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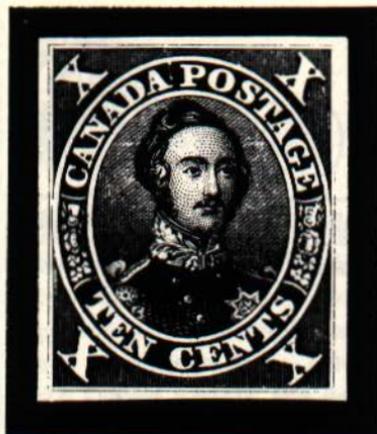
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By HENRY G. SAXTON

That 10c Albert of 1859

"He is extremely handsome," said a young English princess in a letter to her uncle in 1836.

The princess became Queen Victoria in 1837 and reigned for 63 years. The "extremely handsome" Albert and the Queen were married in 1840; at that time they were both around 21 years of age. Albert, afterwards named as Prince Consort, died at the early age of 42. There were nine children of the marriage, the second child and eldest son being Edward VII.

Albert had a rough row to hoe; although he was a cousin of Victoria, he was labelled by some sections of Britain as a foreigner, being of German descent. However, he was well-educated, a thinker, and a man with ideas. By his prudence and tact, he made his contribution to England and the times.

Albert had a part in the country's progress, in the technical improvements of the age, and probably because of his own family, the promotion of reforms in schools and universities and education generally. He likely had a great influence, through the Queen, in political matters. One incident stands out which occurred just before his death in 1861: The American Civil War was on and a vessel of the Northern navy, improperly intercepted a British steamer and arrested two Southern envoys. And it was Albert who secured the alteration of a prepared peremptory note to the Lincoln government, which had been drawn up by Foreign Secretary Russell of Great Britain. By this act he possibly averted an incident which might have been serious.

It was only after his death that Albert's life and work were appreciated. Many monuments were erected, but perhaps the best is the name by which he is known, Albert the Good.

Change of currency

Sterling had been used as currency in the Province of Canada, but an act in June 1853 it was made legal that dollars, cents and mills could be used in money transactions, as well as pounds, shillings and pence. This was not very workable and in May of 1859 there was a bill passed, the Decimal Postage Law, changing postage from pence to cents. I will not go into the various rates for newspapers, exchange papers to editors, dead letter rates, etc., except to say that for letters prepaid within the Province, the rate was 5 cents per ½ oz.; outside to the U.S. 10 cents, with 15 cents for the Pacific states.

C. A. Howes

The stamps were printed, (C. A. Howes tells us in his excellent work) in sheets of 100 — 10 rows of 10 and "The entire series comes regularly perforated 12." (We will have something more to say about that 12

perforation later on.) There were some stamps issued imperforate and authentically postally-used in the 1859 series, including, says a Mr. Pack, the 10c Albert, as he had a used copy in his collection. Howes mentions three papers — ordinary wove, thick hard wove and ribbed but as his work was published in 1910, there are no doubt other students of philately who have extended the variations of paper beyond the three he mentions.

The 1859 issue

When we speak of the 1859 issue we refer generally to the first "cents" values of that year, the 1, 5, 10, 12½ and 17 cents. While the 6d brown-violet has a date of 1859 it was printed prior to July 1859, which is the first date of the regular 1859 issue.

Senator Calder

Senator Calder's work, *Some Phases of the Canada '59 Issue*, is a must for the serious student of that issue; but for those who might not have access to it, I will give a brief description. The book was reprinted from *The London Philatelist* and was part of a paper read at a meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society in May 1939. It has 53 pages, including tables and appendices. The plan of the book was to deal "only with two of the many problems that have arisen during a rather long study of this issue":

- (1) The number of plates used for each value.
- (2) Classification of the printings of the 10c, 12½c and the 17c stamps.

In dealing with the plate problem, only a cursory reference is made to the facts established regarding the 10c, 12½c, 17c and the 2c (1864); but there is a very full discussion regarding the plates used for the 1c and the 5c values.

As a matter of fact, there are 40 pages devoted mainly to the 5c Beaver, with such detail, that anyone really making a serious study of that stamp should own the book. There are elaborate tables dealing with flaws, scratches, dashes, dots, breaks, gouges, strokes and re-entries.

The above is just by way of introduction to the book. This article tries to deal with the 10c stamp only, but it will be seen that the remaining 10 pages of Calder's work has to deal with the three higher values, so that there is relatively little information given on the 10c Albert.

The 10c Albert

Probably the first real study of the stamp (excepting C. A. Howes) was made, and the results shown at the New York Exhibition, in 1926. While the classifications in that study were in no way complete, owing to the scarcity of material available for examination and comparison, the general effect of the showing was to stimulate an interest among certain collectors. They borrowed the exhibit and set to work to further borrow dated copies and covers from those who had them. Lichtenstein, Reford, Judge Emerson, Day, Lees-Jones and Brigadier Studd all loaned their material, with others, so that they had (and I am now speaking of the 10 cent only), some 569 examples of dated material alone. I do not doubt there were many more singles. What an opportunity!

To go back to the elementals of stamp collecting and classification, if we want to catalogue or "place" a stamp, we can generally do so, with many thousands, using just three factors: design, color, and perforation, and we can then "place" the stamp, sufficient for most of the ordinary material.

With our friend, the 10c 1859, it is different because, *every copy one gets or sees, seems to be a different color or shade from the one seen previously.*

Eliminating design, it leaves us with color and perf to which we can add some other factors, which would give us some headings, as follows: perforation; orders placed and printings made; examination of dated material; shades; paper and varieties.

Perforation

I place perfs first. The late Dr. L. L. Reford is given credit for a most important finding: He stated that there were three perfs of this stamp, and incidentally this applies to the 12½ and 17 cents as well. These perf. combinations were:

11¾x11¾ 12x11¾ 12x12

All copies should first be given this test.

To the novice, do not be too alarmed about the quarter-perf; while one can purchase gauges showing quarters, the three-quarters mentioned above is not a scientifically measured gauge, but is roughly between the 11½ and 12, so that an ordinary gauge will identify the in-between perf. I use the Instanta gauge which measures up to tenths and which I have found very satisfactory.

Three group perfs

It has been pretty well accepted up to now that the above three perf combinations were used in the date-order the stamp was printed. There were very many different printings over a period of 8½ years; but by perforation, these printings have been divided into three groups of dates as noted hereunder. I have a suggestion on this matter of perforation, but in order not to confuse the ordinary collector, I will leave it until later.

The stamp is shown in Scott as number 16 and 17 and it may therefore be taken that the dearer stamp, no. 16, has to be perf 11¾x11¾. This remark would also apply to Gibbons no. 33—described in both catalogues as black-brown. This matter of perfs, I repeat, is a most important finding and gives us our start. Although it will be seen that the so-called black-brown is not by far the only shade with this perf combination we do know that the higher priced stamp has to be that combination.

