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The Editor's Page

by Vic Willson

APOLOGIES TO GEORGE WEGG and to GEORGE S. WEGG LTD

Our apologies are extended to George Wegg for having placed the wrong address on his ad, and to George S. Wegg Ltd. for not correcting their address. To add injury to insult Mr. Wegg's ad had been inadvertently left out of the previous issue. The address correction was intended for the George S. Wegg Ltd ad, and the printer corrected the wrong ad. We hope prospective buyers will note the correct address of these supporters in this issue.

INTRODUCING PETER McCARTHY

We are fortunate to have a volunteer to work on the Study Group summary, CENTERLINE. Peter McCarthy, of Richmond, PQ, has assumed the duties with this issue. Readers of several philatelic newspapers will recognize Mr. McCarthy's byline. It is always a pleasure to work with people who like to write, since they provide the copy for our perusal. Study group newsletter editors should be sending a copy of each issue to Peter. His address is on this issue's Centerline listing.

GST AND THEE

It has been interesting to see the business adjustments that stamp dealers have been making to the GST in Canada. By and large they are trying to minimize the impact on their within-country customers. Hardest hit, of course, are the Ontario residents with their double whammy. The least adjustable area looks to be auction prices, because if they represent a stable market, out-of-country buyers will be able to bid more to obtain the same value. Thus it is when governments seriously affect prices with controls, GSTs, and the like. The effect on our journal is as yet unclear, although there will be serious increases in some of our costs, as we print in Ontario. Much hinges on the mailing rate we will be able to obtain, and in a hard-headed business sense it

may become cheaper to do everything in the U.S. I am sure it was not the intent of the GST to drive business out of Canada, but that may happen, with our Society a microcosm of the larger economic situation.

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

I have been a Boy Scoutmaster for a couple of years and over the last few weekends I participated as a trainer in Scoutmaster Fundamentals, a training course for Boy Scout adult leaders. The BSA adult training program is well-conceived, with four different levels of training designed to develop the longterm leadership of the organization at all levels. I have been continually amazed at the quality of dedicated service of many Scouters, who believe in the aims of Scouting and in their organization. There are many lessons to be gained from observing and working with such people. The lessons apply to our organization.

First, those who volunteer assume an obligation to fulfill their duties as faithfully and completely as possible. There is detectable in some volunteers an attitude that since they volunteered, anything they do, no matter how slipshod, should be appreciated without criticism. That, unfortunately, does not get it. We all have friends and acquaintances who have good intentions but just do not get the job done. We try to work around them and try not to give them important tasks in the future. It becomes more difficult to work around them if they have a great deal of seniority and have worked their way up the organization ladder gradually. They may have done credible jobs on some things but are no longer willing to put forth the effort. In academia this can be a fact of life with some tenured professors. All we can do is gently suggest that all in leadership positions conduct self-inspections and view objectively their contributions. Having the honorific is not the reason to assume leadership; instead service to

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diskette for IBM (or IBM compatibles) with ASCII format; 3 1/2 inch hard diskette for IBM of any current system in ASCII format; or Macintosh 3 1/2 inch diskette using a major word processing system currently available. All electronic text should be typed flush left margin with right margin left free (no right margin justify). Do not indent paragraphs, an extra line between paragraphs is optional. Do not use special print characters for italics, bold, or underscore (indicate on hard copy in pen or pencil), and do not use automatic footnoting. Diskettes will be returned promptly.

the Society should be the reason.

A second issue has to do with rotation of leadership. Organizations can become moribund by not infusing new people into the lower leadership levels. Those people will be the next generation's leaders, and without them the unit will slowly die. I recently assumed the presidency of the Southwest Educational Research Association, which is in its fifteenth year. During its beginnings this organization was nurtured by a few major research institutions, and the leadership has largely come from those places. Looking around at the present board, I was struck that all the members could trace their heritage to those few units, although the organization has grown at a 10 percent per year rate. New leadership must be drawn from the new membership, and I have made it my priority to involve new members from other institutions and agencies in the governance of the Association to assure the next generation's leaders are not inbred and inward-looking. BNAPS must review itself periodically to avoid this same problem.

A third feature of leadership training is that invariably the trainers have more fun, learn more, and grow more than the students. If you have ever had to teach anything to anybody, you will discover that if you make an honest effort you will always learn something new and probably will grow more than the students. Scouting is fun because there is little room for stuffed shirts - it's too dirty, grubbing in the campfire while teaching boys how to cook; it also allows the little boy or girl remaining in the person to have a proper place in a mature life. So it is with good leadership - the benefits of service will inevitably be greater to the giver than the receiver in terms of knowledge, satisfaction, and fun. Volunteering is not a chore in the end, it's an investment in one's self and in others. There is no such thing as too little time, only priorities in time allocation. Service to others seems to have been lost as a value, so let's revive it. Each of you can help out at the local, regional, or national level, not only with BNAPS and philately, but with many aspects of your civic life.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by William G. Robinson, OTB



The only contact which many of you have with the Society is through the pages of this magazine, and I would like to pay tribute to the Editor, the Editorial Committee, and the many writers - both frequent and occasional - who share their knowledge and findings with us. That is what makes this hobby so interesting. Many of you who carry out research or are writing up collections know how difficult it is to obtain accurate factual information about your specialty, and can appreciate this type of information when it appears in *TOPICS*.

Another source of information lies in the many publications written by members, produced through the efforts of your Publications Committee, and made available to the membership through our Book Department. The Society is continually looking for good material to publish. Recently two books concerning early Canadian Slogan Cancellations prepared by the Slogan Cancel Study Group were printed, and another effort by the Trans-Atlantic Mail Group is now in the works. Soon a special Issue No.100 of the Canadian Military Mail Study Group - an overview of the subject - will appear. Another energetic member is preparing an index of *TOPICS* from the start to the present. These are only the current projects. Many other publications in the past few years have resulted from the dedicated work of our Study Groups and members. Support their activities and extend your philatelic knowledge by buying such books through your Book Department - usually at below retail prices.

Only some 20-percent of our membership belong to one or more Study Groups. Over 20 are available to you, and if there isn't one which caters to your interests, gather some kindred spirits and start one. You will make new friends with similar interests, and you will be amazed at what you can learn.

Regional Groups exist in many areas - with periodic meetings throughout their territories. These Groups also foster both philatelic and social activities and allow you to meet like-minded people. They are all listed in the appropriate column in *TOPICS* each issue. Seek them out, or if there isn't one close to you, get together with a few friends and start one. Your Officers - and specifically your Second Vice-President - are there to help you get started and prosper.

Lastly, try to attend the annual convention and exhibition - especially if it is near you. We try to schedule these meetings alternately in Canada and the U.S.A., throughout both countries to give everyone a chance to attend some of them. It will cost you a few dollars, but the return on that investment can be phenomenal in terms of increased knowledge, enjoyment and friendships. Meet those people with whom you have corresponded for years. This year BNAPEX '91 is in my home city of Vancouver, British Columbia, under the sponsorship of the very active Pacific Northwest Regional Group. We can promise you an enjoyable time in the tourist Mecca of the continent. Come and see us!

BNAPEX '91, VANCOUVER, B.C.

Letters

COMMENTS ON NOV.-DEC. EDITORIAL

Vic Willson's editorial in the November-December issue of *TOPICS* certainly is to the point. It's high time someone takes the CSDA to task.

Many dealers seem to forget the lean years of the late seventies and early eighties when so many that had treated good customers smugly for the extra dollar, fell on hard times. They have since recovered nicely but, once again, smugness is settling in.

Just where do many of these dealers that feel they can do without society members think they would be without the specialist. Have you noticed how prices have shot up for the specialized material. How did they find out about R.P.O.s, squared circles, the intricacies of the map stamp etc., etc. After all, isn't a small town cancel or an R.P.O. cancel on a small queen on cover all the same. It's a cancel isn't it.

The BNAPS and RPSC membership, especially those who have conducted extensive studies, have helped CSDA members earn some good money. If it's felt that we are not needed by the CSDA, then, maybe we should boycott them and arrange to buy from members within the societies. It wouldn't be such a bad idea to suspend CSDA members within the two societies should they continue the practice of supporting the CSDA by participating in the shows that interrupt previously scheduled Society conventions and shows.

For what it's worth, this member supports your editorial wholeheartedly Vic.

Peter McCarthy
Richmond, Quebec

COMMENTS ON NOV.-DEC. EDITORIAL

Vic Willson's recent editorial, blasting the Canadian Stamp Dealer's Association for alleged sabotage, failed to offer any logical reason why the CSDA would want to deliberately undermine organized BNA philately. I doubt if any disinterested observer could conclude that a stamp show held in Toronto was competing in any real way with a Society convention being held in faraway Texas. If attendance at BNAPEX '90 was less than expected, why look for a scapegoat and blame the CSDA? Let's look for reasons that make sense. I suggest

that several factors other than unfortunate timing may exist. Perhaps the editor didn't consider them before he started shooting from the hip.

For example, not everyone is able to travel around the globe to attend various philatelic events, no matter how much they would like to do so. Granted, some people who were able may have wanted to be at both events. They had to choose one over the other. That's life. I doubt that very many BNAPS members wrote off BNAPEX '90 just because another stamp show or auction was being held in Toronto at the same time. Toronto hosts plenty of stamp shows. Lack of motivation, insufficient funds, or any of a number of other personal reasons may account for the smaller crowds in Galveston for BNAPEX '90.

Perhaps the selected site for the CSDA show was available to the CSDA only on certain weekends, the other dates being previously booked by other groups and organizations for their activities. Incidentally, did anyone in the BNAPS hierarchy *specifically* ask CSDA officers to please not schedule a CSDA show for the same weekend as the BNAPS convention?

I have been a CSDA member for 20 years and never have seen a hint of skulduggery from that organization. I am also a longtime and active BNAPS member. I'm proud to belong to both groups, so I hope that my comments will be seen as impartial.

