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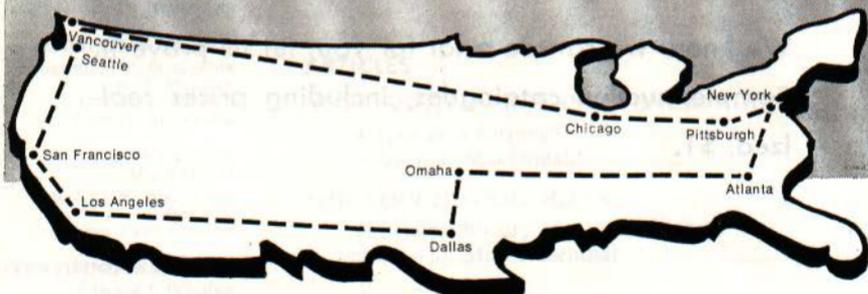
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# Nova Scotia's Revenue Overprint

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by J. J. MacDonald

In the late 1650s France passed an act of parliament authorizing the issuance of stamps to aid in the collection of monies. Holland followed suit as did Britain, with the Stamp Duties Act of 1694. The revenue stamps of those days were not adhesive but were rather impressed upon documents and appeared in embossed form; however, they were considered collectable, and E. E. Goodchild has recorded that John Burke of Dublin, Ireland displayed a selection of such stamps in 1772.

Prior to Confederation the Province of Canada issued adhesive revenue stamps on August 1 in 1864. These were to cover a tax imposed on promissory notes, drafts, and bills of exchange. For each single draft, note or bill, a three-cent tax was set for each \$100 or fraction thereof, and if there was a duplicate required, there was an additional tax of two cents imposed. If a triplicate was required, an additional one cent had to be paid. In most cases the stamps were affixed to the bills or notes and were cancelled by the signature or initials of the person issuing the document.

Much more uncommonly, a bank cancellation in some form of rubber stamp was used. After Confederation the third such issue of bill stamps was issued in June 1868 and portrayed the familiar imprint of a maturing Queen Victoria. Variations exist in the paper of this third issue from thin to thick, the latter being much softer and also in the perforation, it being 12 or 11½ by 12. Copies of the issue on thin paper and the 11½ x 12 perforation are less common than their counterparts.

This issue also produced Canada's first major error when one or two sheets of the \$2 value were printed with the centre inverted. Enough of Canadian issues; the

purpose of this article is to deal with their offspring.

Why it was felt necessary to overprint the Canadian bill issue for the Province of Nova Scotia, I have no idea. Possibly the rugged individualism of Howe and Woodgate still survived and demanded that the provincial revenue be separate and easily definable. In any event, all values of the issue were overprinted in black in double-lined letters, and the varieties of paper and perforation, that existed on the main issue, appear to have received the overprint.

The recent Sissons' revenue catalogue will quickly indicate that the Nova Scotia issue is considerably scarcer, at least it is valued more highly, than that of the Dominion. The factor, in general, is between five- and ten-to-one.

The first value of the third issue is the 1c brown, the second the 2c orange; however, there is an interesting crossover of errors that occurred in the printing. In the Dominion issue, the 2c was also printed in brown rather than in orange.

The error of color is not very uncommon and can generally be purchased for a few dollars. In the Nova Scotia stamps the opposite occurred, with the 1c value being printed in orange. These are very scarce. I know of but two multiples, one a block of four that I obtained a number of years ago and an excellent block of six that was exhibited at the BNAPS Convention in Halifax in 1971. I would be most interested to hear from other collectors who possess multiples of this color error.

At the same BNAPS Convention there was a very lively and interesting session on revenues chaired by Bill Rocket, at which John Sivert brought to my attention for the

first time (and I am sure to the attention of many others present) the fact that there appears to be two types of the overprint, "N.S." This was apparently not news to the Chairman, who confirmed that both types of the overprint likely exist on all values. I had handled a number of these issues over the years and never noticed anything out of the ordinary but was keenly resolved to look closely in the future. Imagine my amazement, therefore, less than 24 hours later, when examining three lots in the auction sponsored by the Nova Scotia Stamp Club to find there were, very clearly, examples included of the second type of overprint as described by Sivert.

Figure 1 is an enlargement of the overprint as it normally occurs and will be designated as Type 1. Figure 2 shows the new overprint—Type 2. The difference between the two types is quite evident, even to the naked eye. Though the actual dimensions vary little, the impression given is of a much shorter and yet wider overprint for the second type. The following table delineates the differences that are discernible with a good glass.

TYPE 1	TYPE 2
(a) Upright impression	(a) Squat impression
(b) S-stands upright	(b) S-leans forward
(c) Vertical lines of N thin	(c) Vertical lines of N thick
(d) The lines forming the three dimensional background in the top V of the N are "closed".	(d) The same V line is open and crossed at the apex
(e) Overprint not particularly visible when viewed along the surface of the stamp.	(e) Overprint "stands out" when viewed at a low angle to the light.

It is the last item in the list of differences that prompted John Sivert to proclaim the overprint, not a second type, but rather a forgery. This view is not shared by others. Let us examine the facts.

If Type 2 is a forgery, then what was its purpose? Was it meant (a) to deceive stamp collectors, or (b) to defraud the govern-

ment? Unfortunately, the evidence is ambiguous. All values apparently exist in Type 2, and it is hard to see the purpose solely as a method of saving money, even for a thrifty Nova Scotian. Why mutilate a 3c Canadian bill stamp to produce a Nova Scotia 3c stamp unless you could steal the original or buy it at a discount? Neither of these possibilities appear plausible.

If Type 2 is a forgery, therefore, its purpose surely was to defraud the stamp collector. This makes more sense if one considers the worth of the "dollar" values of the issue at present day prices. But Nova Scotia bill stamps were never valued very highly until the last few years and, therefore, is the overprint, if it is a forgery, of recent vintage or a contemporary one of the 1870s, or even of the late 19th century?

The evidence, as I can assemble it, is not conclusive. Dated copies of Type 2 overprint are hard to come by. I have one dated the 29th of September 187- on the \$1 stamp and another of the October 25, 1881 on the 50c issue. The latter is cancelled by a blue handstamp. No multiples of the overprint have been reported. Mint issues appear to be more common than used, and in no case can it be proven that the ink of the cancellations is above the overprint or below it.

For the moment, therefore, the speculation must go unresolved. I will grant that there were few postage stamps to be collected in the 1890s, and hence revenue stamps were much more popular than they are now, as they added to one's total holdings. Forgeries to deceive the collector made some sense, but as yet the evidence appears to suggest that the Type 2 cancellation is just that—a genuine second type of overprint on the third issue of the Canadian bill stamp as used in the Province of Nova Scotia. Who has further evidence to present?