Order of perforations as related to dates of printing

Group 1 — 11¾x11¾ from March 16, 1859, to May 31, 1862
Group 2 — 12 x11¾ from Sept. 2, 1862, to July 9, 1864
Group 3 — 12 x12 from Nov. 28, 1864 to August 21, 1867

Orders placed and printings made

Here is another important consideration which I feel has been overlooked by many collectors. *Orders placed is not to be confused with printings made.* According to Calder, and there is no doubt that he is right, as he and his colleagues took a lot of trouble to obtain the information at Ottawa, there were 26 orders placed for this stamp but *there were some 53 printings made.* Many, in fact most, of the writers and contributors to magazines, loosely refer to 26 *printings*. Some say 27, because they found two shades of the black-brown. The facts are that the printers being busy, or for other reasons, did not run off a whole order at the same time, with the same batch of ink; there is definite and conclusive evidence of anything from one to four printings being made for the *one order*. Many collectors have been confused, because, after allow-

ing for fading, etc., they have not been able to place a shade within the so-called 26 shades and have found a maverick. So remember, that while there were 26 orders given to the printers, Calder's findings showed 53 printings, with definite differences in shades, say, where two, three or four printings were made for the same order; although a later shade on another order could be almost, if not exactly, the same shade as a previous order or printing.

I show three tables which are copied from Appendix G of the Calder book and which I have labelled 1, 2 and 3; to summarize, we get the following facts:

- A — Number of Order
- B — Date of Order
- C — Quantity ordered in thousands
- D — Time between orders in days
- E — Printings
- F — Total dated available
- G — Earliest date available

The 53 printings from 1859 to 1867

There were 26 orders with 52 printings during the period from March 1859 to December 1867, as follows:

Perfs.	Order Nos.	Order Dates	Qty. Ordered	Orders	Printings
11¾x11¾	1 to 9	March 59-May 62	1,500,000	9	17
12 x11¾	10 to 17	Sep. 62-July 64	1,500,000	8	13
12 x12	18 to 26	Nov. 64-Aug. 67	2,700,000	9	23
			5,700,000	26	53

GROUP 1. PERF. 11¾x11¾

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Mar. 16 59	100		1-a, 1-b	9	July 1 59
2	July 12 59	100	118	2-a 2-b	11 28	Oct. 5 59 Nov. 14 59
3	Nov. 9 59	100	120	3-a	32	Jan. 23 60
4	Feb. 10 60	200	93	4-a 4-b	24 9	June 60 June 15 60
5	Sep. 29 60	200	232	5-a 5-b	22 20	Jan. 22 61 Jan. 30 61
6	Mar. 6 61	200	158	6-a	17	June 20 61
7	Aug. 16 61	200	163	7-a 7-b 7-c	16 2 15	Jan. 2 62 Feb. 13 62 Jan. 6 62
8	Jan. 23 62	200	160	8-a 8-b	13 11	May 8 62 June 23 62
9	May 31 62	200	128	9-a 9-b	15 11	Aug. 5 62 Jan. 23 62
TOTALS		1500		17	255	

GROUP 2. PERF. 12x11¾

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
10	Sep. 2 62	100	94	10-a	15	Mar. 27 63
11	Dec. 17 62	200	106	11-a 11-b	8 7	Apr. 14 63 July 16 63
12	Feb. 27 63	200	72	12-a 12-b	13 7	June 23 63 Sep. 15 63
13	Sep. 14 63	100	199	13-a	13	Jan. 5 64
14	Nov. 21 63	200	68	14-a 14-b	16 7	Mar. 15 64 Mar. 22 64
15	Mar. 1 64	200	101	15-a 15-b	8 7	June 15 64 Aug. 22 64
16	May 6 64	300	66	16-a 16-b	8 9	Aug. 30 64 Aug. 15 64
17	July 9 64	200	64	17-a	6	Jan. 30 65
TOTALS		1500		13	124	

GROUP 3. PERF. 12x12

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
18	Nov. 28 64	200	142	18-a 18-b 18-c	15 7 9	Apr. 12 65 June 16 65 June 65
19	Jan. 28 65	200	61	19-a 19-b	10 12	May 16 65 May 29 65
20	Apr. 22 65	300	84	20-a 20-b 20-c	2 7 8	Sep. 65 Nov. 65 Jan. 8 66
21	Sep. 25 65	300	156	21-a 21-b 21-c	10 10 5	Feb. 13 66 Jan. 13 66 Apr. 2 66
22	Apr. 24 66	300	211	22-a 22-b	4 1	July 2 66 Sep. 66
23	July 27 66	400	94	23-a 23-b 23-c 23-d	15 18 7 12	Oct. 25 66 Jan. 5 67 Jan. 23 67 Feb. 2 67
24	Dec. 11 66	500	137	24-a 24-b	11 9	Apr. 3 67 Apr. 26 67
25	Feb. 22 67	100	73	25-a	4	Aug. 28 67
26	Aug. 21 67	400	180	26-a 26-b 26-c	6 5 9	Nov. 11 67 Nov. 18 67 Dec. 25 67
TOTALS		2700		23	190	

It might here be noted that out of the total of 5,700,000, there were some 60,000 odd remainders, leaving a net issue of 5,639,150.

At the risk of over-simplification, it will be understood, that while the first order was placed in March 1859, it would be some

time after that date before any stamps were delivered to Ottawa, and some time later before the larger post offices got them and put them into circulation, and later still for the smaller post offices.

To be continued

TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

Post Office Department
NEW ISSUES

The Blacksmith's Shop, a painting by Cornelius Krieghoff, is featured on a forthcoming Canadian stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the artist's death. The 8c stamp will be issued November 29, 1972.

The stamp measures 40mm by 32mm in



and the two previous Indian stamps issued on July 6. The design illustrates a thunderbird of Plains Cree origin, in conjunction with decorative detail of Assiniboine origin. This stamp is being printed in one-color gravure and two-color steel.

Both stamps measure 24x40mm. They are printed together, checkerboard fashion, on one sheet; a total of 28 million are being printed by British American Bank Note Company. Marginal inscriptions including the designers' names will appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps available from the philatelic service. Quantities are being Ottawa tagged but without marginal inscriptions.

For the ninth consecutive year Canada Post is issuing special Christmas stamps. This year's issues, comprising four stamps in 6c, 8c, 10c and 15c denominations, will go on sale November 1.

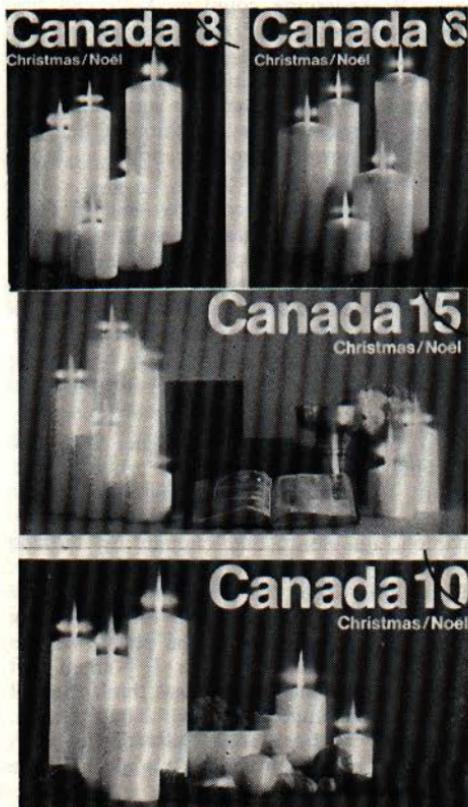
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a horizontal format; 28 million are being printed in four color lithography by British American Bank Note of Ottawa. Marginal inscriptions including the artist's name appear on the four corners of each pane of 50 stamps available from the philatelic service. Quantities of the stamps are being Ottawa tagged but these bear no marginal inscriptions.

