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Postal Stationery and the CPR

CHAPTER 2

The Victorian Era — conclusion

Shortly after being issued, a new view of Banff replaced the original, being a somewhat closer picture in which the right-hand cloud just below the mountain peak has been eliminated (fig. 12). A sub-variety of this card has a smaller type, similar to the type on figure 11. Subsequently, the Glacier House View was replaced with an entirely different view of the hotel and the train is going to the left (fig. 13). This card also has a sub-variety in which the legend at bottom-left has been changed (fig. 14). Since new information and new varieties keep turning up, this is not the final word on the subject, but an interim report for April, 1969.

In August 1902 multi-colored views first appeared, and until at least January of 1903 the old green view cards were used intermittently with the new multi-colored ones. In some months during this period, both green and multi-colored view cards were used for the same monthly *Statement of Earnings and Expenses*. The multi-colored series had the same basic views as the green series, although redrawn. The varieties on these appear to me to be only ones of color, caused by a varying predominance of the green, yellow, or brown ink, and of no special significance. Very infrequently severe misregistration of the colors occur, but, although very scarce, I can discern no special significance in these either.

With the advent of the King Edward VII Business Card in late 1903, the CPR immediately put them into use while using up the stock of Victoria cards still on hand. The *Statement of Earnings and Expenses* dated December 28 1903 and January 28 1904 is found on both the Victoria and the Edward card.

The Edwardian Era

The King Edward 1c red Business Card was originally issued with the same seven different multi-colored views as the Queen Victoria card. However in 1904 (or early 1905) the views of Fraser Canon House, Glacier House, and Hotel Vancouver were eliminated from the series, and a new view, of "Chalet Lake Louise, Canadian Rockies", (fig. 15) was placed in use. This series of five views were the only ones in use until 1914.

In the spring of 1905 the blue-sky portion of three of the views was redrawn. The original sky, designated as *Sky, Die I* by William Norman who first noted this change, consisted of a series of whorls and of dots, all higgledy-piggledy (fig. 16). The new sky, designated *Sky, Die II* by Norman, consists of orderly rows of dots, largely triangular in shape, giving a cross-hatched appearance to the clouds (fig. 17). The views on which the redrawn sky appears are Chateau Frontenac, Mt. Stephen House, and Place Viger Hotel. Die I on the Mt. Stephen House and Place Viger cards are very scarce because of the short period of use. This scarcity also applies to the Fraser Canon House, Glacier House, and Hotel Vancouver cards for the same reason. While not common, Die 1 on the Chateau Frontenac card is in greater supply, leading me to believe that the plate from which these views were printed consisted of eight cliches, of which two were of Chateau Frontenac and one each of the remaining seven views. When the number of different views was reduced to five, it seems likely that there were two of Chateau Frontenac, Lake Louise, and Place Viger Hotel and one each of Banff and Mt. Stephen House.

by Horace W. Harrison

At the conclusion of this series Topics will publish Horace Harrison's catalogue of Railway Postal Stationery.



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THE CHALET
LAKE LOUISE.
CANADIAN ROCKIES
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Chateau Lake Louise
Lake Louise
Alberta



Since the King Edward card was still being printed upon with views as late as March 1914, the 10-year period of use makes the final five views the most common of all the CPR cards. The King George V 1c red Business Card was issued in 1912, but was not placed in use by the CPR until late in 1913, probably because there was a heavy supply of the King Edward card on hand.

It is interesting to note that the location

of Chalet Lake Louise on this and subsequent cards of the multi-colored series all give the location of Chalet Lake Louise as "Canadian Rockies", whereas all other views show the province where the facility was located. The boundary between Alberta and British Columbia was in dispute and the Chalet was located in the disputed territory. This may explain the reason for the vague location.

(to be continued)

Early Post Offices of the Lindsay District

by Max Rosenthal

On September 1, 1830, while visiting at Whitby, William Purdy wrote a letter to Peter Robinson, M.P., York (now Toronto). Postmarked on the front is a small double circle broken by WHITBY, with "3 Septemb." 1830 written in the center. Purdy wrote: "I take the liberty to trouble you with a line respecting the progress I am making at Ops. I have chopped off five or six acres, a part of which now has a crop on it. I have quarried out of a rock on the bank of the river, a place sufficient to set my sawmill and for the flume, and have created a good and substantial frame, with a good solid frame door." This letter is now in the Ontario Archives.

About 1827 had come William Purdy and his sons Jesse and Hazard to Ops Township. They had received 400 acres in what is now the eastern half of Lindsay, on condition that they build a mill. By September 1828 a dam across the Scugog River had been finished, but was swept away in the spring of next year. By April 1830 the dam was rebuilt and the sawmill running, as Purdy mentioned in his letter.

The closest post office was at Peterborough, 30 miles distant, but the nearest post offices for sending mail directly to York were down at Lake Ontario, at Darlington (Bowmanville) and Whitby. In the original survey of Ops Township in 1825 the land in the west half of what was to become the centre of Lindsay was reserved as a townsite. In 1834 John Huston of Cavan laid out this site into streets. One of his assistants was called Lindsay.

