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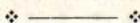
I came across the following and thought it contained some interesting information for the readers:

March 28th, 1931

"I am in receipt of your letter of March 20th (1931) and am pleased to hear that you received the first air mail cover which I sent you via St. Anthony, Newfoundland.

Our air service is a little different to what you are used to in the States. This letter was posted January 27th (1931) and it was January 29th before suitable weather conditions allowed our flier to take off. On that same day he was forced down in the woods about five miles from an outport named Rattling Brook and the plane had to remain there until a mechanic was sent from St. John's. We have only two cross country trains a week from St. John's and therefore one or two days were lost by the mechanic starting. He went to Millertown Junction by rail and had to remain there for several days longer waiting for a dog team to take him to Rattling Brook. After arriving there and making the necessary repairs there was still further delay on account of bad weather before the flier was able to proceed on February, the day he reached St. Anthony. You will therefore see the days between January 29th and February 13th are accounted for.

The second air trip has not yet taken place nor do we anticipate same during the present spring as there are no suitable landing places in the Northern country. He was depending upon landing on the ice on lakes or sea coast."



PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

On Thursday evening, September 18th, the Philadelphia Chapter of BNAPS held their first meeting at 7934 Pickering Street. Many BNAPS'ers from the Philadelphia area were present and participated in the election of James Culhane as president, Alfred Kessler, vice-president and Charles McDonough, Secretary, for the Chapter. After some very interesting discussions, the members enjoyed looking over and buying material from a large selection of BNAPS Circuit books which were especially sent to Ralph Leuf for the meeting. Future meetings will be held at the same address but it was decided to have them on the *First Thursday* of each month, instead of the third. The next meeting will be held November 6th.

CHAS. McDONOUGH



PRESS RELEASE

The news is now being released of the foundation of the Canadian Association for Philatelic Exhibitions whose main immediate purpose is the planning and holding CAPEX 1951 at Toronto for the centennial stamp exhibition of Canada's first postage stamp. The chartered Directors of this new company, whose Government charter has now been regularly issued, are divided equally between presidents and officers of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club and the Canadian Philatelic Society. The Board of Directors are not quite completed as yet but will be representative of stamp collectors all across Canada and later of the U. S. and elsewhere. In the interim, the first officers are: President, Walter S. Bayley, who is also president of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club; Vice-Presidents, Fred Jarrett, Honorary President of the Canadian Philatelic Society and noted philatelic author, and Mr. Cyril Woodhead, president of the Canadian Philatelic Society; Treasurer, Mr. Fred W. Morgan, 12 Bain Ave., Toronto; and Secretary, W. J. Scott, 177 Roxborough St. E., Toronto 5.

CANADIAN O.H.M.S. STAMPS

By C. B. D. GARRETT

Many of you are aware that Official Stamps were in use long before they appeared for Canada as the official check of Government mail. Recognized among Great Britain's real classics are the I. R. Official (Inland Revenue), O. W. (Office of Works), etc. The Officials of some old Australian Colonies (in the '70's and '30's) command a high price.

In Canada, they may be considered as first being used in 1925 or perhaps a year earlier, at which time, not by all Government Departments but by the Department of Finance, to whom the Dominion Government gave their sanction to perforate the stamps they used with the letters "O.H.M.S.". Thus it may be considered that from their earliest use, all O.H.M.S. stamps were perforated by the Government.

It wasn't until 1939 that O.H.M.S. stamps were used by all Federal offices throughout the Dominion, in all branches such as: Police, Forestry, Entomology, Customs, etc. At that date, an Order in Council was put through authorizing their use.

Neither the Government nor the Post Office Department had a machine that could do the perforating, so they borrowed the one used by the Finance Department. This machine perforated the letters with five holes in each vertical stroke and this type has become identified as Type I. A machine was later made for the Government which used four holes to each vertical stroke and this style has become identified as the "small hole" Type II.

It is quite possible that there were two machines, each effecting a different setting—one, a normal setting with the letters O.H.M.S. in the vertical position; the second may have been with the letters set horizontally or sideways.

The pins were arranged to fit the small size, ordinary stamp. Rare specimens are found with double perforations. This "double" variety should not be confused with the usual appearance or two sets of perforations on the larger size stamp. As explained, the arrangement was made for the smaller stamp and thus the larger size would naturally result in two sets of perforations. The true double variety shows two *overlapping* strikes and are quite rare.

A great many varieties are caused by the manner in which the unpunched sheet is fed into the machine. The figures, A - H, show these variations as seen from the front of the stamp.