The Canada Post Office issued the next two stamps of its Canadian Indians series on October 4, 1972. The 8¢ stamps complete the Plains Indians set with depictions of their ceremonial dress and graphic symbolism.

The ceremonial dress stamp is from a painting by Gerald Tailfeathers of Cardston, Alberta, an Indian of the Blood Band of the Blackfoot Nation. His design illustrates a traditional costume which a Plains Indian might wear during the sun dance. The stamp is being printed in three-color gravure and one-color steel.

The second stamp, representing graphic symbolism, was designed by Georges Beau-pré of Montreal who also did the layout and typography for both of these stamps



"The story was that Pinedo brushed aside the stamps, saying that they were of no interest to him . . ."

The frustrations of flying and stamp designing

However I have a much more personal memory of Cotton. One frosty morning in January, 1922, a friendly rival in the newspaper field came to tell me that if we could hurry down to Kitty Vitty, Cotton would take us up for a flight over St. John's. (Let me say at this point that I last told this story two years ago when my newspaper friend, then Premier of Newfoundland, was in the audience).

Nothing at the time of my story was more improbable than this was the man destined to lead us into union with Canada and terminate the career of Newfoundland as a stamp-issuing country. Let's call him Joey for short. And now, to get on with the story, we came to the frozen lake where Cotton had his Martynside plane, equipped with skis, and he agreed to take us up. It was a flimsy machine with a plywood framework covered with a fabric known as "doped linen".

It had two open cockpits, one in front for the passengers and one in the rear for the pilot, and they contained no such refinements as safety belts. You sat in them with head and shoulders above the level of the cockpit, protected only by a wind-screen. When you climbed aboard you had to be careful not to put your foot through the wing.

At one stage we were flying over the harbour at about 2,000 feet when I suddenly found myself lurching out of the plane. I looked around to find my companion, unable to see enough by looking over the side, had climbed on the seat. Everything from his knees up was above the level of the cockpit and the only thing that was keeping him in the plane was his grip on my shoulder. As I pointed out when I told the story, just think how I could have changed history if I had pushed. Philatelic history would also have been changed for Newfoundland might still be issuing its own postage stamps.

Now I have been asked to say something about my association with the Pinedo over-printed stamps. As most of you know, he was an Italian marquis who touched down at Trepassy on the last leg but one of a five-continent flight. This was too good a chance for the stamp speculators in the post office to miss. One morning late in May the deputy minister of Posts invited me to come and see the special issue of stamps prepared for a mail which Pinedo had reluctantly—he was superstitious on the subject—consented to carry to Italy.

The post office people were delighted with the thought that they had found a happy association with Italy in the stamp they had chosen to be overprinted. This bore the portrait of King Henry VII who had granted to Cabot, an Italian, a charter that led to the discovery of Newfoundland.

That was the story they wanted me to write. Then I asked if I could see the stamps and the three virgin sheets were placed before me. I asked if I could buy some, little realizing that I was holding the future equivalent of a million dollars in my hands. How many did I want?

The stamps were 60 cents each and I had only a five dollar bill with me so I was modest in my request. Oh, I said, I think eight will do. There was a brief private colloquy and then the Deputy Minister nodded. You can have eight, he said.

I notice that Cyril Harmer in his breakdown of the distribution of the Pinedos credits me with only four. That was the block I kept for a short time and then sold through him. The other four were used to frank letters, three of which came back to me on their covers.

I doubt, however, if I realized the nature of the coup I had brought off and was naive enough to be astonished when I sold my block of four for a net return of \$500. I believe the last time it changed hands it fetched \$50,000 but that, I suppose, is the luck of the game.

One interesting tale about the Pinedos relates to the 20 stamps that were set aside for presentation to the airman. They were sent by courier to Trepassey where Pinedo was living in a railway car. With him was a Portuguese fishing captain who was an agent in St. John's for the purchase of salt cod and was serving as Pinedo's interpreter.

The story was that Pinedo brushed aside the stamps, saying that they were of no interest to him and telling the interpreter that he could have them if he wished. But he was not interested either. The courier was then supposed to have brought the stamps back to St. John's and divided them up with some friends. That may be wholly apocryphal but it was widely reported in St. John's at the time. The irony of it is that soon afterwards the Portuguese fish merchant found himself in financial trouble from which possession of the stamps would have rescued him.

Just as footnote, there is another sad little story. The day after I bought my stamps I was having lunch with my father-in-law who was then Minister of Finance. He professed to be contemptuous of anything to do with stamps and when I suggested that the Pinedos might have some value in the future, he repudiated the notion. Then he took from his pocket an envelope containing two complimentary stamps that he had received and, to my horror, thrust them into his trousers pocket. He never saw them again. I expect they were taken to the cleaners and by the cleaners or else were gummed inseparably to the lining of the pocket of a pair of trousers.

Finally I must tell the story of my own brief venture into stamp design. It was in 1930 and the Minister of Posts had asked me if I could suggest some designs for a permanent air mail set of three stamps. I took the request as a challenge, decided that the stamps should reflect the contrast of the old and new in the carriage of mails in Newfoundland and that one should commemorate our part in trans-Atlantic aviation.

The proof that I am no artist is to be found in my original sketches which have

been on display in the exhibition in the Art Gallery at the Arts and Culture Centre for the past few days. I refused a fee but asked to have the original drawings returned to me and this was duly done. When pressure of other affairs and a sense of frustration that I could add little that I could afford to my collection caused me to sell it, I included these drawings when I sent it to Harmer's for sale.

Much to my surprise, they fetched about fifty dollars. That was nearly 40 years ago. Not too long, Cyril Harmer wrote to tell me that my drawings had again come to him for sale and this time had fetched \$2,250.

That worked out at about \$750 a square inch which puts me in the front rank with the old masters. I may add that I shall be quite happy to accept new commissions at a much reduced rate. I admit that I looked at these drawings and the Pinedos with a certain amount of longing and regret when I visited the exhibition but I have at least two consolations — once I possessed some very great philatelic rarities and now I have seen my work hung in the university art gallery. These are achievements of a kind.

I could not help wondering whether some of you who specialize in the stamps and postal paper of British North America may yourselves be feeling a growing sense of frustration as time goes on since, other than acquiring prized pieces from one another, you are left with the feeling that there are no new worlds to conquer.

The likelihood of new material being found must have long since ended and even if some of you may meet the test of membership in the fictitious New York Philatelic Society and are 20 times a millionaire, there may be little more you can add to your collections. But you have had the thrill and satisfactions of the hunt in what has been, I think, the most interesting of all philatelic areas with Newfoundland holding pride of place. You can enjoy at will examining your cherished specimens and sharing them with others as you have done with your marvellous exhibition in St. John's. These are things that can give you continuing satisfaction.

The foregoing is the conclusion of a speech given at the BNAPS annual banquet on September 9 in St. John's, Newfoundland, by Albert Perlin. As well as having witnessed early flights and designing stamps, he was for years the editor of the morning daily, THE NEWS.

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minutes of the

24th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, SEPTEMBER 9, 1972

Minutes of the 24th Annual Meeting of the British North America Philatelic Society held on Saturday, September 9, 1972, at St. John's, Newfoundland

The meeting was officially opened and called to order by the President, Sam Nickle, at 10 a.m.

On motion by W. C. Rockett, seconded by J. Pike, the meeting dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting as published in BNA Topics of November 1971.