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# The Touchwood Hills

**by Max Rosenthal**

About 50 yards from Saskatchewan's Highway 15, between the hamlets of Lestock and Punnichy, there was, in 1855, a Hudson's Bay Company trading post called Touchwood Hills. The first white men to take up permanent residence in the area were James Scott, an Indian, and his assistant, Jack Gooderham, who came to Touchwood in 1879, settling on the Old Telegraph Trail, six miles from the later Punnichy. This trail ran from Qu'Appelle northwards through Touchwood Hills and Kutawa to Humboldt.

In 1879, on section 29, Township 27, Range 15, west of the 2nd Prime Meridian, Angus McBeith opened, in what was then the Northwest Territories, the Touchwood Hills post office, the first such facility in Assiniboia.

The first settlers in the Round Plain district arrived during the summer of 1881. They were Robert Wishart and his family, with James Hall as helper, under the auspices of the Beatty Settlers' Corporation, of Fergus, Ontario. Farm stock and machinery were brought by them. It was only possible for them to come by rail as far as Portage La Prairie, the western limit of the C.P.R. being built across the Prairies. After that they travelled by prairie schooner westward to Qu'Appelle, then north some 80 miles, to arrive at what was later called Round Plain.

John H. Putnam, another early settler, opened Dilke post office in 1884, on Section 16, Township 29, Range 15, west of the 2nd Meridian. Later that year it was renamed Wishart, for the first settler, and the next year, 1885, Michael Hall became postmaster. The eldest son of Wishart's helper James Hall, Michael, had come out two years before taking over Wishart post office.

The mail was sorted into the "post office cupboard", about five feet high, 3½ feet wide and 18 inches deep. Dark red in color, it stood in a corner of his living room, and when the doors were opened several rows of boxes about five inches square and the depth of the cupboard were disclosed, into which the mail was placed. They afforded enough space, as there were no mail order houses and catalogues as yet, and the mail was mostly letters, a few weekly newspapers, and a parcel or two. Later I'll describe the changed state of affairs a decade later.

The mail was carried from the railroad at Qu'Appelle by regular stages running to Prince Albert, and left at Touchwood Hills. The Wishart postmaster had to fetch it from there.

In 1883 the telegraph station at (old) Humboldt was closed, and its operator, Alf. von Lindeburgh, was instructed to locate a new station approximately 90 miles to the east. Six miles west of the Hudson's Bay Company post, on Section 10, Township 28, Range 16, west of the 2nd Meridian, he built a log house, and established a post office in 1887. He submitted the name Kutawa ("gap"), Assa., N.W.T., and it was accepted.

A weekly mail service was run from Qu'Appelle station, driven by stage coach, a democrat and team. Sometimes during the winter it would only come twice a month. The day the mail arrived, all the neighborhood for miles around gathered, and visited one another, awaiting its arrival. An extra leaf or two was added to the Lindeburgh dining table.

The mail driver arrived at Hall's post office at Wishart on Saturday, spent the weekend there, and left for the return trip on Monday morning. He had extremes of temperature and roads which were never

good to contend with. Once, after having faced a blizzard in 50-below zero weather, he was delayed a day by indisposition caused by the ordeal, only to find a postmaster had reported him for being late. However, it was the postmaster and not the mail driver who got the disapproval of the authorities.

After its establishment in 1898, McDonald Hills post office was also on this mail route. It was kept by Allan McLayar, Section 14, Township 24, Range 15, west of the 2nd Meridian.

The Milligans kept a store towards Fishing Lake, and for years had to travel to Wishart to pick up their mail, until they opened Fishing Lake post office in 1894. During the 1890s farmers from the Dakotas settled around Sheho Lake. In 1891 Elijah E. Pettit opened a post office there, on Section 22, Township 30, Range 9, west of the 2nd Meridian. Lake was dropped in 1894, to make it simply Sheho.

## The Mail Order Business

During the 1890s mail order business houses sprang up, producing a tremendous effect on the postal services, both in increasing it and in the types of mail it carried. Much of the mail from Western Canada came into this category, with the settlers ordering from the mail order firms back east. On August 27, 1898, under the heading "Big Mail", the Hamilton Spectator gave "Facts About the Letter Order Business Gleaned by a Spectator Reporter".

"During the past few days the employees of the Hamilton post office have been kept busy handling the big semi-annual mail from Stanley Mills & Co's letter order department. This immense mail filled 250 of Her Majesty's mail bags, and weighed, in all, 11 tons.

"Twice each year this enterprising firm publishes a revised edition of their commercial catalogue. The present issue is a book of 134 pages, with thousands of illustrations and tens of thousands of prices, and includes every article handled in their locally popular department store at nos. 11, 13 and 15 King Street East in this city.

"The books find their way in large numbers to every post office in the Dominion. Formerly the business was chiefly done in Manitoba and the West, but lately the Maritime Provinces are contributing a large proportion of the trade.

"Very few persons have any idea of the extent, in both this country and the United States, to which the letter order business has developed within the past 10 years. What this new way of doing business means to the Post Office Departments of the two countries is little realized by the general public. First comes the enormous quantity of postage stamps required by the firms using the catalogues, then in return follows the purchase of postal notes, post office orders, the registering of letters containing money and orders, and the ordinary postage on correspondence created, and finally the return postage on all packages of merchandise which can be profitably mailed to their destination."

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Feature at the CANPEX show in Edmonton was a meeting on July 7 of the 54 BNAPS members present. President Sam Nickle presented a proposal for discussion of major interest to BNAPS: the possibility of turning the BNAPS library over to the National Postal Museum at Ottawa.

Obviously there are many advantages and disadvantages to be weighed. One clear advantage was the increased security a permanent home in Ottawa would provide against the hazards of theft, fire and water damage which exist in a private home. Against this is the possibility of the BNAPS library losing its identity and its members having to share their library with the world at large. This was not considered with any dog-in-the-manger attitude, but giving consideration to the very real problem which could face the 45% of our membership in the U.S. when they would request the loan of a book from a Canadian Government Agency. One U.S. member has held up arrangements to bequeath his 2,000 book library to BNAPS until control is settled.

Others pointed out that this has to be weighed against the advantages of our library having a permanent home and managed by a professional librarian. We have been fortunate in having good librarians available on a part-time basis; Stewart Kenyon and now Michael Squirell has everything under control and is giving the members the service they want.