Bob Marcello
Boston, Mass.

UNIVERSAL MACHINES

When I wrote my small contribution on the introduction of Universal machines in Toronto (*TOPICS* #437, pg 29) I submitted this piece as a matter of documentation with minimal regards given to receiving a response. However, given the prestige of a response by David Sessions (*TOPICS* letters, Vol. 49, No. 6) I am encouraged to supply additional data to this minute area of Canadian philately.

Since writing, I have acquired a cover with a Universal BUY WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES slogan cancellation dated June 10, 1919, one day earlier than the latest International Toronto date of June 11.

Thus there is documentation of overlapping introduction of the Universals with the Inter-

nationals. I am encouraged that there may be further examples of this occurrence given that there were 5 Internationals and 6 replacement Universals, and ask that readers give attention to Toronto machine cancellations of June, 1919.

Jeffrey Switt
Fort Worth, TX

"NAME" COLLECTIONS

For many Newfoundland collectors the recent sale of the *Zurich* collection represented a wonderful opportunity to obtain some rare and unusual items for their own collections. It was perhaps one of the greatest collections of the First Cents Issue ever compiled in our time. Although I welcomed the chance to obtain a few pieces for my own study, I did have some regrets that such a massive collection was not preserved in a more permanent form.

The Cavendish firm did a splendid job in illustrating and describing the lots in their magnificent catalogue. It will probably become sought after as the previous *name* sales catalogues have been. However, one cannot truly experience the effort and the beauty of the actual collections of this magnitude without a detailed examination of its contents. It is unfortunate, therefore, that more efforts were not undertaken to organize and publish this collection where we might have seen it in its entirety. A complete record of the collection would have been a wonderful undertaking (and perhaps monumental) before it was broken up.

No doubt the process of publishing such work would have been tremendous. The postal history section alone, for example, numbered over 875 pieces. Still, one cannot imagine the sheer impact and beauty of seeing a publication filled with endless pages of rare and exotic Newfoundland Pence covers (could one even fathom the majority being in colour?). Although the cost involved would have been prohibitive for such an undertaking (and may have been too costly for most collectors), I'm certain that with today's print technology that a suitable effort could have been made. Philately would have been the better for it.

I salute those individuals who have made arrangements to have their collections documented for us all to enjoy. The Hennok series, the Wellburn book, and the various works by Robert Pratt are fantastic works and, in my opinion, there should be more of them. Philatelic writing and research are the mainstays of

the hobby. We need more opportunities for documented research and what better way than to have members' collections published or photocopied (anonymously if necessary). Exhibits/collections could be preserved in the BNAPS' library for loan to other members (as some exist already).

The National Postal Museum has begun to document special collections and I think this is a super idea. All it takes is a little effort and forethought to increase our understanding of our own specialties and those of other collectors.

I hope that we do not miss another opportunity of preserving a world-reknown collection for us to enjoy forever. Even though I have emphasized the *name* collections, other collections not so well publicized but equally deserving, should also be preserved for future collectors as well. What do other members think? What role could BNAPS play in all of this?

Dean W. Mario
Saskatoon, Sask.

LOST OPPORTUNITY

It is just too bad that the recently published 1991 Scott Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Stamps did not follow the lead established by Scott Publishing in the U.S.A. since 1990, and let the catalogue reflect actual retail prices. Instead, we find that most stamps from the 19th and early 20th century have the same inflated prices as two years ago.

In no way do these prices reflect the current market place.

For example, my favorite stamp the *Bluenose* (Scott #158) is listed in the 1991 Scott (Volume 1) at US \$110.00 in mint F-VF hinged condition. Stanley Gibbons (1991) shows US \$135.00 for the same stamp. The Scott Specialized Catalogue would like us to believe that the stamp is worth Canadian \$250.00!!! (US \$215.00) In fact, a F-VFR mint *Bluenose* (previously hinged) can be acquired from most Canadian and American dealers at a price anywhere from about Canadian \$100.00 to \$150.00 at the most. (US \$85.00 to US \$130.00) A never hinged stamp will sell for more, of course.

Deep discounting from catalogue will keep on going for a while longer. It is too bad as it certainly does not improve the image of the hobby.

Pierre J. LeBel
Agincourt, Ont.

Editor's Note: The following letter is intended to set the record straight on a serious matter which arose from an article in another philatelic publication. It is reproduced here partly to increase the number of collectors to which it is exposed, and partly because a BNAPS member brought the facts to light and the Society was instrumental in arranging the clarification.

CLARIFICATION RE FALSE CANADIAN TWO-TOWN PRECANCEL RARITIES

Could you please help correct a serious error by publishing the following information regarding false Canadian Precancel rarities.

In a Letter to the Editor of the *Canadian Philatelist* (Vol. 39, No. 5, Sept.-Oct. 1988), I indicated that multiple copies of each of the four known Two-Town Combination Overprint Precancels had been 'found', and described the differences between two copies of each rarity. These observations were based on examination of photographs and photocopies which had come into my possession.

Subsequently, some of these photocopies were used to illustrate the Two-Town rarities on

Page 29 of the *Canada Precancel Handbook*, of which I was a co-author.

Recently it was pointed out to me that three of the photocopies described in the Letter to the Editor and used to illustrate the Handbook were, in fact, photocopies of *altered* illustrations of genuine Two-Town rarities which had been previously published. It appears that the illustrations were falsified to give the impression that there existed at least one additional copy of each of the three stamps in question.

To set the record straight, I now believe that only one copy is currently known of each of the Ottawa/Bridgeburg, Windsor/ Bridgeburg and Windsor/London Two-Town precancels. These stamps, which presently reside in the Lussey collection, were correctly illustrated in an article by Mr. Lussey in *BNA TOPICS* (Vol.43, No. 2, March-April 1986) and again in an article which I wrote in *Canadian Philatelist* (Vol. 38, No. 1, Jan.-Feb. 1987).

I sincerely regret any difficulties publication of this erroneous information may have caused.

Hans Reiche
Ottawa, Ontario



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IN MEMORIAM

MAJOR ROBERT THURLOW FRASER, ED

by W.G. Robinson

Thurlow Fraser, Emeritus Member No. 1167 of BNAPS, was born at Pembroke, Ontario, January 30, 1905, the son of a Presbyterian Minister. He was educated in Owen Sound, Ontario, and Winnipeg, Manitoba, worked in Winnipeg for some time, and then moved to Rossland, B.C. in 1935 to work in the purchasing department of Consolidated Mining & Smelting Corporation (COMINCO) until he retired in 1970.

His sense of patriotism led to 44 years of service, both active and reserve, with the Canadian Armed Forces. He joined the Militia in 1921, was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, with whom he served four years in England and Northwest Europe, and was awarded the Canadian Efficiency Decoration for 20 years of exemplary commissioned service. After returning to Canada he served with the Reserve Force until 1965, and was then appointed as an Honorary Aide de Camp to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia until 1980. For this service he received the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 1977.

Thurlow was a dedicated postal historian, specializing in western Canadian, Military, and Railway markings. He wrote the section on the

Railway Post Office Ornaments of British Columbia for George Melvin's 1972 book on the Post Offices of B.C. For many years he was the impetus behind the annual shows of the David Thompson Stamp Club at Castlegar, B.C., and was the only nationally accredited philatelic judge in the B.C. Interior - by the APS, and then by the RPSC. He belonged to numerous National and International philatelic organizations for many years - including the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the British North America Philatelic Society, the Postal History Society of Canada, the American Philatelic Society, and the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs - by whom he was honoured as a Distinguished Philatelist.

He was also active in church and Red Cross work, and died in Vancouver, B.C. after a lengthy illness on January 26, 1991. A memorial service was held on January 30, 1991, in St. David's United Church, West Vancouver, B.C. Philatelists attending included Bill Bailey, Ken Barlow, Alan Brooks, Sam Horton, Basil Hunter, Bill Pekonen, Bill Robinson, Bill Thorne, Bill Topping, and John Wheeler.

We will miss his wisdom and his patient counsel.

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"GROW WITH THE ROYAL"

The Plates of the One Cent Small Queens

by William L. Simpson and George B. Arfken

Some seven hundred million 1¢ Small Queens were printed over a period of 28 years. Strips and blocks of these stamps with imprints, counters and a variety of plate markings challenge collectors to determine how many printing plates and what type printing plates were used. We have responded to this challenge using these same imprints, counters and plate mark-

ings. Our conclusions are in agreement with Boggs [1] except for one major new feature. We find that the earliest plates had 10 x 10 layouts. The evidence for this conclusion is explored in detail in the final section of this article. Table 1 (below) lists the 18 plates we have identified as well as various of their distinguishing characteristics.

Table 1. The Plates of the One Cent Small Queens

Type of plate	Type of imprint	Letters numbers	Position dot	Counters, location	Counter lettering
1. A	4	-	LL	ONE CENT on left	Bold Roman, shaded
2. A	4	-	"	" " " "	" " "
3. A	4	-	"	" " " "	" " "
4. A	5	1	"	" " " "	" " "
5. A	5	2	"	" " " "	" " "
6. A	5	3	"	" " " "	" " "
7. A	5	4	"	" " " "	" " "
8. B	5	D,E	?	ONE CENT (1)	" " (4)
9. B	5	F,G	?	ONE CENT (2)	" " shaded
10. B	5	H,I	L circle(3)	" " "	" " "
11. D	5	S1	-	(no counters)	
12. D	5	S2	-	" "	
13. D	5	S3	-	" "	
14. D	5	S4	-	" "	
15. F	7	A	-	ONE CENT (2)	Thin Gothic
16. F	7	B	-	" " "	" "
17. F	7	C	-	" " "	" "
18. F	7	D	-	" " "	" "

(1) The counters appeared on the left and on the right at the top of each 100 stamp pane of this 200 stamp plate.

