outer circle, bisecting a small circle | P. George & P. Rupert |
| 34. An eight-ray sunburst, with period after the O. in line with one of the rays | C. & V. | 45. A straight line, on radius of circle, unevenly dividing a small circle | P. George & P. Rupert |
| 35. An eight-ray sunburst, with period after the O. between two rays | C. & V. | 46. A large pound sterling sign, upright, with two crossbars | P. George & P. Rupert |
| 36. An eight-ray sunburst with fan tailed rays | Hope & Van. | 47. A large pound sterling sign, on radius of circle, with two crossbars | P. George & P. Rupert |
| 37. Eight-ray sunbursts located midway up the circle | S. & Q. | 48. A pound sterling sign, on radius of circle, with two crossbars | C. & V. |
| 38. Three small eight-ray sunbursts, in a row, conforming to the circle, at bottom | Cal. & Van. | 49. A large pound sterling sign, upright, with one crossbar | P. George & P. Rupert |
| 39. Two hollow squares, at right angles to the circle | Cal. & Van. | 50. A large pound sterling sign, upright, with two crossbars | O.L. & S. |
| 40. Two diamonds with long axes parallel to the circle | P. George & P. Rupert | 51. The dollar sign, conforming to and at each end of the run | C. & V. |
| | | 52. The cent sign, upright, midway between run and B.C. | Cal. & Van. |

B.N.A. Stamps in Color on Cigarette Cards

THE Ardath Tobacco Co. Ltd., of England, manufacturers of State Express and Ardath brand cigarettes, at one time published a series of 50 different cards featuring "Stamps—Rare and Interesting."

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CARD No. 10—NEW BRUNSWICK
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and the issued 5c Victoria



CARD No. 11—NEWFOUNDLAND
Featuring the famous "Hawker" Trans-Atlantic
Air Mail issue

On the back of each card is a brief, interesting story of each stamp, apparently prepared by Stanley Gibbons Ltd., stamp dealers, of London.

They are beautifully done in full color and an appropriate scene, also in color, forms the background for each card.

Just when these cards were issued is not known to this writer, but the inclusion of the 'Hawker' airmail of Newfoundland definitely places it no earlier than the '20s.

Another interesting philatelic bypath!
Ed Richardson (BNAPS 168) ★

Notes on Canadian Airmails

By N. PELLETIER (BNAPS 1268)

FIRST FLIGHT — AKLAVIC TO DAWSON CITY

THE STORY being told began over 30 years ago when pilot W. Leigh Brintnell, then manager of Canadian Airways Ltd., decided on an inspection flight along the MacKenzie River in Canada's North West Territories.

The flight began in early August 1929 with a Fokker Universal aircraft carrying pontoons and regular tanks with 10 hours' fuel. Mr. Brintnell had left Winnipeg with passengers: Gilbert LaBine and the late Dr. Bannerman of Winnipeg. The flight was by way of The Pas, Manitoba, Fort McMurray, Fort Smith, Fort Simpson and Fort Norman. The plane was then chartered by Mr. LeBine for an easterly flight to Fort Franklin and the east shore of Great Bear Lake at the Sloan River. The story of Mr. LaBine and the discovery of the famed Eldorado Mine has become history.

Previously, plans had been made with the North West Territories branch of the Government regarding a flight for Mr. O. S. Finnie, director of the North West Territories. So, after leaving the LaBine party, Brintnell proceeded to Aklavic to pick up Mr. Finnie and two passengers. On arrival at Aklavic a mail bag was prepared and postmarked August 19, 1929. It contained 83 letters. At this point a delay occurred. A low mass of rain clouds were rolling in from the Arctic to the Aklavic outpost. It

resulted in Mr. Brintnell and party being grounded for six days.

The Mail Flight

On August 25, with clear weather reported from Aklavic to Dawson, the mail bag was placed in the aircraft. The 780-mile flight to Dawson City was completed in six hours non-stop over the Rat Portage of the McKenzie Mountains, and along the Porcupine River to the Yukon River and up the Yukon to Dawson City. This was a first flight from Aklavic—and a first air mail flight. Previous attempts by another airline at Whitehorse had not been successful because of weather.

At Dawson a visit was made to the settlement where once, in 1898, over 25,000 people lived. The population was only 600 when they landed. "It gave one a peculiar feeling to walk into a house with dishes on the table, just as the people had left them when they went out of the country," reported the pilot. "The cabins were in a good state of repair, but simply had not been lived in for many years."

From Dawson, pilot Brintnell flew on to Whitehorse, refuelled, then left for Prince Rupert, flying over Lac La Barge and the Chilcoot Pass, both famous in the days of the Gold Rush, then over Skagway and again Prince Rupert and the many inlets and glaciers that were flowing down into



the sea. To the pilot it was a perfect day and one of the most scenic flights ever experienced. After a stop at Prince Rupert, they proceeded to Prince George and to Winnipeg by way of The Pas, Manitoba. In a reported 94 hours flying time Brintnell had covered some 9,000 miles.

Leading Bush Pilot

W. Leigh Brintnell, one of Canada's leading bush pilots and blazer of many untried northern routes, has lived adventure during most of his life. Some facts on his aeronautical experiences may prove of interest:

He was with the R.F.C. and R.A.F. from 1916 to 1919, flying in Canada and Europe. From 1920 to 1923 he did private flying in Canada and the United States. During 1924 to 1926 he flew with the Provincial Air Services, Department of Lands and Forests, in Northern Ontario.