The meeting suggested that the membership should be canvassed for opinions on this major decision, even perhaps holding a referendum. The annual meeting may be too close for this, but there is time for any members who have thoughts on the subject to write in to the editor immediately. If you have something to say or a thought or idea to contribute, write today.

— report by George S. Wegg

# McLEOD

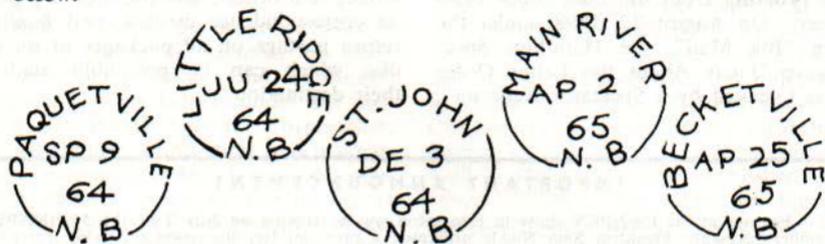
When New Brunswick joined the federation of Canada in 1868, vast quantities of its cents stamps became superfluous and were withdrawn. (A check of four values only a few years earlier showed a stock of over two million stamps!)

The fate of these remainders was varied and interesting. A large portion of the stock was stored in the custom house in Saint John, N.B., which caught alight in 1891, the heat melted the gum, causing the sheets to stick together, which had to be soaked in water to separate them, thereby losing all their gum. Some of this stock was destroyed; of the rest, an official report in October 1892 naively noted,

"Most of this lot has now been secured by American dealers through the agency of a number of small boys" — who evidently obtained some pocket-money by pilfering official stocks!

The rest of these cents-remainders were earlier (1868) given to a post office inspector called Malcolm McLeod (who was also a stamp collector). Jarrett and Argenti recorded that in order to meet the demand for used copies, McLeod made some circular cancelling instruments with the names of various New Brunswick post offices, and cited such examples as Hampton, Richibucto, Sussex.

Being himself a collector, McLeod knew what would please his clients, and his cancels are readily recognizable for their superbness. They were invariably lightly cancelled, with clear letters, centrally struck and easily readable. In addition to the name, others showed a date (1864 or 1865) and at the bottom the letters 'N.B.' Tracings of five of them in my collection are shown below.



I have five strikes of PAQUETVILLE, all identical except the date — JA 20 64, JA 29 64, MR 11 64, JY 18 64 and SEP 9 64. It is, I think, unlikely that McLeod made five different instruments for one post office, and this suggests he went to the trouble of making cancelling instruments with movable dates — a realistic touch that not all fakers of postmarks adopted. (See, for example, the bogus High St. Toronto Squared Circle with the same date on stamps issued ten years apart).

In addition to the eight names recorded above, Argenti added the following: Baldhill, Moorestown, McAlpine, Harts Mills, Lower Canterbury. He also noted that these made-to-order cancellations are found on the 2 cents, 5 cents, and 17 cents values.

*(Part two of the McLeod cancels will appear next month)*



# Rounding Up Squared Circles

Dr. W. G. Moffatt, Hickory Hollow, RR-3, Ballston Lake, N.Y. 12019

The gremlins have been at it again! The photograph of the GORE BAY hammer face submitted for the February 1972 column quite properly showed the lettering in mirror-image. But somehow the illustration in the column got reversed; if the hammer face had looked as shown in the February column, then every known strike of this town would show in mirror image! The last line, next-to-last paragraph of the February column contains a typo, and should read: "suggests that JY 59 was an error for JY 29."

*Ed's note: The engraver, not being used to backward copy, flopped the negative — an error which wasn't picked up.*

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New Roster forms are now ready and I have started mailing them out to collectors who did not participate in the 1970 Roster. If you did not participate in that Roster, please consider it at this time. You will be adding to the precision with which relative scarcity of the various towns is known; at the same time, a copy will provide an inventory of your squared circles — of importance to collectors living in Canada because it is exactly the kind of record needed for "Valuation Day".

The Roster runs to 13 pages, including several pages of notes and illustrations for separating the two FORMOSA hammers and the two WOLSELEY hammers. It costs me 24c to mail one Roster form so I hope you will understand that I cannot undertake to provide additional copies of the form for your records (except that if you consider it essential to have such a record for "Valuation Day" and provide the extra 24c postage, I will provide a duplicate copy). I mailed out very nearly 200 Roster forms in 1970, so you can see that postal costs are a non-trivial expense.

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The new Roster forms differ in a few ways from the 1970 forms. Rarity Factors (RF) have never been assigned to the 1892 postmark; the new forms request listings of these. The new forms also request a listing of towns on the Special Delivery stamp, E-1. This information was not asked

for on the first few 1970 Rosters, but at the suggestion of one Roster participant, a new page was prepared so that Roster forms nos. 23 to 170 asked for listings of squared circles on E-1 while Roster forms nos. 1 through 22 did not.

If you filled out a 1970 Roster would you kindly drop me a note listing your 1892 Postmarks, your squared circle towns on E-1 if your Roster form was Nos. 1 through 22, and new acquisitions — RF 50 and up — since filling out the 1970 form. I have names of a considerable number of squared circle collectors not known to me at the time of the 1970 Roster, so I have hopes that much more data can be obtained.

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New early dates are reported by Nels Pelletier (ARICHAT, OC 20/93), and Joe Szeker (SHEDIAC, NO 14/94 and LETHBRIDGE, AP 30/94). New late dates are reported by John Gordon (ROSSLAND, JA 8/97 and SIMCOE, FE 8/96), by Alex McMillan (FARNHAM, NO 23/07 on 1c KE VII — this is probably an isolated example of late use, as is the known nude strike of this town on 1935 KG V), by Joe Szeker (BELLEVILLE III, MR 25/99; DUNNVILLE, JY 4/99; and NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH, SP 1/01), and by Warren Bosch (LONDON II, 17/IX 17/54).

R. T. Fraser reports a new late date for WESTVILLE: AP 20/08; he came across a number of postcards cancelled WESTVILLE and addressed to ROSSLAND, among which were one 1906 date, four 1907 dates, and three 1908 dates. Year-date errors are reported by Nels Pelletier (NORTH SYDNEY, JY 23/66) and Joe Szeker (MILTON WEST, PM/MR 2/89). A strange year-date error is reported by Sandor Beny: MONTREAL-STE. CUNEGONDE, 63/SP 16/-.

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As a continuation of the listing of indicia errors (see "Impossible Dates", Oct. '71 column), I now list year date errors known to me. Much of this information came from Roster listings. The first part of this listing contains only those errors in which the year date looks like a perfectly

valid number; that is, I exclude all those cases containing sideways and upsidedown (3, 4, 5 etc.). In addition, these errors appear in the normal year date slot, and they all lie outside of the known period of use of the hammer. Separate listings will consider other cases of year-date errors.

