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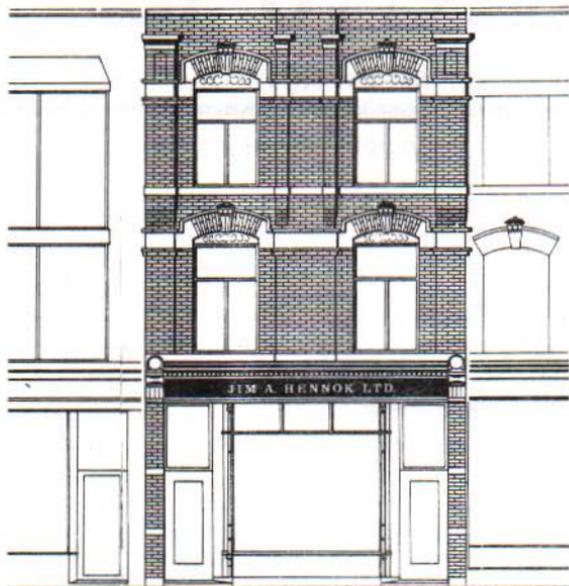
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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

by MIKE STREET

SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco is as much a state of mind as it is a city. The visitor, struck by the impossibility of living and working in a place which is virtually all steep hills, but confronted by hundreds of thousands of buildings clinging to those hills, sometimes at seemingly precarious angles, and equal numbers of people going about their daily lives, quickly ignores the obvious and joins in the fun. The bells of the cable cars, for instance, more often than not brought sleepy smiles instead of angry frowns to those awakened when the first car of the day rolled past the hotel around 6:30 AM.

The locale was obviously enough to offset the distance, as close to 180 members and spouses (plus at least 4 kids of varying ages) registered for the annual BNAPS get-together. Exhibitors had booked early to load the available frames, and almost all the displays were of very high calibre. As far as this member of the Jury could determine, four exhibits contained material never before shown at a BNAPEX, indirectly confirming the success of Study Group Coordinator John Burnett's efforts to encourage people working in new areas to come forward.

Garvin and Janice Lohman, and all the NORCAL Regional Group members who worked very hard to put it all together, deserved the congratulations and thanks they received from many grateful members. Even the hotel, which

in the earlier part of the week had seemed intent on making each visitor angry, got its act together to put on an excellent closing banquet.

In commenting on last year's convention, I said that San Francisco would have a tough time beating Winnipeg's Red River dinner cruise. Well, a charcoal barbeque aboard one of the bay ferries on a beautifully clear night took care of that prediction in short order. I feel safe in predicting that Ed Harris and Sam Nickle will not serve us dinner on a raft going down the Bow River at Calgary next year — but then I've been wrong before, haven't I?

OLD FACES — NEW FACES

At the end of this year three of our longest serving officers will have retired from active duty in the Society. There's no need to recount here all their efforts on behalf of BNAPS, but we would be remiss not to acknowledge them.

Leo LaFrance, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Wilmer Rockett, Member of the Board, and Ed Richardson, Chairman of the Order of the Beaver, have all served the Society well and faithfully for many years and deserve our thanks and appreciation.

The new Executive and Board of Governors will need the cooperation and support of all as they either move to new duties or take up the reigns for the first time. Let's give it to them!

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Mike Dicketts



San Francisco has come and gone. Those who made the journey in eager anticipation of seeing old and new friends have returned home satisfied in the knowledge that their expectations for a wonderful three days in the City by the Bay were confirmed. Our delightful hosts, the Norcal Regional Group, set a high standard of 'laid back' hospitality which drew rave reviews from seasoned conventiongoers. A wonderful display of stamps was complimented by fourteen well-attended seminars. Thrill-seekers got their kicks from the bus tour to Muir Woods, while everyone relished the Bar-b-que on the Bay tour. Truly a rewarding experience for all of us. Remember, if you want to share in the fun, it's not too early to plan for Calgary next September.

San Francisco also marked the retirement from office of two of BNAPS' staunchest advocates and popular members. Leo LaFrance steps down at the end of the year as Chairman of the Board of Governors. Leo has served in all major positions over a period of many years and his experience will be sorely missed. I know you'll want to join with me in wishing him and Sue a well-earned rest from the cares of office.

Ed Richardson has made the decision to pass on the role of Chairman of the Order of the Beaver to Jim Kraemer while remaining Chairman Emeritus. Ed's contribution to BNAPS is too extensive and well known to repeat here, but his influence on all aspects of BNA philately is such that I would be remiss if I did not make note of his decision. The Order of the Beaver will always remind us of Ed's view of his beloved BNAPS.

1985 will soon be with us and with it comes a new President whose thoughts will grace this page. Those of us who talked with Ed Whiting in September will attest to his determination to honour a commitment despite a physical condition that would have laid low a lesser man. I know you'll want to join with me in wishing Ed a successful term in office.

Editor's Note: Mike Dicketts is a quiet individual who tends toward modesty. For the record, it should be noted here that Mike too has held major offices in the society and deserves the rest he will now get in the position of Past-President. Our thanks to you Mike.

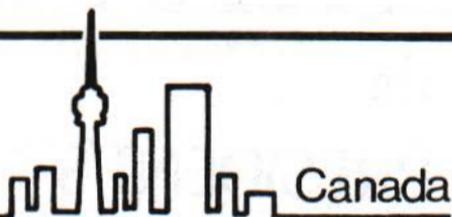
LETTERS

Since the judging in San Francisco I have had several requests to explain 'felicitations of the jury' and I am writing to comply.

The dictionary says 'felicitate', to congratulate, to wish happiness. 'Felicitation' is a noun of the same meaning. The greatest 'happiness' an exhibitor can have is to win the Grand Award, or the Reserve Grand Award if one is given, thus these are the ultimate felicitations. The APS

manual on judging states, "Felicitation of the Jury should be given only for exhibits showing exceptional philatelic research. If the exhibit is worthy of recognition, somewhat greater than the medal award, the committee should nominate the exhibit for a special award." In our BNAPS show there were limited special awards, therefore felicitations of the Jury were selected as a means of rewarding exceptional showings.

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The felicitations were selected for gold award winners after the Grand Award had been awarded.

I am happy to state that in the last decade the award level of exhibits in BNAPS shows has increased dramatically. It was a pleasure to judge this particular show. It should be noted that the sponsors chose to follow the APS and RPSC and hold a critique after the awards had been posted. This is a most favorable advancement, and should be a MUST for future shows. It is the forum where exhibitors who are either displeased with their award, or wish to learn how they can upgrade their present exhibit, can present their case and receive a hearing. If unhappy exhibitors do not care to be present at the critique and voice their dissatisfaction, they have missed the chance to complain and all future pleas of discomfort will be overlooked. Later growlings to the judges can only serve to demean the exhibitor without intimidating the judges.

Another point of contention was the award to an exhibit that had been accepted by the sponsors, for which the exhibitor had paid his fee. One member felt that the exhibit was not philatelic. It should be pointed out that the judges are duty bound to judge ALL EXHIBITS. The judges are not given the option of discarding an exhibit accepted by the sponsors.

Exhibitors who frequently show the same exhibit, even if it has appeared in different shows over a period of time, run the risk of having one or more of the judges becoming overly familiar with its strengths and/or weaknesses. Thus the exhibit may be graded higher or lower as the

familiarity grows. The same effect may be had where the level of the show changes. What may be a gold in a Local show, can turn out to be a silver in a National show.

Presentation is also a factor. Garish or ostentatious presentations run the risk of offending a judge. While the effect may be subjective and points are not deleted because of the prejudice, the effect may be to lower the rating that the exhibit could be getting. One basic No/No from the point of view of the sponsor or the judges is to leave a blank described space on a page. One does not know whether the item has become detached or lost. In the case of the judges, it calls their attention to a missing item which may or may not be important. Neatness in presentation and uncrowded organization are positive factors that can influence the award.

I was impressed with the quality of the exhibits at San Francisco. Here's to having more like that show in the future.

Robert H. Pratt
Chairman of the Jury

NEWFOUNDLAND PLATE FAULT REQUEST

In his publication *The Last Stamps of Newfoundland* (Robson Lowe, 1978) John Ayshford includes a description of the major plate faults of the known plates. In an ongoing study of the usage of the five cent caribou stamps, I have identified seven of the eight major plate faults listed by Ayshford for the plate number 41419 from which there were two printings in 1942.

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to letting me see the specimen(s) and make good photographs of the fault? My address is 392½ Markham St., Toronto, Ont. M6G 2K9.

Derek Paul

PEI STUDY GROUP

We are in the process of starting a Prince Edward Island Study Group. Anyone interested in joining (dues are \$5 US) or receiving more information should contact me at 2918 Cheshire Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810.

Jim Lehr

NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO SPURS FIVE NEW STUDY GROUPS

Study Group Coordinator John Burnett has announced that, as a result of discussions at BNAPEX '85, five new study groups are in the process of forming.

The five, with contacts, are: Legislative Postmarks — Barry Shapiro, Box 9865, College Station, TX 77840; Postage Dues — Cal Cole, 3839 Ezie St., San Jose, CA 95111; Newfoundland — C. A. Stillions, 5031 Eskridge Terrace N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016; Roller Cancels — Nancie Rabe, Box 1106, Clearfield, PA 16830; Large Queens — Joe Di Ciommo, 414 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton, Ont. L8T 3T1. Any member interested in any of these groups should write the contact person right away.

Burnett commented that he was extremely pleased with the response of knowledgeable BNAPSers to his request to form more groups, and mentioned that he hoped to see even more interest, especially from collectors of Twentieth Century material.

It only requires five BNAPSers to form a study group. Many areas still require representation, including: Jubilees, Maple Leaf, Numeral, Edward VII, Quebec Tercentenary, Admirals, other George V issues, George VI issues, Exhibition Covers, Registration, Key Cities Postal Histories, and many more too numerous to mention here.

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Eric B. Manchee of Ottawa has been named to succeed Dr. Robert C. Smith as Editor of the Postal History Society of Canada *JOURNAL*, effective with the first issue in 1985.

On the other side of the pond, Eric Killingley has succeeded Lionel Gillam as Editor of *Maple Leaves*, the journal of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain.

In congratulating his fellow editors, *TOPICS*' Editor Mike Street stated categorically that he was not contemplating changing his first name.

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CENTENNIAL DEFINITIVES STUDY GROUP

A Glimpse At Some of the Repeated Users of Centennial Special Order Stationery

by Douglas C. Irwin

Throughout the Centennial Definitive period Canada Post regularly issued prestamped postal stationery, printed with the current first or third class rate Centennial stamp impression. The International Envelope Company produced prestamped number 8 and 10 size envelopes, while the British American Bank Note Company printed prestamped postcards. When the Centennial Definitives were issued on 8 February 1967, the domestic first class rate was 5¢, the local first class rate was 4¢ and the third class rate was 3¢. On 1 November 1968 the first and third class rates were increased to 6¢ and 5¢ respectively and the local first class rate was abolished. On 7 January 1970 the colour of the 6¢ first class definitive was changed from orange to black to facilitate automatic cancelling machine trials. On 1 July 1971 the first and third class rates were again increased, to 7¢ and 6¢ respectively. Six months later, 1 January 1972, the first class rate was raised to 8¢. It is interesting to note that the prestamped Centennial Post

Office stationery was initially sold for the face value of the stamp. Only in the 8¢ first class rate period did the Post Office decide to charge extra for envelopes.