(2) The counters appeared on the left and the right at the top of this 200 stamp plate.

(3) The position dot is on the left side of the circle around the vignette.

(4) Our plate strips do not show shading on the counters of the D and E plates.

Table 1 lists five different plate type and imprint type combinations. Figures 1 to 6 illustrate typical plate imprint strips of these groups. The names "Ottawa" and "Montreal" in the captions indicate when the plate was made and first used.

The layouts of the four types of plates listed

here, A, B, D and F, are illustrated in Figure 7. (Three other plate types, C, E and G, were used for printing the other Small Queen denominations. Type H was used for printing the 20¢ and 50¢ Widowed Queens.) These plate types differ from each other by size (100 subject or 200 subject), presence or absence of a vertical

gutter and the positions of the imprints.

Imprints - Plate Marks

The plate imprints have been given by Boggs [1, pp.273, 282 and 291], by Hillson [2, p.9] and by other writers. Figures 1-4 and 6 include these imprints. Table 2 lists the three imprints used on the 1¢ Small Queen plates: imprint types 4, 5 and 7. These are Boggs' types IV, V and VII. These imprints help establish when the various plates were laid down. The type 4 plates were produced during the period 1869 - 1874. The Montreal imprint plates were produced during the period, 1875 through 1886. The type 7 imprints appear on four plates that were first used in 1892.

[1] *The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada*, Winthrop S. Boggs, Chambers Publishing Co., 1945, Quarterman Publications, Inc. reprint, 1974.

[2] *The Small Queens of Canada*, John Hillson, Christie's - Robson Lowe, 1989.

All but the first three plates listed in Table 1 carried identifying numbers and/or letters. For the first three plates, all plate type A and imprint type 4, there are three different lengths of counters: 33.6, 34.6 and 34.8 mm. For the two counters of approximately the same length, the positions of the imprints are slightly different. One of the imprints is tilted relative to the stamps. This is how the existence of three different plates, all plate type A, imprint type 4, is established. The plate with the numeral 1, no. 4 on the list, is a "probably existed" plate. We infer its existence though we have not seen an imprint strip with the "1." These early plates, nos.

1 - 7 in Table 1, are all listed as type A, a 10 x 10 layout. We discuss the evidence for believing these seven plates to be type A in the final section of this article.

Plate nos. 8, 9 and 10 of Table 1 are type B plates with two 10 x 10 layouts separated by a vertical gutter. All of the 200 stamp sheets printed from these type B plates were severed along (or near) the vertical cutting guide line to give two 100 stamp panes. The left pane of stamps carried the first letter listed (D, F or H) while right pane of stamps carried the second letter listed (E, G or I). Note carefully that our right and left for these letters refer to the stamps. For the plates, of course, right and left would be reversed.

The plate letters E, F, G, H and I, of these type B plates have been observed. The clear cutting guide line on the left side of the E pane implies the existence of a left hand pane. This would be the D pane. The letters A, B and C have not been observed on any of the 1¢ Small Queen imprint strips and blocks from any of these 1st Ottawa and early Montreal plates. It is tempting to think that the British American Bank Note Co. associated the letters A, B and C with the three 1st Ottawa plates. Then the Bank Note Company went to D and E for the two panes of the first 1¢ type B plate.

The S1 plate, no. 11 of Table 1, had the S1 stamped above both panes but the two markings were not identical. Either the number or the letter was upside down. Similarly on the S2, S3 and S4 plates, the identifying mark was stamped above both panes and the left and right pane stampings were not identical.

Table 2. Imprints on the 1¢ Small Queen Plates

Type	Lettering	Dimensions in millimeters
4	BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. MONTREAL & OTTAWA	50.5 x 1
5	British American Bank Note Co. Montreal	55 x 2
7	BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA	40 x 1

The position dots are as Boggs described them [1, p.287]. On plate nos. 8 and 9 of Table 1, the position dots are presumably on the left side of the circle enclosing the vignette. We say presumably because the printers were com-

pletely successful in hiding the position dots on the imprint strips we have examined.

Counters

Nine of the first ten plates listed in Table 1,



Figure 1. 1st Ottawa, plate type A, imprint type 4. The counter is to the left of the imprint. We know of no examples from these early plates that show the counter to the right of the plate imprint.



Figure 2a. Early Montreal, plate type A, imprint type 5.

be prepaid in U.S. postage stamps pre-affixed but not cancelled on the letter. Desiring this airmail service the balance of the trip would be by surface means, unless Imperial Airways charges London to Continent were requested and prepaid in Canadian postage. London to Continent airmail fee of 3 pence or six cents Canadian was required London to Sweden. the covers route and air and surface charges are as follows: eight cents Canadian for surface U.P.U. 1st 1oz. charge from Canada to Sweden overpaid by two cents in reg. Canadian postage. The two U.S. C10 airmail stamps prepaid the airmail in U.S.A. only charge of 10¢ per 1/2 oz. over 1/2 oz. but under one ounce. The cover left Vancouver for Seattle by rail. The two U.S.

C10 airmail stamps are cancelled by a Blaine, Washington R.P.O. cancel dated Feb. 11, 1928. It was then flown from Seattle to New York, then surface means to Sweden. A Varrick Street Station Feb ?, 1928 Receiver and a Stockholme Sweden Mar. 1, 1928 Receiving cancel are on the rear of the cover.

This concludes my article on Canadian and U.S. combination covers. The writer invites correspondence from interested parties on this subject, and Canadian commercial airmail postal history to foreign destinations 1926 to 1945. I would be most interested in seeing photostats of such covers whether for sale or not to help my research studies.

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Figure 3b. The E pane is anomalous, showing counters on both right and left. This Figure shows the left counter. A cutting guide line appears in the left margin. A reversed R was added when the plate was re- entered.



Figure 3c. The right counter of the E pane. We expect the D pane to be similar to this.



Figure 4. Montreal, plate type B, imprint type 5. The G above positions 5 and 6 identifies this strip as coming from the G pane.



Figure 5. Late Montreal, plate type D, imprint type 5. There is a reversed S1 (with the S upside down) over pos. 5 and 6.



Figure 6. 2nd Ottawa, plate type F, imprint type 7, D pane. The imprint is above pos. 10 and 11 of this 20 stamp wide sheet.

plate types A and B, carried counters, ONE CENT, in bold, shaded Roman letters. No. 8, the D and E panes, was an exception. The counters that we have seen from this plate show no shading. Figure 8 shows a close up of the normal, shaded counter. The counter appears over positions 2 and 3 on plate type A. On the type B plates, the location of the counters is over pos. 2 and 3 of the left pane and over pos. 8 and 9 of the right pane. Panes D and E are anomalous with two counters (no shading), one over pos. 2 and 3 and the other over pos. 8 and 9. A full I pane is shown by Hillson [2, p.17]. The left selvedge is quite narrow. We assume that the imprint on the left side was sliced off when the H and I panes were separated. However, it is possible that the H and I panes lacked imprints along the gutter.

The overall lengths of these bold Roman counters vary slightly. We believe the "ONE" and the "CENT" were on separate dies. The shading may also have been on separate dies. The failure to use such separate shading dies would provide an easy explanation for the unshaded counter found on the E pane.

The four type D plates had no counters. The last four plates listed in Table 1, type F, had

counters, ONE CENT, in thin Gothic letters with no shading. This counter is illustrated in Figure 9. These counters are in the top margin above positions 2 and 3 on the left and above 18 and 19 on the right. The positions of these counters are indicated with the letter C on the plate layouts of Figure 7.

The 10 x 10 Type A Plates

Plates nos. 8 - 18 of Table 1 are established by plate imprint strips such as those illustrated in Figures 3, 4, 5 and 6. Our discussion of these eleven plates is generally consistent with Boggs. However, our assignment of type A, a single 10 x 10 layout, to the first seven plates of Table 1 is not consistent with Boggs. So, we present the evidence, evidence that is consistent with our assignment of type A 10 x 10 subject plates and that fails to support Boggs' assumption of some form of 200 subject plates. Boggs had assumed [1, p.231] that the Small Queens were made smaller than the Large Queens so 200 Small Queens could be produced from each plate impression compared to 100 Large Queens. Boggs' assumption that 200 subject plates were used in 1870 is reasonable, even plausible. But just because an as-