Meanwhile, a small village known as Purdy's Mills was growing up on the Purdy land to the east of Lindsay Street. In 1836, the year Lindsay got a post office, there were only two houses on the town plot, occupied by Major Thomas Murphy and David Culbert. Murphy had been at the corner of the present Kent and Lindsay Streets for about five years, during which time he had kept a small store. Culbert's house was on the river bank.

The first postmaster of Lindsay was Jesse Purdy. In 1838 Murphy took over the post. On a letter in the Ontario Archives sent by Samuel Davidson, Mariposa, Lindsay Post Office to Thomas Parke, Surveyor-General, Kingston, December 28, 1842 is postmarked a large double circle broken by LINDSAY, U.C., in red, with 27 Dec. 1842 written in. On a letter sent March 18, 1843 by Davidson to A. N. Morin, Commissioner Crown Lands, Kingston, the same type of postmark is in black, with 21 March 1843 written in.

At the same time that the Lindsay post office was established, so were the first post offices in the township next east, Emily, and the township on the west of Ops, Mariposa. The first township surveyed in Victoria County was Emily, in 1818, followed by Mariposa in 1820. In the fall of the latter year a party of Protestant-Irish immigrants came to Emily, among them the Cottingshams and James Laidley, who made a clearing on the Pigeon River, at the site of Omemee. A mill was built on this stream in 1825 by William Cottingham, to serve the Irish Catholics brought by Peter Robinson that year, who settled the north part of the township. His mill became a centre for supplies for them, and a store was opened in 1826.

Ten years later Emily post office was established there, at what is now the corner of Highway 7 and the 6th sideroad, with Henry C. Hughes as postmaster. In 1839 J. L. Hughes became postmaster. The Ontario Archives has a letter sent by Hughes to the Surveyor-General, Toronto on March 31, 1840. The hamlet itself was known as Williamstown, after its founder's first name. In the 1840s it was called Metcalfe. The Port Hope, Lindsay and Beaverton Railway came through in 1857. Emily post office was changed to Omemee, after the Omemee or "Pigeon" Mississauga Indians.

The pioneers of Mariposa Township came in from the southwest, and not by way of Peterborough, as did those of Emily. Where the present Highway 7 crosses the western

boundary of Mariposa was to appear Manilla. S. Patterson settled near there in 1827. In 1830 Fenton's Tavern was on the Brock or west side of Manilla. The nearest post office was at Georgina (later Sutton West) until James Pearson was appointed first postmaster of Mariposa in 1836. Suspect of sympathizing with the rebels of 1837, the next year the office was taken from him, and given to one Wallace, a man of no education. A change being found absolutely necessary, the position was transferred to the log store of Jacob Ham, in 1839. The name of Mariposa post office was changed to Manilla in 1856.

In 1834 Angus Ray, who was teaching in the southern United States, came to Canada to visit fellow Scotsmen who had emigrated since 1828 from North Carolina to Eldon, the township north of Mariposa. It had been surveyed by Henry Ewing in 1825. It was allotted to Donald Cameron for settlement. Being a Highlander, he asked his countrymen to come to Eldon. Eldon post office was opened in 1837 on the south boundary road of the township, at its corner with the 4th concession road, a mile east of Woodville, then known as Irish's Corners. Duncan Cameron was postmaster of Eldon. Angus Ray had stayed in Eldon, and he later became postmaster.

Woodville post office was established in 1852, with John Morrison as postmaster. Too close to Woodville, around 1865 Eldon post office was closed.

Eldon, Mariposa, Ops and Emily, the four townships dealt with in this article, are the agricultural townships of Victoria County, while the rest of the county, except at its southern fringes, is basically a land of rock and lakes.

Merchants and tradespeople found their way in, and hamlets at crossroads began to grow into villages. Lindsay had a daily mail from Toronto, Emily twice a week. Weekly mails were sent to Eldon and Mariposa. James Tift had settled in Oakwood, at the corner of what is now Highway 7 and the 15th sideroad of Mariposa, in 1831. A post office was opened in the mid-1840s, under A. McLaughlin.

The first tavern in Mariposa was opened in the south, at the tip of the peninsula in lot 12 across Lake Scugog from the north end of Scugog Island, by George Hoover, after whom Port Hoover was named, its post office was opened in 1853. For years it was the centre of a large trade, but, by

the time its post office closed in the early 1880s, its importance had vanished.

A Catholic church built in the 1840s at Downey's Corners, 10th concession road and 6th sideroad of Emily Township, was the nucleus of Downeyville. It got a post office in 1853. Harrison Haight's sawmill, the first one in Mariposa Township, was built near Little Britain, on Mariposa Brook, in 1837. It had a store in 1848, and a post office established in 1854, at the 5th concession road and 15th sideroad.

North Eldon post office also opened in 1854, changing around 1865 to Bolsover. It was begun by D. McRae, who built mills there in the early 1850s, south of the Talbot River, in the 2nd concession. Henderson's Corners was opened in Emily in 1854, with R. Morton as postmaster. It was at the 4th concession road and 18th sideroad, and closed in 1859.