Many businesses and local municipal offices required stationery of a special size or design, particularly envelopes with a window. It was possible to have the Centennial stamp impression printed on special stationery provided at least 1000 items were ordered. The users of these special order envelopes usually had their items prepared, with all added printing, prior to having the stamp impression applied by the International Envelope Company. In a few instances, the envelopes received the stamp impression prior to the extra printing being added.

The story of the 8¢ Alaska Highway stamp die appearing on five different special order items has been well documented.(1, 2, 3, 4) Special order meter reading cards have been discussed in this journal as well.(5) The best discussion of all aspects of Centennial special order stationery

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Some special order envelope users had many printings of envelopes produced throughout the entire Centennial period, reflecting the various rate changes. In this article I will mention some of the firms that had more than one order of envelopes prepared in two or more denominations, and enquire about possible additional printings which may not have been reported. It is hoped that some BNAPS'er may have an example of an unreported special order printing and thus help us document it.

Special order envelope printings may be difficult to distinguish on piece. One clue, however, is that Post Office printings of the 6¢ orange, 6¢ black, 7¢ and 8¢ all appear with security printing on the inside of the envelope while special order printings do not. If special order printings appear on standard number 8 and number 10 size envelopes, they should be distinguishable from regular Post Office issue by a different envelope knife (i.e. the appearance of the back flaps of the envelope differ slightly in size and shape.) Non-white envelopes are special order.

Members are referred to the complete list, including sizes and papers, of all known Centennial Special Order Stationery given in *Canada, The 1967-73 Definitive Issue, Second Edition*. Anyone with any Centennial Special Order Stationery not listed there is asked to send a photocopy, if possible, to the author.

ARTHUR PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The town of Arthur is located about 40 km north of Kitchener, Ontario. In November 1971 the Public Utilities Commission of Arthur had 5000 manila envelopes prepared for mailing of public utility accounts. The envelopes measured 185 mm X 93 mm, with a window in the front and carried a purple 8¢ Alaska Highway stamp. Additional printing on the envelope was in black.

The Arthur PUC placed at least two more orders for special order envelopes during the 8¢ Centennial period. These bear the 8¢ Queen stamp, again on manila envelopes of the same size with windows. The two 8¢ Queen printings can be distinguished by the shade of the stamp and the envelope knife. One printing has a rounded sealing flap and a light stamp impression while the other printing has a pointed flap and

a very dark stamp impression.

It is quite conceivable that the Arthur PUC utilized special order envelopes during the 4¢ Centennial local first class mail rate period and during the 6¢ period, and that 4¢ and 6¢ orange special order envelopes from this PUC may exist. None have been reported to date. It is possible that any such envelopes did not have a window, which, as discussed above, would make them difficult to spot except, perhaps, through a lack of security printing on the inside of 6¢ envelopes. The 4¢ Post Office #8 and #10 envelopes were initially printed on plain white paper and later reissued with security printing. A special order printing of the 4¢ may be difficult to distinguish from post office stationery. The sealing flap on the back of a special order envelope will probably differ slightly from regular post office issue due to different envelope knives being used.

CANNINGTON HYDRO ELECTRIC COMMISSION

Cannington is a small farming community about 50 km northeast of Toronto. The Cannington Hydro Electric Commission ordered about 5000 6¢ black special order stationery items in March 1971. No complete envelopes of this printing have been reported, only cut squares are known. The envelopes are white, both on the inside and outside). Their size is unknown, as is the nature of any printing which may be found on the envelope. Whether the envelope had a window is also unknown.

Again it is very likely that the Cannington HEC had special order stationery printed during the 4¢ and 6¢ orange Centennial periods, but none has been reported.

THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN

The Hospital for Sick Children in downtown Toronto had 5000 white number 8 envelopes, with window, prepared in August 1967, carrying the 4¢ red Centennial stamp. Printed in blue at the top left corner is THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN / 555 UNIVERSITY AVE. TORONTO 2, ONTARIO.

Printing records held by the Post Office show that the hospital had 5¢ special order envelopes prepared, but none have yet been reported. Do any members have an example of a 5¢ printing?

The hospital had similar white window en-

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velopes prepared in the 6¢ orange and, later, in the 6¢ black denominations. The inscription on the 6¢ black envelopes is still in blue but 'THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN' is much larger in size, a full 5 mm high compared to the 2½ mm high print of the 4¢ envelopes. The envelope knife of the 6¢ black varies slightly from the 4¢, the 4¢ having a more rounded sealing flap.

IBM CANADA

International Business Machines of Don Mills (Toronto) had at least six printings of special order stationery, and quite possibly as many as eight or nine, during the Centennial period. They had plain white envelopes, 228 X 100 mm, addressed to themselves in large black, block letters: BOX 1287 / DON MILLS / ONTARIO.

There were probably two printings of the six cent black: 24 March 1971, and June 1971 (with an envelope proof of the former being known); probably two printings of the 7¢ green — 23,500 in August 1971 and 44,000 on 31 October 1971 (with an envelope proof of the latter being known); and at least four printings of the 8¢ Queen. The different 8¢ Queen printings can be distinguished by the colour of the stamp (black or slate-blue) while the later printing had the postal code added below the address.

Printing records show that IBM had 5¢ special order envelopes prepared. No examples have been reported.

RAINY RIVER PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The Rainy River, Ontario PUC had about 5000 large white envelopes, 220 X 95 mm, with window, prepared in February 1969 with the 6¢ orange Centennial impression. The PUC had an additional 5000 similar white envelopes prepared (with windows) with the 8¢ Queen and the inscription PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION / RAINY RIVER, ONTARIO in the upper left corner in black. A second printing of about 5000 envelopes with the 8¢ Queen had the postal code added to the return address.

Printing records indicate that the Town of Rainy River had 4¢ red and 6¢ black special order printings done.

SHELBURNE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In February 1971 the Public Utilities Com-

mission of the Town of Shelburne, Ontario had 5000 manila envelopes, 186 X 95 mm, prepared with the 6¢ black Centennial. The envelopes had windows, and the inscription: If not delivered in 10 days, Return to / SHELBURNE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION / Drawer 250, Shelburne, Ontario in black in the upper left corner.

The PUC placed four additional orders for special order stationery during the 8¢ Centennial Queen period. All envelopes are the same size as the 6¢ item with windows and added printing in black. The first three orders for 8¢ stationery have identical inscriptions in the upper left corner. The last printing had a new inscription, with SHELBURNE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION being changed to SHELBURNE UTILITIES and the postal code being added. The first three printings of the 8¢ envelopes can be distinguished easily. Two have long, pointed sealing flaps with one printing having a very dark, sharp 8¢ stamp while the other is much duller printing of the 8¢ stamp. The third printing has a different envelope knife, producing a short, pointed sealing flap.

According to printing records, the Shelburne Public Utilities Commission had both 4¢ red and 6¢ orange special order stationery prepared. Neither item has been reported to date.

TARA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The Tara, Ontario PUC had 5000 white number 8 envelopes with window prepared with the 6¢ orange impression in August 1969. The inscription, in black, TARA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION / Tara — Ontario appears in the upper left corner. A Live Better Electrically insignia appears below the return address, also in black.

The Tara PUC twice placed orders for 8¢ special order envelopes, both white number 8 stationery with windows. The first 8¢ Queen order has the same printing as the 6¢ orange, while the second 8¢ Queen order has the postal code added to the return address.

The Tara Public Utilities Commission had 4¢ red special order envelopes prepared, according to printing records, but none have yet been reported.

TOWNSHIP OF WHITECHURCH

The Township of Whitechurch (located just north of Toronto) had 3000 plain white number 10 envelopes prepared in August of 1968 with



TOWNSHIP OF WHITECHURCH / R.R. 1
Gormley, Ontario in the upper left corner. Five months later, the Township had 4000 new 6¢ orange envelopes prepared, again plain white but in a new size: 225 X 97 mm.

It is very likely that the Township of Whitechurch had 6¢ black special order envelopes prepared, although none have been reported to date.

VESPRE TOWNSHIP

The Township of Vespra had about 5000 special order white envelopes, 231 X 103 mm, with window and the 6¢ black Centennial stamp prepared in May 1970. These envelopes were used in the mailing of realty-tax accounts and had printed in black in the upper left corner: EARL RICHARDSON/CLERK-TREASURER/OF VESPRE TOWNSHIP / 17 OWEN ST. BARRIE, ONT.

An order for a similar 4000 envelopes was delivered on 16 September 1971 in preparation for the new 8¢ first class rates (coming into effect on 1 January 1972). These were prestamped with the 8¢ Alaska Highway, in purple.

The Township had at least three additional special order printings of similar envelopes with the 8¢ Queen, one printing with the same return address as on the 6¢ black and 8¢ Alaska Highway, and two separate printings with the postal code added to the return address. The latter printings are distinguishable by different envelope knives: there is 14 mm between the bottom of the window and the bottom of the envelope in one printing, and 18 mm in the other.

According to printing records, Vespra Township had similar special order items prepared, probably the 5¢ blue and the 6¢ orange, although none have been reported.

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ARCHIVES THEFTS — EVERYBODY LOSES

by Mike Street

This summer's flurry of thefts from archives and dealers has brought to the fore a project which has been on a *TOPICS*' back burner for an embarrassingly long time.

On Page 4 of the July-August *TOPICS* readers were informed of the criminal activities of one Frank Henry Robertson; brief mention was made of the fact that in 1978 Robertson was convicted of theft from the Nova Scotia Archives. What many members do not realize is that these cases are only the tip of an iceberg.

Shortly after taking over as Editor of *TOPICS* I was asked, by a member of BNAPS, why it was that *TOPICS* had not printed anything about the 1970's Maritimes Archives thefts. I couldn't answer the question, but promised to rectify the situation and set about doing so with a round of correspondence with those concerned. At that point the project bogged down and — this is where the embarrassment comes in — was allowed to languish.

The bare facts of the situation are: 1) Since 1976 or so, seven Canadian archives have been looted to some degree of early stampless covers; 2) One man has been convicted in one theft and blamed for four others, a second man confessed to another theft, and Police have a suspect in the seventh case; 3) *Only about five (5) percent of the stolen covers have been returned to the archives from which they were taken.*

Before discussing this further, let's take a look at the seven thefts.

1976-78

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK HARRIET IRVING LIBRARY

Six covers dated 1788-1803 to Edward Winslow, and 54 covers addressed to the Saunders family (Captain John Simcoe Saunders or his wife, including two addressed simply 'Commanding Officer at Georgetown') are still missing. Many Saunders items are trans-Atlantic covers to New Brunswick with Halifax transit marks. Thirty-three are from James Chalmers to Saunders, his father-in-law. Both Saunders and Chalmers were Loyalists who came from Virginia and Maryland respectively. John Saun-

ders (1754-1834) later became Chief Justice of New Brunswick Supreme Court.

The person in charge of the matter at UNB is Sheila Laidlaw, Librarian, Harriet Irving Library, The University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5H5.

THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA

Letters addressed to S.G.W. Archibald, Ward Chipman, A.B. How, John Inglis, Paul Mayler, William Odell, Cornelius White, Gibbon White, J. O. W. White, Nathaniel White, (Rev.) Thomas White, Peter Wiswell and John Young were stolen from the Public Archives of Nova Scotia when it was located in its old building on Cobourg Road in Halifax. The White correspondence is particularly important as it includes lists of Loyalist regiments and information on their settlement of Shelbourne and Guysborough. A small amount of White correspondence is on the market legitimately.