President Nickle welcomed all to the convention and, for himself and on behalf of all present, expressed the thanks and appreciation of all to Bob Pratt for an excellent convention. President Nickle thanked all officers for their fine performance of their duties.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is my extreme pleasure to be here with you at this our 24th annual meeting and convention and on the 29th anniversary of the Society.

As is the normal and usual for 24 years of reports to an annual meeting as Secretary of the Society, this one again will show an increase in our total membership numbers but, this year, the increase is the largest in any one year of my 24 years of reports.

The Secretary's report to the annual meeting last year noted a total membership of 1,143 as of September 15, 1971, and published in BNA Topics for October 1971. This year, our total membership as will be published in BNA Topics for October 1972 will show a total membership of 1227 — an increase of 84, which is more than double the increase of last year's 41 and almost three times that of the year before last; incredible, yet a fact. Let me offer here a comparative analysis between this year and last year to establish how this record break-

ing and certainly most gratifying increase was realized.

	1972	1971
New members enrolled	159	120
Replaced on rolls	8	2
Increase Total	167	122
Dropped from rolls	42	31
Resignations	24	31
Deceased	17	19
Decrease Total	83	81
Net Increase	84	41

Reviewing the analysis we note 45 more this year than last in the increase totals of new members enrolled and replaced — 167 compared to 122; also, only 2 more than last year in the decrease totals — 83 vs. 81. You may be aware that a large number of the new enrollments was due to the efforts and favor of one member but, we noted in tabulating membership enrollment to learn

the winner of the President's Certificate, that 44 members participated in the reported new enrollments compared to 40 the previous year. We should not and must not ever be completely satisfied with participation in new member recruiting but we can be pleased when more members do participate. We trust and expect that our pattern of continued increase in enrollments and participation will always be the usual.

Each year the "President's Certificate" is awarded to the member who proposed the most members during the year. The Secretary tabulated the new members proposed from January 1, 1971 to December 1, 1971, and the member who proposed the most new members was: Glenn F. Hansen

Each year a winner is voted to receive the V. G. Greene Award—a silver cup awarded to the author or authors of the best original article, series of articles, column or series of columns which was originally published in BNA Topics. To select a winner, the elected officers, members of the Board of Governors and the donor of the award are canvassed by the Secretary for their three selections in order of their considered merit. Points are awarded on a 3 for 1st; 2 for 2nd; and 1 for 3rd basis and the selections so receiving the most points is so voted the winner. The above noted were canvassed by the Secretary and all but 4 eligibles submitted their selections. The Secretary tabulated the selections and on the above noted basis of point award, the winner is: Horace W. Harrison

This concludes my report and I move its acceptance.

The motion was seconded by A. Cook and voted accepted by the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The annual report of the Treasurer for the year ending December 31, 1971 was presented and published in the August issue of Topics. As noted in this report we had a net income of \$1,574.98. This was due to the concerted efforts of all members concerned with Sales, Handbooks, Advertising, and the Editor in controlling expenses and looking for new and more sources of revenue to continue the fine magazine Topics.

We are sincerely appreciative of all their efforts and wish to take this opportunity to thank them all.

While it may appear that since we have

had earnings of this magnitude let us not be lulled into complacency since the costs of printing, mailing, etc. continue to increase. Also with the increase in membership we have had to increase our printing orders to take care of the situation.

For the first nine months of the year 1972 our income totaled 12,242.48 and our expenses to date have been \$10,210.48 giving us a balance at this time of \$2,032.48. But with outstanding expense of \$1,283 and expected expense for the remainder of the year of about \$5,000 and expected income of \$4,500-\$4,600 we could still end the year with a deficit on a cash flow basis. Since we still have a backup fund we should be able to clear the year remaining solvent.

Again thanking all for their help in making the Society the best.

Mr. LaFrance's motion to accept his report was seconded by G. B. Llewellyn and affirmed by the meeting.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

I am very pleased to report that for the first time in years it has not been necessary to poll the Board regarding disciplinary action against a member since our last annual meeting.

One complaint was received against an advertiser of packet material, as a result of which further advertising was denied the firm involved.

On December 8, 1971 your officers and directors, as well as those of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada attended a conference in Ottawa at the invitation of the Postmaster General in order to learn of the plans envisaged for the establishment of a National Postal Museum. The results of this conference, at which the advice and opinions of those attending were expressed and recorded have been widely published and the target date for the establishment of temporary quarters has been set for June 1974.

On March 6, editor Edward H. Hausmann addressed a proposal to the Officers and Board members as follows: That we jointly with the Royal Philatelic Society request the Canadian Post Office to enclose a brochure to the names on their mailing list which would describe the features of both societies and contain an invitation to the recipient to join either or both.

On April 28 I advised editor Hausmann

that the response had been less than enthusiastic. Subsequently on May 4, I saw him in Toronto and was advised that the postal authorities had reacted unfavorably consequently this proposal is no longer at issue.

The Treasurer's report and Auditor's statement were received on June 10, and the Treasurer was instructed to publish the balance sheet and income and expense statement in Topics pending their presentation to the Board at our next meeting.

At our meeting in Halifax I reported that I had not been able to obtain a blanket bond on those officers having substantial assets of the Society in their possession. Since then member Horace W. Harrison has offered to provide such coverage and his proposal will be taken up at our meeting.

.... Recently I have received two lengthy communications, one of which has already appeared in Topics as an important announcement. Both concern the unofficial proposal of President Sam Nickle to turn over our library to the National Postal Museum. The second which has not yet appeared in Topics expresses the views of our former Librarian and Board member Stewart S. Kenyon and will be presented to the Board at our meeting in St. John's.

Mr. Llewellyn's motion to accept his report was seconded by E. A. Richardson and affirmed by the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Chairman of the Board Llewellyn then rose to report on the meeting of the Board of Governors held at 10:30 a.m. on September 8, 1972, at the Holiday Inn, St. John's, Newfoundland.

In consideration of the report of the Treasurer indicating a possible break-even or slight loss for the year, the 10 members of the Board present agreed that no consideration was necessary at this time about revising the dues structure.

The Board approved the report of Chairman Llewellyn advising of a blanket coverage of bonding of required offices for a three-year policy.

The Board reviewed the convention guidelines for host groups as compiled from comments and suggestions of the circularized officers to the preparation of a final set of such guidelines.

In consideration of the fact that the BNAPS is an international society in membership composition, the Board decided that it continue the 21 years of age requirement for membership application.

Chairman Llewellyn read a letter from Membership Committee Chairman Al Kessler in which he requested that it be brought to the attention of the meeting and so recorded that members should not apply their signature as a proposer or seconder of an applicant unless such applicant is personally known to him and for how long as indicated on the form.

The Board approved a request that the number of medals to be awarded for this exhibition only be expanded in consideration of the excellent and outstanding calibre of the exhibits provided at this exhibition. The Board further decided that the rules for exhibits entered in a BNAPS exhibition should be reviewed toward revision and updating.

On a motion by S. Nickle, seconded by J. Lehr, the Board voted that at its annual meeting in 1974, it review and consider the possibility of handing over the Society's library to the National Postal Museum at Ottawa.