<p>O H M S</p> <p>A</p> <p>NORMAL</p>	<p>H O S M</p> <p>B</p> <p>REVERSED</p>	<p>S W H O</p> <p>C</p> <p>INVERTED</p>	<p>W S O H</p> <p>D</p> <p>INV. REVERSED</p>
<p>H S O M</p> <p>E</p>	<p>W O S I</p> <p>F</p>	<p>O M I S</p> <p>G</p>	<p>S I W O</p> <p>H</p>

10c Rose	1A, E - IIE, F
13c Halifax	1A, C - IIA, C
20c Fort	1A - IIA, At, C
50c	IIA, C
\$1 Chateau	IIA

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1c	IIE, F
3c Red	IIE, F
3c Mauve	IIIE, F
4c Grain	IIA, C, E, F
4c Red	IIIE, F, Ft
5c Blue	IIA, E, Et, F
8c Farming	IIE, F
10c	IIIE, F
13c Tank	IIA, E
14c Tank	IIA, C
20c Corvette	IIA, C, E
50c Munition	IIA, C, E
\$1 Destroyer	IIA, E

Commemoratives

2c Confederation	IA
3c Confederation	IA
5c Laurier	IA

20c Historical	IA
10c Cartier	IA, B, C, D
5c Imp. Confer.	IB
5c Postal Union	IA, B
20c Regina Conf.	IA, B, C
3c Coronation	IF
1c Royal Visit	IA - IIE, F
2c Royal Visit	IIA, E, F
3c Royal Visit	IA - IIA, E, F

Airmail

C1	IIA, C
C6	IA - IIA, C
C7	IIA, C
C8	IIA, C
CE1	IIA
CE2	IIA, C

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E8	IIA
E9	IA
E10	IIA

There should be a few additional to add since 1943. The commemoratives are quite rare.

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VARIOUS & SUNDRY

BY GEO. E. FOSTER

Many collectors of Canadian Revenues have been puzzled by the overprinting "N.S." on the third issue Bill Stamps for use in Nova Scotia. The reason was this, there was a difference of $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ between the Canadian currency and the Nova Scotian provincial currency which was still in use; i.e., \$1.00 in Canadian currency was worth \$1.02 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Nova Scotia. This differential could result in manipulations to defraud the revenue, so to prevent that, the stamps were overprinted, limiting their use to within the boundaries of Nova Scotia. Shortly after the stamps came into use, a monetary adjustment was made bringing the provincial currency to a par with the Canadian and further overprinting was not necessary.

Railways played a negligible role in the provincial postal arrangements of New Brunswick. Railway construction was started in 1851 on a road from St. Andrews to Quebec; the project being considered and discussed since 1835. The railway reached Woodstock in 1868 and Houlton, Me., sometime later, but the original plan was never carried out. The next road was the European and North American Railway from St. John to Shediac, started in 1853 and completed in 1860. After the Confederation, this road was extended to Fredericton and later to Bangor, Maine, and to Halifax, N. S. These two small roads were the only railways in operation before 1867.

In a letter from Frank Campbell, he says, "Bend of the Petitcodiac was Moncton eventually but the exact turnover period was not certain as it just changed unknown. In some P.O. reports it has three names indiscriminately as—Moncton, Bend of Petitcodiac and often just Bend. One P. M. held his job there for 53 years."

In the P.M.G. report for the year ending October 31, 1859, neither Bend or Petitcodiac appears as a postoffice, but Moncton is listed as a way office with

M. D. Harris as the postmaster, whose appointment dates from Jan. 28, 1854. The receipts for the year amounted to 20 pounds, 9 shillings and 5 pence; and 468 bags of mail were received and dispatched.

The buildings shown on the 25' and 50' values of the Law Stamps of Cape Breton are the surface works of coal mines. This island has the most extensive submarine mines known, one tunnel extending a distance of $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles under the bed of the sea.

AN UNUSUAL POSTMARK



Along came a letter the other day to ask if I knew anything about "DEER Lake—FWD" and there it was nicely stamped in black on a current 2c George VI NEWFOUNDLAND. It was a mystery to me and mysteries only whet the philatelic appetite, so we had to find the answer. Well, here it is—a modern story which makes us think of the old pioneering days of the early posts.

This stamp is used in the winter, usually between January 1st and May 15th, on mail for all the ports from Deer Lake to St. Anthony. During this time the Corner Brook to St. Anthony boat service via the "Straits" is taken off. The mail is put off the train at Deer Lake, separated from the local mail, and sent by horse and team once a week to all ports to St. Anthony. One can visualize that this is often a hazardous journey in such thinly populated country.