More information can be obtained from Phyllis R. Blakely, Associate Archivist, Public Archives of Nova Scotia, 6016 University Avenue, Halifax, N.S. B3H 1W4.

THE NEW BRUNSWICK MUSEUM

Well over 150 covers were stolen from the New Brunswick Museum. The bulk of them were addressed to various members of the Ward family and concerned different aspects of the family business. Many Ward items are 1820's trans-Atlantic covers, many are cross-border mail, others carry Quebec postmarks and some have Nova Scotia star circle postmarks.

A second group of covers was addressed to Lt. Col. Beverley Robinson and members of his family. Some of these have Halifax straight line postmarks; several are from overseas (Gibraltar, Egypt, etc.) and discuss military matters.

Thirteen letters written to Jonathan Bliss by the well-known Benedict Arnold, most of which are trans-Atlantic with good Halifax straight line and ship letter marks of the 1790's are also missing. Two other correspondences were also looted, and letters addressed to James Burns and R. F. Hazen taken.

Contacts at the NBM are Dr. Alan McNairn, Director, or Art Robinson, Security Manager and

1980

ARCHIVES OF ONTARIO

In April 1980 a Toronto stamp dealer offered the Ontario Archives an opportunity to copy a letter to John Strachan. When the item was checked against the Archives' holdings, it was discovered that it actually belonged to the Ontario Archives, and the search was on. An employee of the Archives eventually confessed to the crime and received a suspended sentence.

Letters addressed to people with the following family names are missing: Askin/Caddy; Baird/Green/White; St. George/Baldwin/Large; Bethune; Cassidy; Earl of Selkirk/Boulton; Van Doorn/Van Doren/Buel; Butchart; Dobbs/Hitchings/Cartwright; Clarke/Gerric; Crookshank/Proctor/Lambert; Cunningham; Elmsley/Macaulay; Ford; Foster; Taylor; Gemmell/Lees; Murray/Powell/Jarvis; Jones/Richards; Mackenzie/Lindsey/Carroll; Merritt/Prendergast/Robinson/Hamilton/Irvin/Buchanan/Chase/Baker; Wyatt/Norton/Warton; Steele/Adams; Robinson; Rousseau; Russell; Stone; Strachan/Brown/Cameron/Jarvis/Archdeacon of York/Bishop of Toronto; Tupper; Howard/Wallbridge. (In this list, names from a single collection are kept between semi-colons and separated by '/' marks.)

Almost none of the documents stolen from the Ontario Archives have been returned. William Ormsby, Archivist of Ontario, 77 Grenville St., Toronto, Ont. M7A 2R9 will assist with enquiries.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA ARCHIVES

In the fall of 1980 the Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives discovered that many stampless covers were missing from one of their collections. The 246 stampless letters, dated between 1832 and 1850, are almost all addressed to Rev. William Proudfoot, London, Upper Canada. Ten letters are trans-Atlantic entires from Scotland; 25 cross-border covers are included in the total.

Primary distribution of the stolen material took place in August 1980. Some were on sale at the Black Creek Pioneer Village post office in early 1983.

The reason or reasons behind the Presbyterian Church's decision not to make the theft public are not known at this time. The facts were made public in 1984 by a south-western Ontario stamp dealer who made enquiries after becoming

suspicious.

Rev. T. M. Bailey, Archivist, Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives, 59 St. George St., Toronto, Ontario M5S 2E6 is the primary contact in this case.

1984

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

Frank Henry Robertson's return assault on Canada's archives apparently began with a trip to Kingston, Ontario last May 25. He visited the Queen's University Archives and rifled several correspondences. On May 30 he sold the stolen covers to a Toronto dealer, who in turn sold them to an Ottawa dealer on June 1 at STAMPEX. By coincidence, Robertson then visited the Ottawa dealer on June 4 and shoplifted some stamps. On June 5 he was back in Toronto trying to sell the stolen stamps to the same Toronto dealer. Something clicked, and on June 6 the two dealers reported the shoplifting. Subsequently, it was discovered by another dealer that the covers sold by Robertson belonged to Queen's.

Working closely with Queen's and the Police, the Ottawa dealer was able to help in the recovery of 95 percent of the material stolen from Queen's (much material stolen from stamp dealers by Robertson is still missing.)

As far as is known, only 5 or 6 covers are still at large. The sender and/or addressee of the missing items could have one of the following names: John Macaulay, Charles Treadwell, Joel Stone, Dunham Jones, W. T. Jones, Solomon Jones, Maria Dorland, Lymon Stone, Rev. J. C. Byrnes, Harmon Fairfield, Stephen Fairfield, J. Bland, Andrew Hurd or J. B. Wells.

Mrs. Ann McDiarmid is the chief archivist. She can be reached at Queen's University Archives, Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO LIBRARY

While the Ottawa and Toronto dealers were beginning to sort out the Queen's mess, Robertson struck again, this time at the University of Western Ontario in London. Besides stampless covers, several items of military history, including a diary and a miniature replica of a cannon, were taken.

Through a series of circumstances, Robertson was caught at London's CN station, but he escaped. Some material was found at the time, and two months later what is thought to be the balance of Western's property was discovered in a locker at the same train station.

Although it appears that this material has

been recovered, anyone who this summer purchased letters to, from or concerning Thomas Talbot, Edward Ermatinger, William Barry or Dennis O'Brien should contact Edward Phelps, Chief Librarian, University of Western Ontario Library, London, Ontario N6A 3K7.

THE LOSERS

THE PUBLIC

The archives have lost pieces of paper. Their owners, the public, have lost the cost of Police and Court action as well as the cost of increased security at the archives.

Worse, the people of Canada have lost a part of their heritage. This aspect was well covered by David Russell of the Ontario Archives. Writing in *Library and Archival Security*, he said of the thefts, "From an historical point of view, the loss is significant, as the letters record the thoughts and action of numerous political, religious, and business leaders who played an important role in the life of this early society. The losses include over 30 letters from the John Strachan Collection (Upper Canada's first Anglican Bishop and member of the Tory family compact); 109 letters from the Peter Russell's Collection (Upper Canada's Second Lieutenant Governor); 42 letters from the Baldwin Family Papers (Robert Baldwin was a prominent political leader and the father of Responsible Government); 248 letters from the William Hamilton Merritt Papers (an important entrepreneur and bulder of the Welland Canal); and some 40 letters from the Mackenzie-Lindsey Papers (William Lyon Mackenzie was a prominent reformer and a leader of the Rebellion of 1837). The thefts, in short, are from some of the Archives' most valued and important collections."

DEALERS

In terms of outright loss of money, dealers have been hardest hit. The Police, of course, will seize the goods and return them to the archives. Dealers can only recover their money from the thief — an unlikely prospect, even if an arrest is made. Insurance coverage in these cases is difficult, if not impossible.

Equally important to the dealer is the loss of time, almost as valuable a commodity as stock or money. Responding to investigations, trying to locate stolen goods already sold, going to Court as a witness; all these things eat up precious hours, days and even weeks.

COLLECTORS

Although collectors can recover their money from the dealer if a purchase turns out to be stolen, there is still a certain amount of inconvenience, not to mention loss of the item from the collection.

As security is tightened, postal history collectors, like students of general history, can lose access to valuable information, particularly knowledge of the existence of previously unknown postmarks. Without archival sources, the late Frank W. Campbell told the author, his important reference works could never have been written.

PHILATELY

Police, archivists and other outsiders are always amazed when they first realize how much philatelic business is carried out on the strength of a handshake, or a phone call. One casualty of the archives thefts is that some of the element of trust which fuels our hobby has been lost. (The archives, too, operated on trust, to their regret.)

THE RESPONSE OF THE PHILATELIC COMMUNITY

In the most recent incidents, the philatelic community has played a large part in recovering the stolen goods. As related above, a dealer discovered the Queen's theft, and another dealer has been instrumental in getting the covers back. In London, a dealer actually wrestled with Robertson, trying to hold him for the Police.

In the earlier thefts, however, our record is poor, even sad. Less than 5% of the material has been recovered. *Four of six stolen covers which were illustrated in this magazine as part of articles were returned; 2 were 'sold to persons unknown' and are still missing.*

David Ross, former Director of the New Brunswick Museum, put the matter eloquently but bluntly when he wrote in 1982:

"There has been some criticism of archives for a) not knowing exactly what they own, and b) for not keeping tighter security. The criticism is justified, though the reason for these omissions is that archives do not have sufficient staff to maintain nearly as complete records as they would like, and also, that until recently we all worked on trust. I think that this trust was justified, since as far as we know only one major thief has been involved out of all the thousands of honest people who have examined the covers in our archives.

"Due to the theft, procedures are now very different, security is much tighter, only a few, highly accredited people see anything but microfilm. Security routines take up a lot of staff time which could otherwise be devoted to more useful work.

"We have had some 21 covers returned to us by collectors who bought them in good faith, including three from a collector who took the dealer to the small debts court in Toronto where he recovered his purchase price plus costs, a total of some \$700, which would seem to be an expensive object lesson for the dealer. . .

"As you can see by the length of the list, it is difficult to publicise widely, though we distributed some 60 copies to philatelic journals, clubs and dealers. The response from dealers has been dead silence. Even the CSDA has done nothing to try to help. Clubs have been most kind in publicising the theft in their journals. Collectors, with the exception of those who have returned covers, (6 people) seem in general to take the attitude that something stolen from a museum or archives is fair game and that possession of stolen material of such kind is not a 'real' crime.

"I can only say that the response of the philatelic community has been disappointing. Little sorrow, let alone outrage has been expressed, though one wonders what the reaction of a collector or dealer would be if his own collection was robbed.

"The Museum's attitude is that we will never close the case. We will take all possible legal steps to recover our property whenever and wherever it surfaces, in sales, articles or catalogues. The museum will continue to do this indefinitely, my successor and his successor will continue the process of recovery for the next 50 years if necessary."

WHAT MUST BE DONE?

Fault can be found in many areas, but volleys of blame will not solve the problems. The following comments are made in the hope of preventing, or at least minimizing, further losses and, with a bit of luck, reducing the damage already done.

1. Archives must take steps to microfilm all their holdings. The purpose of this is both to have a record of the material and to establish ownership. The dealer ordered by the Court to repay the collector who had returned stolen

covers fought the case on the grounds that the archive in question could not prove ownership, and thus that no theft had occurred. Had his defence been successful, he says, other archives would have taken notice and precautions to guard against similar thefts, thus lessening his and other dealers' chances of being stung in the future.

Archives must notify the authorities and the hobby immediately on discovering a loss, and must be unremitting in pressing charges and trying to recover their property. Nothing encourages people to steal, or to keep stolen property, more than the knowledge that nothing will happen to them.

Archives should consider seriously the suggestion that after microfilming documents, all those with philatelic value should be offered at auction. (In cases where only one or two examples of a prominent person's handwriting exist on items which also have philatelic value, the archives would obviously want to retain the material.) The value of this is obvious — archives would have more money to spend on their other work and would have fewer attractions for criminals; collectors would have access, legitimately, to new and perhaps previously unknown material.