The Secretary read the results of the voting for offices to be filled as reported later in the minutes. Doctor Robert Chaplin rose to inform the meeting that, due to demands and pressures, he had to offer his resignation from the Board and would be happy to serve when possible later. On motion by J. Lehr, seconded by S. Nickle, the resignation was accepted. In consideration of this action, W. C. Rockett with the next highest count of votes was thereby elected to the Board. With the reported election of J. Pike to the office of Vice President, and in accordance with the ruling of the Society whereby a member

CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS ISSUES

From the B. Connor Johnson letter, page 213; "height of numeral 5" should be: regular, 4mm; other 5mm. From the list of new "Canada Cards" on page 207: there are 90 new cards, not 80. From the small handbook advertisement on page 246: the postal box number is now 849, Burlington, Ontario.

cannot hold two elective offices, E. Hausmann was so elected to fill the unexpired term of J. Pike. The Board recommends that special emphasis be made on membership participation in any and all required voting by ample advance notice and publicity.

The Board rose to thank and applaud Bob Pratt for the excellent convention and exhibition and, through him, their appreciation to his wife and daughters.

On motion by R. Carr, seconded by W. Rockett, the Board unanimously re-elected Bert Llewellyn as Chairman of the Board of Governors.

The Board adjourned after having considered all business to be brought before it.

REPORTS OF PUBLICITY CHAIRMEN

Immediately on my return from Halifax last year, I started publicity in Canada for upcoming BNAPEX '72 Convention, Exhibition and Annual Meeting.

My correspondence has been directed to various philatelic societies, news media relating to numismatic and philatelic columnists, provincial and federal governmental agencies — soliciting their co-operation in conjunction with BNAPEX '72 at St. John's, Newfoundland, September 7-10th.

It is my intention to expand area of solicitation for Calgary in 1973.

Besides the above, I've endeavoured to maintain my correspondence with many members worldwide who take time out to ask questions receiving their replies as time permits.

Also I've been privileged by our Secretary to write new members volunteering their services as new writers, thereby helping our editor, Edward H. Hausmann.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking Robert F. Boudignon, Circulation Manager, for a job well done and assistance given him by the many Elected and Appointed officials. My grateful thanks to all.

The undersigned, Chairman of the Publicity Committee (U.S.A.) issued a total of 27 releases to the philatelic press and philatelic organizations; with reference to BNAPEX '72.

In addition to the news releases, as above, all publications are advised after each election the office, name and address of the officials of the Society (president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.)

It was moved by Llewellyn, seconded by Woolley, that McNeil's report be accepted as read and so ordered.

It was moved by Levine, seconded by LaFrance, that Kessler's report be accepted as read by Levine and so ordered.

REPORT ON CONVENTIONS

Conventions Chairman Carr advised the meeting that the dates for the 1973 convention at Calgary were September 20th to 24th and for the 1974 convention in Williamsburg, Virginia, the dates will be September 11th to 15th. Chairman Carr reported to the meeting that no specific bids have been received for the 1975 and 1976 conventions and that he was doing ground work on these and would likely have specific information at the 1973 convention. Host for the 1973 Calgary convention, Sam Nickle, advised the meeting that arrangements have been made for a special flight from Toronto to Calgary on September 19 and Stan Lum is handling arrangements.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The undersigned, Chairman of the Membership Committee, received and processed a total of 34 applications for membership in the British North America Philatelic Society.

Three of the above total of 34 required additional investigation; and after completion of same were referred to the chairman of the board, who agreed that said applicants were acceptable.

On motion by Llewellyn, seconded by Carr, the meeting approved the report as read by Levine.

REPORT OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

I think that Ed Hausmann is one of the best editors that BNAPS ever had. He comes into my office at least three times a week, picks up the correspondence, and discusses the upcoming issue with me and any other member of the Board who happens to be present. I don't think the average member of the Society realizes the amount of work that an editor of a magazine which has 1,200 members entails. Ed tells me he often works until 2 a.m. when assembling the material for Topics.

I am glad that some dedicated members of BNAPS have seen fit to make Ed Hausmann a life member in appreciation of his efforts to make Topics one of the best philatelic magazines.

Motion to accept by Greene, seconded by Davenport was affirmed.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The library made great progress this past year in the binding of our Journals, 40 volumes were bound and nine special binders were made up such as the Western Collector 1922-32. Conley of Smith, Irwin & Conley Ltd., Smiths Falls, came to Lively to meet with me and discuss our library's needs in the way of bookbinding, etc. We decided that the older journals should be protected better with this type of binder and they will be easier to copy with this system; I hope that you will agree.

As well as the Western Collector, these special binders were made up for The Dominion Philatelist, volume 1 through volume 7, 1889-1895 and also the Montreal Philatelist volumes 1-2, 1898-1900. The cost of binding one volume is \$4.50 and the special binders \$8. All the binding done this past year was made possible through the C. M. Jephott Library Fund. I would like to point out that all monies donated to the library are used exclusively for the binding of Journals.

This year saw the new format library listing off the press, and am happy to report that those members who have it have found it most useful in making their requests.

I would like to thank those members who made numerous donations to the library and keeping it up to date with the latest information of BNA literature and articles. I also received from Stewart Kenyon the balance of the library this August containing mainly revenue literature that was not listed on this library list, but the Revenue Society Handbooks will be listed in my October report.

Nineteen items of philatelic literature of mainly commonwealth interest were donated on behalf of the BNAPS membership to the National Philatelic Museum.

Contacts have been kept up with other philatelic society libraries, with the view of exchanging our surplus journals for other numbers of journals we need to fill gaps, and this will continue in the future.

Report read by Greene and accepted on motion by Greene, seconded by Levine.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

Our librarian, Mike Squirell, has done an excellent job for the society and we are indeed indebted to him. The insurance of \$5,000 is not, in my opinion, enough, as the value of our library has increased in recent years. The librarian has donated, on behalf of BNAPS, several items to the

national philatelic museum and will continue to work closely with the curator.

Motion by Greene, seconded by Pratt was affirmed.

REPORT OF THE SALES MANAGER

This has been a record year for the Sales Department. With sales of \$6,094 as of today, this will be a record year with sales probably exceeding \$8,000. Cash flow to the Society will again be in the usual \$800-\$1,000 range, with the insurance fund now exceeding \$4,000 and generating in excess of \$200 interest income.

As every year, our problem remains that of getting enough books for the sales circuits. We presently have fewer than 100 books, about half the number needed. We've received only nine books in the last two months but, hopefully, things will pick up this fall. The Sales Department now serves over 200 members and would be able to serve more if we had more material for sale.

I am glad to report that we have had less problems with substitution of stamps this year.

Motion to accept by Lehr, seconded by LaFrance, was approved.

REPORT OF THE CIRCULATION MANAGER

On taking over as Circulation Manager I received all possible co-operation from Russ McNeil and the complete stock of Topics was forwarded to me promptly.

I made the necessary arrangements to have 20 copies Xeroxed of the December 1970 Topics — which, due to an unfortunate set of circumstances, came off the presses in short supply.

I had a further small supply of sets of the tagged stamp articles made up to meet the steady demand for this side-line of Canadian philately.

The Canadian Post Office has given us some bad moments with poor delivery; but on the whole the situation has not deteriorated. The mails are still going through and very few copies of Topics are being returned for reason of non-delivery.

During the year the price of back issues of Topics was increased: single copies to \$1 and complete volumes to \$10, when available. The increase in price has not had any effect on the sale of back issues, which is steady and profitable.