Western Canada Airways had him from 1927 to 1932. With them he flew from Labrador, across Canada, the North West Territories, and the Yukon. During 1927 he was among the first to transport aircraft fuel to North West River, Labrador. Adjacent to this trading post, the airport of Goose Bay was built. There was also a considerable amount of flying with three aircraft all over the Labrador section for the Cyril Knight Prospecting Co. of Toronto. Mr. Knight, during this time, discovered much of the known iron deposits which are being developed today. During the same period Brintnell personally made the first round multi-engined flight with a Fokker tri-motor plane from Winnipeg to Vancouver and return. He had been selecting likely spots through the mountains where

emergency landing fields could be built. With pilot Brintnell on the surveying flight was Mr. John Bracken, then premier of Manitoba, and Mr. John Hunter, vice-president of James Richardson & Sons, members of the Department of Transport and Chamber of Commerce from Winnipeg. The return flight was a record in time which was unbroken until Trans Canada Airways commenced flying some more modern aircraft. During the same year the late Squadron Leader J. H. Tudhope of the Department of Transport, flew this route in a small plane and landed on all the selected fields. They later became the landing fields for the present Trans Canada Airways through the mountains.

When the first air stage service was authorized, October 4, 1927, Brintnell made the first air mail flight from Lac du Bonnet to Bissett and Wadhope, Manitoba. Western Canada Airways was in charge of the flight.

He was instrumental in organizing the McKenzie Air Service. The airline lasted from 1932 to 1940. It covered Saskatchewan, British Columbia, North West Territories and Yukon.

From 1940 to 1942 he joined the Canadian Airways Ltd., and later, the Canadian Pacific Railway. He did some flying but mostly administrative, in the acquisition of the independent northern air lines in Canada which became Canadian Pacific Airlines.

During 1942 he was doing administrative work and test flying for Aircraft Repair Ltd. In 1945 he was on aerial photographic operations over Northern Canada, and now does private flying in Edmonton. ★



CBC radio's Stamp Club started its 10th year on the air Sat., Feb. 6. During the past decade, host Doug Patrick (centre) BNAPS No. 517, his wife Mary (right) and his assistant on the show, Judith McLeod, have answered more than 65,000 questions from listeners in 60 countries on all aspects of stamp collecting. CBC Stamp Club is heard on alternate Saturday afternoons on the Trans-Canada radio network.



Rounding Up SQUARED CIRCLES

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Squared Circle Collecting Continues To Increase

THE COLLECTING of squared circles is still drawing more adherents, possibly due to the splendid sales of the revised handbook. Scarcely a week passes without a new correspondent being added to my list. I cordially welcome such! I am pleased to hear from them and reply to all. However, I am finding return postage (registered letters in many cases; one such recently required more than 60 cents) a heavy burden. Please note that when asking for my opinion on stamps/covers to be returned, a fully stamped and addressed envelope should be enclosed.

Also, I cannot accept incomplete, indecipherable or otherwise imperfect strikes as record dates. It would never do for me to chronicle doubtful things.

I must repeat, too, my warning that '3', '5', '6' and '8' are easily confused in reading squared circle dates. This continues to give trouble. 'Hopped' strikes, making for two or more closely overlapping impressions, deceive many of my correspondents—including some veterans who should know better!

Winnipeg Rush Hour Markings

The revised handbook has something to say about these fascinating groups. The term 'rush hour markings' is now in general use to designate strikes of Hammers I and II, or I and III, which show the same date AND the same number (a time mark, probably) above the date. At this moment rush hour markings of Hammers II and III, same date, have not been reported. However, they may exist, as both hammers were in use (together?) during the last week in

May 1897—constituting the only known out-of-period use of Hammer II. The finding of rush hour markings from Hammers II and III, same date, would constitute an outstanding landmark in Winnipeg squared circle history.

Rush hour markings were in rather more frequent use that I first believed, due of course to the fact that Hammer I was often used out-of-period—that is, not within the periods assigned to it by the handbook chronology. Several collectors have reported TWO such groups for the same date. Dr. Kenneth Day has THREE, same date; this is at present the record. My best achievement along these lines is the finding of Hammer I, 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 / De 4, 97, all, of course, out-of-period. Hammer II was normal at this time, but I have only II, 4 / De 4, 97.

In the handbook I said: "I have found nothing exactly like them [rush hour markings] in other towns; they seem to belong to Winnipeg alone." But our march of progress continues. I can now report a somewhat similar group, and of equal interest, for OWEN SOUND.

Owen Sound, C / Ju 30, 97; (a) squared circle, AND (b) the circular date stamp then also in use. Both are fine complete strikes on the 3c Jubilee stamp, (b) coming to me from Braden Elliott, who has a remarkable collection of squared circles (he has reached the 200-mark on this stamp, sharing this achievement with Douglas Crawford) and other postmarks on the Jubilee issues.

Revised Handbook Corrections

Two misprints should be corrected:

- (1) Page 27—SHANNONVILLE is in Ontario, not Quebec.
- (2) Page 49—WINNIPEG Chronology should read:
 - (1) First Hammer: 1st period of use, Au 26, 93—Ja 1, 94.

A Newcastle Creek Record

Covers with Newcastle Creek squared circles are rare enough to chronicle when found. When, however, such a cover carries a new earliest date, we feel it should be illustrated here as well.