**BROCKVILLE** — '78 errors for '98 (JA 1 to JA 5 inclusive); '89 error for '98 (MR 23; year shows correctly as '98 on MR 24).

**RAT PORTAGE** — '64 error for '94 (AP 17 to JU 20 inclusive).

**KENTVILLE** — '10 error for '01 (JU 24 to AU 25 inclusive; the error may have started earlier than JU 24; the error is confirmed through covers carrying 1901 backstamps of other towns).

**NORTH SYDNEY** — '66 error on JY 23; it is not known whether this is an error for '96 or for '99.

**RICHMOND** — '39 error for '93 (DE 28; several other partial strikes are known with '39 year date, but month is not readable).

**ALMONTE** — '36 error for '93 is reported; the only date I have recorded is SP 22/36, but other dates may exist. '69 error for '99 (AU and SP — through SP 7).

**ANGUS** — '89 error for 98 (OC 20 — and possibly nearby dates).

**BRANTFORD** — '80 error for '08. This error persisted for an extended period; dates to, and including AU 12 show the year date as '08; all strikes known to me from AU 14 through SP 21 show '80. From SP 24 through the balance of 1908, the year shows correctly as '08.

**GLAMMIS** — '93 error for '03. In January, 1903, several dates through the 23rd of the month, the year date reads '93. Through covers containing backstamps of other towns, these are known to be 1903.

**GODERICH** — '50 error for '05 (SP 20; possibly nearby other dates; from receiver's marks of other towns, on cover, this is known to be 1905).

**GUELPH** — '99 error for '96 (FE 13 through FE 25; year shows correctly as '96 on FE 26).

**MARKDALE II** — '49 error for '94. The earliest known date for this hammer, JU 18, shows the year as '49. Can anyone report other dates for this error?

**MILTON WEST** — '89 error (MR 2); presumably an error for '98.

**SAULT STE. MARIE** — '59 error for '95 (DE 21 and DE 24; can anyone report this error for DE 22 and DE 23?).

**SEELYS BAY** — '39 error for '93. The earliest known date for this town, SP 9, shows the year as '39.

*(continued on page 186)*



## Perfin Study Group

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**OHMS:** One of the interesting aspects of writing a column is recording the varieties which crop up from time to time and are sent in for the edification of the writer and possibly the reader. Consider, for example, this pair of 5 hole perforated OH/MS.

This is a pair of Scott 218, the 2c brown of the 1935 issue. I am sure that not many of this stamp were perforated, which may explain why someone has tried to improve the available supply. Without comparing too closely with genuine OH/MS perforates, the initial "H" of the left hand stamp of the pair and the "O" of the right hand stamp are obviously not in good shape.

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I recently acquired a Manitoba Law

Stamp, described by the former owner as having the initials "NC". As this appeared to me to be a new design I reached out to add it to my collection.

In addition to the "NC" it is quite obvious that a small portion of an "A" precedes the "N" which I suppose, if we had the original document would read CANCELLED.

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Some time ago Joe Meyer of Regina sent along this C12 code-hole variety which appears to have code holes at both positions 6 and 10.

The code hole at position six is definitely smaller than any other of the holes of the design so I have to presume that it is either a vagrant extra hole or one added to



confuse the issue. These vagrant extra holes do appear occasionally and I have wondered how they happen. Perhaps a pin becomes loose and would be slightly longer than the others and an additional pressure of the perforating machine would take a perforation of the longer pin only.

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Ken Rose in his *Tagging Along* column of January 1972 reports tagged perfins for

CNR (C21a) from Winnipeg on all of the 1970 6c Christmas stamps except the Christ Child. This one of course had to be tagged along with the others and is reported by Ken Pugh of Brandon.

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Province of Saskatchewan: Albert Kreger of Rainy River reports Scott 302 — the \$1 Fish perforated PS. This has to be a scarce one.



## Tagging Along

**Kenneth G. Rose, Box 7086, Station 'E', Calgary T3C-3L8, Alberta**

While some of the following information has appeared in previous columns, the time has come to put it all together. The Ottawa tagging story is far from complete, but we have enough information to at least make a start.

As far as can be determined, the first Ottawa Tagged stamps were put into circulation about the middle of November 1971, although they first came to the writer's attention at Christmas in Victoria in the form of three single 1c values, the earliest being dated December 10. The only issues on which we have accurate dates of issue are the 8c, the 25c and \$1 booklets, and of course the more recent commemoratives. The 6c date of issue is a complete mystery.

Repeated letters to Ottawa regarding the printing processes, chemical composition of the tagging, and the future of this new type of tagging have produced no replies. Some facts are known, however. It is fluorescent, and has no afterglow, as opposed to the Winnipeg tagging which is phosphorescent and does afterglow. It is visible to the naked eye, but more easily so on mint when viewed at the usual angle to the light source.

Due to the fact that the tagging bars rarely overlap the stamp design, it is difficult to discern on a used stamp on cover. We have good reason to believe that the new tagging bars are applied before the stamp is printed. In support of this theory, we do know that both paper and printed stamps have been sent to Japan for experimentation, and a collector has a small scrap of paper with tagging bars only — no printed stamp. Confirmation has not been forthcoming from Ottawa.

Soaking appears to have no effect on the new tagging, nor does age. This minor advantage is more than offset by the "bleeding" effect it has on whatever it comes in contact with. Paper, other stamps, cardboard — in fact almost any material except acetate — will soak up the fluorescent material like a sponge. For the unwary, never store or mount Ottawa tagged stamps next to anything of value. The fluorescence will bleed through three layers of cardboard, and several album pages.

I have a letter from the Chief of the Postage Stamp Division dated January 11, 1972 advising that they do not propose to

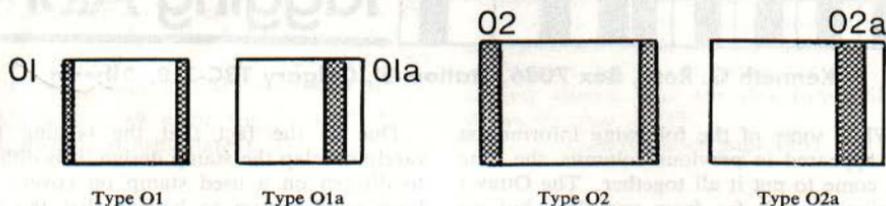
use the Ottawa tagging on stamped envelopes, cards, aerogrammes, or short-term commemoratives. By April 7, we knew that short-term commemoratives were receiving the new tagging. Worthy of note also is the fact that the Heart stamp showed up on both dull and fluorescent papers, and that Ottawa tagged stock was distributed through the Victoria-Duncan-Nanaimo area on the dull paper. The later Frontenac stamp appeared in at least two Calgary sub post offices with Ottawa tagging. Collectors would be wise to check all locally-purchased stock of these two stamps—as well as future commemorative issues—since there is a good chance they may have the Ottawa tagging.