Our financial report submitted with this written report indicates a successful year

of operation showing as we do a profit in the year's operation of the Department.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1971 to December 31, 1971

RECEIPTS

Balance Forward	\$ 7.72	
Sales of Topics and Tagged Stamp Articles ..	176.75	\$184.47
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		\$184.47

EXPENDITURES

Postage	\$ 50.60	
Long Distance Phone Calls	8.35	
Miscellaneous	22.20	81.15
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Balance Forward		\$103.32

LaFrance read the report and moved its acceptance, seconded by Llewellyn and so ordered.

REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

Your handbook department has had the usual busy year. During 1971 total sales were approximately \$4,500 and the number of books sold totalled over 1,700 of which 1,200 went to dealers. These figures are included to draw attention to the fact that without our wholesale sales it would be difficult to publish books without the support of the dealers. Costs of small printings of less than 500 would be too high.

Webb's Postal Stationery sold well and will be out of print by the end of the year. Interest was well maintained in Squared Circle Cancellations, Perfins, Precancels, Transportation Postmarks and the Admiral handbooks. The memorial handbook Newfoundland Specialized is moving fairly well.

During the present year we have sold out of Reiche's Varieties of the Small Queen Issue and we have dropped Fundamentals of Philately and Harrison's Registry System from our list.

The new publication on BNA Fakes and Forgeries by E. A. Smythies authorized at our last convention ran into publication troubles but under pressure we were able to get delivery from the binder in time to bring the first copies to this convention.

We would like to express our thanks to Ed Richardson for kindly donating 14 copies of McCready's Canadian Philatelic Literature—1951 to be sold by the handbook committee.

To close this report I must express my personal thanks to Dave M. Verity for his very able assistance in taking over the mailing duties of the department.

Motion seconded by Wegg and accepted.

Mr. Woolley was instructed to convey the greeting and best wishes of our Society to the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain at their annual meeting this year.

REPORT OF THE BALLOT COMMITTEE

In the election for the Board of Directors, I submit the following:

Edward A. Richardson
Stewart S. Kenyon
Robert A. Chaplin
Wilmur C. Rockett
Edward H. Hausmann
David M. Verity

President Nickle introduced the newly elected officers to the meeting and they were recognized by the meeting.

There being no further business to be brought to the meeting for consideration, it was voted adjourned on motion by Llewellyn, seconded by LaFrance.

JACK LEVINE
Raleigh, North Carolina

From the Secretary

New Members

- 2846 Armstrong, Harold B., 1644 Raindance Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109
- 2847 Blaser, Mark, R.D. No. 1, Center Valley, Pennsylvania
- 2848 Churley, Gerald Herbert, 221—220 Seventh Street, New Westminster, B.C.
- 2849 Compton, Richard A., 229 Ridgedale Road, Ithaca, New York 14850
- 2850 Fiala, E. J., 15232—84 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5R 3X8
- 2851 Guggenheim, Max, Leuengasse 2A, CH4000, Basle, Switzerland
- 2852 Johnson, Charles, 51 Tunstall Avenue, Senneville, Quebec
- 2853 Johnson, F. H., 16 Orchard Park Drive, West Hill, Ontario
- 2854 Johnson, Peter K., 899 Alward Street, Prince George, British Columbia
- 2855 Kalbfleisch, James G., 140 Manchester Road, Kitchener, Ontario
- 2856 Kirby, Frank S., 9190 East Saanich Road, Sidney, British Columbia
- 2857 MacLachy, Mrs. Joan K., 2515 Laurier Crescent, Prince George, B.C.
- 2858 Murray, Alexander W., 45 Grenoble Drive, Apt. 1902, Don Mills, Ontario

- 2860 Nabut, William J., 8206 High School Road, Elkins Park, Pa. 19117
 2861 Perraton, Claude, 164 Roseval, Ste-Rose, Ville De Laval, Quebec
 2862 Powell, Reg. A., 4434 Steele's Avenue East, Milliken, Ontario
 2863 Ramsay, David James, 25 Fielding Crescent, Hamilton 54, Ontario
 2864 Stanton, Dr. R. G., Dept. of Computer Science, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Man. R3T 2N2
 2865 Stewart, C. D., 5026—6th Avenue, Delta, Vancouver, British Columbia
 2866 Stubens, Frederick R., 22 Brynston Road, Islington, Ontario
 2867 Templeton, R. L., P.O. Box 1537, St. John's, Newfoundland
 2868 Thorn, Jean, 1071 Cathedrale, Montreal 101, Quebec

Life Member

- L2859 McGuire, C. R.**, c/o National Postal Museum, P.O. Dept., Confederation Heights, Ottawa, Ontario
 K1A 0B1

Applications Pending — "A" Group

(Applications shall be pending in two successive issues of the magazine)

- Anderson, Leon S., 619 Pine Haven, Houston, Texas 77024
 Armstrong, George M. Jr., 510 Eder Avenue, Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481
 Barnes, G. G., Box 111, Sunderland, Ontario
 Barnes, H. L., Box 348, Buchans, Newfoundland
 Boehm, Col. C. R., 2623 Queenswood Drive, Victoria, British Columbia
 Buckler, Lester H., 6 Riverside Blvd., Thornhill, Ontario
 Casuccio, Samuel P., 6048 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario
 Clarke, A. J., 1327 Richmond Road, Burlington, Ontario
 Cowdrey, Carl W. H., 41 Atlantic Avenue, Fitchburg, Mass. 01420
 Dawe, William A., 3 Gooseberry Lane, St. John's, Newfoundland
 Dibbley, Larry D., 1020 Garden Court, Windsor 16, Ontario
 Sibbet, D. E., 25 Ripley Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 0J3
 Stanley, W. J., P.O. Box 692, Brantford, Ontario
 Szeke, Joseph F., 542 Queenston Road, Apt. 708, Hamilton, Ontario
 Squires, Douglas J., 14 Ridge Road, St. John's, Newfoundland
 Talman, John H., 74 O'Hara Avenue, Toronto 3, Ontario

Applications Pending — "B" Group

- Beatty, Richard H., 70 DeLisle Avenue, Apt. 107, Toronto 7, Ontario
 Crocker, David Graham, P.O. Box 482, Florida, Transvaal, South Africa
 Gibson, Robert F., 890 Oakwood Drive, Apt. 165, Richester, Michigan 48063
 Hayhurst, John B., 15212 N.E. 16th Place, Apt. 3, Bellevue, Wash. 98007
 Max, Harry, 793 McEwan Avenue, Windsor 11, Ontario
 Morrow, Trelle A., 1370—7th Avenue, Prince George, British Columbia
 Newman, Skeith J., 15 Vicora Linkway, Apt. 914, Don Mills, Ontario
 Piotrowski, Aloisius, 1521 Sixth Street, Moundsville, West Va., 26041
 Perry, Ronald, 13 Gardiner Crescent, Cobourg, Ontario
 Rink, J. K., Box 384, Kelowna, British Columbia
 Webber, Ward, No. 9, 1366 West 13th Avenue, Vancouver 9, British Columbia
 Young, William, 1915 Finlay Drive, Prince George, British Columbia

Applications for Membership

(Objections must be filed with the Secretary within 30 days after month of publication)