W. M. C. Willcock was the lucky finder, recently giving 25 cents for this unusual piece. Our congratulations!

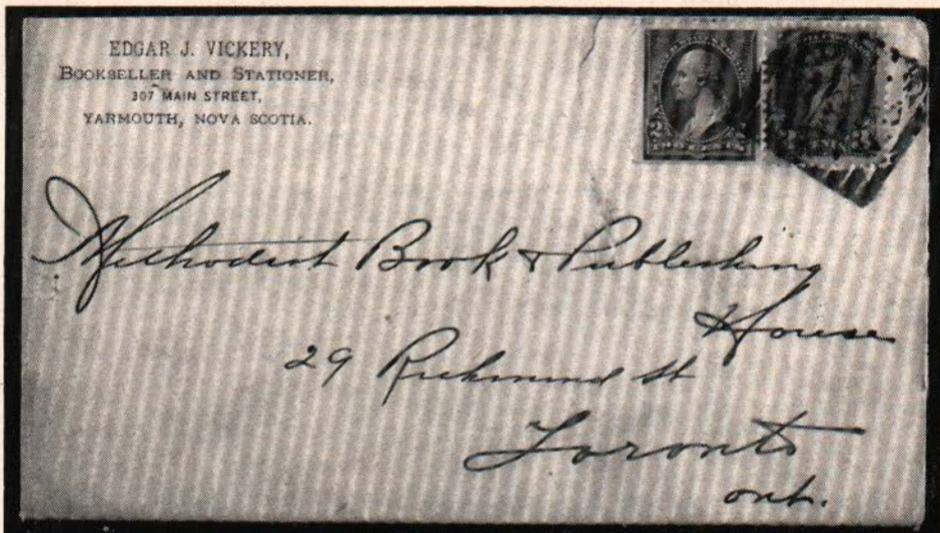


Registered cover, NEWCASTLE CREEK, N.B., Sp 1, '93—new record date

Double Franking on Squared Circle Covers

IN TOPICS for April 1951, Mr. Evan R. Gill describes covers from Yarmouth, N.S., to Boston, Mass., franked by a combination of U.S. and Canadian stamps, the latter cancelled by the Yarmouth squared circle. Such covers would undoubtedly go by the overnight ferry then plying daily (it

is now suspended) between the two ports, and would be postally delivered in Boston the following day. I am uncertain as to the necessity of double franking in such cases; in fact I have a suspicion that the U.S. stamps were not required on letters to points in America. In all likelihood they were affixed by overly-careful writers in order to ensure passage by the short water route, a mere 200 miles or so, rather than by the long, slow journey overland.



A possibly unique cover from YARMOUTH, N.S., to Toronto, Ont., which went via the Boston ferry, carrying double franking. Both the U.S. and Canadian stamps are tied to cover by one strike of the Yarmouth squared circle. It reached its destination in two days: Yarmouth, N.S., PM / My 20, '96; Toronto, Ont., 12 / My 22, '96. Unfortunately there are no transit markings.

The cover here illustrated shows an extension of this practice, for it is addressed not to Boston, but to Toronto, Ont. From Yarmouth to Toronto via Halifax, Moncton and Montreal, would be at least 1,400 miles, whereas going by the Boston ferry would halve the distance. It is possible, however, that this international short-cut might necessitate the use of U.S. stamps.

As there must have been a special pouch made up at the Yarmouth post office for such correspondence, it is surprising that other letters sent by this route to Ontario and Canadian points west have not been reported.

I know of no other examples of double franking on covers with Canadian squared circle cancellations. ★

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MOUNT BRYDGES SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARK

ALTHOUGH the Mount Brydges, Ont., squared circle served that small community for many years, it withstood nobly the battering to which it was subjected. It was in regular use for about 20 years. During its latter days it was used simultaneously with a duplex before being laid aside, only to be resurrected for at least one day in 1925. Dr. Whitehead's wonderful handbook, "The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada," tells us that the earliest known date is Oc 4, '93. The latest date is now Mr 26, '25, found on a card in the writer's collection, dated Kearney, Ont., Mr 25, '25 on a 2 cent green Admiral. One is inclined to believe that the regular duplex must have been mislaid or damaged, necessitating renewed use of the squared circle. Scores of covers and cards dated between 1915 and 1925 reveal no squared circles at all.

Few Signs of Wear

Signs of wear are few on the Mount Brydges squared circle, only a slight rounding of the corners being noticeable on very late strikes. The instrument was given good care, especially during its early years of use, as many very fine strikes will show. The over-imaginative might through wishful thinking imagine that there were two hammers, as definite variations in the thickness of the side pieces may be found. However, I am convinced that these are the result of variation in inking, pressure or angle of strike. Although I have strikes on cover or card for every year from 1893 to 1915 inclusive, I should not care to say that any two look **exactly** alike, even those struck on the same day.

The postmaster, Thomas Pierce, was a very fine gentleman, as any Mount Brydges old-timer will tell you, but he was not always too careful in lining up his indicia, as the following list of errors found in the writer's collection will show:

1. C(reversed)O 5, '94 for OC.
2. AP 3, '95 with '3' inverted.
3. NO 25, '96 with '5' inverted.
4. MY 22, '96 with second '2' inverted and shifted to far right (See Fig. 1).
5. C(reversed)O for OC '96. This error was perpetuated for the entire month, as I have OC 1, 5, 9, 15 and 30 dates. (See Fig. 2).



FIG. 1



FIG. 2

6. '9' at left and DE inverted at right for DE 9, '96.
7. 6 OC '97 for OC 9.
8. JU 8, '10 for JY. Other markings on this cover are Orwell, Ont., JUL 8, '10 and St. Thomas, JUL 8, '10.
9. JU 28, '10 for JY 28, '10. Card from Burwell Road, Ont., JY 28, '10. (Items 8 and 9 suggest that this error may have persisted throughout.)
10. OC 2 all shifted to far right (1912).
11. Frequently a full space was left between two digits of one number, thus, DE 3 1.
12. From at least March to December 1913 the top bar of the '3' of 1913 is entirely missing. This, of course, would be no fault of the postmaster.

First Rural Mail Carrier

In Fig. 3 is shown a rather interesting Mount Brydges squared circle illustrated cover. The James Elsey mentioned in the corner card was, I have been told, the first rural mail carrier at Mount Brydges.

In Fig. 4 is shown a cover from the writer's "I wish the Mount Brydges squared circles on reverse were on the face" collection! This cover will serve at least to show the lads who collect only 19th century illustrated covers that the 20th century has a few nice ones to offer also.