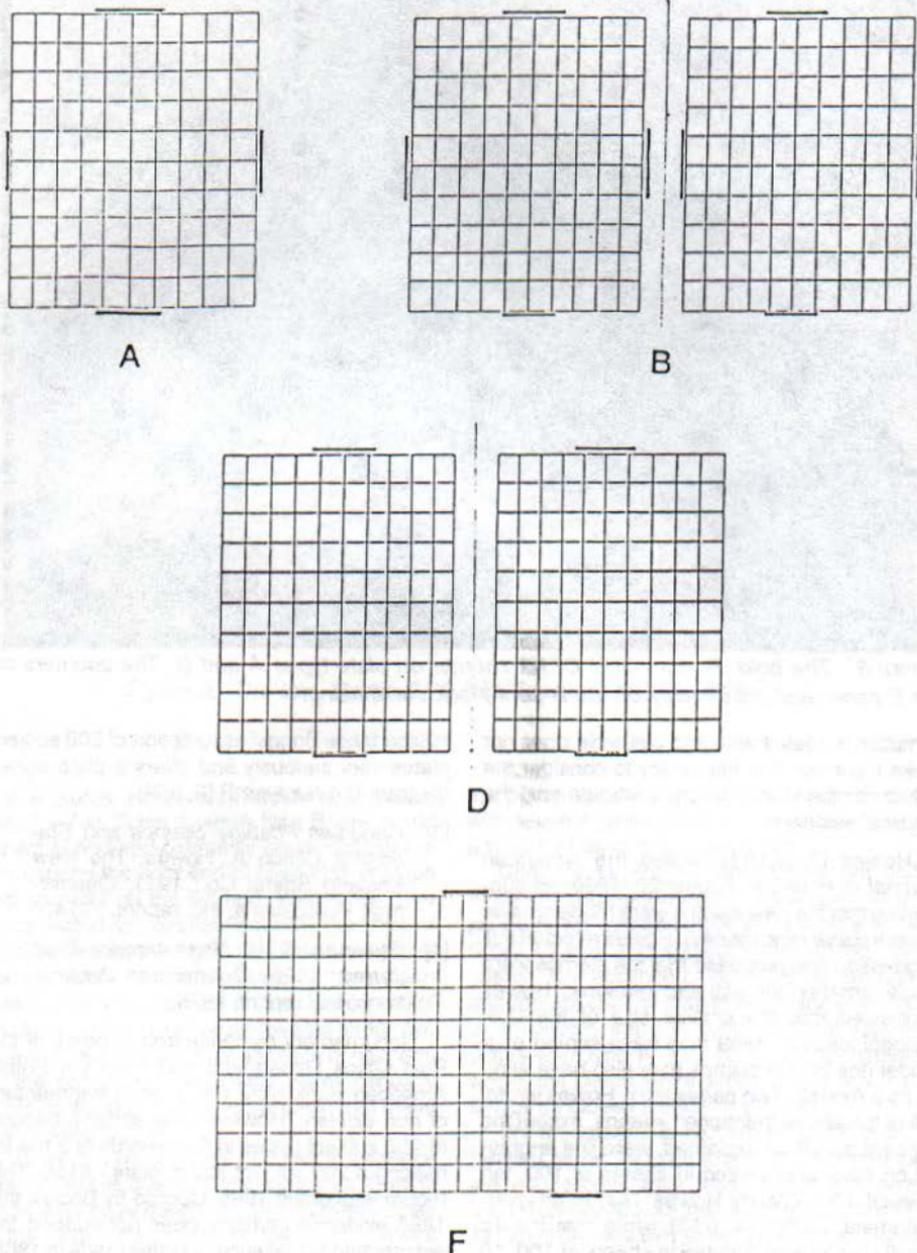


Figure 7. The types of plates used for printing the 1c/ Small Queens. Type A, 10 x 10 with four imprints. Type B, two 10 x 10 panes with a cutting guide line between the panes. Type D, similar to type B but with no side imprints and no counters. Type F, a single 20 x 10 layout. The straight line segments show the positions of the imprints. The "C"s show the location of the counters.



Figure 8. The bold, Roman ONE CENT counter on plate types A and B. The counters on the E pane (and presumably on the D pane) lack the shading.

sumption is reasonable and plausible does not make it correct. It is necessary to consider the evidence: the documentary evidence and the physical evidence.

Howes [3, p.122] quoted the *American Journal of Philately*, August 20, 1869, as suggesting that the new stamps were made smaller to save paper (and money). Howes rejected this suggestion and proposed that the stamps were made smaller for esthetic reasons. Howes suggested that the smaller size of the U.S. Pictorial issue of 1869 may have served as a model (the British stamps may also have served as a model). Two pages later, Howes wrote, "All of the above mentioned stamps, except the 1/2 cent as will be explained, were line engraved on steel and printed in sheets of 100, ten rows of 10." Clearly Howes' "All" is an overstatement. Jarrett [4, p.63] wrote that the 1c Small Queen was "Printed in sheets of 100, 10 rows of 10 (2nd or Montreal printing) and sheets of 200, 10 horizontal rows of 20 (Ottawa printing)." Jarrett's "2nd or Montreal printing" included our 1st Ottawa printing. Even Boggs joined the chorus agreeing that the early plates were 10 x 10, 100 subject plates [1, p.823]. This is page Q-5 of Volume II of the original edition.

Hillson takes Boggs' assumption of 200 subject plates very seriously and offers a plate layout diagram like our type B [2, p.7].

- [3] *Canadian Postage Stamps and Stationery*, Clifton A. Howes, The New England Stamp Co., 1911, Quarterman Publications, Inc. reprint, 1974.
- [4] *Stamps of British North America*, Fred Jarrett, 1929, Quarterman Publications, Inc. reprint, 1975.

Documentary evidence from records of the Post Office Department and from the British American Bank Note Co. is often fragmentary or non-existent. However, the earliest mention of 200 subject plates in the records is a fee for making a 200 subject stamp plate - \$150. This record was dated 1886. Quoted by Boggs, this 1886 evidence certainly does not support the assumption of 200 subject plates made in 1869, 17 years earlier.

We turn to the physical evidence, the plate imprint strips and blocks. So far as we have been able to determine, all the surviving imprint strips from these early plates have the counters to the left of the imprint. This is consistent with



Figure 9. The thin, Gothic ONE CENT counter on plate type F.

type A plates. However, if these early plates, nos. 1 - 7 in Table 1, were type B, we would expect to find approximately equal numbers of counters on the right end of plate imprint strips and counters on the left end. We do not have the expected approximate equality. We know of *no counters on the right*. This does not prove that the early 1¢ plates could not have been type B. After all, a counter on the right on one of these early plate could be discovered tomorrow. However, the present total absence of counters on the right from these early plates certainly offers no support for the assumption that these plates were type B.

There is a second type of physical evidence relevant to this question of plate layout. Cutting guide lines have been mentioned several times in the above discussion of the plates. These lines are one or more vertical lines in the gutter between the two 10 x 10 panes appearing on the type B and on the type D plates. We find these cutting guide lines on many of the plate imprint strips of the type B and type D plates listed in Table 1. There seem to be *no cutting guide lines* on any of the imprint strips of any of

the plates listed as type A. This is consistent with a type A plate layout. It is inconsistent with a type B or other two pane layout.

Contrary to Boggs' assumption, we find there is (1) **no documentary evidence** and (2) **no physical evidence** that there were any 1¢ Small Queen 200 subject plates before the 1880s. The absence of counters on the right and the absence of cutting guide lines has led us to believe that the early 1¢ Small Queen plates were type A, 10 x 10. As Boggs himself wrote, the plates "were similar in the layout to the Large Queen plates" [1, p.823].

We are grateful to Richard M. Lamb and J. Edward Nixon for reviewing this article and for the suggestions they have made. Reviewer Lamb has pointed out that printing 700,000,000 1¢ Small Queens with seven 100-subject plates and eleven 200-subject plates implies an average of 240,000 impressions per plate. Even with re-entering, this is a large number of impressions for a printing plate.

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DISTRIBUTION OF KNOWN P.E.I. COVERS

by James Lehr, OTB

In 1861 when the Colony of Prince Edward Island finally issued their first postage stamps, the population of P.E.I. was listed as 80,856. It increased to about 109,000 in 1880-1890 and then dropped to below the 100,000 level until post World War II started an increase to the present approximate level of 125,000. Since P.E.I. was almost isolated by the ice clogged 9-14 mile wide Northumberland Strait during the winter time, and the main commerce was farming, fishing and boat building, there obviously was not a very large volume of mail generated within P.E.I. during the 1861-1873 Colonial stamp period. (As I continue to search for examples of Canadian and American stamps of this period on mail to P.E.I., it would

appear that there was even less mail going into P.E.I.).

In order to develop data as the basis for my P.E.I. handbook, *The Postage Stamps and Cancellations for Prince Edward Island, 1814-1873*, I developed a detailed listing of over 1,000 P.E.I. covers - dates, stamps used, mailing and address and cancellations. Helped by a gentle push from our editor, Vic Willson, these data have been used to prepare Table I, showing the geographical distribution of this mail. Table I breaks down the distribution by stamp value with covers using 1 or more stamps of the same value. Using these data we see that:

1) In terms of cover destination:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>% Without "Other"</u>
Within P.E.I.	46.7	48.4
NS,NB,PQ,Ont,Nfld.	26.3	27.2
USA other than Cal/Org	17.6	18.2
U.K.	4.2	4.4
Calif/Oregon	0.9	1.0
Foreign except U.K.	0.8	0.9
Other (date but not dest. known)	3.5	—

2) In terms of the five basic stamp issues:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u># of Stamps</u>
Nominal perf 11 3/4	61.2	6
Cents	19.5	6
Perf 9	14.4	3
Perf 11	3.9	2
Perf 12	1.1	1

3) In terms of stamp value:

<u>Stamp Value</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
2d	29.0
3d	18.9
1d	10.6
4d	9.3
3c	7.6
6d	6.8
9d	5.0
6c	4.9
4c	4.3

1c	1.6
4 1/2d	1.1
2c	0.6
12c	0.4

4) In terms of mailing date:

	<u>1861-1865</u>	<u>1866-1870</u>	<u>1871-6/30/73</u>
Perf 9	105	5	0
Perf 11	23	7	0
Perf 11 3/4			
1d	5	55	2
2d	25	140	1
3d	29	74	16
4d	1	50	17
4 1/2d	--	2	7
6d	2	34	4
9d	0	20	2

All cents covers were used from 1/1/72 to 6/30/73

It is interesting that less than 50% of the mail was sent within P.E.I. and 25% was sent outside *Canada*. Mail to California/Oregon (eight examples) and Newfoundland (9 examples including one mixed values cover) are very rare and cover a variety of postal rates. For California/Oregon covers there are one each with perf 9 and perf 11 stamps for the 9d rate, one perf 11 3/4 cover for the 4d rate (only example known of this rate), and 5 covers show-

ing the 6c rate. All but one of the nine Newfoundland covers are to John and William Boyd, Merchants in St. Johns. Both of the two known examples of P.E.I. covers with the Halifax *four* (4d sterling/6d currency) are to Boyd.

It is also surprising that covers are known during this 1861-1873 period to 16 different states in the U.S.A.