In 1857 opened Argyle, at the corner of the present Highway 46 and the 10th sideroad of Eldon Township. In 1859 opened Sonya, on the west boundary road of Mariposa, in the 2nd concession. In the early 1880s it was moved across the road into Brock Township, Ontario County. In 1863 appeared Mount Horeb, at the northwest corner of the 8th concession road and the south boundary road of Ops Township.

The second half of the 1860s saw opened: Hartley, 10th concession road and 5th sideroad, Eldon; Valentia, 1st concession road and 20th sideroad, Mariposa; Kirkfield, Eldon Township. Alex Munro was the first settler at Kirkfield, at the corner of the lot 42 sideroad and what is now Highway 46, originally the Portage Road between Balsam Lake and the Talbot River.

In 1829 Thomas Rea settled in Ops Township, where Reaboro post office was opened in the early 1870s on the 10th sideroad east of the 10th concession road. In Emily township was opened Frank Hill, at the southeast corner of the 7th concession road and the 18th sideroad. Thomas Franks was postmaster.

Lorneville grew up around the junction of railways in Eldon Township, near the corner of the present Highway 46 and the 5th sideroad. At the southwest corner a post office was opened in 1874. Grass Hill was established on the west side of the 15th sideroad of Mariposa in concession 15 north of the railway. In the early 1880s it closed, replaced by Perrin, to reopen in the 1900s

under the single-word name Grasshill.

Eldon Station post office opened in 1877 in the railway station at the 20th sideroad. In 1879 was established Linden Valley, on the west boundary road of Ops in lot 28 north of the railway. Barclay appeared on the west side of the 20th sideroad, south of a road in the middle of concession 12, Mariposa, soon to close. Glenarm moved across the west boundary road into Eldon from Fenelon Township, north of the 10th sideroad, in the 1890s.

When Omemee was founded a landing called the King's Wharf was established on Pigeon Lake, where the 12th concession road of Emily crossed it on a floating bridge. King's Wharf post office was established there in the early 1880s, as well as at fair places in Mariposa. These were:

Creswell, 7th concession road at the road in lot 2; Finger Board, 2nd concession road and 5th sideroad; Glandine, 6th concession road and east boundary road, closed in the 1900s; Perrin, 15th concession road in lot 14, less than a mile from Grass Hill. Its postmaster was John D. Perrin, and it was only open until 1885. In 1887 Eden Valley was opened in Ops, in the very northeast corner of that township. It closed in a few years also.

In the 1900s Salem Corners post office was opened in Mariposa, at the corner of the 6th concession road and the 5th sideroad. It was the last rural post office to be opened in the Lindsay district before the introduction of rural mail delivery, after 1910, closed most of the small country post offices.

Postal Stationery: The 1967 Issue

by Hans Reiche

Although we have mentioned many of these items before, no complete listing is available. This list is a summary of some of the findings but may not represent a complete list of all the varieties which were issued.

The fine and rough printings can be identified without difficulty; the fine printings are clean, lighter in shade and not

smudy, while the rough printings are not sharp and clean, darker in shade, and the lines and dots appear much larger than in the fine printing. No new die was used but the printing method was changed.

No 6c black post cards will be issued at the moment, because present supply of the orange post cards is sufficient for the rather low demand.

Envelopes

3c

- size 8 light purple fine print
- size 8 purple fine print
- size 8 purple rough print
- size 10 purple fine print
- size 10 purple rough print

4c

- size 8 red
- size 8 red with printing inside envelope
- size 8 red with printing inside envelope, double print
- size 10 red
- size 10 red with printing inside envelope

5c

- size 8 light blue fine print
- size 8 blue fine print
- size 8 blue with printing inside envelope, rough print
- size 10 blue fine print
- size 10 blue rough print
- size 10 light blue with inside printing, fine print
- size 10 blue with printing inside envelope, rough print
- size 8 no stamp on envelope but from a lot of 5c
- size 8 orange with printing inside envelope
- size 8 orange red with printing inside envelope
- size 10 orange with printing inside envelope

- size 10 orange with printing inside envelope
- size 8 revalued 4c rough printing with printing inside envelope
- size 10 revalued 4c fine printing with printing inside envelope
- size 8 revalued 5c rough printing with printing inside envelope
- size 10 revalued 5c fine printing with printing inside envelope
- size 8 black with printing inside envelope
- size 10 black with printing inside envelope

Post Cards

- 4c red
- 6c orange

Precancelled Envelopes

- 3c size 8 purple, fine printing
- size 10 purple, fine printing
- 5c size 8 light blue, fine printing
- size 10 light blue, fine printing
- size 8 revalued 3c, fine printing
- size 10 revalued 3c, fine printing

Precancelled Post Cards

- 3c white paper
- cream paper
- white paper reply card
- 5c white paper
- cream paper

MORE VANISHED CANCELS

There are two well-known cancellations—Rollers and RPOs—which are very similar in various ways, not in appearance but in method of use and past history. (As I personally know nothing about RPOs, I have tapped the expert knowledge of Mr. Gillam for the data on RPOs in this column.)