A similar stamp "BADGER—FWD" is used during the winter to mark mail for the Green Bay district.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

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There are, at this writing, 145 books of stamps and covers available to circuit fans. We had a total of 250 all told since we adopted the small book, which means that there were 114 retired. The original value of the retired books had a total of \$2050 of which there was sold \$957.36 worth of material. One book sold 100%. Two books which were in the circuit about two weeks sold an average of 70% of their original contents. This is proof that the right material, priced right, sells fast.

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THE ST. LAWRENCE & ATLANTIC RAILROAD

BY RICHARD P. HEDLEY



We are illustrating a cover with a cancellation of this railroad, dated April 25, 1854, which may prove to be the earliest thus far recorded. Boggs' book describes one dated Feb. 12, 1855, and my good friend, Frank Campbell, has shown me his copy dated Aug. 24, 1854.

It seems hard to place the exact date this cancellation was first used, however, as Appendix G, Part 1, #1, of the Boggs' book tells us this particular cancellation was ordered Aug. 12, 1853. It was therefore during the latter part of 1853 or early 1854 before this one was first put into use. The railroad was carrying the mails earlier than this as the Post Master General report of 1852 advises that the mails were carried between Montreal and Richmond for the sum of 460 pounds (price paid to the contractor). This trip was made daily, the train leaving Richmond at 6:00 A. M. and arriving at Montreal at 10:30 A. M.

The St. Lawrence & Atlantic R. R. had its beginning in 1845, at which time two companies were incorporated, the St. Lawrence & Atlantic and the Atlantic & St. Lawrence R. R. The idea was to form an all-rail link between Montreal and the Atlantic Coast. The first was the Canadian portion of the road, and the second, the American portion. The first Canadian section was built in 1847 between Montreal and St. Hyacinthe, a distance of about 30 miles. In 1851 it was extended to Richmond on the St. Francis River and thence south to Sherbrooke and the International Boundary, where it joined the Atlantic & St. Lawrence. The U. S. section was not completed from Island Pond to Portland, Maine, however, until July 16, 1853. It is said that this railroad was the first international railway to be built.

This is Your Magazine--Your Views are Welcome

BRINGING NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE AND STAMPS

BY REV. JOHN S. BAIN

A sequel to the story in my August column about BNAPster K. M. Smith's first day covers of the new Newfoundland 4c "Princess" stamp is a nice letter from the Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs, St. John's Nfld., signed by the head Postmaster. It reads, "Replying to yours of the 2nd May, regarding irregularities in cancelling certain First Day Covers mailed to you on the 21st April, I wish to say that your request has been granted and the covers bearing the proper date are enclosed herewith. The annoyance caused you in this matter is, I assure you, sincerely regretted." A 12 penny black to the head Postmaster for a nice philatelic ending.

BNAPS

Strange as it seems (or is there anything strange in philately?) after the report of Dan and Bill Meyerson finding a forgery of Newfoundland, Scott #127a, which had been unknown, I am offered one for my forgery collection.

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The *Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club* is host for the coming "T. H. B. Party" being held at Toronto on October 24th-25th, at the Royal York Hotel. A large number of BNAPS'ers residing in Toronto will of course be there; as well as those from Hamilton and Buffalo. A large group of New York members will also be there and it is hoped that other members from all parts will likewise visit Toronto for the party. Make your reservations—make it your pleasure to meet the others at Toronto.

BNAPS

Everytime I visit the Kirkland Stamp Shop in Chicago the conversation usually comes to something like this, "When are you going to sell me that item (I indicate by pointing)?" No answer, only a smile, as we've been over the same question everytime. The item in question is a set of the Newfoundland 1911 Coronation

stamps (Scott #104-114) mounted on a card printed in colors and golds. These cards were distributed at the time to prominent personages to commemorate the coronation. The Union Jack and the flag of Newfoundland appears at the top in color. On the bottom appears the signature of the Colonial Secretary, and the statement, "with the compliments of the Governor of Newfoundland". Have you got one in your collection? This is the only one I've seen and know of.

BNAPS

Bob Duncan, our hard-working and result-getting Librarian finds time aside from his other jobs to keep sending your reporter newsy items for publication in this column—and help keep it alive. Bob sends us an S. O. S. to try to round up a few copies of the issue of *Stamps* which contains the article on the 3c Small Queen by BNAPster Larry Shoemaker. Requests for this and other material in the Library have resulted in loans increasing from zero last year during the same quarter to 27 this year—and the quarter only half over!

Bob also helps us bring you news about *People* and introduces some of our new applicants to you. Members in Winnipeg may remember J. C. Cartwright of England as President of the Winnipeg Philatelic Society for many years. Member G. Dron, #412, of Long Branch, Ont., publishes a monthly bulletin and will gladly send you a sample copy. E. C. Bayliss of Toronto can help members who are ready to bind their copies of *TOPICS*. Applicant I. Garcia also publishes a house organ which is free for the asking.