- DeGROOT, John, 15 Richmond Ave., Apt. 301, Kapuskasing, Ont. (C-CX) CAN — Mint and used postage and used blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Precancels. Mint and used Airmails. SPECIALTY — Perforated Initials. Proposed by R. J. Woolley (359).
 GITTIS, Samuel, P.O. Box 1617, Philadelphia, Pa. 19131 (DC). Proposed by W. C. Rockett (249).
 GOTO, Edwin, P.O. Box 2305, Gardena, Calif. 90247 (C) CAN — 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st Day covers. Plate Blocks. OHMS-G. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
 KEZYS, Mindy, 152 Ferrie St. E., Hamilton 21, Ont. (C-CX) — Mint and used postage and mint blocks. Pre-stamp covers. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Precancels. Mint Airmails. Postal Stationery entries. Literature. Tagged varieties. Centennial definitive issue. Proposed by D. Verity (2312).
 MOIR, Brian M., 2632 Derbyshire Way, N. Vancouver, B.C. (C-CX) CAN — 19th and 20th century mint postage and blocks. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Precancels. Mint Airmails. Literature. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
 MONTAGUE, Charlotte G., 1334—100 N.E., Bellevue, Wash. 98004 (DC-CX) CAN — 19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint, used booklet panes and complete. Precancels. Revenues. Mint, used Airmails and on cover. Literature. Proofs. R.P.O., Flag, Slogan, 2 and 4-ring, Crown, Cork and fancy cancellations. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
 MORRISON, David, 3021 Linton Rd., Ottawa, Ont. K1V 8H1 (D-CX). Proposed by C. H. Bayley (704).
 Seconded by R. D. Mitchener (2476).
 McGILL, John H., P.O. Box 301, Cambridge, Mass. 02138 (C) CAN, NFD, PROV — Mint postage. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Federal and Provincial Revenues. Mint and semi-official Airmails. Proofs and Essays. Locals. J. Alden (2662).
 McINTOSH, Douglas F., 1633 Sunnycove Drive, Mississauga, Ont. (C) CAN, NFD, N.S., N.B., P.E.I., B.C. — 19th and 20th century mint postage and blocks. 1st Day covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Precancels. Mint Airmails. Literature. Tagged, Perfins. Proposed by J. F. Webb (1210).
 Seconded by E. A. Dudley (1656).
 PENNY, Fred, 28 Coady Ave., Toronto 252, Ont. (C) CAN — 20th century mint and used postage. 1st Day covers. Plate Blocks. Proposed by J. A. Hennok (2447).
 Seconded by R. F. Boudignon (2526).
 PITON, John F., 2 Oberon St., Ottawa, Ont. K2H 7X7 (C) CAN, NFD — 20th century mint postage and blocks. 1st Day covers. Plate Blocks. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
 SIMONS, Gordon C., 115 Rosewood Ave., Apt. 3, Ville St. Pierre, Que. (DC-CX) CAN — 19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint, used booklet panes and complete. Precancels. Mint and used Airmails. R.P.O., Territorial, Flag, Slogan, 2 and 4-ring, Squared Circle and Duplex cancellations. SPECIALTY — Color dating of Admirals. Proposed by R. J. Woolley (359).

Changes of Address

Notice of change must be sent to the Secretary. Any other office causes delay.

- 1391 Bartlett, Bart H., 100 Culpeper Road, Richmond, Va. 23229
2082 Black, C. F., 29 Queen's Gate Gardens, London S.W. 7, England
497 Bramhill, William G., 329 Buller Street, Woodstock, Ontario
2482 Burley, Edward F., 1431 Freeport Drive, Mississauga, Ontario
2211 Fortin, Marguerite, 1105 Belvedere, Apt. 405, Quebec 6, Quebec
2284 Gregory, Neil T., Bradwell, Saskatchewan
1955 Handelman, David, 237 Brighton Avenue, Downsview, Ontario
Haywood, Barry K., 174 Roxborough Street East, Toronto 289, Ontario
L164 Hedley, Richard P., 153 West Main Street, Fredonia, New York 14063
2231 Johnstone, Ralph, Box 5363, Sta. E, Edmonton, Alberta T5P 4C9
1760 Lackner, Robert J., 4235 Verna Drive, Brookfield, Wis. 53005
2796 Mathis, Roy Harvey, 108 Nelson Street, Kingston, Ontario
2601 Mayo, Leon D. Jr., Stouffer Place, Bldg. 10, Apt. 10, Lawrence, Kans. 66044
2264 Morris, Edwin W. J., 2493 Lakeshore Blvd. West, Apt. 719, Toronto 14, Ontario
2094 Smith, Marcus W., 150 Seaview Place, Box 2, Lions Bay, B.C.
2495 Stillions, Clarence A., 1800—38th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007
2615 Walker, Dale C., 25 Faulkner Street, Dorchester, Mass. 02122

Mail Returned

(Information to present address will be appreciated)

- 2657 Sinclair, Ian W., 446 Prince Albert Avenue, Westmount 217, Quebec
642 Sadler, A., 417 St. Joseph Blvd. W., No. 15, Montreal 153, Quebec

Resignation Received

- 1820 Waugh, C. T., 1030—4th Avenue West, Owen Sound, Ontario

Deceased

- 1968 Palmer, Ralph A., 509 Cheever Avenue, Geneva, Ill. 60134
1250 Umbreit, George M., No. 5 Larchwood Court, Newton, Iowa 50208

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, September 1, 1972	1227
NEW MEMBERS, October 1, 1972	23 (1 Life)
	— 1250
DECEASED, October 1, 1972	2 2
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, October 1, 1972	1248

Notes from the Librarian

MICHAEL SQUIRELL
Lively, Ontario

The library would like to obtain the following issues of the EMCO Journal: 240 (Jan 39) — 251 (Nov 39) — 252 (Dec 39) — 264 (Jan 41) — 284 (Sept 42) — 286 — (Nov 42) — 287 (Dec 42).

Another request: *The Revenue Society Journal*, number 18, dealing with PEI tobacco-tax tickets. This is the only one needed to complete our set. We recently received 20 copies beyond those listed in

the new library list; the new ones deal with such subjects as:

A catalogue by Nelson Bond; strip tobacco stamps; precancelled excise and war tax stamps; New Brunswick tax tickets; cigarette stamps; match tax impressions; colors; telegraph franks; raw tobacco strips stamps; telephone franks; snuff stamps; and many other revenue types. Also included are catalogue additions and corrections, a bibliography of revenues, and check lists.

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C. Marler
No. 109*

One of our very early members is the Hon. George C. Marler, a native of Montreal whose great grandfather was a British Army officer who arrived in Quebec about 1808. He received his education at Bishop's College School, the Royal Naval College, and from McGill University, his civil law degree.

He became a member of the notarial profession and has written a book on Real Property. He was a long-time member of the board responsible for revision of valuations and accomplished much.

Marler entered politics in 1942 in the Quebec Assembly and was the leader of the opposition for a number of years. In 1954, he became Minister of Transport for

Canada in the St. Laurent government, winning a seat in the House of Commons a few months later through a by-election.

He left Ottawa following the general election of 1958 and in 1960 was appointed to the Quebec Legislative Council, the upper house. In 1965 he resigned from active politics. He is now a director of three large financial institutions and has been awarded honorary degrees by Montreal and McGill universities.

Until recently, Marler has been a member of the Canadian Stamp Advisory Committee. Besides being a BNAPSer, he is a Fellow of the Royal of Canada and the CPS of GB, and belongs to many other philatelic groups.

His stamping has mainly been with the Admirals, resulting in the now-famed book *Canada: Notes on the 1911-1925 Issue*, and a BNAPS handbook on the Admiral booklets. He is now working on a handbook of the Edwards.

Marler is married and has four children.