Both have been in use a very long time (Rollers 75 years, RPOs over 100 years); both were used to pinpoint something (Rollers to pinpoint the post office of origin, RPOs to pinpoint the railway route followed); both were issued in very large numbers, running into thousands; impressions of both were kept in the Ottawa proof book between 1908 and 1935, and lists of these have been made; in both cases—and here's the essence of the problem—*very large numbers are not known used* (Rollers over 1,000, RPOs about 100).

This, I think is a unique feature of these two types of cancellation. Compare, for example, with Duplex cancellations; the Duplex Handbook (2nd edition) records only 10 not known used out of about 250 recorded in the New York proof book between 1876 and 1896. Or, again, consider the 311 impressions of Squared Circles in the same proof book, of which Dr. Whitehead and his hundreds of followers have found only 310. (The solitary exception is a problem in itself. Why should the MONTREAL thin-bar Squared-Circle be a "vanished cancellation", apparently never used?)

How can we explain the hundreds of rollers and RPOs which have become "vanished cancels." There may have been several contributory causes:

Inadequate Search: This is certainly a factor for Rollers, the study of which is of very recent date. No one showed any interest in this before Hollingsworth's article was published in *Maple Leaves* in August 1964. And although the handbook has run into two editions, even now I cannot name a dozen collectors with worthwhile collections, or three dealers who regularly advertise Rollers for sale. But RPOs are a very different kettle of fish! Forty years ago Jarrett published a list covering 9½ pages in print; this was followed 15 years later by a list by Boggs of 16 pages. Shaw's handbook has been published in several editions and now covers over 50 pages, while Gillam's handbook summarizes 20 years of research into railway routes. With all this, and hundreds of collectors and dealers hunting for half a century, it seems impossible that large numbers of RPOs have avoided discovery. To paraphrase Lewis Carroll, "If collectors by the hundred searched for 50 years, do you suppose," the Walrus said, "that they would get it clear?" "I think so," said the Carpenter, "or t'would be mighty queer." If we agree with the



Carpenter, we must assume that the majority of vanished RPO cancellations no longer are to be found.

The instruments were never used. This, I think, is a negligible factor for Rollers, since post offices do not disappear overnight. But it might very occasionally have happened with RPOs that railway routes were abandoned or altered at short notice, and one could have been given up before its hammer was received from the supplier. But this could not have been frequent.

That strikes of many instruments have not survived. This, without doubt, has been an important factor, especially for Rollers. I reckon that the survival ratio of common material was somewhere between 1 in 100 to 1 in 1000. (This does not, of course, apply to rare material such as the Jubilee dollar-values.)

For Rollers, the survival ratio could easily have been smaller still—they were ignored by Jarrett and Boggs and everyone else for 70 years. And some of the missing Rollers must have been very seldom used, e.g. military camps of 1915, dead letter offices, tiny hamlets with a population under 100, etc.

But RPOs have not been subject to decades of neglect and although, owing to abandonment or change of routes, some RPOs may have had a short life, the disappearance of over 100 recorded in the Ottawa proof book between 1908 and 1935 remain a problem. Perhaps some of my readers can explain these "vanished cancels".

Errors. Rollers and RPOs share another problem which I must mention. Pritchard and Andrews were usually very careful in making official cancelling instruments—amongst 250 Duplex hammers I don't recall any errors, amongst 311 Squared Circles, just one (the misspelt BLEEKER STREET). But in Rollers and RPOs we found mistakes by the dozen! In Rollers names and numbers omitted, numbers inverted, names misspelt (e.g. MONTRAE, L, TORNOTO, WINNIREG, BRICKVILLE, etc.). The Roller handbook (2nd edition) records nearly 30 areas (see illustrations of some).

In RPOs Mr. Gillam has kindly supplied a long list of names misspelt e.g. CAMPLLETON, AMERST, LONODN, WINOSOR, EMONTON, TROIS RIVERS, etc., etc. Do some other official cancels show dozens of mistakes? Slogans? Flags? If not, why should Rollers and RPOs be singled out for this interesting feature?

(Sixth in a series)



Tagging Along

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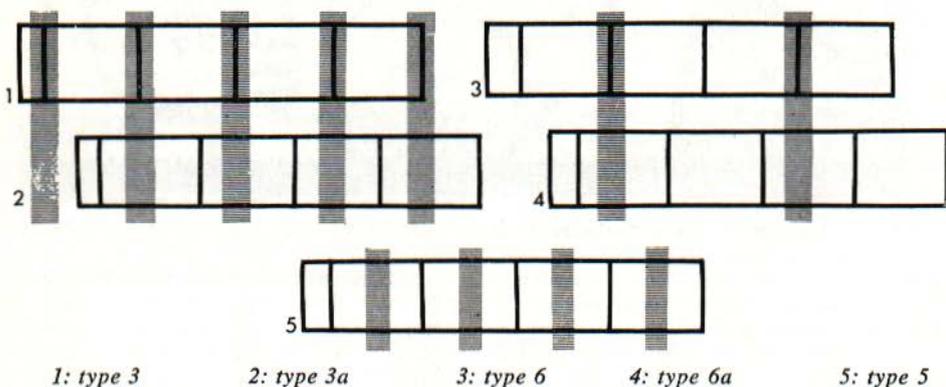
This chart shows how types 3a, 6a, and 5 appear to be exactly the same, yet they occurred from three distinctly different operations. As individual stamps they have a single wide bar all on one stamp, varying from 6 mm to 9 mm. Bear in mind that the phosphor application wheels—be there 5, 6 or 10 per pane—remain in a fixed position, and only the incorrect insertion of a sheet produces an error.