In a previous column, I expressed the opinion that due to the much narrower tag-

ging bars, errors should be much more frequent. This has been borne out by the fact that the 1c and 6c from full panes, and the 1c, 6c and 8c from booklets have already been reported from several sources with the bar all on one stamp. I am including with this column a new Ottawa Tagged Type Chart, and a listing of the normal and error types reported to date.

Unfortunately, I have not been able to build up a "spy" network in Ottawa like the one I have going for me in Winnipeg; therefore it becomes all the more urgent that any new findings be reported as soon as possible. Papers and gums are equally important—since the Heart stamp and the 10c definitive have appeared on both types of paper, and there is a better than even chance that other issues will also.

### OTTAWA FLUORESCENT TAGGED TYPE CHART



A separate chart for Ottawa fluorescent tagged types is considered necessary due to conflicting similarities. Type O1a (an Ottawa tagged error) is similar to a shifted Type 4 (not a Winnipeg error), while Type O1 (not an Ottawa error), is exactly like Winnipeg Type 4a, which is an error. As with the Winnipeg chart, all "a" numbers are considered errors.

### OTTAWA FLUORESCENT TAGGED VARIETY LISTING

Stamp Description	Paper	Gum	Normal Type	Error
1967 1c Brown (pane)	Med. Dull Bluish Flecked	PVA	O1	O1a-C
1967 1c Brown (bklt.)	Med. Dull Bluish Flecked	PVA	O1	O1a-C
1971 6c Blk. Die 3 (pane)	Dull	PVA	O1	O1a-D
1971 6c Blk. Die 3 (bklt.)	Med. Dull Bluish Flecked	PVA	O1	O1a-B
1971 8c Slate (pane)	Dull	Dex.	O1	
1971 8c Slate (bklt.)	Med. Dull Bluish Flecked	PVA	O1	O1a-B
1971 8c Slate Coil	Med. Dull Bluish Flecked	PVA	O1	
1971 25c Booklet	Med. Dull Bluish Flecked	PVA	O1	
1971 \$1 Booklet	Dull	PVA	O1	
1972 25c Bklt. (10 Scenes)	Med. Dull Bluish Flecked	PVA	O1	
1967 10c Olive	Fluorescent	PVA	O2	
1967 10c Olive	Med. Dull Bluish Flecked	PVA	O2	
1967 15c Purple	Med. Dull Bluish Flecked	PVA	O2	
1972 8c Heart	Dull	PVA	O2	
1972 8c Heart	Fluorescent	PVA	O2	
1972 8c Frontenac	Med. Dull Bluish Flecked	PVA	O2	

Small "a" refers to errors type on chart. Capital letters refer to rarity factor.

Rarity Factors  
 A — 1-5      D — 101-500  
 B — 6-25     E — 501 up  
 C — 26-100

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# TOPICS: THE NEWSFRONT

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## Some hot news flashes from our convention chairman — exhibits for the Court of Honor, mounting of frames, etc.

Robert Pratt, our convention chairman, just announced some outstanding exhibits which will be included in the Court of Honor at Newfoundland this September. These include:

- A portion of the collection of Queen Elizabeth II, being loaned by special permission of Her Majesty.
- Rarely-seen essays and proofs of Newfoundland developed by De La Rue & Co. during the 1920s, on loan from the British Postal Museum.
- The Canada Postal Museum will have a special showing pertaining to the stamps and postal history of Newfoundland.
- The Newfoundland Archives will have a special exhibit of interest to Newfoundlanders.

Reservations are flooding in, Pratt reports, and to date he has at least six groups coming from England. Your own reservations can be made by the Holiday Inn Holiday System as long as reference is made to the BNAPS' convention; if you do make your own reservations, Pratt says, please advise him that you have done so on your own so that reservations won't be duplicated.

The Newfoundland government has generously agreed to foot the bill for the annual banquet on Saturday night, to be held at the Holiday Inn. On the previous Thursday morning, the Lieutenant Governor of the province, John A. Harnum, will officially open the exhibition hall. That's at 10 a.m.

The exhibits will be mounted during the night of September 6. Some people have indicated that they are arriving on a flight which gets to St. John's at 1 a.m. in the morning and that they wish to bring their exhibits with them.

This, says Pratt, isn't very satisfactory. "We must have the exhibits on hand to mount by 6 p.m. on the evening of the 6th of September, and they cannot be taken down until after the Arts and Culture Building closes at 10.30 p.m. Saturday, September 9.

"Some people have said they wish to leave on a 7 o'clock plane Monday morning — which is cutting it rather fine because, for security reasons, only a select group will

be allowed to mount or demount the exhibits."

Pratt suggests that arrangements be made to depart from St. John's at some time other than early in the morning. There is an 8:30 flight from Montreal which arrives at 12:15. There is an 8:05 flight from Toronto which arrives at 1:25 after a stop in Halifax. And there is another leaving Montreal at 9:10 a.m., arriving at 4:35 in the afternoon with stops at Moncton, Halifax, Sydney, Stephenville and Gander.

"Please," Pratt says, "be good folks and don't make me stay up all night; I want to have some fun on Saturday night too."

## An award for the Canada Post

Our friends on Confederation Heights have won the Philatelic Press Club Award for 1971 for the press releases and other material given out in connection with its new stamp issues. It's the first time, in five years the award has been made, that the award has gone to an American country. Mark Weiner of Montreal made the award on June 27 to Jean-Pierre Cote, the postmaster general.

Cote was busy with ceremonies in June — earlier that month he attended another, to mark the unveiling of the first of 2,000 trucks with new designs painted on them in red and white with blue stripes. For decades post office trucks wore red with gold trim designs.

# Post Office Department NEW ISSUES

Four 15c stamps representing the sciences of photogrammetry, cartography, geology and geography, will be issued August 2 by the Canada Post Office, in recognition of four scientific congresses — the 24th International Geological Congress, the 22nd International Geographical Congress, the 12th Congress of the International Society of Photogrammetry, and the 6th Congress of the International Cartography Association — being convened in Canada this summer.