<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Covers</u>
1) Massachusetts	56
2) Minnesota	35
3) Maine	21
4&5) California/Oregon	8
6) New York	6
7) Tennessee	5
8) New Hampshire	4
9) Illinois	3
10) Vermont	3
11) Connecticut	2
12) Rhode Island	2
13) New Jersey	1
14) Pennsylvania	1
15) Virginia	1
16) Kentucky	1
17) Other	9

Over half of the Massachusetts covers (29) are to Boston, with ten of the non-Boston covers from the Flint correspondence to Woburn, Mass. All of the Minnesota covers

were to *Monticello, Monticello Heights* or the *Monticello Wright Co.* The majority of the Maine covers were from the Shaw correspondence to Alfred, Maine.

The foreign covers were mostly to the United Kingdom, addressed to England, Scotland or Ireland. Other foreign covers were

addressed mostly to France, with a couple to ship captains in south America and one to Australia.

TABLE 1
Distribution of Colonial P.E.I. Stamped Covers, Same Stamp, 1861 - 1874.

	Within P.E.I.	N.S.,N.B. P.Q.,Ont Nfld	Calif.& Oregon	Other U.S.A.	U.K.	Foreign except U.K.	Other*	Total #	%
Perf 9									
82d	65	2	0	2	0	0	1	70	8.21
3d	4	32	0	1	0	0	0	37	4.34
6d	0	2	0	10	0	0	4	16	1.88
sub-total	69	36	0	13	0	0	5	123	14.4
Perf 11									
1d	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	1.52
9d	0	9	0	0	9	0	2	20	2.34
sub-total	11	9	0	0	9	0	4	33	3.9
Nominal Perf 11 3/4									
1d	63	9	0	1	0	0	4	77	9.03
2d	144	10	1	21	1	0	0	177	20.75
3d	3	108	0	5	0	3	5	124	14.54
4d	22	0	1	52	0	0	4	79	9.26
6d	4	6	1	23	0	3	5	42	4.92
9d	0	3	0	0	17	0	3	23	2.70
sub-total	234	136	3	97	18	6	21	522	61.2
Cents Issue									
1¢	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	14	1.64
2¢	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.59
3¢	56	2	0	7	0	0	0	65	7.62
4¢	3	34	0	0	0	0	0	37	4.34
6¢	10	0	5	27	0	0	0	42	4.92
12¢	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0.35
sub-total	79	41	5	34	0	1	0	166	19.5
Total	398	224	8	150	36	7	30	853	100.1
%	46.65	26.26	0.94	17.59	4.22	0.82	3.52	100.0	

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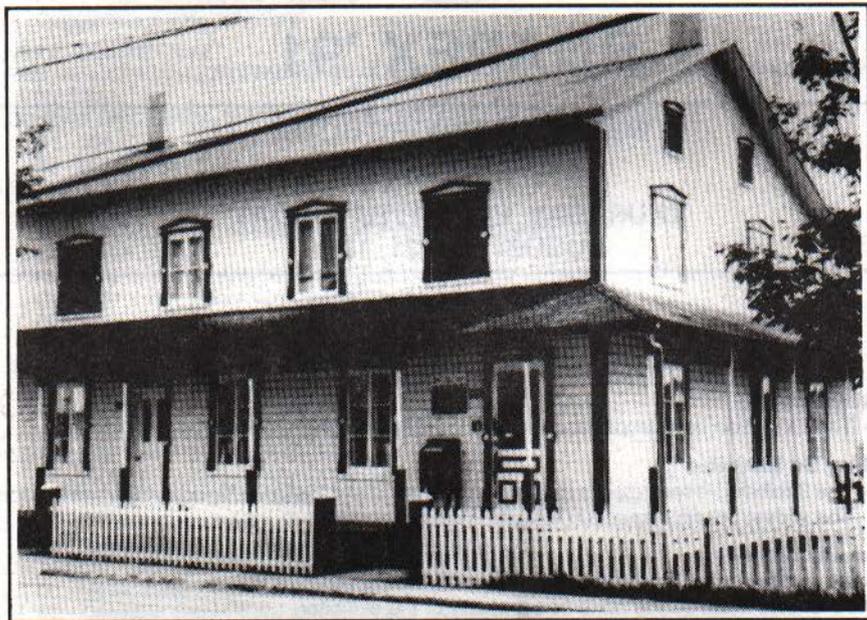
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August 28 to September 1, 1991

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BNAPEX '91 will be in Supernatural British Columbia, beginning Thursday, August 29 and ending with the banquet Saturday, August 31.

It is probable that the birdwatchers will be active early Sunday morning at the Reifel Bird Sanctuary in the Fraser River delta. Also Bob Lee has scheduled an auction for Sunday afternoon.

BOOK EARLY. Our weekend, a quiet one when the date was set five years ago, has become a very busy one, with an "Indy 500" taking place in the city. There is a block booking at the Bayshore for the British North America Philatelic Society, and reservations must be made directly with the hotel.

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BNAPEX '91 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 28, 1991

8am - 6 pm Directors' meetings (closed)
3pm Frames setup
6pm - 8pm BNAPEX91 Registration
6pm - 10 pm Exhibits setup

10am Exhibition opens
Spouses' programs
Study Group seminars
4pm Exhibition closes
Exhibits taken down

Thursday, August 29, 1991

10am Exhibition opens
Spouses' programs
Study Group seminars
5pm Exhibition closes
6:30pm Busses leave for Brock House for dinner
7pm - 10pm Dinner and entertainment with a no-host bar

Saturday, August 31, 1991 (continued)

4pm Frames taken down
6:30pm No-host bar
7pm - 10pm Awards banquet

Friday, August 30, 1991

8am Order of the Beaver breakfast
10am Exhibition opens
Spouses' programs
Study Group seminars
5pm Exhibition closes
6pm - 7:30pm Past Presidents' Reception (no-host bar)

Sunday, September 1, 1991

Very early Birdwatchers depart for the river delta. Interested persons should talk to Mike Street during the convention.
As convenient Sightseeing or travel home
TBA Robert A. Lee auction at the Bayshore Hotel

Saturday, August 31, 1991

8:30am Annual General Meeting

NOTES

1. **EARLY REGISTRATION** is available for \$120 Cdn (\$100 US) per person if payment is received before July 1, 1991. Each package will include admission to all three days of the show, the Brock

House dinner, Past Presidents reception and Awards banquet.

Cost of registration after June 30 will be \$130 Cdn or \$108 US.

2. DAILY ADMISSION will be available at a cost of \$10 Cdn per person per day or \$25 Cdn for three days. Admission to

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1991

APRIL 3, KITCHENER-WATERLOO - STAMPFEST '91. Show and Bourse 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Rink-In-The-Park Seagram Drive, Waterloo. Information: B. Martin, Box 1676, Kitchener, Ontario, N2G 4R2.

APRIL 27, CALGARY, ALBERTA - Calgary Regional Group of BNAPS annual all-day meeting, Hospitality Inn, 135 Southland Drive S.E. Calgary.

AUGUST 29-31, VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA - BNAPEX 91. Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver BC (1-800-228-3000). Reserve your room as soon as possible due to other demands on rooms in Vancouver that weekend.



The RPO Cowcatcher

A Guest Column by William G. Robinson, OTB
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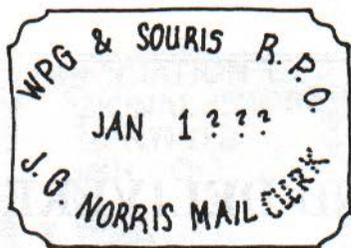


Figure 1

We are fortunate in having very sharp-eyed members in this Society. This time we have a report of a brand new Western Clerk strike from 1912, submitted by George MacManus of Ottawa. It is a rectangular marking in violet on the back of a registered cover mailed at Rathwell, Manitoba on January 1, 1912, addressed to West Quaco, New Brunswick, The marking is shown on the excellent drawing prepared by Mr. MacManus, and illustrated as Figure 1. It reads *WPG & SOURIS R.P.O./J.G. NORRIS, MAIL CLERK* and was used as a transit marking on January 1, 1912. In those days Post Of-

fices operated on holidays to catch the trains and provide service! This marking has been tentatively allotted the number W-203Z, and will appear in Annex X to the Catalogue as Type 1K with an R.F. of 500, Reporter 143.

The back cover is illustrated in Figure 2. A triple-ring orb shows transit through Winnipeg, also on January 1. Another noteworthy marking on the cover is a *Union Station/St. John, N.B.* full-circle (Ludlow DD-82) which shows a 4 - presumably for January 4, 1912, and a distinct *E* in the time marking position. This is a new report, which will appear in Annex X to the catalogue, credited to Reporter 143. Any previous reports of this marking show either AM or PM, or an hour marking from 1 to 24. A *St. John N.B./Canada* full-circle shows the item was moved through the main P.O. there at 1300 hrs, January 5, 1912. There is no arrival marking.

Thank goodness for the meticulous marking and recording of the progress of registered mail across the country which occurred during the days of the Railway Post Offices! Without this, such markings as these would not be found.