Figure 1 shows normal type 3 bars, while fig. 2 shows where the bars would be applied if the sheet was inserted half a stamp width to the right. The Type Chart lists this as 3a—an error. Fig. 3 shows a normal type 6 bar, while fig. 4 shows the same misplacement of the sheet, placing the bars on every alternate stamp instead of over every alternate row of perfs, resulting in type 6a. Fig. 5 shows normal

type 5 bars, which were used only on the 4c Cameo. No misplacements were ever reported on this stamp, but had the same error been made as on figs. 2 and 4, we would have had a type 5a, which would have shown up looking like a normal type 3. The same misplacement errors occurred on types 2, 8, 9 and 11, and no doubt will be reported eventually for type 13. However, these types are all applied to different

sized stamps, so the confusion over similar bars on the same size of stamp does not exist.

This chart illustrates the maximum paper shifts required to produce an error. Single bars occur all on one stamp in all possible locations. Any shift 5 mm or more (half the width of the bar) to the right or left will produce an error by placing the bar all on one stamp.



I have just completed the remounting of my reference collection of Tagged stamps, and even with reorganizing, and condensing, it amounts to some 113 pages. This does not include matched blank corners, First Day Covers, or sheets, which are all housed in separate albums. It does, however, contain quite a few pages without stamps, such as type charts, Perfin codes, correspondence, layout charts from Ottawa, and of course photos and verbiage on the Sefacon machines in Winnipeg. It is as complete as I can make it.

The response to my request for information on new reportings has been sparse, and of course anyone in possession of errors is most reluctant to part with them. However, there are a few additions to be made to the master list which appeared in the September *Topics*.

1. My master list did not list E86TE. This was not an actual omission, because it is of the same type as E86TB—type 6. It was the last of the five major experiments on the 4c Cameo, and is by far the most common. It differed from E86TB in that the bars measured only 8 mm, whereas E86TB bars measured 9 to 10 mm. It should have been included, and will be in the next master list.

2. Scotts 340P has been reported by Dr. Harley J. Hughes in mint condition with double impression.

3. Dr. Hughes also reported that he has seen a full sheet of Scott 405P, the Cameo 5c with type 3A bars. This belonged to Bileski, but I think we would be safe in assuming that it has now been broken up and sold as singles, blocks, etc.

4. Len Yashow reports, and has shown a damaged copy of, the Manitoba Centennial stamp with type 11A bar.

I received from Ottawa early in December a pair of mint current 3c with type 3A bars. This is not a new reporting, but prompts me to make a comment. Since the 1967 issue came out, I have had exactly 31 orders supplied from Ottawa, and in three of these, I have had errors. A full sheet of the current 5c with type 3A, a LR blank block of the current 5c with type 3A, and now the pair mentioned above. I for one am now sending an order to Ottawa every second day for "one of each" of all available tagged issues. They will love me at the Philatelic Section, but even though I may have been exceptionally lucky, I am enough of a gambler to hope that one out of 10 of my future orders will contain errors.



Rounding Up Squared Circles

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The final count of roster participants is about 170. A large percentage of roster forms are now returned. The remainder—about 30—are perhaps tied up in the Christmas season mail jam and will be received shortly. In any event copy for this column must be mailed before the roster closing date, but I expect that tabulations of roster totals can commence with next month's column.

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After a very extensive analysis of data available to me from a variety of sources, including counts of the top rarities obtained in the 1963 roster, a scale of rarity factors has been arrived at which fits the previously known counts from RF 250 down to about RF 80 and is also consistent with known quantities of some of the commoner towns. The middle region of rarity factors has always been nebulous, but has been fit to a reasonably smooth curve (for those who are interested, the correlation is rarity factor versus number of known copies on a log-log plot). The following tabulation shows the basis on which rarity factors will be assigned when all of the counts are totalled; rarity factor is given, and immediately following it, in parentheses, the number of copies corresponding to that rarity factor.

250 (1 copy); 225 (2 copies); 200 (3 copies); 175 (4 or 5 copies); 150 (6 or 7); 125 (8 to 10 copies); 100 (11 to 14 copies); 90 (15 to 18 copies); 80 (19 to 23 copies); 70 (24 to 30 copies); 60 (31 to 40 copies); 50 (41 to 53 copies); 45 (54 to 69 copies); 40 (70 to 89 copies); 35 (90 to 114 copies); 30 (115 to 149 copies); 25 (150 to 199 copies); 20 (200 to 299 copies); 15 (300 to 499 copies); 10 (500 to 999 copies); 7.5 (1000 to 1999 copies); 5 (2000 to 4499 copies); 2.5 (over 4500 copies).