Any further information regarding Mount Brydges squared circles, especially any dated after 1915, will be greatly appreciated by the writer.★

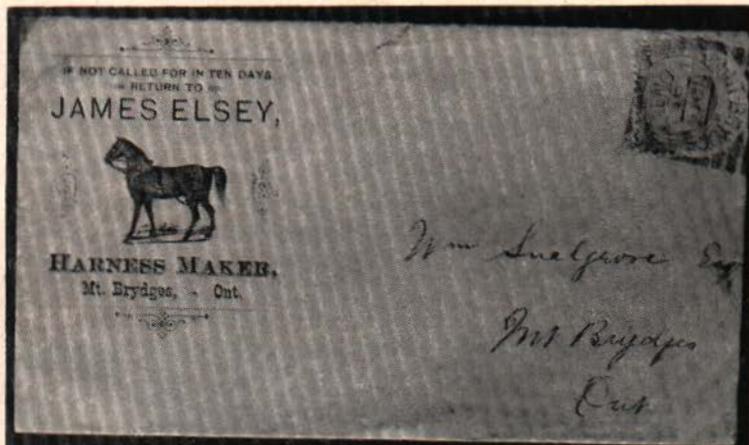


FIG. 3



← FIG. 4

TYPE ONE SQUARED CIRCLE OF

OTTAWA

I HAVE FOUND so much of interest in the time markings used at Ottawa in the Small Queens period that I decided to make a detailed study of these markings as they apply to the Type One squared circle from 1893 to 1897.

I limit myself to these years because I have been a collector of Small Queens only for many years past and in recent years have concentrated entirely on the 3 cent denomination of that issue. In view of this, the great proportion of the material which I had for study was confined to this five-year period and any material available to me in the later issues was not in sufficient quantity to be representative in the matter of frequency of the different time markings.

First of all, the earliest date on this marking is, as pointed out in the new handbook, two days earlier than the date shown in the Proof Book. I have yet to hear a plausible explanation of this very unusual happening.

The several Ottawa Blanks I have examined are all on Sunday dates with one exception. This is December 26 date in my collection, and as Boxing Day would probably be a legal holiday it is not surprising to find it treated as a Sunday insofar as this time marking is concerned. A special clerk with no regular number assigned for his use would, in all probability, be on duty for a part of the day—the same as we find on Sundays.

In addition to the blanks I have the following Sunday time markings for Ottawa:

1893 1 number 2, 5 number 6
 1894 5 number 3, 12 number 6,
 1 number 7
 1895 4 number 3, 4 number 5,
 2 number 6, 9 number 7
 1896 1 number 3, 7 number 7,
 3 number 8
 1897 1 number 5, 8 number 7

Note No. 6 takes a sudden drop in 1895 and does not appear at all in 1896 and 1897. As a matter of fact, March 24, '95 is the last No. 6 that I have seen on a Sunday.

The circular time markings of Montreal show numbers 1 to 24 with the exception of No. 23. This seems to indicate hourly markings from midnight to midnight with

No. 23 (which would be 10-11 p.m.) missing. If we apply the same reasoning to the Ottawa squared circle time markings, No. 1 would be from midnight to 3 a.m., No. 2 from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m., and so on. The fact that during the years 1893-1897 only 2 per cent of the time markings are numbers 1 and 8, and only 6 per cent are number 2, may lend some support to this theory.

The table below shows the relative frequency of the time markings for the years under consideration, based on over 2,000 different dates and markings and many duplicates which I have examined:

Clerk #	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	Total
Blank						
1	1	1	1.5	3	2	2
2						
8	5.7	6	7.7	5.5	2.7	6
3	14.5	15.5	10.2	9.7	12.3	13
4	18.6	17	6	12.2	7.7	12
5	18	16	2.8	20.8	25.5	22
6	40.1	40.5	2.8	7.3	14.5	27
7	2	4	18.6	41.5	35.3	18

— — — — — 100% — — — — —

There must be some explanation for the manner in which No. 6, which dominates the table in 1893 and 1894, gives way to No. 7 in 1896 and 1897.

As Ottawa is a very common marking, possibly the commonest of all the squared circles, it is quite easy to find matched pairs and matched sets of three different time markings for the same day. Sets of four are somewhat scarce. I have not been able to get more than five different time markings for the same day but I have two such sets of five in my collection. In the years 1896 and 1897 even sets of four seem to be very scarce, though I can offer no explanation for this fact.

While the 'multi-hammer towns' such as Winnipeg and Belleville, offer a much more complex study as to period of use, the Type One of Ottawa is also of considerable interest. If any collector has enough material dated from 1898 to 1905 to add to the information in this article and give some information as to the relative frequency of the higher numbers in use at later dates, it would be most interesting to have these recorded in a future article. ★

Canada Post Card

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



POSTAL STATIONERY PANORAMA

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WE ARE very happy to report that the response to our column has been most heartwarming. Letters have been coming in from collectors in Canada, the U.S. and England, with words of encouragement, questions, answers to our queries, and new material for listing. We shall endeavor to answer all letters personally and utilize all new information in our future columns.

PRECANCELS

Mr. R. B. Hetherington of Sussex, England, who is secretary of the Precancel Study Group of the C.P.S. of Great Britain, requests our aid in getting new listings of precancels on postal stationery. He has written an article on this subject for the February issue of *Maple Leaves*, but feels that he might get further information from the readers of this column. As this field becomes quite complicated when one gets into the Commercial (Holmes) or Special Order (Bond) envelopes, we would like to disregard these for the time being and request that anyone having copies of the regular issue with precancels please let us know what you have. We would like a complete description of the precancel as well as of the piece upon which it is found.

Mr. Hetherington also sent us a cut-square of the 1 cent Medallion envelope with an overprint "Private" in blue, reading vertically down the right hand side of the stamp. The overprint is approximately 1 mm. high and 8 mm. long. This is something completely new to us. Can anyone supply any information on this strange overprint?

MORE SPECIMENS

In answer to our request for other 'Specimen' overprints on B.N.A. stationery, Ed

Richardson of La Marque, Texas, sent us six Special Order Envelopes: Bond SFQ1wM, SFQ2w, SFQ2L, SFQ3w, STQ1, and PFQ1, all with a light blue overprint, which consisted of the words "SPECIMEN ONLY" and under that a bar, both enclosed in a dotted line oval about 1½ inches wide by 1 inch high. As we have never seen the six Medallion envelopes we reported in our December column we would like to hear from anyone who is lucky enough to own these items as to whether they have the same overprint.