BNAPS

By the time this column reaches you I will be in the Carribean Sea visiting our mission fields at Puerto Rico, Haiti, Cuba and Jamaica. While there I will be looking round to see whether I can find some B. N. A. collectors. Who knows? They turn up in the most unlikely places.

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NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

By W. S. AND D. C. MEYERSON

This is the first occasion we have had to write anything new about Newfoundland Postal Slogan Cancellations since our first article about them appeared in the August 1945 issue of *BNA TOPICS*.

Between that date and April 21, 1947, the only slogan we continued to see on letters emanating from Newfoundland was the #16 in the list of August 1945. We now have two additions to that list:

FIRST DAY ISSUE

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#17 "FIRST DAY ISSUE" Placed into use on April 21, 1947 with the issuance of the 4c Princess Elizabeth and used again on June 24, 1947 when the 5c Cabot appeared.

#18 "DRIVE SLOWLY—DRIVE RIGHT—DRIVE SAFELY" Earliest record of use, June 25, 1947.

As usual, these two new slogans are in use only at St. John's.

DRIVE SLOWLY
DRIVE RIGHT
DRIVE SAFELY

18

AND SO--A BILL WAS PAID IN FULL

By ED RICHARDSON



Some seventy years ago a local man (Ithaca, N. Y.) sent his bill to a client located in Canada for some work he had done in looking up some facts for that Canadian's geneology. The bill came to the staggering sum of \$1.25.

No doubt the Canadian was tired, or more likely dusting off the family albums one rainy day, and not wanting to go out in the rain to get a certified check at the local bank (or maybe there wasn't one in his neck of the woods,) he went to his writing desk and took out twenty-one nice, fresh 6c stamps, tucked them in an envelope and sent it off to the States, never giving it a thought that he had overpaid his bill by 1c, nor, what was

more important, worrying about what anyone in the small town of Ithaca, N. Y. was going to do to use or cash the stamps.

Well luckily that man had several sons, one of whom had taken up the dreadful mania of stamp collecting, and having nothing better to do with them, he turned them over to him. That son lived to be over ninety years of age, and was an active stamp collector for nearly eighty of those years. For some reason he never broke a block, never took a stamp off cover, and never parted with a duplicate.

At long last that original block of twenty 6c stamps is now in the collection of another stamp nut. The first time it has changed hands in over 70 years. It is as fresh as the day it was printed. Full original gum, and as can be noted in the illustration, it is excellently centered.

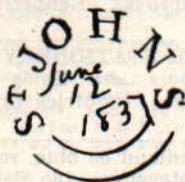
But the real beauty of this piece is that it is not the common red brown, but the much more scarce *yellow-brown*,—and to make matters even better, it is not the perf. 12 variety,—but the perf. 11½ x 12! Blocks of four of this stamp are exceedingly scarce, and it is believed that this may be the largest block known. Does anyone have one larger?

So you see you don't have to search in out-of-the-way postoffices in Canada, they were cleaned out by collectors long ago,—all you need is to find someone who had a client in Canada who paid his bills in Canadian stamps. That should make your stamp-hunting comparatively easy!

EARLY POSTMARKS AND INCOME

By F. W. CAMPBELL, #143

LAPRARIE*



The interesting article on "Canada's First Railroad" by Richard P. Hedley in the July '47 TOPICS induced me to review my covers and notes to see what the markings and incomes were for the places noted on the map accompanying that article. One observes some very interesting information.

La Prairie had a straight-line of printer's type in 1828, followed by the circular stype in 1829. 105 officers were supplied with this style in that year. No list of the offices supplied is known but I have about 50 of the known possibles. The LaPrairie office opened in 1820 and had an income of £53 in 1832 and \$488 in 1875.

Lachine opened April 6, 1829 and was just too late for the list of 105 town stamps ordered late 1828, so it used a home-made type affair in a double circle. The letters dropped out and were often

replaced with letters of a different font of type, many combinations existing. The income was £55 in 1832 and \$520 in 1875.

St. John's postoffice opened in 1812 and theoretically should have an early postmark, probably a straight-line similar to La Prairie, but none has been found. The income in 1832 was £86 and in 1875 was \$736.

St. Hyacinthe likely opened in 1820 with an income of £36 in 1838 and \$3091 in 1875.

Quebec City was the only type-dated townmark bought in the above mentioned order of 105 and it was specified that it be of the most modern design. It is No. 1615 in the Stampless Cover Catalogue and is illustrated at the end of the third row on page 21. Type-dated markers cost six times the manuscript ones. The income for Quebec City was £6784 in 1832.

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