This scheme, like any other which could

be devised, has its faults. For example, the total number of known copies may not be a good measure of the ease of obtaining a particular town, especially in the case of those which used a variety of time-marks and thus are sought in multiple examples by many collectors. But it does have the great advantage of letting the collector know about how many examples of a particular town are known. Almost any collector of Squared Circles could tell that RF 250 meant one known copy, but who among you could make a reasonable estimate of the number of copies corresponding to RF 40 and RF 70, and the relative scarcity of the two? From preliminary data, there will likely be few changes at either end of the RF scale, and in many cases, little change in the middle range. But there are quite some few towns in the middle RF range which are not relatively ranked in the proper order—as will become apparent when the tabulations are published.

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The matched group of ST. JOHN, N.B.—AM, MR, and PM/AU 13/97—which illustrates this month's column is from the collection of Dr. Warren Bosch. I had once mentioned that I thought 'MR' to be an error for 'PM', but Warren pointed out that it could equally well be an error for 'AM'. Of course, he is right. As a matter of fact, I think it is most probable that 'MR' is an error for 'AM', and not for 'PM'. The reason is that the lettering would show in mirror image on the indicia slugs, and 'MR' would thus show a two-legged character (the reversed 'R') preceding the 'M' (which

would read correctly). It is not difficult to imagine this to look like 'AM', especially if the indicia slug were dirty. And if the clerk was in a hurry, he might put this slug in the hammer for 'AM' without stopping to think that the proper slug should read 'MA' (the reversed form of 'AM'). Although earlier tabulations of known time marks for this town had indicated several days for which three different time marks were reported, this is the first case I know of where all three have been brought together in the same collection.

Emerson A. Clark reports a new late date for THREE RIVERS: AU 28/02 and a new early date for VICTORIA II: PM/MY 8/95.

J. A. Grant reports a new early date for SOURIS & W'PEG II: SP 24/96; he also reports a new example of WINNIPEG IV used during the Small Queens era, 4/JU 12/95. This example falls in the same two-week period of 1895 as the other four or five known examples of early use.

Roger B. Greer reports a new late date for NEWPORT LANDING: JU 14/15.



Perfin Study Group

R. J. Woolley, secretary, 1520 Bathurst Street, Toronto

TP & T

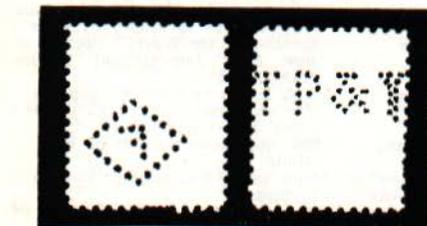
He also reports new information on the owner of the perforating machine of which the design is also shown. Jack found a copy of this with a nice town dated cancel, WINNIPEG - CANADA, JUL. 20 - 6:30 P.M. 1904. This design is in the handbook as our T5 with no identification as to the user.

With this information as a starting point, Jack was able to get an assist from Don Fraser of Winnipeg, who spent many hours researching in the Winnipeg Public Library, referring particularly to the Henderson Directories from 1890 to 1900.

As a result of his enquiries we can now conclude that the design was used from the office of Tupper, Phippen and Tupper, Barristers, Attorneys, etc. who were at that time in the Manitoba Trust Building on Main Street.

Although this firm was in business for some time prior to 1900 under a slightly different name and continued after 1906 with additional partners we can conclude that the machine was in use between 1900 and 1906.

The few copies reported have been on the 2c King Edward VII issue.



Thanks are extended for the material in this month's column to Jack Benningen of Calgary. Jack and his wife Renee were ardent workers on the Calgary conference committee and Jack has previously reported items for this column which I have been pleased to report. Apparently he was lucky enough to acquire a big accumulation of Perfins of west coast origin and the item here reported the third new design which he has found in the lot.

This new one is on a 2c green Admiral (1922, Scott 107). Unfortunately it has a wavy line-cancel so there is no indication as to where it was used. As with so many of the recently reported new designs, this one, a single letter "F" enclosed in a triangle is listed in the American Perfins Club catalogue and is illustrated above.

ADDITIONS TO THE HANDBOOK

No.	Description	User	Issue	RF
F4	(F) Triangle En (4) 11½ x 12½	E. L. Faber Pencil Co. Brooklyn, N.Y.	1903	100
T5	TP & T	Tupper, Phippen & Tupper Winnipe, Man.		

TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

Some upcoming conventions -- and that new booklet

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada is planning to hold an international stamp exhibition in Toronto early in the summer of 1978. As part of the show, but administered and judged separately, it plans to hold the first international postal history exhibition. Vincent Greene will act as chairman; Greene, a Fellow of both the RPS of Canada and of London, and a signer of the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, is a holder of the Lichtenstein Award for 1964. More details will be announced as they become available. Kenneth Rowe of apartment 403, 90 Warren Road, Toronto, is the one to contact.

And speaking of postal history, Stan Shantz of London, Ontario, advises that the London Philatelic Society plans a seminar there this fall for Ontario postal history collectors. Morning and afternoon sessions are planned; subjects will likely include sources of material and information, a system for evaluating available material, and methods of making information available. We'll keep you informed of developments; meanwhile if you have any ideas or can offer assistance, contact Stan at 763 Green Lane, London 74, Ontario.