2. Dealers have learned a great deal, in the past few years, about identifying or suspecting stolen material on sight. Visual clues, as well as methods or tracing sources of documents by the names of the sender or addressee, have made things a bit safer for them. As this summer's events have shown, however, more educational efforts are needed to spread this information.

Another area in which dealers will have to tighten their operations comes in their dealings with people a) *known to have been convicted* or theft or related offences, or b) people completely unknown to them. In the former case, a pedigree and time before payment must be demanded; in the latter, a request for several pieces of solid identification might just produce some surprising results.

3. Governments must be spurred to do two things. First, archives must be given the resources necessary to record all holdings. Perhaps a Federal-Provincial effort could be organized, in conjunction with a job creation scheme, to do a microfilm blitz of all facilities in the country. Second, Police forces must be encouraged to devote manpower and money to these crimes. A criticism levelled this past summer was that it was

difficult to get the attention of Police forces because Robertson's activities were not as important as the more serious matters they usually confront. The FBI in the United States has more than one officer working fulltime on philatelic matters — does any Canadian force?

4. The philatelic press must print all pertinent details of a theft as soon as possible after notification — *and not six years later.*

5. The collector must take the same precautions as a dealer when buying from a shady or unknown person. More important, especially in the cases discussed here, collectors must examine their collections, check out material which might be even the slightest bit suspect, and return it if it is identified as stolen.

If we want a clean hobby, we cannot turn a blind eye to unpleasant things in order to enhance our collections. It is a sad fact that some collectors have kept items they *know* were stolen from archives mentioned above, either boldly or using excuses such as 'title' or "How do I know for sure?". This cannot be tolerated, because if that's the kind of hobby we want, that's the kind of hobby we'll get — along with the bad reputation that at least one other hobby has acquired.

Any collector who has material which is suspect should photocopy all sides and send the photocopies to the appropriate person named in this article. If some people feel embarrassment at even making an enquiry, the author would be willing to act as an intermediary on the clear understanding that if something is identified as stolen, the authorities will be informed of the name of the source. We have an obligation to ourselves to try to resolve this situation.

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36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
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September 8, 1984

The meeting was opened at 0830 hours in the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, California by the President, Mike Dicketts.

In memory of the members who have died since the last annual general meeting, a moment of silence was observed.

It was moved by Joe Purcell and seconded by Al Steinhart that the minutes of the last annual meeting be approved as printed in TOPICS. Carried.

Mike Dicketts read his President's report and moved acceptance. Seconded by Mike Street. Carried.

Leo J. La France read his report as Chairman of the Board of Governors. He moved its acceptance, seconded by Lew Ludlow. Carried.

Earle L. Covert read his report as Secretary and moved its acceptance, seconded by Herb Marion. Carried.

Marva Paige read her report as Treasurer and moved its acceptance, seconded by Jack Benningen. Carried.

Bob Carr read his report as Coordinator of Regional Groups. He moved acceptance, seconded by Jim Lehr. Carried.

Al Steinhart read his report as Chairman of the Handbook Committee. He moved acceptance, seconded by Jeff Switt. Carried.

Al Steinhart read the report of Dave Clare, Manager of the Book Department. He moved acceptance, seconded by Cliff Guile. Carried.

Al Steinhart read the report of Dave Dixon, Advertising Manager of BNA TOPICS. He moved acceptance, seconded by Jim Catterick. Carried.

C. A. Stillions read his report as Chairman of the Editorial Board. He moved acceptance, seconded by Lew Ludlow. Carried.

Mike Street read his report as Editor of

TOPICS and moved acceptance, seconded by Robert Lemire. Carried.

Ed Richardson, Chairman of the Order of the Beaver, asked for a moment of silence for the departed members of the Order. He then asked the members of the Order of the Beaver to come forward. There were eleven members present. Ed Richardson announced that he has been made Chairman Emeritus of the Order of the Beaver. Jim Kraemer has been elected as the new Chairman, and Jim Lehr has been elected Vice-Chairman. In the absence of Jim Kraemer, Jim Lehr announced that John S. Siverts has been elected a member of the Order of the Beaver.

Earle Covert read the report of Ritch Toop, Circulation Manager of TOPICS. He moved acceptance and Harry Lussey seconded. Carried.

Earle Covert read the report of Norm Brassler, Chairman of the Membership Committee. He moved acceptance, seconded by Robert Lemire. Carried.

Earle Covert read the report of John Graper, Assistant Secretary. He moved acceptance, seconded by Bill Rockett. Carried.

John T. Burnett read his report as Study Group Coordinator. He moved acceptance of his report, seconded by Bill Robinson. Carried.

C. R. McGuire read his report as Convention Coordinator. He moved acceptance of his report, seconded by Al Cook. Jim Lehr expressed appreciation for Ron McGuire's work.

Ed Harris gave a report on next year's meeting in Calgary.

Bob Jamieson read his report as Sales Circuit Manager. He moved acceptance of his report, seconded by Mike Street. Carried.

Earle Covert read Don Makinen's report as Librarian. He moved acceptance, seconded by Al Steinhart. Carried.

The winner of the Vincent G. Greene Award for the best article, series of articles, column or series of columns authored by a member or mem-

bers of BNAPS and originally published in BNA TOPICS during 1983 is Edward A. Richardson, for the series of articles 'Canadian Military Postal History' appearing in numbers one through five of Volume 40.

Members who have now reached Emeritus status are: #168, Edward A. Richardson; #548, Boyd D. P. Funk; #609, Cleo H. Fee; #611, Pitt Petri; and #627, Samuel F. Pell, Jr.

Bob Jamieson was named recipient of the President's award for proposing the most new members in 1983.

The elected officers for 1985-1986 are:

President: Edward J. Whiting

First Vice President: C. Ronald McGuire

Second Vice President: Robert V. C. Carr

Treasurer: Marva A. Paige

Secretary: Earle L. Covert, MD

Wayne Curtis, Chairman of the Ballot Committee, has reported that the newly elected members of the Board of Governors, serving until 31 December 1988, are: Gary Lyon, David McKain, William Pawluk, William Robinson and Clarence Stillions.

The new Chairman of the Board of Governors, serving until 31 December 1986, is Allan Steinhart.

The work of the retiring members of the Board of Governors and the Executive, particularly Chairman Leo LaFrance and President Mike Dicketts, was acknowledged.

Al Cook announced that he is donating ten brass sculptures of a beaver to be used by Regional Groups for awards for the best BNA exhibit at local or regional shows as a way of promoting BNAPS and BNA Philately.

Bob Carr read a letter from Jim Beale, Chairman of the APS Anti-Theft Committee, advising members of the theft of the Proudfoot correspondence.

Bob Carr's continuing work in providing SKETCHES of BNAPSers in TOPICS was acknowledged.

There being no further business, adjournment was moved by Al Steinhart, seconded by Al Cook and carried.

Earle L. Covert, MD
Secretary

REPORTS

PRESIDENT

As we gather once more in this our 36th annual convention, I am glad to report that steady progress has been made in your interests by the officers of BNAPS.

While total membership continues to hover around the 1450 mark, due to deaths and resignations, new collectors in a steady stream have been welcomed to our ranks since I reported to you in Winnipeg. I hope that any of them present today realise why attendance at our convention is the finest way to benefit from membership.

Sales of material through our circuit books have reached a new high thanks to all those buyers and sellers around the country, and thanks to Bob Jamieson's skill at running a very complex system. Bob has circulated hundreds of books in the past year, testifying to the circuit's popularity.

Growth in study groups continues unabated. With fourteen on stream we are obviously

doing something right, and I can only repeat what I've said before — if you have an interest not currently served by a group, speak to John Burnett or any other official and we'll help to set one up. I'm delighted to welcome Frank Waite, who is assisting John in co-ordinating Study Groups by writing a new column in TOPICS.

The quality of articles in TOPICS remains very high and, I feel, offers something for everyone. Mike Street once again earns our praise for consistently getting the magazine out on schedule, which can only be achieved by devoting many hours of his spare time.

Our Book Department took a giant step forward in December 1983 when we began offering an expanded library of books at discount prices. The result of much negotiation by Allan Steinhart finally paid off and, from the sales figures achieved, I can tell we have found another way to service members' needs. Allan, on behalf of every member living miles away from a BNA

dealer, please accept our grateful thanks.

To summarise: the officers of your Society continue to strive towards making membership in BNAPS informative, rewarding, and the best \$18.00 you'll have spent this year.

I want to thank every official who gives so much of his or her time and contributes to our

success. I know that same spirit will be there when our new President, Ed Whiting, assumes office, and that you will continue to support him in maintaining what I like to think is the finest philatelic organization on this continent.

Mike Dicketts

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Operations of the Society have progressed as usual throughout the year, with the Sales Circuit, Advertising and Book Departments producing funds to help carry on expenses. We have managed to remain solvent through the efforts of those concerned, and the Officers and Board members wish to thank those responsible for their continued support.

Through a gift from one of our members, along with matching funds from the Society, a source of investment income has been provided which will supply limited funds to Study Groups and Regional groups. The fund will be known as the Ray Peters Memorial Fund.

The Board has also approved a gift of \$500 CDN to the York Post Office Restoration project.

As many of you know, several attempts have

been made in the last few years to design and have produced new awards for the annual exhibition. Through the efforts of a committee, Marva Paige has been able to get rough proofs of new awards to show at this meeting. All awards given at the exhibition this year will be of the new type. Recipients are asked to be patient while the final awards are prepared. I think that when members see the new awards, efforts to exhibit will be greatly increased.

I wish to thank at this time all those who have participated in the operation of BNAPS. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

I also wish to thank the NORCAL group and their Chairman for all the work which has gone into this very successful gathering.

Leo J. LaFrance

SECRETARY

The Secretary has been greatly aided during the year by John Graper, the Assistant Secretary; Norman Brassler, the Membership Chairman; Ritch Toop, the Circulation Manager and Mike Street, Editor of TOPICS. Their attention to minute details has greatly helped my work.

The Assistant Secretary will, in addition to his current work, take over the receiving of dues payments for 1985.

Our membership as of 1 August 1984 is 1404

with 45 applications, compared to 1416 and 45 as of 1 August 1983.

I wish to thank the members who have been active in recruiting new members. Please use the new application forms which were circulated to all members during 1984. The back of these forms have data to aid our study and local groups as well as the sales circuit manager.

Earle L. Covert, M.D.

TREASURER

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES
 As of June 30, 1984
 (with comparative figures for June 30, 1983 – United States Dollars)

	Year Ended	
ASSETS	June 30, 1984	June 30, 1983
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash in bank	\$41,576	\$26,019
Cash held by department heads	16,428	14,419
Accounts and interest receivable	\$1,295	
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	19	
	1,276	3,468
Inventory books	15,640	16,268
Prepaid expenses	670	724
Library	100	—
	\$75,690	\$60,898
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Marketable Securities — at cost	2,466	2,466
	\$78,156	\$63,364
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Due owners on sales circuits	\$15,923	\$12,294
Prepaid advertising	1,011	—
Prepaid dues	9,230	8,707
	\$26,164	\$21,001
FUND BALANCES		
General Funds		
Appropriated — Convention funds	567	567
— Insurance Fund (Sales Dept.)	6,403	5,031
— Life membership fund	400	459
	7,370	6,057
Unappropriated — Members' Equity	37,322	29,006
Total General Funds	44,692	35,063
Restricted Funds		
BNAPS Foundation	7,300	7,300
	78,156	63,364

STATEMENT OF OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUE		
Membership dues	\$19,221	\$17,578
Membership fees	106	223
Interest income	720	1,549
Dividends	438	221
Other income	68	101
Book Department	(967)	289
Sales Circuit Department	1,653	1,097
	\$21,239	\$21,058
EXPENDITURES		
Stationery and supplies	\$ 366	\$ —
Postage	327	162
Insurance expense	659	1,394
BNAPEx	707	271
Bank charges	52	30
Other expenses	—	38
Telephone	51	47
Unrealized loss (gain) on foreign exchange, fluctuations	(386)	(234)
BNA Topics	11,001	10,914
Library and Circulation	146	646
	\$12,923	\$13,268
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 8,316	\$ 7,790

REGIONAL GROUP COORDINATOR

I continue to get good and complete reports from both the Texas and Mid-Atlantic groups.