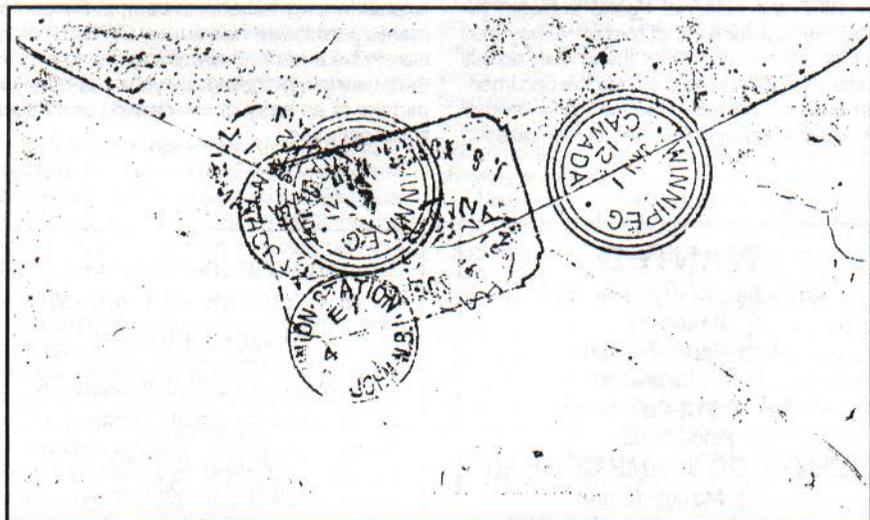


Figure 2

As a matter of record, it should be noted that Annex IX to the Catalogue was published in Issues No.89 of the R.P.O. Study Group Newsletter in January, 1991. This is a long listing, and several typographical errors appeared. Holders should note the following amendments which will appear in Annex X - New Listings - Q-52Ad should be Q-52Ae, TS-82 should be TS-83, TS-335 should be TS-336, S-

102 should be S-102A. S-199 is the generic listing for this type which reads *W.P. & Y.R./ (Steamer)* S-199c reads *W.P. & Y.R./ STEAMER CASCA*. S-224 has quotation marks around the steamer name, S-225 doesn't. New early and late dates - W-87L should read W-87Lb, S-130g both R.F.s should read 400, S-135h should be S-135i. Sorry for these escapes from the proof reading.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND DELIVERED

by Josée Desjardins

Hull, Quebec, January 7, 1991 - From January 24 to September 2, 1991, the National Postal Museum will present an exhibition entitled *On Track: The Railway Mail Service in Canada* in the Special Exhibitions Hall of the Canadian Museum of Civilization. Recreating the railway mail service, *On Track* depicts one facet of the history of mail in Canada over the last one hundred years.

For more than a century, everywhere the railways went, mail was delivered by train. However, in 1971, the railway mail distribution ended when other forms of transportation proved to be more efficient.

In 1987, the National Postal Museum recorded the recollections of former railway mail clerks by interviewing 65 of these men across Canada. The interviews provided the documentation base of the exhibition, which is divided into five parts: sending the mail, its manipulation

aboard trains, receiving the mail at destination, the railway mail workers, and the history of the service.

An audio-visual presentation and archival photographs complement the exhibition which contains more than 275 artifacts lending credence to a segment of Canada's history detailed for the first time. Some of the key pieces on display are: letter boxes, graffiti mailbags, postal covers and a Royal train cancelling hammer (used to process mail generated by the Royal party during its visit to Canada in 1951). Come aboard and have fun, From the Activity Room (where one can participate in a myriad of activities), to the complimentary exhibition newsletter, *On Track* promises to be a fun and rewarding experience for the whole family. Young and young-at-heart can partake of an array of entertaining and educational activities.

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THIS'N THAT

by Vic Willson

Below is the citation and picture from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of British Columbia awarded to our Secretary, Chris McGregor. Congratulations to Chris.



F.C. McGregor PEng (left)

THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

The Professional Service Award is given to Association members for outstanding service to the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists or to technical and learned societies and organizations. The service includes sustained leadership and dedication over a significant period of time.

Frederick Christopher McGregor PEng

Frederick Christopher McGregor was born in Vancouver in 1922. He received his Electrical Engineering degree from UBC in 1948, having attended University following service with the RCNVR during World War II. He is married with two children.

Chris spent his professional career in consulting engineering, working mainly in the area of electrical services for buildings with a strong specialization in hospital installations. His service to the profession includes his role as one of the founders and the first secretary of the Consulting Engineers of British Columbia, the creation through the Provincial Electrical Safety Branch, of Electrical Safety Standards for B.C.

hospitals. Many of these standards have been adopted across Canada as well as in parts of the United States. For many years he represented the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada on the Canadian Standards Association Part I Committee, eight years as Chairman. Chris also represented Canada for five years as a member of the International Electro-Technical Commission acting as Secretary of the Working Group on Installations.

For his sustained commitment to the safety of the public through service in professional organizations, Frederick Christopher McGregor is a worthy recipient of the Association's Professional Service Award.

The Canadian Aerophilatelic Society continues to publish its newsletter, the Canadian Aerophilatelist, with information of interest to all who collect Canadian air-related material, whether it be postal history, flight covers, military mail, or stamps. The Society is affiliated with RPSC, APS, the AAMS. The editor is Maj. R.K. Malott, and secretary is Maj. Rich Toop, both BNAPSers. Rich can give you information by corresponding with him at P.O. Box 9026, Alta Vista P.O., Ottawa ON K1G 3T8. I note quite a few of our members belong.

Maj. Malott exhibited at NEW ZEALAND '90 in the FIP Championship Class, *Canadian Pioneer and Semi-Official Flown Air Mail Covers 1853 to 1934*. This exhibit has been the only one shown internationally for the last four years in this class. All such receive a Large Gold with the only award being the Grand Prix d'honneur. Maj. Malott's is the only Canadian exhibit currently in this class. Clearly, BNA philately needs more such representation.

Military postal buffs should consider becoming a Friend of the Canadian War Museum. A C\$15 donation can be made to the Canadian War Museum, 330 Sussex Dr., Ottawa ON K1A 0M8. List name, address, telephone #, language, signature and a date, and I'm sure you can be enrolled as a Friend. You will receive the Museum's Newsletter, which gives information on acquisitions, activities, invitations to special Friends Only events, and eventual access to a Friend's Lounge when completed. The Friends work toward improvement of the Museum through lobbying and supporting Museum projects, the goal being to provide for

the public a fitting memorial to the achievements and sacrifices made by Canadians in building and preserving our nation.

Bob Schlesinger wrote to say that plans for the 1992 BNAPEX in the Chicago area are going well, and that the Convention will be held at the Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, Illinois,

Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 10-12, 1992. This will now be listed in the Calendar also.

My file of members' doings is pretty small right now. Let me know of your activities, or those of others, and we will include them as space permits.

BNAPS NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

HOW A PHILATELIC COVER BECOMES A NON-PHILATELIC ONE

by Charles J.G. Verge

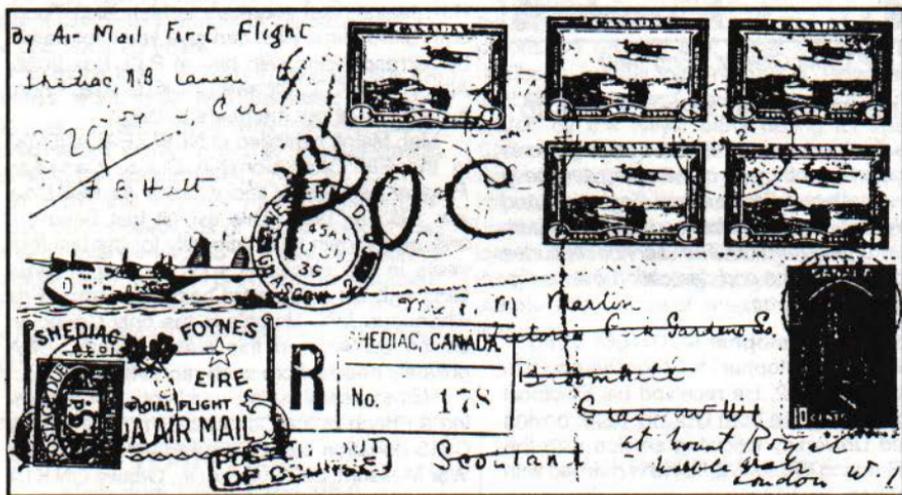


Figure 1

From 1937 on, major efforts were underway to establish a regular Trans-Atlantic air mail service between North America and Europe. Experimental survey flights were made in July of both 1937 and 1938 from New York via Canada, Newfoundland and Ireland to Southampton in Southern England. Two airline companies vied for the contracts to carry mail: Pan-

American Airways Limited, a U.S. carrier and Imperial Airways, a British one. Agreements were signed and Pan-American started its regular service out of New York on June 28, 1939 with Imperial flying out of Southampton for the first time on August 5 of the same year. Because of World War II, which started shortly thereafter, these Trans-Atlantic services were

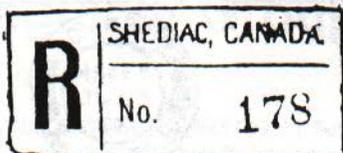


Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 5

curtailed in the fall of 1939.

This is the story of one registered cover (fig. 1) which was destined to be carried, amongst thousands of other covers, on the Pan-American leg from Shediac, the Canadian stop, to Foynes, the Irish stop-over. The cover originated in Georgetown, Ontario and was addressed to Glasgow, Scotland. F.B. Hutt, the sender, franked the cover with the proper rate by using five (5) 6 cents airmail stamps (Scott #C6) for the 30 cents airmail rate and one 10 cents stamp (Scott #241) for the registration rate for a total of 40 cents of postage. The cover was then sent to the Postmaster at Shediac under separate cover and he registered the letter (fig.2), cancelled (fig.3) and backstamped the envelope (fig.4) and added the flight leg's cachet (fig.5). The Postmaster then put the letter with other registered mail, destined for the United Kingdom, in a secure mail bag instead of putting it in the secure mail bag

for Foynes as requested by the sender in the upper left hand corner of the cover (fig.6). So far, in its progress, the cover remained very philatelic. From this point on, however, it now becomes a very collectable item for an airmail collection of Canada, the United Kingdom and even Ireland.