Above is a photo of the new booklet pane now being sold from vending machines; it's printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co. for Opal Manufacturing of Toronto, contains four 25c and 3c stamps (Scott 455 and 456) and sells for 25c. The colors are green and purple, the green more yellowish and the purple paler than the regular stamps, and are sold in locations other than post offices — so far, in the Toronto area only. The promoter expects to sell advertising on the back of the cardboard cover. At 25c for 20c worth of stamps, in denominations so low that two or three stamps are needed to mail one letter, it's difficult to see how these panes will ever be popular — except to collectors. Some Toronto dealers were selling them for as high as 40c.

Post Office Department **NEW ISSUES**

Date	Subject
12 February	100th anniversary: birth of Emily Carr
3 March	50th anniversary: discovery of insulin
24 March	100th anniversary: birth of Sir Ernest Rutherford
14 April	Maple leaf in four seasons: spring
7 May	100th anniversary: death of Louis Joseph Papineau
7 May	200th anniversary: Samuel Hearne's expedition to the Coppermine River
1 June	centennial of national census taking
1 June	"100 Years of Measured Progress": "Speaking to the World": opening of new CBC International Service transmitters
16 June	Maple leaf in four seasons: summer
20 July	100th anniversary: British Columbia's entry into confederation
18 August	100th anniversary: death of Paul Kane
15 September	Maple leaf in four seasons: autumn
6 October	Christmas
20 October	50th anniversary, year of birth of Pierre Laporte
12 November	Maple leaf in four seasons: winter



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Notes from the Librarian

MICHAEL SQUIRELL
Lively, Ontario

At the annual general meeting at Easton last fall, I mentioned my confidence in our receiving special postal rates for books. On October 14 I received a letter from the public relations officer for the North Bay postal district:

"Thank you for letter of the 16 September, and please accept my apologies for not replying sooner.

"Unfortunately, it will not be possible to extend the special library mailing privileges to your association.

In your September 16 communication, you stated that the library is operated for the sole benefit of the members of the British North America Philatelic Society. Our regulations do not permit the granting of the special privileges to libraries whose circulation does not extend outside the membership of a particular organization or association.

"I sincerely regret that my reply cannot be more favourable."

Perhaps members will be interested in the regulations under which I applied for special postage rates for mailing books:

Recognised public libraries, University libraries or other organizations or associations not organized for profit, desiring to take advantage of the reduced rate, are required to make application in advance to their local Postmaster who will obtain the authorization from the District Director Postal Service, if applicable.

Has anyone tried to borrow a reference book from a university, who is not a student or a member of the faculty?

The library has approximately 350 issues of the *American Philatelist* for sale between 1887 and 1945; any members interested in these journals should contact me.

At the time that this report is being written the library does not yet have the files from the past librarian, and I would be grateful if members would be patient on this point. When the files are received back requests will be dispatched as soon as possible. In the meantime keep sending those requests for the handbooks and other publications to me.

A note to American members: when remitting postage cost to librarian please do not send by cheque; stamps, money order or cash are sufficient.

From time to time, to complete material in the library, I will request members to send me articles on certain subjects for copying and return; the library will cover postage both ways. Here's one such request right now: articles concerning the use of x-ray, ultra-violet and black light in philately.

Recent donations to the library (all but the last item come from A. P. Cook):

1957 Gibbons Catalogue (part one)

2 copies Revenue Stamps of Canada and the Provinces.

1 copy Billig's Vol. 7 Canada — Constant Plate Varieties.

9 various auction catalogues.

2 copies Stamp Collecting Weekly (Canada issue).

1 copy Catalogue of Canada Precancels.

7 issues of BNA Topics.

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A. G. Anderson

The Observer's Book of Postage Stamps

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ROBERT BOUDIGNON

**BNAPS new co-circulation manager
is another active member from Lively**

*Robert F.
Boudignon
No. 6242*

A year ago Russ McNeil asked to semi-retire one of these days, so who finds us a co-circulation manager, living close by, but our librarian Mike Squirell. This newcomer to BNAPS, Robert F. Boudignon, lives in Copper Cliff, Ontario and said "yes" without a moment's hesitation. He is well qualified, having been with International Nickle in the accounting department for over 20 years, preceded by a period spent in the advertising field.

Although born in France, Bob has been a citizen for many years. He is married and has a family of five (included are twins), plus two grandchildren, but none are stamp collectors. He is an avid coin collector and has been active in his local

club. He's also a collector of other things: Canadiana, keys, and railroad tie-nails (we'd like to know more about that one!). Then there's canoeing in the summer with the boys and a lot of curling in the winter. His latest project is a study of the history of regional Ontario; right now he's examining the lower French River area.

Bob's stamp collecting started with his share of his mother's childhood European collection, split between he and his brother, who still has his. After six years in the Canadian Army (two years spent overseas), Bob reactivated his interest in his world-wide collection, and his Canada collection consisting of "a bit of everything" from Stampless to Semi-Postal Air Mails to Toronto Street cancels.

We are fortunate that Bob and Mike live so close together as their jobs overlap and they can help each other.