The four stamps were designed by Gottschalk and Ash Limited of Montreal. They all measure 30 x 30 mm and will appear set-tenant on miniature panes of 16 stamps (four of each design). The miniature panes carry a brief inscription at the bottom horizontal selvedge identifying Canada as the host country. Ashton-Potter Limited of Toronto is printing a combined total of 16,000,000 of the stamps.

The stamps are being produced by lithography in a total of eight colors. Quantities of the stamps are being Ottawa Tagged but

there are no marginal inscriptions on corner blocks of the tagged stamps. Marginal inscriptions will appear on one of the four corners of each of the untagged panes. Mint stamps of either version may be ordered through the philatelic service.

Two 8c stamps featuring the artifacts and way of life of Canada's Plains Indians were issued by the Canada Post Office on July 6. They are the first of a series of 20 stamps which will be issued over the next three years, depicting cultural features of the different Indian peoples of Canada.

The design for the stamp illustrating the Plains Indians is taken from the print *Buffalo Chase* by George Catlin, an American artist of the 19th century.

The design for the second stamp was created from a photograph by Ray Webber of Toronto. The artifacts shown are: a club, a feather headdress, a woman's saddle, a beaded saddle bag, a moccasin, a decorated bison skull, a parfleche bag, and a calumet or pipe.

Layout and typography of both were done by Georges Beaupré of Montreal.

A total quantity of 28 million were printed by Ashton-Potter Limited of Toronto. Both designs will be printed set-tenant, alternating on each pane of 50 stamps. The stamps measure 36 mm by 30 mm each



and are being printed in four color lithography.

Quantities of the stamps are being Ottawa Tagged but there are no marginal inscriptions on corner blocks of the tagged stamps. Marginal inscriptions including the designers' names will appear on the four corners of each of the regular untagged panes of 50 stamps available from the Philatelic Service. The Maple Leaf in Four Seasons is now being offered by the Canada Post Office as a complete set in an attractive souvenir card.

Each card contains four stamps in mint condition with a total postage value of 26c, set in a protective acetate mount. The four color embossed card has space for a written message and comes with a matching color illustrated envelope.

The sets, with card and matching envelope, are on sale now at 60c each at all major post offices and philatelic centres across Canada and at the Philatelic Service.

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## Auction News

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Two Toronto auctions in June are worth noting. The first, by William Maresch, was held on June 7 and 8 and the second, by J. N. Sissons Ltd., on June 21 and 22. In May, H. R. Harmer of New York held an auction featuring many BNA rarities.

### Maresch

A group of railway post cards, lots 36 to 41, sold at \$175, \$76.50, \$200, \$125, \$175 and \$90 — far above the estimates. The lots contained 28, 24, 28, 13, 44 and 26 cards each, respectively.

A Scott 4c 3d Beaver on ribbed paper, single used (lot 70) fetched \$230, nearly twice catalogue. Lot 171, 50 5c Beaver covers, sold at \$350 and a 5c grey, a n.h. and extremely fine centered Small Queen sold at \$42 (lot 299).

A 2c experimental coil pair of the Edward VII with the H & Z separation sold at \$115, and panes of the Victoria booklet went for \$260 and two at \$180. A complete sheet of the 2c on 3c one-line Admiral overprint with pyramid and mostly well centered (lot 476) sold at \$600, and three tete-beche panes of 12 imperf and n.h. (lot 504) went for \$450.

Strips of four of the wide-gutter Cartier

sold at \$67.50 each (lots 592 and 593) and a sheet of the \$1 Chateau Ramezay, in aniline and n.h. sold at \$420 (lot 628) and dye proofs of the Special Delivery issues E4, E5, E7 and E8 sold at \$260, \$320, \$360 and \$310 (lots 704, 705, 706 and 708, resp.)

### Sissons

Sissons was particularly strong on Newfoundland. A 2d deep orange block, n.h. and superb with margin, sold at \$1,800 (lot 14); a block of the 2c green, Scott 24 sold at \$180 (lot 40) and a block of the 5c Scott 26 with imprint, mint and well centered (lot 43) fetched \$300.

Lot 61, blocks of the roulette set with o.g. sold at a record \$850, and the 1897 overprint type C, a single mint, fetched \$130 (lot 90).

Lot 154, a 1930 Columbia mint, sold at \$1,400 while DO-Xs went for \$90 and \$100, with a block going at \$360; Balbos went for \$150 and \$160 with a block at \$550.

A Nova Scotia 1/ reddish violet with light cancel sold at \$1,150 (lot 202). Lot 296, a reconstructed sheet of the 17c blue Canada (Scott 19) sold at \$1,450. Small and Large Queens did well, with a black 1c plate proof of 100 in a sheet, officially defaced, went for \$1,100 (lot 338).

A superb 8c registered, mint single, sold at \$140 (lot 796) and a block of the 2c deep-rose carmine sold at \$155 (lot 789).

### Harmer

H. R. Harmer's New York sale included these items: Canada 1851 3d used horizontal pair, with faults \$240; 1855 10d blue, thin paper, used \$250; 1857 1/2d rose, o.g. \$150; 1859 1c rose imperf single, unused \$320; 1868-79 Large Queen 1c yellow orange, a superb o.g. copy, \$375 (cataloguing \$150). 1888-93 Ottawa Printing 10c brown red, two imperf. corner blocks of six, o.g. \$260 and \$185.

Newfoundland 1860 1/ orange, on vertically laid paper, unused \$7,500; 1860 wove paper 2d orange, used \$150; 6d orange, used \$190; 1861-62 1/ rose, complete sheet of 20, o.g. \$150; Air Post 1927 de Pinedo 60c black, o.g. \$8,200, a copy on flown cover \$3,200; 1930 Columbia, two o.g. copies at \$1,600 and \$900 (rounded corner), a n.h. horizontal pair \$3,100; 1932 DO-X \$1.50 on \$1 blue with inverted overprint, n.h., \$1,900.

# TOPICS: THE BUSINESS SIDE

## BNAPS: ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT  
VICE-PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY  
TREASURER  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sam C. Nickle, 1208 Belavista Cr., Calgary, Alberta  
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Jack Jevine, 2121-G North Hills Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27610  
Leo J. LaFrance, Box 229, Ossining, N.Y. 10562  
Nine sitting; three elected every year for a three-year term.  
1970-1972 — Dr. R. A. Chaplin, S. S. Kenyon, Wilmer C. Rockett.  
1971-1973 — James C. Lehr, James A. Pike, Robert H. Pratt.  
1972-1974 — G. B. Llewellyn (chairman), C. R. McNeil, D. G. Rosenblat.