On arrival in the United Kingdom the cover was not backstamped. This is typical of the British postal service, but it is possible that the smaller of the two blue crosses, indicating the cover's registered status, may have been applied in Southampton upon the opening of the registered mail bag. In Glasgow, however, a receiving CDS was applied (fig.7) as well as the larger blue cross (or the smaller, if it was put on at this point) and the registration number 89 in the same blue pencil. The cover was then delivered and accepted at Mrs. Martin's address in Broomhill, Glasgow. For some reason, probably Mrs. Martin's absence, the cover was

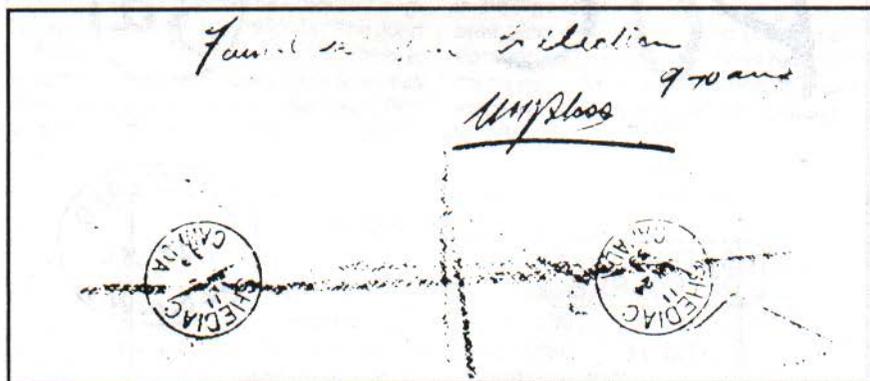


Figure 4

By Air Mail First Flight
Shediac, N.B. Canada to
Foyner, Oire

Fig. 6



Fig. 7

Found in open collection
9-10 and
W.D.O.W.I.

Fig. 8

redirected to Marble Arch, London W.1. and was dropped in the local pillar box. Found there (fig.8) at 9:10 a.m. on July 1, 1939 it was brought to Glasgow's Western District Office for processing by the mail carrier who probably also added the large orange POC (Posted out of course) notation (fig.9). The postal clerk added the 3d. to pay (fig.10) and Posted out of course (fig.11) handstamps. At the registration desk a 3d. postage due label (Scott #J29) was applied and cancelled by a registered internal office stamp (fig.12) on July 1, 1939. The large blue cross may have been applied at this point. Sent to London, an additional registration number (829) was added before delivery to Mrs

Martin.

There are two interpretations to the 3d. to pay indication. The first, subscribed to above, would indicate that the cover was re-registered in Glasgow. The Post Office figured that the original Canadian registration had ended with the delivery of the cover to Mrs. Martin's Glasgow address. Posted out of course and with no indication to the contrary, the postal clerk properly re-registered the cover. Another interpretation, using the same parameters as above, would have the clerk indicating double deficiency for the 1 1/2d. first class rate. The first interpretation seems the more valid as the 3d. postage due label is cancelled by a registration handstamp.

POC

Fig. 9



Fig. 10

POSTED OUT
OF COURSE

Fig. 11



Fig. 12

Regional Group Ramblings

by Jim Goben

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The **Calgary** Group will hold their fifth annual all-day philatelic meeting at the Hospitality Inn, 135 Southland Drive S.E., Calgary. Coffee, muffins, and introductions will begin at 9:30 a.m. on April 27, 1991. During the day there will be four seminars of interest, a clothes line exhibit and a no-host lunch. A dinner for members and guests will begin at 6:30 p.m. This will be an event worth attending, so if you can make it to Calgary, you will enjoy your time there.

The following day, Stamp Day '91, hosted by the Calgary Philatelic Society will be held. If you are anywhere in the area contact Phillip Wolf about joining the fun.

With the notice of this meeting came some past meeting notices that were sent to members. Each had a reproduction of a very nice item at the top of the page. The Calgary Group meets the second Wednesday of every month.

The **Pacific Northwest** Regional Group held their Spring Meeting on March 9, at the Abercorn Inn, Richmond, B.C. The seminars presented were *Postal History of Richmond* by Bill Topping; *Duplex Cancellations* by Chris McGregor; *Canada Definitive Issue 1972-1977* by John Arn; *Blackout Cancellations* by Bill Thorne; followed by a clothesline display and a business meeting. At the dinner the attendees heard Roy Minter discuss his book *The White Pass - Gate-*

way to the Yukon.

The **St. Lawrence Seaway** Group reports that they met at Royal 1991 where Bill Robinson spoke to the group. The next meeting will be at Orapex '91, May 3-5, in Ottawa. The speaker will be Bob Carr. Don't miss this one. Bob presents a great program. If you are anywhere in the Ottawa area contact E. Toop and join up with this great group.

The **Prairie Beaver** Regional Group met February 2, 1991, at Gainsville, Texas. Clint Phillips gave a book review, Woody Poore presented *Collecting DPO's* and Vic Willson discussed *Dominion Postal operations in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, July 1, 1887-March 30, 1868*. By all reports BNAPEX '90 was a major success. The quality and service of the hotel was credited with making a great convention even better.

In this recent newsletter, Vic Willson continued his article on *Canada to U.S.* Both the illustrations and the information are worth having and saving.

If you do not belong to a regional group, now is the time to join. If there isn't a group in your area, start one. Let Bob Carr and myself hear from you and we will help. I have really enjoyed my membership in **Mid-America** and have met some very friendly people. Join a Group -- you will enjoy it!!

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CANADIAN AND U.S. COMBINATIONS USED TO BRITISH AND FOREIGN DESTINATIONS - PART TWO

by W. Plomish



Fig. seven Dec. 14, 1927 to U.K. from Vancouver

From Jan. 1, 1928 it was also possible to prepay U.S. airmail fees from Canada by affixing correct U.S. postage fees to British and Foreign destinations through the United States. Prior to this the United States only allowed covers to be prepaid in U.S. postage from Canada for U.S. destinations only. In the Postal Bulletin put out in Washington Dec. 10, 1927 it was announced that mail originating from a foreign country could now prepay the U.S. airmail fees in U.S. postage for transmission via U.S. airmail services for dispatch to foreign countries beyond. Now this meant Canadians could utilize the U.S. airmail service to accelerate their mail for delivery. This new service to Canadians was to start on Jan. 1, 1928.

Figure Seven. Posted on Dec. 14, 1927 at Vancouver, B.C. to London, Great Britain. This is the earliest airmail usage I have in my collection to Gr. Britain. It predates the official U.S. Jan. 1, 1928 date to start this service, but seeing as the bulletin is dated Wash., Dec. 10, 1927 someone must have seen this bulletin and *Jumped the Gun*. It was certainly accepted by

U.S. postal clerks and flown in the U.S.A. The two three cent Confederation issues pay the 102. 3 cent Empire rate to Gr. Britain for an under 2 oz. letter. The cover also has the U.S. airmail charges of 10c per 1/2 oz. paid by a twenty cent and ten cent U.S. airmail stamp. The thirty cent air mail fee was correctly paid for an over one ounce, but under one and a half ounces letter. The cover entered the U.S. airmail system at Seattle as evidenced by the Seattle oval on the U.S. airmails. It was flown U.S. airmail services to New York and has a Dec. 18, 1927 Receiver on cover rear, then forwarded by surface means to Gr. Britain.

Figure Eight. Posted on May 5, 1928 at Victoria, B.C. to London, England. Three cents in Canadian postage pays the one oz. 1st Class Empire rate to Gr. Britain. The ten cent U.S. Airmail C10 prepays the 10c per 1/2 oz. U.S. Airmail charge. It entered U.S. airmail service at Seattle, Wash. and C10 is cancelled by Seattle oval and flown to New York. A Varrick Street Station New York Receiver dated May 8, 1928 is on the rear of the cover. Varrick Street Sta-

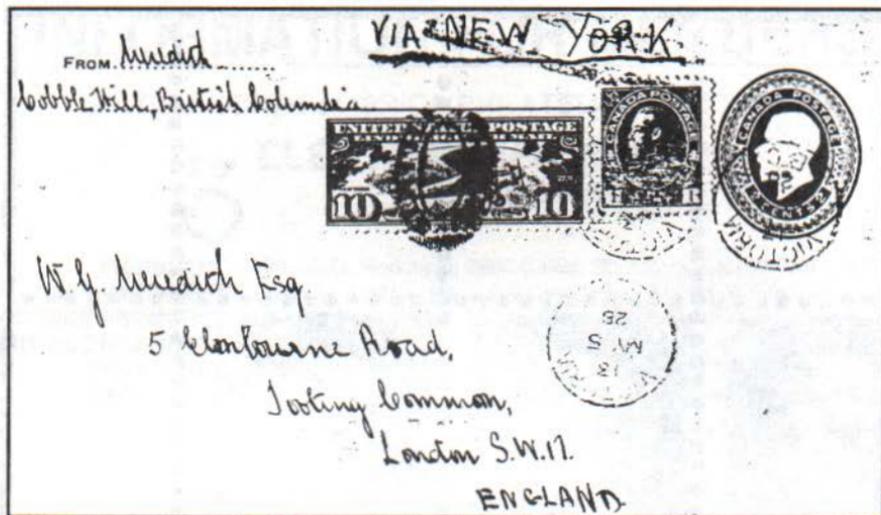


Fig. eight Victoria, B.C. to U.K. May 5, 1928

tion, New York is the U.S. exchange office for clearing British and Foreign mail. The two transverse purple bar cancel signifies no airmail service beyond New York. Ending the airmail portion of the trip. It was decided at the Airmail Convention at the Hauge that these 2 transverse bars struck over air mail stickers, or endorsements, would signify the end of airmail service. The balance of the trip was then to be by surface means. This was agreed upon by all U.P.U. member countries attending the Airmail Convention, where airmail rules and regulations

are set out. I will write an article on the 1927 Hauge, and 1929 London Airmail Conferences of which Canada is a member country.