MAJOR VARIETIES

It is surprising to us that the two varieties which we are about to describe were missed by both Bond and Holmes in their catalogues. This, however, is what intrigues us about the field of postal stationery. It is a relatively unexplored field and each one of us who will do a little searching is sure to come up with some new discoveries.

Holmes, for reasons not understood by us, lists the three dies of the George V Admiral issue postal cards, but ignores the fact that these same three dies also are found in the postal bands and wrappers. Bond does show the three dies of the bands and wrappers, and lists the 1 cent orange wrapper as Die A, WH2 and Die C WH3; and the 1 cent orange band as Die B, BH2 and BH2a. We have in our collection the 1 cent orange band in Die C. If given a Bond number this would be BH3.

The 2 cent sepia George VI postal card, Bond CS17, is typographed and has the secret date '1938.' This same card, however, was also offset printed with secret date '1943.' You will notice this same phenomenon of both dies being used for the same card also occurs later in the 2 cent

olive cards, both of which are listed by both catalogues. If this offset-printed sepia card was issued before the reply cards of the same issue, then it would have to become Bond CS18 and all subsequent issues would have to be moved one number forward.

The sepia cards had a very short life, being replaced in less than two months by the first olive card. Also, the 2 cent overprint on 1 cent cards were used during this period. Still, they seem to be quite plentiful. The 1938 die appears to us to be a little harder to find than the 1943 die.

ANOTHER SPECIAL ORDER POSTAL CARD

We have just had the good fortune to add to our collection another unlisted item. It is a George VI 1 cent + 1 cent green blank reply card (Holmes B; Bond BO) each half measuring 6½ x 4½ inches. The stamp is offset-printed, dated 1938 as were the regular issue blank cards. It was used by the District Superintendent of Rehabilitation, Department of Veterans' Housing. The reply card is a questionnaire concerning the present habitation of the veteran and his desires in future housing.

PRINTERS' WASTE

During the past year there has come on the market, through auction, a quantity of printers' waste of the Victoria oval dies postal cards. These come in a great variety of forms, such as double prints, triple prints, printed both sides, double print in two different colors, double print one inverted, etc.

Of course this material should have been destroyed by the printers, but somehow fell into philatelic hands. We have always felt that this type of material is of no philatelic importance. It merely shows that printers have waste when they print a job and that sometimes they are careless about what happens to this waste.

As oddities this material may add interest to a collection, but from the prices realized at auction, we are afraid some collectors feel they are acquiring rare errors. ★

Notice

RE SALES MANAGER

Alfred P. Cook, Coy Glen Road, Ithaca, New York, has been appointed to the position of Sales Manager of the Society in place of John Siverts, who had to forego the appointment because of pressure of personal business.

V. G. Greene, President.

Report on BNAPEX-59

It is with singular pride that we present the financial results of BNAPEX-59, held in Atlantic City, N.J., during the latter part of September. The returns are gratifying indeed, as the sum of \$532.72 was turned over to the Treasurer for the General Funds of the Society. The profit was far larger than anticipated because of co-operation from the hotel as they waived all charges for exhibit rooms and meeting rooms. This was an unexpected windfall brought on by their gratitude at our having exceeded our guarantee by about 66 per cent.

Income	
Frames (118)	\$ 472.15
Bourse Tables (5)	125.00
Gift—Ethel McCoy	25.00
Premium on Canadian Money	1.30
Receipts from Registration, Cocktails and Banquet	1579.25

TOTAL INCOME

\$2202.70

Expenses	
Printing Prospectus	\$ 47.36
Insurance on Pack Collection	25.00
Medals	72.73
Bus for Tour	43.50
Frame Rental	66.00
Glass Breakage	49.50
Packing and Hauling Frames to and from Hotel	189.50
Banquet and Cocktail Parties	960.60
Guards	64.00
Printing	13.00
Juke Box	20.00
General Expenses	106.79
Miscellaneous	12.00
Turned over to Treasurer	532.72

\$2202.70

It is also interesting to note that the charge of \$4 per frame was almost exactly right as the income from the frames was \$472.15, while expenses directly charged to the exhibit were \$489.09.

Prospectus	\$ 47.36
Medals	72.73
Frame Rental	66.00
Glass Breakage	49.50
Packing and Hauling	189.50
Guards	64.99

Total

\$ 489.09

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Meyerson, Chairman, BNAPEX-59

Oldest BNAPS Member Dies

E. L. Hill (BNAPS 295), of Victoria, B.C., was the oldest member of our Society at the time of his death recently. He was also the oldest living graduate of the University of Toronto from which he graduated in 1888 as a geologist and mineralogist.

However, it was as a librarian that he was to become best known across Canada, being connected with libraries in Guelph, Ontario, Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta.

In retirement at Victoria, B.C., his chief pastimes were his garden, the cultivation of fruit, and stamp collecting. ★

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



THE OCTOBER 29 sale held by H. R. Harmer, London, was important to the collector of 20th century sideline material as quite a number of items not listed in Scott were offered for sale, in the way of imperforates and pairs with and without watermark.

A horizontal pair of the 3 cent Coronation, Scott 234, imperforate vertically, sold for \$50.40, while a vertical pair imperforate between brought \$58.60. It is unfortunate for future reference that the auction catalogue did not specify which die of the 3 cent was involved in the two lots, nor did they specify which of the three perforations either. A horizontal pair of the 8 cent, Scott 236, imperforate vertically realized \$70, but again information as to the perforation variety was not given. A vertical strip of four of the 15 cent, Scott 239, with the centre pair imperforate between, was knocked down at \$72.80, while a vertical strip of five of the 20 cent, Scott 240, with the top pair imperforate between, changed hands at \$123.20, and finally a vertical strip of four of the 48 cent, Scott 243, with the top pair imperforate between, fetched \$117.60.