## Treasurer's Report

Leo J. LaFrance,  
Ossining, N.Y.

This report reflects the financial position of the British North America Philatelic Society for the year ended December 31, 1971.

The balance sheet of the Society was audited by a certified public accountant and his statement is as follows:

"We have examined the balance sheet of the British North America Philatelic Society as of December 31, 1971 and the related statements of Income and Retained Earnings of the year then ended. The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as was considered necessary in the circumstances except as stated in the following paragraphs.

"We did not conduct a physical inventory of handbooks and investments, and we did not confirm the Accounts Receivables. We satisfied ourselves as to their propriety by other auditing procedures.

"No translation loss was recorded because U.S. and Canadian dollars were essentially at par at the time of the final 1971 transactions.

"In our opinion, except as noted above, the accompanying Balance Sheet and related statements of Income and Expense presents fairly the financial position of the British North America Philatelic Society at December 31, 1971, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year."—John R. Love, Certified Public Accountant.

### BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 1971

#### ASSETS

Cash — Brown Brothers — Harriman .....	\$ 5,010.78	
Cash — In Custody of Sales Manager .....	2,709.64	
Cash — In Custody of Librarian .....	648.26	
Cash — In Custody of Handbook Agent .....	238.27	
Cash — In Custody of Treasurer .....	274.93	
Cash — Manhattan Savings Bank .....	5,432.04	\$14,313.92
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5% Growth Certificate .....	\$ 1,946.01	
C. M. Jephcott Memorial Fund — at Cost .....	2,466.15	4,412.16
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Accounts Receivable .....		314.09
Inventory — Handbooks .....	\$ 2,396.59	
Inventory — Postage and Circuit Books .....	160.06	2,556.65
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TOTAL ASSETS .....		\$21,596.82

**LIABILITIES AND RETAINED EARNINGS**

Accounts Payable .....	\$ 839.55	
Prepaid Dues .....	222.95	
Capex Loan Fund .....	700.00	
Insurance Fund .....	3,914.73	
Due Owners on Sales Circuits .....	2,053.62	
Life Membership Fund .....	368.00	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES .....</b>		<b>\$ 8,098.85</b>
Retained Earnings December 31, 1970 .....	\$11,922.99	
Earnings for 1971 .....	1,574.98	
Retained Earnings December 31, 1971 .....		<b>\$13,497.97</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RETAINED EARNINGS .....</b>		<b>\$21,596.82</b>

**INCOME AND EXPENSE**

For the year ended December 31, 1971

**INCOME**

Dues — 1970 .....	\$ 18.75
Dues — 1971 .....	7,366.45
Fees .....	124.90
Dividends .....	128.45
Royalties .....	406.25
Miscellaneous .....	692.95
Circuit Sales — Net .....	269.62
Handbook Sales — Net .....	1,497.08
	<b>\$10,504.45</b>

**EXPENSE**

Topics Net .....	\$ 8,111.82
Exchange Loss .....	23.06
Stationery Printing and Postage .....	382.28
Miscellaneous .....	348.13
BNAPEX .....	64.18
	<b>8,929.47</b>
Net Income From Operations .....	<b>\$1,574.98</b>

*From the Secretary*

JACK LEVINE  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**New Members**

2786	Bates, Jerry, Box 777, St. Charles, Missouri 63301
2787	Campbell, Captain N. D., R.N., RARDE, Fort Halstead, Nr. Savendaks, Kent, England
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(Applications shall be pending in two successive issues of the magazine)

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Yager, W. R., 943 Garfield Street North, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 2N5

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Gronbeck-Jones, David, P.O. Box 239, Oromocto, New Brunswick  
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Zrobok, Roman, 11503—128 Street, Edmonton 41, Alberta

### Applications for Membership

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

- ARMSTRONG, Harold B., 1644 Raindance Way, Las Vegas, Nev. 89109 (C-X) CAN, B.C., V.I., N.B., N.S., P.E.I. — 19th century mint postage and blocks. Literature. Proofs and Essays. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- BLASER, Mark, R.D. 1, Center Valley, Pa. (C) CAN, NFD, N.B. — OHMS-G. Precancels. Federal, Provincial and Tax-Paid Revenues. Proposed by W. C. Rockett (249).
- CHURLEY, Gerald Herbert, 221—220 Seventh St., New Westminster, B.C., B.C. (C) CAN — Mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used booklet panes. Mint and used Airmails. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- COMPTON, Richard A., 229 Ridgedale Road, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850 (C) NFD — 19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate Blocks. Cancellations. SPECIALTY — "235s". Proposed by E. A. Richardson (168). Seconded by J. Levine (L1).
- FIALA, E. J., 15232 — 84th Avenue, Edmonton, Alta. T5R 3X8 (C-CX) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th century mint and used postage. Mint and used Airmails. SPECIALTY — Jubilees and Quebecs. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203). Seconded by J. C. L. Ferguson (1884).
- GUGGENHEIM, Max, Leuengasse 2A, CH4000, Basel, Switzerland (C) N.S. — Mint and used postage. Pre-stamp covers. Proposed by J. N. Sissons (L17).
- JOHNSON, Charles, 51 Tunstall Ave., Senneville, Que. (C) CAN — Mint and used postage. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- JOHNSON, F. H., 16 Orchard Park Dr., West Hill, Ont. (C-C). Proposed by R. J. Woolley (359). Seconded by L. A. Davenport (51).
- JOHNSON, Peter K., 899 Alward St., Prince George, B.C. (C-X) CAN, NFD — Mint and used postage. mint booklet panes. Precancels. Mint and used Airmails. SPECIALTY — Canada Admirals. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
- KALBFLEISCH, James G., 140 Manchester Road, Kitchener, Ont. (C-CX) CAN — Mint and used postage and blocks. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes and complete. Federal and Provincial Revenues. Mint and used Airmails. Postal Stationery entires and cut-squares. SPECIALTY — OHMS-G and Tagged. Proposed by J. Levine (L1).
- KIRBY, Frank S., 9190 E. Saanich Rd., Sidney, B.C. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV — Mint and used postage. Mint and used Airmails. Proposed by J. P. Hughes (2042). Seconded by F. W. L. Keane (565).
- MacLATCHY, Mrs. Joan K., 2515 Laurier Crescent, Prince George, B.C. (C) CAN, NFD, N.B., N.S. — 19th and 20th century mint and used postage and used blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used booklet panes. Precancels. Mint and used Airmails. Literature. Proposed by S. H. Clark (787). Seconded by G. D. Prowse (2656).
- MURRAY, Alexander W., 45 Grenoble Dr., Apt. 1902, Don Mills, Ont. (C-CX) CAN, NFD, N.S., N.B., P.E.I., B.C. — 19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st Day covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used Airmails. Proofs and Essays. Proposed by F. Hill (2703). Seconded by G. C. Baugild (759).
- McGUIRE, C. R., c/o National Postal Museum, P.O. Dept., Confederation Heights, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0B1 (C). Proposed by C. Huff (1345). Seconded by J. E. Kraemer (774).