The Golden Horseshoe group appears to be functioning well but their reports are infrequent.

The NORCAL group now has Austin Mifsud doing a fine job with their bulletin. Dan Rosenblat hosted a cruise on August 11 for the group, which should promote added interest among their members.

Don Fraser called a successful first meeting of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario group. They have high hopes of continued growth.

The Calgary group has not sent me a report for some time, but they do meet monthly, except in the summer, with 10-12 of their some 25 members in attendance.

No word from Edmonton, but we still hope

to reorganize their group.

Gary Lyon has not been able to form a Maritime group at this time.

John Burnett of Sydney, Ohio has contacted those in his area to form a Mid-West group. As of this date, the response has been discouraging.

The West Suburban Stamp Club of Plymouth, Michigan had a joint meeting and show with the Detroit-Windsor group. I have heard no further word of this, and have had no reports of the group itself.

This concludes my report. I am still hopeful of forming a group in the Chicago area, but with no success so far. I can find no interest in a Quebec area group.

Robert V. C. Carr

CHAIRMAN OF THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

During the past year no new publications were released by BNAPS, so it appears that there has been no progress. The opposite is true. Our largest printing of any book is partly finished — Wally Gutzman's work on the Patriotic Postcards of Canada will be published shortly, in partnership with Unitrade Associates. The book is being proofread at present. It will be produced in a printing of 3500 to 5000. Even with about 50% of the illustrations in full colour, the retail price is being held to the \$10-\$15 range.

Progress has been made on the Perfins handbook, and it will be going into production as soon

as the Patriotic Postcard handbook is finished. Along with this, two smaller publications are in the works. One is World War I Civil Censorship in Canada; the other a reprint of Ron McGuire's series in TOPICS, *Mail Transportation in Nineteenth Century Ontario*. A number of other ventures are under investigation or preparation.

Our new system of producing handbooks has resulted in no strain being put on the Society's finances even while we are being burdened by high postage costs.

Allan L. Steinhart

BOOK DEPARTMENT MANAGER

In December 1983 the Book Department offered an extensive list of BNA handbooks at special prices to BNAPS members. The offer was well received by BNAPS members. Sales

from July 1983 to June 1984 were \$3,093.45. Of this amount \$1,848.95 was from the new service.

Dave Clare

ADVERTISING MANAGER

It is with deep regret that I cannot attend this year's Convention, due to a commitment to attend AUSIPEX 84 in Australia as Commissioner for Canada. I wish the organizers of this year's Convention a most successful event. I'm looking forward to attending next year's Convention in Calgary.

The advertising billings for the past year totalled \$9021.61, an increase of \$978.21 over the previous year. This represents a 12% increase in advertising revenue. Newly increased advertising rates took effect with the Jan/Feb 84 issue of TOPICS. The 12% increase in advertising revenue is not as great as in past years due to the fact that a number of our major advertisers took advantage of our special offer to them; i.e. they could pay for the 1984 calendar year in advance at the old rates.

Classified advertising is slowly increasing, with each issue of TOPICS featuring more than a page. However, I believe we the membership should be doing a great deal more of this type of advertising. There is no easier or less costly way of advertising for needed BNA material or the disposal of duplicate material. I think every issue of TOPICS should have at least two pages of classified advertising and with your help we can do it.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all BNA TOPICS advertisers for their patronage during the past year. During what again was a very economically difficult year, your continued support was most appreciated. I look forward to again serving you in the coming year.

Dave Dixon

CHAIRMAN OF THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Again the Editorial Board has had an easy year as the people producing your Society's journal have done an outstanding job. The Editor, Mike Street; the Printer, Len Woodward; the Advertising Manager, Dave Dixon; and the Circulation Manager, Rich Toop, have all performed quite well individually and together as a team. Their efforts are to be applauded.

The quality of their efforts may have best been said by one of our members. In a letter to the Editorial Board Chairman this BNAPSer

wrote: "Like most others, I am a bit quick to grouse, and very slow to praise, but the time has more than come to say how very much I am enjoying TOPICS lately. The issues are meaty, broad-ranged, attractively laid out, on time, and in general very professional appearing and satisfying." His words are most appreciated. It is this level of quality that your BNA TOPICS team will continue striving to improve upon.

C. A. Stillions

EDITOR

TOPICS has had another good year. The articles contributed by members are arriving at about the same rate as previous submissions are being printed, and if this continues next year's

report will be equally pleasant.

The request for articles, particularly on Stamp, as opposed to Postal History, subjects made in Winnipeg brought several generous re-

sponses. I would like to repeat that TOPICS is always in need of articles — there is no such thing as a full cupboard. Suggestions for articles members would like to see in future issues are also welcome.

This past year we have continued to improve the coverage of the different services offered to members. In addition to the regular contributions of the Circulation and Sales Circuit Managers, we now have a regular feature telling members about the various treasures available in the BNAPS Library, and a second regular feature which provides news on the activities of the many BNAPS Study Groups. A similar column reporting on the activities of the Regional

Groups is in the works; I hope to finalize details on this new feature here in San Francisco.

Once again I would like to thank Len Woodward, our Printer; Dave Dixon, our Advertising Manager; and Ritch Toop, our Circulation Manager. Without their help, TOPICS would not be the smooth operation that it is. A word of thanks also to the Executive and the members of the Board for their continued support, and, last but not least, to the people whose articles make TOPICS a superior philatelic magazine — the Editor's job devours time at a great rate, but without the authors there would be no TOPICS.

Mike Street

CIRCULATION MANAGER

Sales of back issues of TOPICS magazines during the period 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984 have continued on a steady basis. Many of the popular \$10.00 bargain basement lots were mailed.

While sales have been approximately half of that reported for a similar period, i.e. 1982-

1983, postage costs are still the major cost item to contend with. Assuming there will be another postage rate hike during 1985, I predict that our costs of mailing out not only those orders for back issues, but also issues to new members, will exceed any revenue from sales.

Ritch Toop

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee processed 28 applications during the year. Of these 4 are still in process of completion. No unusual problems were encountered in the 24 which have been approved.

The only problem is the reluctance of the proposers and references to respond as quickly as the Committee would like. Sometimes it takes months, after repeated requests, to receive an answer. I know of no way to overcome this prob-

lem. In some cases we have requested other references.

We had one unfortunate experience. A batch of application forms did not reach the committee, apparently being lost in the mails. Eventually this was rectified, but we are certain some of the applicants must have wondered what happened.

Norman Brassler

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

During the past year particular attention was given to revision of the procedures to be followed in carrying out the duties assigned to the Assistant Secretary. Most important among these is the mailing of dues payments directly to myself so that the records may be kept up to date

without the necessity of the Treasurer making a separate report. Payments are then sent to the Treasurer for deposit. Tangible benefits include savings from TOPICS not being sent to those who do not renew their membership.

Another project has been the production

of a new edition of the membership directory, last produced in 1982. This was an expansion of the listing initiated by Ed Whiting, breaking down the membership by postal code. As I have frequently need for a directory and the manual revision was time-consuming, a computer listing was created and is easily updated. The assistance of Mike Street with his mailing list for TOPICS to eliminate differences is particularly appreciated. It is now possible to extract specialized listings of members when required, which may be of interest to regional groups in particular.

Other activities have been preparation of the Emeritus Membership eligibility list, survey

and report for the Vincent G. Greene Award, compilation of data for the President's Certificate and the assumption of responsibility for organizational subscriptions to BNA TOPICS.

Overall, my aim has been to streamline procedures and where possible integrate the required data for these in a computerized listing for easy retrieval. Full implementation of the changes will be in 1985. I wish to thank all those members whose suggestions and criticism have enabled me to perform my duties in a more efficient manner.

John C. Graper

STUDY GROUP COORDINATOR

The state of the study groups is excellent! BNAPS now has fourteen study groups, up from twelve at my last report. This year's additions were 'Duplex Cancels of BNA' and '1972-78 Definitives and Landscapes'.

A letter of welcome is now being sent to new members explaining what study groups are, how to join, and a list of chairpersons to contact.

With this BNAPEX, we have allotted time for every group to meet at the convention. Although I recognize that some of the times are inconvenient, there is a time slot for fourteen get-togethers.

A study group newsletter was started in January as a method to better communicate with the fourteen chairpersons.

In 1984 we were able to persuade Frank Waite to commence a column for TOPICS. This column, titled 'Centerline', is meant to be a synopsis of what the study groups are doing, in hopes of engendering further interest in our groups.

At this convention I have set up a table to answer questions about study groups and to take the names of any members who might be interested in joining a group.

In closing, let me urge each of you to join the groups whose study interests you and finally to thank those neat people who chair the groups and write the column.

John T. Burnett

CONVENTION COORDINATOR

I am sure you will agree with me that we are enjoying another excellent convention. Please join me in sincerely thanking our hosts, The Northern California Chapter for a job well done. An innovation this year is the early time of this meeting, outside of show hours, intended to allow all members to be present.

Since my last report I am able to announce two more confirmed convention sites, one each

in Canada and the United States. I also have several good prospects for other years which I hope to be able to soon confirm as definite. When details are available they will be announced in BNA TOPICS. In the meantime, if any member is interested in hosting one of our annual conventions, do not be shy to contact me, I will be only too happy to answer your questions. At present the future line-up is as follows:

1985: Calgary, Alberta; 12-14 September; Co-Chairman — Ed Harris & Sam Nickle
1986: Dearborn, Michigan; Chairman — Chuck Firby
1987: Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Chairman — Jim Lehr
1988: Virginia Beach, Virginia; Chairwoman — Marva Paige

1989: Hamilton, Ontario; Co-Chairmen — Mike Street & Dave Dixon
Submitted with the hope that I will leave this convention with one or two prospects for the open years of 1990 and beyond. St. John's, Newfoundland has already asked for 1997, the 500th anniversary of Cabot's arrival, so it's not too early to book.

C. R. McGuire

SALES CIRCUIT MANAGER

For the fiscal year 1 July 1983 to 31 June, 1984 your Sales Circuit has produced the best ever results, both for buyers and sellers. We have had the greatest input of material and the largest sales ever. At the time of writing this report we will have received in excess of 800 books of BNA material since the circuit was reorganized. We were fortunate this past year to receive from several of our Senior members books with outstanding material, particularly in the Revenue and Precancel sections. This input of new material was a major factor in producing sales of almost \$47,000.00.