A horizontal pair of the 2 cent, Scott 245, with and without watermark, sold for \$49, while a block of four of the 3 cent, Scott 246, consisting of two pairs with and without watermark, realized \$112. The same stamp in the scarce line perf. 14.1 instead of the customary comb perf., brought \$64.40. The 4 cent value, Scott 247, in a block consisting of two pairs with and without watermark, realized \$58.80. In the last issue a horizontal pair of the 3 cent, Scott 253, with and without watermark, fetched \$36.40, and a horizontal pair of the 7 cent, Scott 258, in the same condition, changed hands at \$42. The same value in an o.g. imperf. horizontal pair brought \$21.70, and finally a vertical pair of the 8 cent, Scott 259, with and without watermark, realized \$30.80.

At the **Sissons sale** held in Toronto on Oct. 15, an imperf pair of the 2c Scott No.

186, realized the very handsome figure of \$30, while a block of four of the same variety sold for \$39. An imperf pair of the 1c Gilbert, Scott No. 212, brought \$19 and a block \$24. A flown Columbia cover franked with normal stamps, though scarcer than the cover with the surcharged stamp, was knocked down for \$45.

The December 18 sale held by Harmer, Rooke in New York disposed of one of the finest holdings of Newfoundland proofs in some time. Most of them had come from the Reford collection and it was the first time such a holding of Goodall proofs had been sold since then. Goodall proofs of the 2 cent, Scott 24, in four different colors, sold for \$67.50 each, while the same colors in the 5 cent, Scott 25, brought the same price. The same four colors in the 10 cent, Scott 27, realized \$85 each, while those of the 12 cent, Scott 28, reverted to the \$67.50 price. The Goodall proofs of the 13 cent, Scott 30, and the 24 cent, Scott 31, all were knocked down at \$72.50 each. Finally the Goodall proofs in the four colors of the 1 cent, Scott 32, the 3 cent, Scott 33, and the 6 cent, Scott 35, all sold for \$77.50 each. It is interesting to note that when these same proofs were sold in the Reford sale, most of them went between \$30 and \$40.

In addition plate singles in black on card of the 1d, Scott 1, the 2d, Scott 2, and the 3d, Scott 3, sold for \$28; a block of four of the 1d in black on card realized \$31, and plate proofs of the 5d, Scott 5, the 6d, Scott 6, and the 8d, Scott 8, in the same condition, went for \$36. Perforated gummed proofs of the 2 cent, Scott 24, from the sample sheet, found new owners at \$17, \$15 and \$16, while small die essays of the 5 cent seal with words **PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND** in green and in blue each sold for \$30. A top sheet plate proof block with imprint in orange brown of the 5 cent, Scott 25, realized \$50, and a plate proof block in the issued color, \$45. A plate proof block of four of the 10 cent, Scott 27, in issued

color, was knocked down at \$20, and a perforated gummed proof from the sample sheet changed hands at the same price. Blocks of plate proofs of the 13 cent, Scott 30, in orange and violet, went at \$20 and \$16, while perforated gummed proofs from the sample sheet in three colors went at \$15 each. Plate proof blocks of the 1 cent, Scott 32, in black, red violet, purple, green, dark green, blue and red brown, sold for \$15, \$25, \$21, \$20, \$20 and \$20 respectively, and a perforated gummed trial color plate proof block in blue on semi-transparent

wove paper, realized \$60. Plate proof blocks of the 3 cent, Scott 33, in slate black, green and deep orange red, changed hands at \$20, \$17 and \$35, while plate proof blocks of the 6 cent, Scott 35, in bright green and dull rose, brought \$16 and \$30 respectively. A magnificent die proof of the 2 cent Map stamp, Scott 86, die sunk on card with die number C-822, realized \$82.50, and a die proof on thick wove paper of the Dead Letter Seal with die number C-629, sold for \$28, and a plate proof of the same seal in black was knocked down at \$13. ★

ED. RICHARDSON (BNAPS 168)

NEW NOTES ON

CANADIAN FLAG CANCELLATIONS

PART ONE

AS MOST BNAPSers who read the minutes of the 1959 annual meeting are aware, there are plans for revising and bringing up to date the McCready Flag Cancellation handbook. The writer has agreed to serve as editor of this, the third edition, and it is hoped that it will appear early in 1961. This will be another BNAPS handbook project.

As we have corresponded with other collectors of these interesting cancellations, we find that there are many who are interested in both the earliest date and latest date of use. We therefore plan to revise the earliest dates where necessary, and for the first time to list the latest date. We also will try to up-date the catalogue prices. The prices as we report them here are expressed in a range. Cut-outs or 2 x 4s would bring the lower price, whereas attractive entires with very fine clear strikes would bring the top price.

We would welcome the assistance of any BNAPSer who can add to our knowledge of these, by reporting hitherto unknown varieties, earlier dates, or later dates than those reported here or in the handbook. We would also welcome suggestions regarding our valuations.

In regard to this and future installments of these notes, where the earliest date known is shown in **bold-face type**, it is a new date. The initials refer to the collector reporting: (A)—J. Millar Allen; B—Colin Bayley; (P)—Ray Peters; (R)—the writer. Where an initial appears after an early date, same as appearing in the second (reprint) edition, it merely confirms the handbook listing. On all others confirmation is wanted.

In some flag cancellations there occurs two varieties of 'hubs' or town and date postmarks. Where this occurs, they are designated style X or Z, as follows:



Style X



Style Z

The letters "A", "B", "C", etc., which appear after the cancel number, identify the particular machine. These letters appear in the flag cancel, usually in the lower left corner, below the ensign. Where no letter appears, the machine is designated "—".

These notes will appear in the order as listed in the McCready Flag Cancel handbook. After a complete revision has been made, any new notes will appear.