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- PERRATON, Claude, 164 Roseval, Ste. Rose, Ville de Laval, Que. (C-CX) CAN, NFD — 20th century mint and used postage. Pre-stamp, stampless, 1st Day covers. Plate Blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Precancels. Mint and used Airmails. Postal Stationery entires. Tagged and paper varieties. Proposed by G. F. Hansen (2203).
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## HAROLD CANHAM

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*H. E. Canham  
No. 77*

One of our old-time members is Harold Canham who now has 75 years of collecting behind him.

He was born in Birmingham, England, and came to Canada in 1903 with his album of stamps of the world. He found out quite early that this was too big a job so he cut it to Great Britain and its colonies. Sold much of this in 1929 and saved his BNA material. Then in 1951 he cut it to the 3c Small Queen. Now, he says, it's time to slowly sell the balance.

Harold is a past president of Regina's Executive Club, their Fish and Game Club, the Gun Club, and the Philatelic Society.

He still enjoys his fishing trips plus a bit of hunting for geese and duck.

Back in the 30s, he began collecting Indian artifacts which were left on the hard pan when the top soil blew away.

His philatelic achievements include finding the only copy of the big head Cleuta Mills watermark perf 11½ x 12, and a sheet of the 4c postal note imperf between, and, in 1971, two sheets of the Spring Maple Leaf commemorative imperforate. At one time he had a major hold of the perf 12½ 3c—he still has a superb copy with the two-ring "7".

For a living, he was a salesman in the electrical field; many a prairie town is illuminated with his equipment he sold. He was one of the first to sell radios in Western Canada.

Now retired for 20 some years, he still enjoys his many hobbies to the full.

—Dr. R. V. C. Carr

## ...and some doodles by The Editor

It's true that the 2c Registered stamp in the bright shade is consistently called "scarlet" when it's not, as E. A. Smythies likes to point out, but that's far from the most serious cataloguing error being perpetrated by Scott and Gibbons in the BNA field.

The one that really grates is the confused listing of early Newfoundland issues, particularly by Gibbons. Here we have a profusion of paper types listed on the later pence issues (thick and thin with different dates) when, according to most authorities, these were all from one stock of paper and are not different printings at all but merely paper variations. And later we have the white and yellow paper types on the 1865 to 1894 cents issue which are also in grave doubt. Sissons' June catalogue lists one of these (lot 51) with the proviso, "... what appears to me to be bleached thin white paper . . . in my opinion this stamp was never issued on white paper and therefore Scott 31a and Gibbons 33a do not exist."

But help is on the way. Robert Pratt, who is well-known as the chairman of the coming convention, is still better known as an authority on the stamps of Newfoundland and, once the convention is over, is continuing his work on a new book on this country which will, once and for all, sort out decades of confusion. In the meantime we're starting a series in the next issue, of a reprint of a 1966 article he wrote for the *London Philatelist* on the pence issues. In it he describes fully the four distinct printings of this issue, and how they came about.

# MAIL FROM OUR MEMBERS

## Air Canada flight arranged from Toronto to St. John's for the BNAPEX convention

Toronto-area BNAPSers will welcome an announcement by J. W. Pole-Langdon of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club. In a note to the editor, he tells us that anyone who's interested in group transportation to the Newfoundland convention in September can make arrangements with him for the flight.

Sufficient seats have been set aside by Air Canada on flight 608, leaving Toronto at 0805 hours on September 6 (that's five after eight in the morning), and arriving at St. John's at 1325 hours later the same day (or 1:35 p.m.)

Cost is \$142 for the round trip, and those taking part must travel to Newfie as a group; the return trip may be made by the individuals on their own date and time, and they are responsible for making the return-journey arrangements with Air Canada. (Regular rates are \$178 return, economy class.)

Reservations with payment enclosed in full should be made out to J. W. Pole-Langdon, 1 Sykes Avenue, Weston, Ontario — as soon as possible after you read this; his deadline is August 5. Cheques should be made payable to him, marked "in trust".

## A somewhat dubious collecting sideline?

I have recently come across some wonderful philatelic items which may amount to a "discovery" and I wish to bring it to the attention of all BNAPS members.

These are postage stamps sold by vending machines located in Toronto, and possibly in other centers as well. The stamps themselves appear to be normal definitive issues, torn in twos and threes from regular sheets of the issued stamps. But each stamp-set pops out of the machine enclosed in a cardboard folder measuring 24.5 x 92.3 mm (when flattened out, or 24.5 x 45.2 mm when folded over) printed in a reddish ink on a heavy cardboard, similar in texture and shade to the boxes used by bakeries for wrapping tarts and pies, but somewhat thicker (.050 inches) with a slight off-color on the reverse, or inside, of the folders.

The stamps are dispensed at 4c-worth for five cents, and 8c-worth for ten cents, by the little machines.

There seems to be a wide variety of messages printed on the folders, and the diligent collector could, no doubt, find many dozens of these available — to say nothing of color varieties, variation in size, cardboard thickness, etc. No doubt the current trend to recycled paper products will create even more varieties of these folders in the future! One I have bears a written "3" on

the cover, done in felt marker-pen — no doubt by a worker at the vending-machine supply house.

The messages on the folders are like a breath of fresh air, and give a new (and sometimes humorous) slant on our sometimes all-too-sober hobby.

My first purchase of five folders (at a Mac's Milk Store) gave me the following cheerful messages and philosophic thoughts:

"A stamp's success depends on its ability to stick to its job" and on the other side the words, "Think It Over: Stick to Your Job." Another states "Postage Stamps: Sanitarily Packed; Saves Trip to Postoffice (sic)" and on the other side, "As a deserving public utility this handy machine serves cheerfully." Another gives this reminder for good citizenship: "Your code of Living Every Day: Practice the Golden Rule."

I also received two "fortune forecasts": "A pleasant surprise and good news is coming your way" said one, and the second said the same thing. Feeling that I had exhausted the machine's potential, I decided to "quit while I was ahead" but, rest assured, I shall return and find other philatelic "treasures" like these again. Perhaps if there is sufficient interest in these items the makers of specialized catalogues could be prevailed upon to list them in forthcoming publications.

— W. B. Kinkajou

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