Once again the specialized areas are attracting the most interest — Revenues, Precancels, Perfins, RPO's, Squared Circles, Towns, Semi-Official Airs, and Booklet Panes lead the way, closely followed by the Provinces, Used blocks, Stationery, and Postal History from all classifications. Selected mint and early fine used are also doing well. Common mint and used as well as plate blocks after the War issue are at the very bottom of members' wants.

Circuits of the above mentioned have immediate openings, so if you have not participated in the circuit jump in now and enjoy your collecting to the fullest. The vast majority of the circuits are multiple, with 10 members to a circuit. Each circuit is aimed to your wants and specialized areas of collecting. We do our best in routing the circuits, keeping geographical logistics in mind.

This past year has been a banner year as well when it comes to problems, which have been very few and of a minor nature. The problem of the most concern is the use of meters on circuit packets. **PLEASE** use stamps of philatelic value when forwarding Circuits on by **REGISTERED MAIL**. Our insurance coverage requires this method of mailing. Failure to do so

leaves the member forwarding the circuit liable for any loss. I am very pleased that, since starting the circuits in 1982, we have not had a single book lost in the mails—a real credit to our members. It would help as well if each buyer would double check his purchases and addition, and put his or her number in the blank spaces when removing stamps. Too often initials are used. So much for the problems. Now to the good news.

We have been able to bring the most circuit books ever to an annual BNAPEX. Those of you fortunate enough to attend this San Francisco meeting will have lots to go through. I would like to give special thanks to Jim Catterick who will be taking the circuits back to Toronto, and who will be checking my box and doing the necessary banking while we take off for the South Pacific from San Francisco. We will be attending AUSIPEX as well as touring Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and Tahiti.

We look forward to another great year and will be moving out plenty of circuits this fall. Thus far the months of July and August show sales well above last year's, so those of you who are missing out get in on the fun now.

We have retired a good number of circuit books to the owners, comprising sales of \$32,000, this past fiscal year, with payments to the BNAPS Treasury of \$3195.00 in commissions and \$1,200.00 in insurance fund contributions. The forthcoming year should be even better. All we need is the material from members and buyers.

In closing I wish to thank all of you who took the time to write. Your notes and comments were appreciated. If I failed to answer your note, I am sorry. It turned out to be a very busy, exciting, and most satisfying year.

Bob Jamieson

LIBRARIAN

The Library is progressing along. When we advertised that the library list of materials was available to xerox, there was a renewed interest in the Library.

The Library can use any material, pertaining to Canada, that members wish to donate.

Don Makinen

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CALENDAR

CALENDAR lists exhibitions and bourses with significant BNA content, and BNAPS Regional Group functions. Information/prospectus must reach the Editor at least 3 months in advance.

- JANUARY 11 - 13, TORONTO, ONTARIO** — PHILEX, International dealer's bourse, seminars. Sheraton Centre. Information: David B. Bastedo, Box 980, Stn. K, Toronto, Ont. M4P 2V3.
- FEBRUARY 9, BURLINGTON, Ont.** — The annual exhibition and bourse of the Burlington Stamp Club. Appleby Mall, Appleby Line & New Street. Information: John Latter, Box 8107, Dundas, Ont. L9H 5E7.
- APRIL 13 - 14, WINDSOR, ONT.** — Second annual show and bourse of the Essex County Stamp Club. St. Alphonsus Church Hall, City Hall Square (½ block from Tunnel). Information: Box 1503, Stn. A, Windsor, Ont. N9A 6R5.
- APRIL 20, BARRIE, ONT.** — The Barrie District Stamp Club's 25th anniversary exhibition and bourse. Continental Inn, Highways 400 and 90. Information: Michael Head, 45 Dalton St., Barrie, Ont. L4M 1M5.
- MAY 15 - 22, TEL AVIV, ISRAEL** — ISRAPHIL '85, FIP sanctioned International Exhibition. Canadian Commissioner: R. K. Malott, 16 Harwich Cres., Nepean, Ont. K2H 6R1.
- MAY 24 - 26, TORONTO, ONT.** — ROYAL '85, annual exhibition and convention of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Sheraton Centre. Information: ROYAL '85, 10 - 1300 Kamato Road, Mississauga, Ont. L4W 2N2.
- JUNE 7 - 9, VANCOUVER, B.C.** — PIPEX '85, the 1985 show of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. Sheraton Landmark Hotel, Robson St. Information: PIPEX '85, P. O. Box 2356, Vancouver, B. C. V6B 3W5.

BNAPEX '85: SEPTEMBER 12-14, BNAPS' annual convention. Westin Hotel, 4th Ave. CALGARY at 3rd St. S.W. Information: BNAPEX '85, P.O. Box 1478, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2L6.

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- MAY 22 - JUNE 1, CHICAGO, IL** — AMERIPEX '86, FIP sanctioned International Exhibition. Canadian Commissioner: David Dixon, P.O. Box 1082, Oakville, Ont. L6J 5E9.
- AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 7, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN** — STOCKHOLMIA '86, FIP sanctioned International Stamp Exhibition. Stockholm Trade Fair Center. Canadian Commissioner: Peter Mann, 36 Sydenham St., Guelph, Ontario N1H 2W4. American Commissioner: Victor E. Engstrom, 2655 Pebble Beach Dr., Clearwater FL 33519.

BNAPEX '86 - DEARBORN, MICHIGAN — Chairman: Chuck Firby

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- JUNE 6 - 14, TORONTO, ONTARIO** — CAPEX '87. FIP sanctioned International Exhibition. Information: P.O. Box 100, First Canadian Place, Toronto, Ont. M5X 1B2.

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BNAPEX '84

San Francisco has done it again; BNAPEX '84 was a beauty! Gar Lohman and his Convention Committee put it all together — including the weather — to give us another memorable annual meeting. Details are reported elsewhere in Topics, but the highlights that come to our mind include the marvellous moonlight Bay Cruise with that wonderful dinner, the delightful tour for the ladies to Muir Woods (as reported by my wife), the very fine food and shopping for which San Francisco is justly famous, and a truly powerful, high quality exhibition — with five 12d blacks — that saw seven gold medals awarded. One negative fact, glaring in omission - - - there was no R.P.O. exhibit in our show in Baghdad-By-The-Bay!!! Collectors of railways must correct this lapse for our conclave next year in Calgary.

STUDY GROUP

The R.P.O. Study Group Meeting at BNAPEX '84 was well attended, with over 20 members present. Dave McKain having been elected to the BNAPS Board of Governors, Bill Robinson has assumed the reins of Secretary/Treasurer of the Study Group. It was agreed for the future that the Study Group fiscal year will start with each annual convention, which means that dues for the present twelve month period should be sent to Bill Robinson now. Complete copies of Annex II were distributed to all attendees, and will be sent to all members not present. Considerable discussion was held on the future direction of our activities in the specialty or railway cancellations, and Bill will summarize the meeting in his first Newsletter.

AUSIPEX '84

Due to the pressure of business and our forthcoming relocation, we were unable to attend AUSIPEX '84 in Melbourne; however, I have just been advised verbally by our commissioner, N. Watanabe, that the Canadian Railway Catalogue

was awarded a silver medal. Assuming this to be correct, we can all be pleased; this satisfactory result for a soft cover, spiral bound book has to be recognition for the work and research of all involved in its publication. Additionally, I am further advised by Soichi Ichida, our philatelic doyen in Japan, that there was a splendid exhibit of Japanese R.P.O.s at Melbourne and that railway cancellations are starting to receive good recognition at the international level. This should be encouragement for all of us.

PERSONAL

One more personal note. Although this is being written in October, by the time it is published we will have started our settling down process in America. If there is a new address with the masthead of this Cowcatcher Column, you will know that we have finalized our arrangements for a home in the Seattle area, negotiations for which are currently in process. This trans-Pacific move, our fourth, promises to involve the usual amount of trauma, and it will be good to get it behind us.

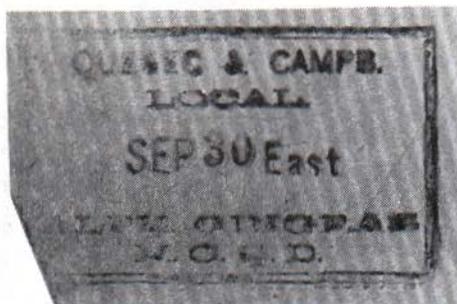
A DEPOT LISTING!



Ross Gray has sent us a fine strike of the HAMILTON / CANADA circled "S" duplex,

Type 25G, November 22, 1910, which duplicates the already listed DD-2 and DD-22 of Berlin and Kitchener respectively. This cancellation was discussed in thorough detail with Graham Noble as early as 1980 as a possible candidate for listing, and while in no way denying the possibility, it was agreed that we had no firm evidence to confirm that this could be defined as a "railway depot". Ross has asked that we throw this question open to our readers, and we welcome any information which would shed light on just where in Hamilton this cancellation was used.

CORRECTED LISTING



J. C. Michaud has recently discovered the first full complete cover strike that we have seen of Q-187A struck in violet as a backstamp on a registered cover (5¢ Victoria Numeral + 2¢ Edward) from Robinsonville, New Brunswick, September 30, 1904, to a commercial firm in Moncton, N. B., where it was delivered on October 1, 1904. This striking example has allowed us to correct our listing by adding a "B" to "CAMP" giving QUEBEC & CAMPB. as the first line of this listing. An unusual and exceptional abbreviation which could not have been anticipated.

NEW TICKET STAMPS



As indicated in Annex II, Jean-Guy Dalpe recently discovered an extraordinary group of Newfoundland Ticket Stamps, all sublistings of TS-249 which was first reported for SPRUCE BROOK from Warren Bosch in Annex I. Dalpe, for this listing REID NEWFOUNDLAND/COMPANY / (town) was able to add TS-249b BADGER BROOK, TS-249d CATALINA, TS-249h FERMEUSE, TS-249j GLENWOOD, TS-249l GRAND FALLS, TS-249n HOWLEY and TS-249p KILLIGREWS. It is a pleasure to illustrate two of these strikes, TS-249d CATALINA and TS-249n HOWLEY. (SPRUCE BROOK is new TS-249u.)