Type 1

TYPE 1—MONTREAL (all are Hub style X)
Cancel

No.	Machine	Earliest Date	Latest Date	Price Range
1	"—"	March 21, 1896 (P)	—	\$4.00—\$8.00
2	"A"	July 16, 1896	May 1, 1897 (R)	1.50—2.50
3	"B"	June 10, 1896	July 5, 1897 (A)	1.00—2.00
4	"C"	June 18, 1896 (P&R)	June 30, 1897 (P)	1.00—2.00
5	"D"	June 8, 1896 (B)	June 29, 1897 (P)	1.00—2.00
6	"E"	June 8, 1896	May 17, 1897 (R)	1.25—2.50
7	"F"	June 9, 1896 (A)	June 15, 1897 (P)	1.25—2.50
8	"K"	Sept. 3, 1896	—	7.00—15.00

TYPE 1—OTTAWA (Hub styles X and Z)

9	"—" -X	April 14, 1896 (P)	March 4, 1897 (P)	2.00—4.50
10	"—" -Z	August 11, 1897	Sept. 20, 1897 (P)	2.00—4.50



Type 2
(Used only at Montreal)

TYPE 2

11	"—" -	April 11, 1896 (P)	April 18, 1896 (P)	6.00—15.00
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Type 3

TYPE 3—HAMILTON (Hub style X)

12	"A"	Dec. 21, 1897	—	.50—1.50
13	"B"	Dec. 16, 1897	Feb. 9, 1898 (A)	.35— .60
14	"C"	Does this exist? Confirmation wanted.		

TYPE 3—MONTREAL (Hub style X)

15	"—"	Dec. 2, 1896 (P)	April 12, 1898 (P)	.20— 3.00
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(Note: 1896 dates are scarce, hence the wide price range)

TYPE 3—OTTAWA

16	"—"	Nov. 25, 1897	—	.50— 2.50
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TYPE 3—TORONTO (Hub-style X)

17	"—"	Sept. 15, 1897 (B)	Oct. 28, 1897	.50— 2.50
18	"A"	August 12, 1897 (R)	Feb. 9, 1898 (A)	.20— .50
19	"B"	August 6, 1897	Jan. 31, 1898 (R)	.25— .75
20	"C"	August 10, 1897 (P)	Feb. 22, 1898 (A)	.25— .75
21	"D"	August 10, 1897	Feb. 18, 1898 (P)	.25— .75
22	"E"	August 12, 1897 (B)	Feb. 17, 1898 (R)	.25— .75
23	"F"	August 10, 1897 (P)	Feb. 15, 1898 (R)	.35— 1.00
24 *	"G"	August 10, 1897 (P)	Dec. 30, 1901 (?)	1.00— 3.50
25 **	"H"	August 10, 1897 (R)	August 11, 1897	6.00—12.00

Notes

* Old number 25—the double strike has been eliminated.

** Old number 25a.

Double strikes occur frequently. They have been noted with No. 19 and No. 21 in combination; also No. 21 and No. 23.

**Type 4**

(Note: There is no flagpole in this cancel. The illustration in the first and second editions of the handbook are in error.)

From here on there are numerous changes in the flag cancel numbers from those in the handbook, due to new varieties being reported, and to a new arrangement in the listings. The old handbook numbers are shown in () after the new flag cancel number.

In Type 4 there are numerous varieties, the best known of which are the number of shading strokes in the first furl (see arrow in illustration). However the student will note various other differences, among which are: (1) the stroke towards which the "V" of VICTORIA points, (2) the number of strokes above this same letter, and (3) the number of shading strokes in the second and third furls.

TYPE 4—MONTREAL (Both Hubs X and Z)

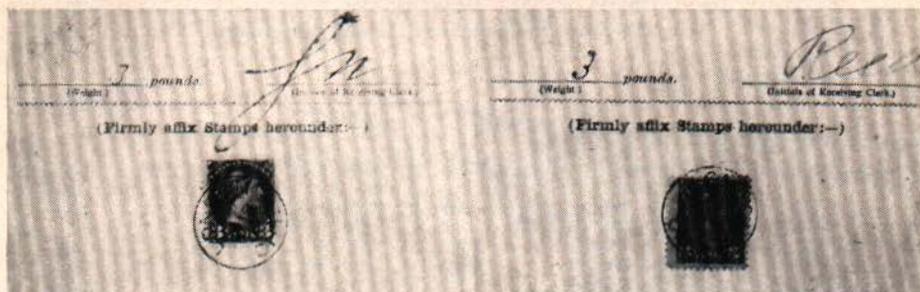
26 (32)	5 strokes, Style Z	June 23, 1897 (R)	July 8, 1897	2.50— 5.00
27 (26)	6 strokes, Style X	June 21, 1897	August 5, 1897 (P)	2.00— 3.50
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TYPE 4—OTTAWA (Both Hubs X and Z)

31 (27)	6 strokes, Style X	June 21, 1897	—	2.00— 4.00
32 New	6 strokes, Style Z	July 12, 1897 (R)	—	2.00— 4.00
33 (31)	7 strokes, Style Z	July 8, 1897	—	2.00— 4.00

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THE Editor's MAILBAG



A Puzzling Item

I recently acquired a relatively inexpensive little item that has me puzzled. No one around these parts seems to have the answer and anything you could tell me or any information that any member might have, would be most helpful and deeply appreciated.

It consists of a receipt measuring 4 9/16 inches by 3 inches, for so many pounds (of mail?) printed on both sides and allowing space for stamps also on both sides (See illustration above.) The receipt is on watermarked paper. A 3c Small Queen is on each side and neatly cancelled LONDON, ONT. A previous owner has pencilled in the words "Rare Use." You might know if it is really "rare" use—I certainly don't know.

B. H. Bartlett (BNAPS 1391)

Editor's Note: Will anyone having information on the above, please communicate with Mr. Bartlett or with the Editor.