— Dr. R. V. C. Carr

...and some doodles by The Editor

One of the delights of the BNAPEX convention at St. John's was the mimeographed newspaper, *The Newfie Bugle* — which for the second year was issued every morning by big beagler George Penchard, who stayed up half the night for four nights to write each day's program, scraps of news, lots of gossip and loads of preposterous puns. (An eagle and a beaver in a meat grinder comes out as a Beagle.) Thanks, Big Beagler, for your part in making BNAPEX the success it was!

Next month we hope to carry an article on the Ottawa tagging — what it is, how it was developed, and above all, whether it's safe. One type of tagging ink migrates badly on to, and through, surrounding paper, and presumably comes off on people's tongues when they lick the stamps.

Canada Post announced that address coding will be placed on local mail in the Ottawa area — a series of fluorescent yellow vertical lines on the front of the envelope in the lower-right corner. The envelopes will be run through a machine for the coding, based on the new postal district numbers. Subsequent machines will sort the envelopes automatically in their travels through the mails.

MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

Commemorative issues . . . a wider distribution?

Having read your editorial in the September issue of *Topics* concerning the Post Office Conference to be held in Ottawa, I feel that some comment should be made concerning what suggestions might be made to the Post Office Department.

I am particularly concerned with the comments made by Mr. Vaughn in connection with the size of printings of various Canadian Commemoratives. I agree, only to the extent that these stamps are not available to the general public in Post Offices for a long enough period of time. However, I heartily disagree with his suggestion that this situation should be corrected by making larger printings. In my opinion the solution is very simple and involves only that a larger share of the printings be distributed to all post offices, rather than the bulk of them sitting in the philatelic bureau for three or four years before being removed and destroyed.

This would accomplish two things: It would make the stamps readily available to collectors and the remainders would disappear faster from the Ottawa lists and would, thus, tend to show the collector a *valid* increase in less time than is now possible. If a collector cannot pick up or know of what exists, in a period of two or three months, then he is neither very curious nor very ardent.

— J. W. Millard

The Royal Society's philatelic library

I have just read *Topics* for September and wanted to write you in connection with a comment on page 211 with respect to the BNAPS library.

One of your members made the comment that he was in favor of turning the BNAPS library over to Ottawa if the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada did the same. In the spring of 1971 we donated to the National Library in Ottawa such philatelic books and magazines as were in our possession, together with an additional grant of \$1,000. Since that time there has been a donation of a number of important collections of books to the National Library and I under-

stand that it is proposed that the National Library and the National Postal History Museum in Ottawa work in conjunction.

I thought that since apparently one of your members did not know what action we had taken, it might be of interest to your membership at large.

— H. Sutherland,
President, RPS of C

Some questions for the experts

Can anyone answer the following questions:

What is the status of British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward mint stamps? Are they still valid for postage? Have they been demonetized? If so when?

I have a 1935 3c regular issue cancelled with an MM inside a circle. Does anyone one know its origin?

I also have a 1935 20c rubber-stamped "Board of Grain Commissioners". Does anyone know its history?

I have a 1942 10c with a small R inside a small square (9 mm). Does anyone know its origin?

— J. L. Purcell

The Royal's Expo flag cancel

I am grateful for M. B. Dicketts' letter in the September issue pointing out that the Type 63 flag, used to publicize the 1967 BYPEX had only four days of use, instead of the month as I reported.

My information had been given by public relations of Canada Post. A specimen of the flag was sent to them and I used the dates of usage they supplied. No mention was made about the two types of cancellations, possibly because the differences appeared minor.

BNAPSer James E. Kraemer, manager of the National Postal Museum also called attention to the inaccuracy of the article and supplied other very interesting data.

It seems the Royal Philatelic Society intended having a flag cancellation from the beginning. To quote Kraemer, the "flag cancellation was made up on a rush-order

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basis when it was found that the 'non-flag' type did not have a staff."

He also stated that both cancellations were used at what was then the main Ottawa General Post Office at 48 Besserer Street, now known as Station "A".

My thanks to both members for the corrections. And now to new reporting.

Many collectors of flags are also interested in early machine cancellations and described by Ed Richardson in the May 1961 *Topics*; type M-7, used in Montreal in 1902 is undoubtedly the most unusual.

In 1969, Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth and Dr. M. Carstairs contributed a series *The Machine Age* in *MAPLE LEAVES*, relating the results of their studies of early machine cancellations used in Canada. In the October issue, they reported three new types of M-7.

I can add the illustration of another and doubtless members have other unreported markings. M-7 has always been credited to the International Postal Supply Co. It is unbelievable that this established American manufacturer would conduct such amateurish experiments in Canada.

Newfiepex '72

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the very wonderful BNAPSers who wrote congratulatory letters to my family and myself on the outcome of the convention we held in St. John's in September. I should have written this sooner, but the letters are still coming in; we are all both grateful and most happy that everybody seemingly enjoyed themselves. I only received one derogatory letter, and that was from a chap in St. John's who took great umbrage at our calling the show "NEWFIE-PEX".

I have one other problem. It seems that during the heat of the banquet I forgot to mark down who did and who did not receive bronze and silver medals. I am one medal over in each category. And if the person who I have slighted by not mailing his out to him could tell me who he is, I will be most happy to forward same promptly. This one detail I slipped up on badly. Will the unknown recipients please drop me a line?

— Robert H. Pratt
Convention Chairman

Tax deductions

Your September editorial in *Topics* re-

specting tax deductions for gifts to the Canada Postal Museum impels me to write.

This is an area where, over the years, I've had considerable experience, in terms of books and manuscripts. Admittedly it has been in the context of the U.S., but *pari passu*, I doubt if Canadian practice will greatly differ.

American taxpayers by and large seem to accept the idea of such "charitable deductions", but I do know one distinguished auctionarian bookseller who, being a taxpayer himself, refuses to make appraisals for such purposes, though he will for insurance, etc.

As you've recognized, the matter of appraisal is a crucial one. In the States one must submit evidence regarding gifts valued at over \$200. This should be in the form of a document provided neither by donor nor recipient, but by a third "disinterested" party, usually a qualified dealer — the donor paying the appraisal fee which in turn is also tax-deductible.

All this is easier said than done — for finding an appraiser is not that simple. Conceivably Jim Sissons, Bill Maresch or Fred Atkinson might be prepared to visit Ottawa periodically for this purpose. But it is a sticky situation, for on one hand the appraiser risks offending a client and on the other hand must be prepared to go into court to sustain his judgment. And many a dealer may begrudge the removal of philatelic material from the market place.

— John Alden
Keeper of Rare Books
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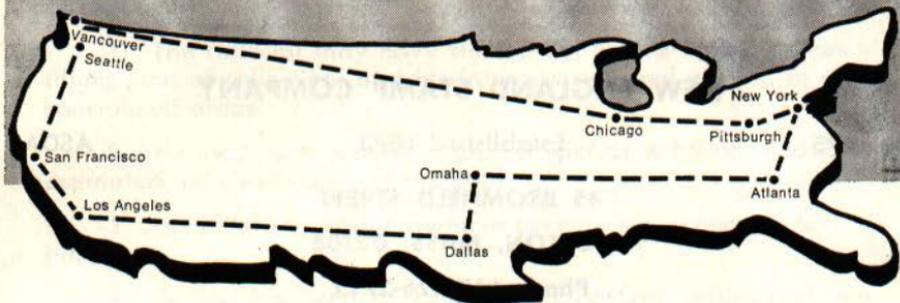
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