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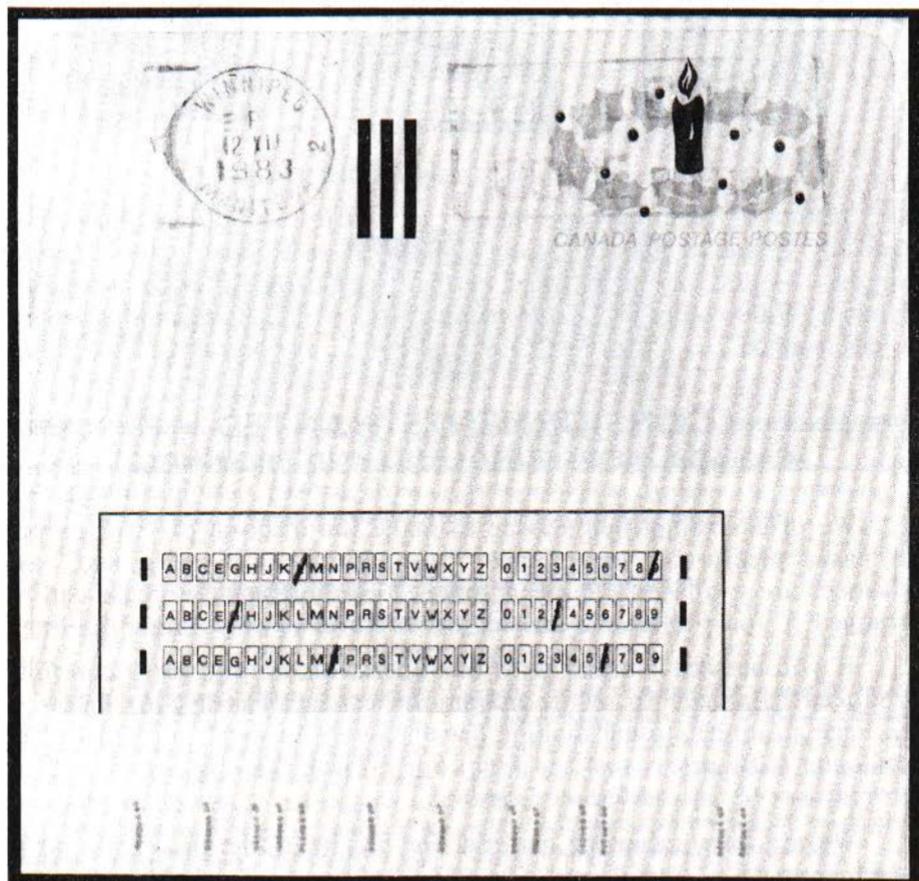
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1983 STICK 'n TICK: NOT AS SUCCESSFUL AS CANADA POST SAYS

by Mike Street



1. A STICK 'n TICK label with the pink bars added by the Optical Character Reader machine.

OTTAWA, 3 October 1984: Michael Warren, President of Canada Post Corporation, in announcing the expansion of the Christmas card discount system first tried in Winnipeg last year, "acknowledged that only 51 percent of cards mailed in the Winnipeg experiment went through the automated equipment but said that this year's labels have been redesign-

ed to raise the percentage."

OTTAWA, 5 October 1984: Jean-Claude Parrot, President of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, which represents 'inside' workers (not letter carriers) in Canada's postal system, declared that STICK 'n TICK is a management scheme to "eliminate jobs from the Post Office and eliminate service to the public",

and went on to say that the 50 percent failure rate in the 1983 Winnipeg test is proof that manual sorting is the only way to improve service.

Information gathered by a group of BNAPS members indicates quite strongly that Mr. Warren's figure of 50% should be closer to 10-15% while, paradoxically, proving that the automatic OCR (Optical Character Reader) machines are quite capable of coding mail carrying the STICK 'n TICK labels much faster than any other method. It appears that despite the best intentions of those responsible for developing the STICK 'n TICK program, the actual 1983 Winnipeg tests were conducted in an uncontrolled way that made it impossible to properly evaluate the results.

INTRODUCTION OF STICK 'n TICK

The public first learned of the STICK 'n TICK experiment in *LINN'S STAMP NEWS*, an American weekly stamp newspaper. The story was broken by Larry McInnes, stamp columnist for the *Montreal Gazette* and writer of a column distributed free of charge by Canada Post to weekly newspapers in Canada. The experiment had been kept so secret that employees of Canada's National Postal Museum first learned of it through telephone calls from colleagues in the United States Postal Service who had read the *LINN'S* article.

Canadian Postmasters learned of the pro-

ject via the 14 November 1983 edition of the weekly *BULLETIN*, the Post Office's method of advising personnel of changes. The general press release announcing the new scheme was made available to the press on 21 November 1983, the same day that the labels went on sale in Winnipeg. This practice of 'dropping' the news of changes and innovations on the public, instead of announcing them well beforehand and preparing their customers, is a longstanding practice of Canada Post.

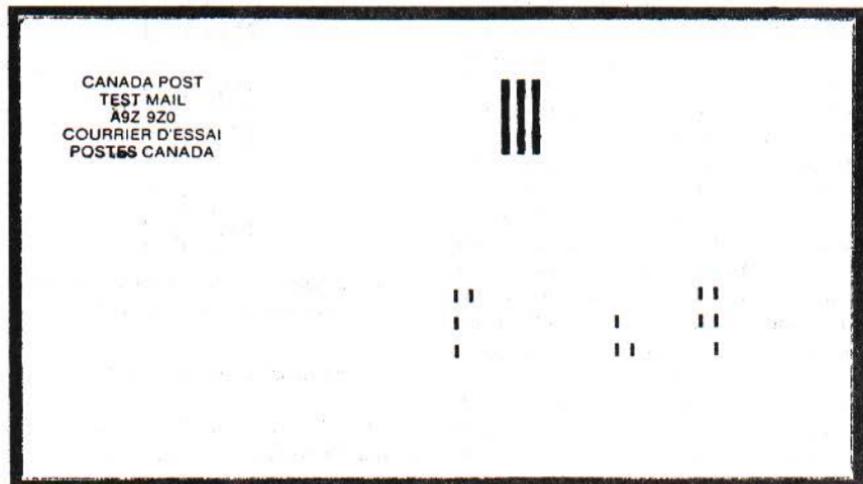
The 'carrot' used to encourage the people of Winnipeg to participate in the test was lower costs for mailing their 1983 Christmas cards. The official press release announcing STICK 'n TICK read:

WINNIPEGGERS TO ENJOY REDUCED CHRISTMAS CARD RATES THROUGH USE OF STICK 'N' TICK

WINNIPEG — Canada Post Corporation is market testing a new precode label for use as postage on Christmas greeting cards mailed in Winnipeg beginning November 21, 1983.

The purpose of this test is to determine the operational effectiveness of precode postage labels and customer attitudes towards a "special" Christmas card mailing rate for greeting cards mailed to Canadian destinations.

Stick 'N' Tick labels are being sold at



2. One of the envelopes used to test the vertical bar method of coding.

all Winnipeg post offices and sub post offices from November 21 to December 17 in kits of 12 for \$3.49 or 25 for \$6.89. This is a saving of 35¢ on a package of 12 and \$1.11 on a package of 25 as compared to the cost of regular first class postage stamps.

Customers are asked to affix the 110 mm X 88 mm label squarely at the upper right hand corner of the Christmas card envelope. They then address the envelope to the left of the label and transfer the postal code onto the label by "ticking" vertical lines through the appropriate letters and numerals printed on the label. Complete instructions on how to use Stick 'N' Tick are enclosed in all kits.

The Stick 'N' Tick postage rate is a world first for postal operations. Its use will assist the post office improve handling efficiency while customers enjoy a reduced postal rate for Christmas cards.

The postal label market test has been introduced in co-operation with the Canadian Greeting Card Association. Stick 'N' Tick labels are for use during the 1983 Christmas season.

PREPARING FOR STICK 'n TICK

Well before the announcement of the Winnipeg test, Canada Post had been quietly testing methods of supplying the OCR machines with the most 'readable' form of postal code. The OCR process calls for a postal code to be placed on an envelope as the last line in an address, with at least ¼ of an inch of black space below the code. The code may be typewritten, clearly printed by hand, or in the form of dark vertical lines placed in specific locations.

The #8 envelope shown in Figure 2 was used to test this last type of input. When the envelope goes into the OCR machine it is faced and checked for postage by a scanner which looks for the tagging on the stamp or stamps. If these bars are present, the machine knows to look for a postal code in the form of smaller vertical bars lower down of the envelope.

If the bottom ¼ inch of the envelope is blank, the OCR machine is programmed to look for two more sets of three bars, this time placed one on top of the other and spaced exactly 70 mm (approximately 2¾ inches) apart. If this set of 'markers' is present, the machine then looks for two bars on each of the three lines. The exact

placement of these bars on the lines tells the machine the letters and numbers of the postal code at the destination of the envelope, and it then marks the bottom of the envelope with another series of vertical bars, this time pink bars formed by dots. Once these dotted bars are in the right place on an envelope, other equipment in the Canada Post arsenal can read the code and direct the envelope into sorting bins automatically, without any human intervention. (At present it is understood that these sorters can separate mail down to the first three letters in the code, which is enough to identify the post office of destination.)

The OCR machine excelled in this method of processing mail, and Canada Post began the process of getting companies which send out large quantities of return envelopes — utilities and oil companies for instance — to print their postal code on the envelopes in the vertical bar format. The 'carrot' for these companies is faster handling of mail once it gets to a major sorting facility. (Anyone who has monitored how quickly their bill payment cheques clear the bank after being mailed in one of these envelopes can attest to the speed with which the mail reaches the company.)

As could be expected, Canada Post began to look for ways to apply this technical improvement to the largest annual influx of mail — Christmas cards.



3. An enlarged portion of the matrix printed on #10 size test envelopes.

PRECURSORS AND PROOFS

The first step in trying to apply the bar method of coding to ordinary letters mailed by the public was probably simple. The matrix which had been designed to place the bars representing letters and numbers in exact locations

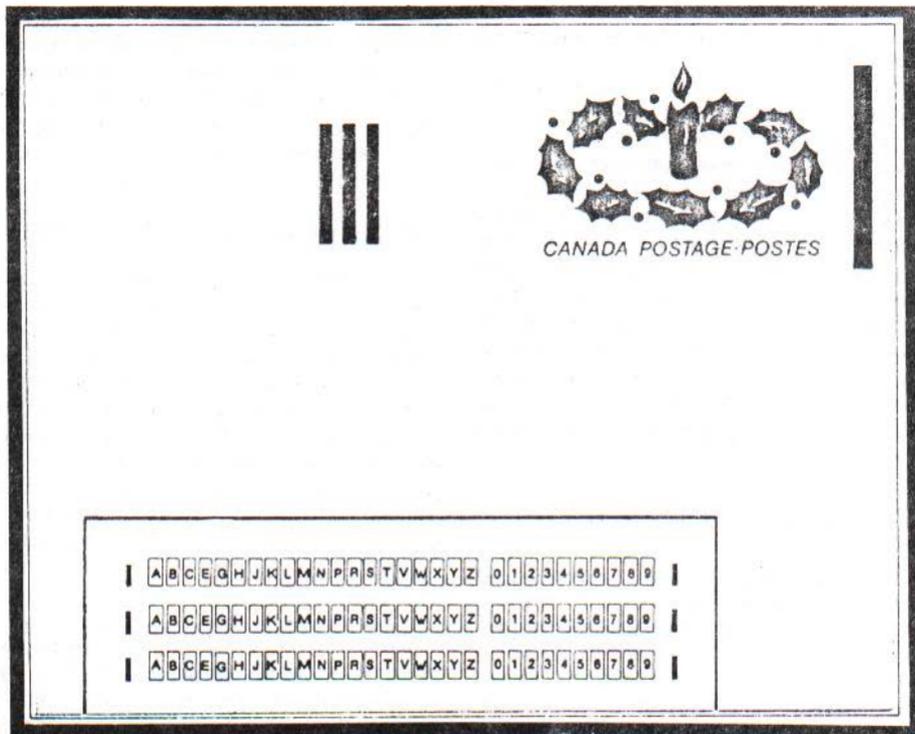
between the 'marker' bars was printed on ordinary #10 envelopes. Figure 3 shows an enlargement of a portion of the matrix as it appeared on one test envelope. (Because the 'marker' bars at either end of the second row were left off this envelope during printing, it is possible that a second set of test envelopes were printed.) Codes were then marked in the appropriate places, along with marks to take the place of the missing 'markers', and the envelopes fed to an OCR machine.