'Free Mail—World War II'

The Editor's Mailbag in the December issue of BNA TOPICS contained a letter from C. Arthur Ayre, on the subject "Free Mail—World War II." For purposes of record, I should like to correct

what I believe to be an error in this letter. I refer to the date 15 July 1940 which Mr. Ayre states was the commencement of the free mail privilege. I am not aware of his source of information, but this date is not in accord with that contained in official documents. Canadian Army Routine Orders of 6 January 1940 notified the free mail privilege and moreover, the effective date was 20 December 1939, the approximate date of arrival of the First Division in the United Kingdom.

The privilege applied to all Canadian, Commonwealth and Allied Forces serving **abroad** on mail addressed to Canada. However, like most regulations, there were conditions and exceptions. For instance, it applied only to ordinary mail. Hence, mail from locations such as Newfoundland and Labrador is seldom found without postage since air mail was the normal method of sending letters. I believe Canadian forces serving in Alaska, including the Aleutian Islands, had to use U.S. postage as they operated under American administration.

The privilege was withdrawn on or about 31 August 1945, but was authorized again for the Canadian forces serving in the United Nations operation in Korea-Japan in 1950-55 and the United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt 1956 to date.

R. H. Webb (BNAPS 1598)

NEW NOTES ON CANADIAN FLAG CANCELLATIONS—From page 73



Type 5
(Used only at Montreal)

TYPE 5—MONTREAL (Hub style X)
34 (33)

July 10, 1897

August 17, 1897 (P) 5.00—15.00

(To be continued)

Without Stamp Imprint

I have just discovered a used copy of the 1957 Dominion Election envelope "Form 95 -3-55-125M" without the imprint of the 5c Queen Elizabeth 1954 design (1954 die), just one in over 150 that went through all the way without the stamp imprint, no postage due markings, all the more interesting as election envelopes have printed across the top "The printed postage stamp is sufficient. No ordinary adhesive postage stamps need be affixed."

It was used at Woodstock, Ontario, with the usual machine type cancel, Circle and seven wavy lines, dated June 11, 530 AM 1957.

John M. Kitchen (BNAPS 773)

Reason for "Washed-out" Green

I was very interested in your article on "The Current Crop" in the latest issue of BNA TOPICS and agreed with your comments.

I was glad to find a philatelic writer who didn't have the "worst" to say about the ACWW stamp. As a member of the ACWW, I was quite happy with the design. I think it should be known more generally why the "washed-out green" color was chosen. This was Ottawa's closest approximation of the organization's official color, which is actually a very lovely green. Consequently, the color was significant as far as ACWW members were concerned . . . and that's really that matters, isn't it?

Ernest Kehr wrote recently: "Those governments that have good stamp designs invariably maintain high standards year in and year out. Those whose issues are characterized by mediocrity rarely ever have good ones." Where does Canada fit in?

Kathryn Lamb.

Editor's Note: We are very pleased to hear from the wife of one of our members (Richard Lamb, Kitchener, Ont.), especially as she is a member of the ACWW and could give us the reason for the choice of the green shade on the stamp in question. We have seen so many of Canada's stamp issues spoiled by choice of poor colors (especially "washed-out" ones) that we thought the same thing had happened here.

On Collecting Plate Blocks

Being one of those collectors who ceased collecting plate blocks with the advent of the P.O. Department's new policy, the following from the Ottawa Citizen of January 16, 1960, may be of interest to our members:

"The Citizen stamp editor has received a complaint that the plate-block policy of the Canada

Post Office has discouraged the collecting of such blocks. The only place you can buy the new plate-blockers is at the P.O. philatelic office in the Blackburn Building.

"It is contended that quite a number of philatelists have passed up the plate blocks because of inconvenience in getting them. In addition to the loss of public interest, the department is losing some revenue, it is claimed.

"The comment was that the acquiring of plate blocks was once an enthusing [sic] feature of the hobby in Canada."

No comments . . .

J. J. Charron (BNAPS 1525).

Another Variation in Seaway

We have, in the Seaway stamps, inverted centre, doubling of letters, and here we have another one. I received this stamp from a non-collecting friend. He stuck the stamp on an envelope, but noticed part of CANADA was missing, so soaked the stamp off and sent it to me.



Apparently something came between the plate and paper while printing, as I can see a sharp line from bottom perforation through 'A' and up and then slanting down.

Here is something else: Has anyone noticed on No. 341, Plate 12, U.L., a curved line from 'n' in 'Bank'? This appears to be an engravers' slip and should be a constant plate variety. I have 10 plate blocks, and on some I can see dots and streaks of deep orange color in the paper; also some on the 4 cent stamps. I have no plate numbers on these.

David Nystrom (BNAPS 1182).

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1739 Purcell, J. L., 220 Hugo Street, Apt. 8A, Winnipeg 9, Manitoba
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Collectors Club Philatelist

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One of the feature articles is an extensive, well illustrated and most intriguing report on the "Fiscal and Postal History of the Postmarks and Stamps on French Newspapers, 1797 to 1914." The January issue also contains its usual abundance of fine philatelic fare of a high calibre.

Of interest to B.N.A. collectors is the article on U.S.-Canada Mails: "Early Niagara Post Offices and Their Markings," by Pitt Petri BNAPS 611).

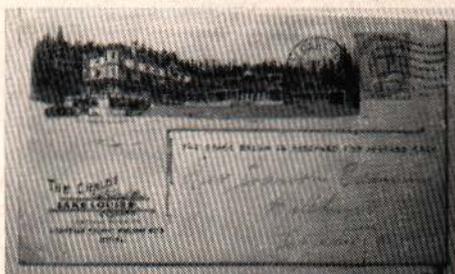
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The two railway pictorial postcards shown here, from the collection of Bill Topping of Vancouver, are familiar to postal stationery collectors. The two views show the old Chalet and the newer Chateau. Note the Chateau card lists "Chateau Lake Louise, B.C." Can any member tell us if this was just a C.P.R. error, or did the West Coast province try to claim Lake Louise for its own? Even though this might be the case, B.C. members are as cordially invited



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