—Dr. R. V. C. Carr

...and some doodles by The Editor

Next month we begin the first in the series of reprints, likely one on the early Canadian coils. Also on tap is a series by a new member, William Walton of Staten Island, dealing with the election stationery of Canada. And we can expect some particularly interesting Squared Circle columns from Dr. William Moffatt, who is now in the final stages of compiling the results of his latest roster. Jim Sissons is now at work writing his series of articles on misconceptions in BNA philately, and we hope to carry the first of these this spring.

On New Year's day I began a task that I figured would take one, or maybe two, weekends; now, after a month, I'm about halfway through repanelling, retiling, redoor-framing, re ceiling-ing, rewiring and repainting my study in this creaky old abode in downtown Toronto, the kind the real estate agent euphemistically called a "town house". Everything is under sawdust and bits of plaster but through it all I've managed to get this issue out. But what I'm *not* able to do is keep up my correspondence, which, indeed, is the point in relating all this. Please bear with me . . .

MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

Topics' index should be independent

On preparing my copies of 1969 *Topics* for binding I find that the index included in the August 1970 *Topics* is numbered in continuity with the ordinary pages of the magazine, and also page 216 containing ordinary article material is on the back of the last page of the index.

Removing this will, of course, spoil this August issue and I wonder therefore if a reprinting of the index in its usual manner—detachable without damaging the issue—may be done.

—Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth, FCPS.

A good point, and one that has been mentioned to me before. This year the index will either be a separate supplement or be bound, unnumbered and with no article attached, at the center of the magazine. I'm also looking into the possibility of running a 10-year supplement instead, covering the last decade.—the editor.

But we rote 'Stationery' rite in THIS issue

Re *Topics*, December 1970 issue, page 321:

Horrors! Since when has "demonitize" replaced "demonetize"? It looks like somebody was having a bad spell!

—Dr. S. V. Soanes

At least we're consistent; see page 37 of the January issue. By "we" I include my wife (who reads the proofs), E. A. Smythies (who spelt the word incorrectly in his original copy, as it turns out), and myself (one who still finds the difference between "where" and "were" a complete mystery).—the editor.

Revalued envelopes explained

Re the 6c revalue mentioned in the December *Letters* column:

A batch of envelopes or post cards have a protective paper consisting of cardboard, like the post cards. This protective paper is run through the printing press that does the revaluing.

So what you have is a plain piece of paper the size of a No. 8 or 10 envelope, or the size of a regular post card; that's the explanation. The color of this paper varies from buff to blue or white.

(sender's signature illegible)

Peculiar perforations



Attached is a photo of a perf variety on the 5c 1966 Christmas stamp. Mr. Bileski of Winnipeg examined it and suggests that at least one sheet of 400 was perfed like this, leaving at least 399 others somewhere. He has seen only the one copy. Perhaps some other members have some, mint or used, in their possession; I would be pleased to hear from them.

—Mark England

Postage Dues — and some new varieties discovered

I have to apologize for the incorrect information I passed on re the second printing of the red Postage Due stamps. I sent to Ottawa requesting second-printing copies and a prepackaged set. I only received the second printing 19 x 16 mm in the 1c, 8c and 12c in both lots. I wrote to Mr. Muller at the Philatelic Branch who gave me the second-printing dates:

8c and 12c	January 1969
5c	February 1969
4c and 10c	April 1969
1c	December 1970

MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

(continued from page 79)

He commented that there would probably be no second printings of the 2c, 3c or 6c as stocks are plentiful.

The collector I got my information from, who claimed all denominations he received from Ottawa were the second printing, is no amateur and I find it difficult to believe he would make such an error; at any rate he is bringing his set to show us. I'm truly sorry I gave out the wrong information on this.

Here are some further varieties:

The top right 15c Christmas stamp (No. 5 on the sheet) has a yellow blob on the top margin above the right tree. This only occurs on one pane out of four; we believe there are 200 stamps to a sheet and 50 to a pane (5 stamps across, 10 down). So find this yellow blob on the top-right stamp on a sheet and corner plate block, or, on a tagged top-right corner block, it's the top corner stamp.

Another variety: the lower-right stamp in the center block of the 5c Christmas stamp has a dot between the "M" and "A" of "Christmas".

— Stuart A. Clark

Some new Revenues

Gordon Waldie of Toronto sent in a clipping from the *Toronto Telegram* from late December, 1970. The CP story told of the Department of National Revenue's announcement that it would revamp the excise tobacco stamp system to make the stamps more informative for consumers and easier for producers to use. The new stamps will be in denominations of ounces instead of fractions of a pound; the range will go from one ounce to five pounds. Cigar stamps, meanwhile, will be issued in denominations

of 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, 25, 30, 50 and 100. The shapes of the tobacco stamps will be reduced to three; previously the stamps were available in a large number of forms because of the variety of package shapes on which the stamps were applied. The new revenue stamps went on sale January 1.

No International Reply Coupons from Newfie?



In the last paragraph of the Newfoundland article in the November *Topics* Brien Damien states, "There is no evidence of the use of International Reply Coupons . . ."

Enclosed are two examples of these — one each of the Imperial and International types.

— E. H. Hiscock

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