The matrix test being successful, Canada Post decided to go ahead with STICK 'n TICK. Trial proofs (Fig. 4) of the labels — collectors have been told that 100 were prepared — were then obtained for testing. The trial proofs differ from the labels finally produced and sold to the public in several significant ways: Bars — On the trial proof, the vertical bars on either side of the holly are red. On the production labels the three bars to the left of the holly are black, and the single bar to the right of the holly is a phosphor tagging bar. Wreath — On the trial proof, the holly is a deep green and the berries are deep red. On the production label these colours are notice-

ably lighter in shade. Matrix — On the trial proof, the right vertical side of the box enclosing the letter 'K' is broken in both the second the third rows. On the production labels these boxes are complete. Comparison of Figures 3 & 4 will show that *the matrix used on the #10 test envelope has the same broken boxes as appear on the trial proof.*

PRINTING PROCESS

The STICK 'n TICK labels were printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company on a press specifically designed for producing self adhesive labels. The 'continuous web' press process starts with the paper on which the design is to be printed receiving the adhesive and then being placed on the special silicon backing paper in a long roll. The rolls are available in different widths up to a maximum of 24 inches. At present the size of press used by the Canadian Bank Note Company is not known, but it is safe to assume that the STICK 'n TICK labels were printed at least 2, and possibly up to 5, across. The various parts of the design are printed by either a modified litho-



4. Trial proof.

graph plate or by a rubber plate.

Examination of STICK 'n TICK labels indicates that the paper was fed through 5 or 6 plates — a lithograph plate for the red part of the matrix, and separate rubber plates for each of the following: leaves (green), berries (red), candle (red), black bars and phosphor bar. It is possible that the candle was printed by the same plate as the red portion of the matrix.

The next step in the process is the application of a 'kiss' die which cuts through the label paper and just touches, or kisses, the silicon backing paper. The roll then moves on to a part of the press which peels the excess paper away from the labels. Next comes separation of adjacent rows of labels, followed by cutting in the appropriate quantities — 12 or 25 — and, finally, packaging with the instruction sheet.

VARIETIES

Two varieties of the 1983 labels are known at present. The first shows smudging of the berries in the wreath. Although these are being sold at a premium, the variety appears to be a true 'flyspeck', having apparently been caused at random by slight slippage of the paper as it passes through the press.

The second variety occurs on every second label in some packs. On these labels, the top right corner of the box around the 'Z' in the second row is missing, as is a small portion of the bottom right of the box around the '4' in the third row and a larger portion of the bottom left of the box around the '6' in the third row. The fact that this variety occurs only on every second label and only in some packs indicates that the printing plates were laid out two vertically, and at least two across as discussed above. Depending on the number of labels in the printing row, the quantity of this variety will be somewhere between 10% and 25% of the total number of labels produced.

PRODUCTION QUANTITIES

On 30 December 1983 Canadian Press quoted Canada Post spokesman Al Skrumeda as saying that more than 700,000 labels had been purchased in Winnipeg. Misreading this as the number produced, the author calculated various combinations of multiples of 12 and 25, the quantities in the different packs, and came up with a figure of 740,000 labels produced. This

figure was put forward to Canada Post in a letter. The reply, from Lance Nater, Senior Product Manager, Letter Mail, Consumer, stated "Your information regarding quantities produced and quantities sold are (*sic*) also not correct. Approximately 45% of the labels produced were sold."

A rereading of the 30 December newspaper clipping showed the error in interpretation. A calculation based on Mr. Nater's 45%, using 710,000 as an approximate figure of the number sold according to the statement by Mr. Skrumeda, produced a figure of 1,600,000. This new figure was presented to Mr. Nater in a subsequent letter, with a request to confirm the figure or, if still wrong, provide the exact figure. The reply to this request was "With respect to production, I regret to inform you that your assumption of 1.6 million does not appear to be correct. At this time we are not in a position to provide exact figures as you request."

Presuming that the figure of "more than 700,000" was accurate and meant that fewer than 800,000 were sold, and using the 45% figure given by Mr. Nater, it should, again, be safe to assume that between 1.5 million and 1.75 million labels were produced. Either would be a reasonably round figure, and Canada Post's reluctance to provide the exact number produced is puzzling. The only possible clue to the unwillingness is the fact that the labels were still on sale at philatelic outlets as late as September 1984, long past the current stated practice of taking stamps off sale six months after the date of issue.

STICK 'n TICK 1983 — CONTROVERSY

Very early in the experimental period it became apparent to collectors that most of the labels going into the mail stream were not being processed by the OCR machines. About 9 out of 10 envelopes reaching collectors and others carried the distinctive yellow coding bars of the manually operated coding machines, instead of the pink coding bars produced by the OCR machines. On the other hand, envelopes with the required 3/4 inch clearance which were handed in to postal officials for 'hand-back' processing, even in quantities of 50 or more, received 100% OCR service.

Seven months after the end of the experiment in Winnipeg, a survey of covers in collectors' hands confirmed the earlier findings — only 10% of the STICK 'n TICK labels processed in Winnipeg received the pink bar codes of the OCR machines. This information was presented to

Canada Post with a request for clarification. The reply from Canada Post contradicted the figure given, and stated "In fact, over 50% was OCR processed."

A follow-up letter to Canada Post restated the findings from covers in collectors hands, and offered the following: "Given the problems of size, etc. which have been already reported, we can accept the figure of 50% of all labels fed to the OCR machine being accepted by it, but our information inevitably leads to the conclusion that not all the mail picked up in Winnipeg during the test period was put through the OCR machine first; i.e. the mail went to whatever coding machines, manual or OCR, were not fully loaded up at the time of arrival."

Canada Post's reply to this second query produced no real change in their position. "Since I do not know the source of your information or its scope," wrote Mr. Nater, "I cannot comment on the validity of your assumptions. In response to your question, I can only restate that over 50% of the "Stick 'n Tick" labels introduced in the mail stream were encoded by the OCR."

CONCLUSIONS

A third letter to Canada Post, outlining the bar colour differences which produced the 10% figure, was not answered by press time (given in the letter), apparently being overtaken by Mr. Warren's public statement, quoted at the beginning of this article, which no official is likely to contradict, especially for publication.

It appears, then, that the 1983 STICK 'n TICK test in Winnipeg was compromised by a basic lack of organization — if the mail coming into the sorting station had all been sent to the OCR machine first, with only OCR rejects going to the manual coding machines, the number of OCR markings on covers would probably be close to or, given the 'hand-back' results, higher than the 50% figure Canada Post is clinging to so firmly. There is no doubt that properly marked labels with the required clearance below the code boxes are easily processed by the OCR machines.

THE FUTURE OF STICK 'n TICK

Canada Post has announced that, beginning 5 November 1984, two piece STICK 'n TICK labels would be available for use in a total of eight cities — Edmonton, Halifax, Hull, London, Ottawa, Quebec City, Victoria and Winnipeg. The

packets of 12 will be sold at \$3.39 each, 10¢ less than the same packet cost in 1983, and the test will run until 17 December.

It is not likely that last year's mistakes will be repeated, so we can look forward to glowing reports of how well the equipment worked in the 1984 tests. Most observers feel, however, that the extra effort involved in using the labels will offset the reduced postage cost in the minds of most customers, and that the labels will be phased out. As Canada Post worked with the Canadian Greeting Card Association in trying to develop STICK 'n TICK, the most probable outcome of the tests will be that the manufacturers will simply print the matrix on the envelopes supplied with the Christmas cards.

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WARNING: *Collectors should note that the gum on the 1983 labels has a tendency to 'creep' to the edges of the label after it has been applied to an envelope. It is still too early to tell if the adhesive will also seep through and stain envelopes and album pages.*

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ON THE FRINGES

When this reaches print, BNAPEX — San Francisco will be a memory. The many study groups will have met, pondered their past and contemplated their future. I hope you were fortunate enough to have attended at least one.

If the first newsletter of the Duplex Cancellations Study Group is any indication, this new group will be one of the more productive ones. The issue presents the proposed numbering system, and also lists duplex cancellations of British Columbia. Judging from the first newsletter, I believe they are fortunate to have Bob Lee as their Editor.

Oddly enough, or perhaps it is a product of current enthusiasm, the Small Queens group have published, in their latest newsletters, a series of articles on *Duplex Cancellations on the Small Queens*, authored by John Burnett. They have also noted early and late dates for the one cent orange shades. Harry Lussey's article on perforations of Canadian stamps was very interesting to me, especially, as I once tried to do this; alas, I failed to match his achievement.

If there was an award for the most active study group, two that would vie for the prize would be the Revenue Study Group and the Postal Stationery Study Group. They both issue regular newsletters which radiate activity. I'm an ignoramus on both subjects; however, I can

appreciate the work of both groups.

In a recent revenue newsletter, an article on *Canadian Postal Currency* by Ed Zaluski was featured. I learn something every newsletter. The Postal Stationery group newsletters are filled with detailed data on postal cards and stationery, from the 'Nesbitts' to the latest-errors, along with new discoveries and normal data.

One entire newsletter of the Centennial Definitives group was devoted to estimates of quantities issued. Another featured booklet pane stamps, printed on the gum side errors, fluorescent number overprints and other oddities. It seems that the Centennial Definitives (the stamps not the group) are as complicated as the Small Queens.

Those who study holes in stamps constantly amaze me. Their latest newsletter (*The BNA Perforator*) reports a new perfin and also has two articles; *Design Number 1, How to Find the 'A' Position* by Conrad Tremblay, and a response to *How Small is Small*. The response, from Jon Johnson, details the activities of the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company — especially interesting.

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Design: Will Davies
Printer: British American Bank Note Co. Ltd.
Quantity: 20,000,000*
Dimensions: 40mm x 24mm (horizontal)
Perforations: 13+
Gum Type: PVA
Paper Type: Coated one side, litho (Clark)
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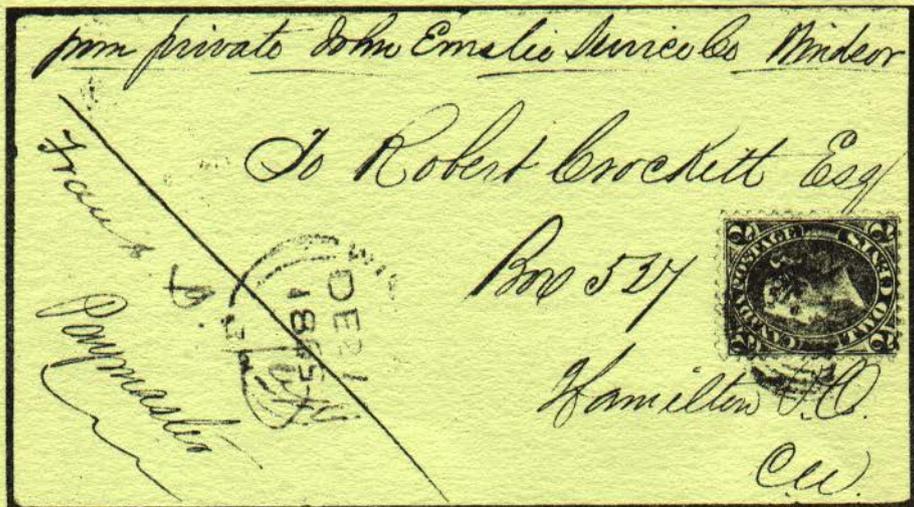
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