Figure Nine. Posted on Feb. 11, 1928 at Vancouver, B.C. to Stockholm, Sweden. This is the earliest cover in my collection to a foreign U.P.U. European destination, posted after the Jan. 1, 1928 U.S. post office announcement that the U.S. would accept mail from a foreign country (Canada in this case), for transmission over U.S. airmail services to another foreign country (Sweden). U.S. airmail charges had to



Fig. nine Feb. 11, 1928 to Sweden



Figure 2b. There is a reversed 3 over position 10 of this early Montreal plate.



Figure 3a. Montreal, plate type B, imprint type 5, E pane.

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REVISIONS TO FOREIGN CANCEL ARTICLES

by Dave Lacelle.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

There is really only one revision (so far), almost all of the following are new listings. I will mention three cover examples of foreign acceptance of Canadian cancels at the end of these revisions.

REVISION: As Stanley Cohen has correctly indicated, the British squared circle referred to on pg. 12 of the Nov. *TOPICS* should be *CLAPTON S.O.*, and NOT *CLAPTON MILLS* as I had stated. To quote myself (also from the same paragraph on page 12): *...my knowledge of British town name endings is very limited. Q.E.D.*

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

1. I have now seen a copy of the *B 31 fake* cancel described on page 12 in the November issue. This is an obvious fake, and need fool no one. The numerals are considerably shorter, and wider than in the genuine. There may of course be other fakes of this cancel.

2. An excellent *modern* example of a British

instructional cancel used on Canada has turned up. This was a boxed *5d To Pay*, posted *UN-PAID* marking intentionally applied to a 7 cent Goose (Scott C9) on a 1947 cover.

3. I have also seen a photocopy of the *Fiji* cancel referred to on page 21 of the March issue, the date is October 1894. Fiji was a British colony at this time.

NEW LISTINGS

1. London Districts: add SW20, WC5.
2. British C.D.S.'s: add Putney SW, Boston, Richton, Kensington, Brighton, Poplar E., Windermere, Bath, and ? Eastingwold?.
3. British squared circles: add Southampton, Boston, Kensington, and Twye..?.
4. Scottish numerals: add 279.
5. USA initial cancels: add Boston *B* (intaglio) on cover on S.Q. (no other details available), also a New York *F* cancel similar to the *P* cancel referred to on page 24 of the January '90 issue.
6. USA flag cancels: add on 3 cent S.Q., and

on 5 cent Newfoundland (Scott 85) 1904 cover, a paquetbot usage.

7. USA C.D.S.'s: add Detroit (1908), Brooklyn, Chicago, and the thriving megatropolis of Great Falls Montana on a 1948 Canadian Special Delivery (Scott E11).

8. France, a Paris '99 C.D.S. is now reported on a Map stamp (Scott 86). A Ste. Pierre Miquelon C.D.S. has also appeared in rather late usage, Oct. '98 on a 3 cent Numeral issue (Scott 78), there is no trace of a Canadian cancel, and also on a Map stamp in 1899.

9. France, a more modern example of a foreign (?) initial cancel on Canada appears in Figure 2, the F.S. from Cote D'Or in July 1918. This is a bit more modern than my collecting interests, and I do not know what the F.S. stands for - possibly Foreign Service - a guess.

10. Packet cancels, Figure 2 is a nice *modern* fancy from the New Zealand - Marine Post Office - January 1936 - R.M.S. Niagara. This example is on cover (Scott 202), with no Canadian cancels.

11. Germany, a C.D.S. from Pasing, March '99 occurs on cover as a cancel on a poorly cancelled (Kingston Canada C.D.S.) 1/2 cent Numeral issue (Scott 74).

12. Switzerland, a Lausanne occurs (on top of a partial Canadian roller cancel) on a 2 cent Admiral War Tax (Scott MR 2).

13. Norway, a Krist(jansand) C.D.S. occurs on a pair of 2 cent Numerals (Scott 77), over a smudge cancel.

14. Portugal ?, a partial C.D.S. with *Correos* occurs on a 1 cent Numeral issue (Scott 75), on top of an indistinct Canadian ? R.P.O. ? cancel. I have been told that this is probably Portugal, although other countries are possible.

15. Bermuda, a 1903 C.D.S. has been reported on a 2 cent Numeral issue (Scott 75).

16. Panama, a partial strike of a Panama C.D.S. on a 2 cent L.Q., also with a part strike of a bulls eye, or two ring cancel.

17. Japan, two further examples of C.D.S.'s have been reported on a 2 cent Admiral War Tax (Scott MR 2), and a 1937 1 cent issue (Scott 231). Canadian cancels are not apparent in either case. The Japanese obviously attach high value to orderly social communications.

18. China, another example of a '97 C.D.S. from Hong Kong on a 1 cent S.Q. (Scott 35) with a Canadian flag cancel has been observed. A very well travelled (and censored) 1940 commercial bank cover to *Jenshou China*

received accidental Chinese markings on the Canadian stamp (Scott 233).

19. South Africa, I have seen an interesting, (and obviously philatelic) Boer War cover with a Canadian Contingent oval cancel on the stamps of three different *countries* in that area. While this is an example of *Canadian on Foreign*, it also illustrates the philatelic influence on some of these items. Later examples of South Africa include a 1905 Johannesburg C.D.S. cover example on an otherwise uncanceled 1 cent Edward (Scott 89), and a *Capetown Packet* socked on the nose of a 1927 Scott 143.

20. Mahren, a Henry Hechler cover exists with an 1899 *in Mahren* cancel on a 1 cent numeral (Scott 75).

FOREIGN ACCEPTANCE OF CANADA - COVERS.

Three rather interesting examples of this have recently been brought to my attention. None of these have any due markings, notations, nor any other indications of anything unusual - except they have the wrong countries stamp!

Mr. L. Bellack has sent along a photocopy of a cover from New York (return address is a New York hotel) to England. The cover has a 5 cent S.Q., cancelled only with a New York *D* duplex (similar to D&S 872) July 21, '86. There are no other markings on the front, and appropriate British receivers are on the back. A somewhat similar example is a cover with a 5 cent S.Q., cancelled by a New Orleans duplex June 7, '84, also to England. This cover has another indistinct C.D.S. on the front, I do not know the details of the backstamps. Finally, a 1937 2 cent (Scott 232) on a Hawaiian post card to Medicine Hat Alberta. The stamp is neatly cancelled with an October 28, '38, Yokohama Nippon C.D.S. The card also has a boxed PAQUEBOT marking.

QUERY.

Can anyone provide any information about an oval cancel on a 1 cent L.Q. which partly reads *OCEAN MAIL CANADA*? There are apparently no other markings on the stamp. (Ed. note: A detailed list of British cancels on BNA stamps is available from Dave - see study group listings for his address, send him a SASE or postage.)

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by Peter McCarthy

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ON THE FRINGES

Frank Waite decided that he wanted a rest. I suppose after the length of time he has done this report, he deserves one. Bill Robinson has shown a lot of confidence by asking me to try and fill some pretty large shoes. I only hope I can do half as well as Frank has. With the warm welcomes from the newsletter editors, it gives that extra boost. So, in the words of my predecessor, this one's for you, Frank.

From Whit Bradley and the **Map Stamp** study group comes a fascinating newsletter dealing primarily with plate IV and the two states of plate V. The whole is discussed with appropriate reproductions. The conclusion being that plate V is not a re-entered plate IV. In comparing material sent by Dr. Hollingsworth, Whit discovered a half sheet of the blue green ocean design that was similar to one of his own. On comparison he found that his was re-entered in twenty or more plate positions. There was much correspondence between Whit and Sandy McKie, Dr. Hollingsworth, Geof. Whit-

worth and Ralph Trimble over the matter. The lots of the Map Stamp and the prices realized from the Christie Auction held Sept. 30/90 are also listed. The material transferred from Canada Post Corp to the Archives after fifty years in a filing cabinet is mentioned with several reproduced photos. Whit concludes the newsletter with the announcement that he has produced his last newsletter. He notes that travelling from Ontario to Florida and carting all his material back and forth have gotten to be too much. The study group is now looking for a new editor. Whit has done the job for eight years. Here's a chance for someone to keep a good study alive. Any Volunteers?

The **Military** group start their newsletter of Dec., 1990, with a Christmas of 1912 postcard from The Canadian Cadet Corps of M.D. 11, sent in by John Wannerton. The card was mailed from Honolulu to friends in New Zealand by Cadet Baker. While in Galveston, plans were made for the group's 100th newsletter which

will be forthcoming. Seven members participated in the exhibition at Galveston with Allan Steinhart winning the Grand Award. There were three military exhibits, each taking a silver medal. Ken also mentions a new book entitled *The Posties Went To War*, all about the Falkland campaign. Dean W. Mario sends in a nice example of a Royal Flying Corps Christmas Card dating back to 1917. There's also a reproduction of a 1919 victory menu from a party held at the Savoy Hotel complete with signatures of some rather high ranking officers. A special Christmas card prepared and signed by Prime Minister W.L. Mackenzie King to all Force "C" P.O.W.'s is shown, a rather rare item. More from Dean Mario on No. 8 Canadian Stationary Hospital complete with cancellations. Also more Canadian Army Christmas cards from 1916. Jim Felton sends in a lovely O.H.M.-S. cover with a 5th INF. BTN cancellation dated Jan. 21, 1915.

The **Railroaders** report an active meeting at Galveston with Jim Lehr being elected acting chairman while Bill Robinson was re-elected secretary treasurer. Life memberships were conferred on Lionel Gillam and Gerry Wellburn for their contributions to the study of Canadian R.P.O.s. The title of Founder and Honorary Chairman was bestowed on Lew Ludlow in recognition of his work. The search is on for someone to take over the *Cowcatcher* in *TOPICS*. From Don Wilson comes a Newfoundland Steamer Routes from the 1910 yearbook and almanac of Newfoundland. From yours truly, a postcard illustrating the first railway station at Richmond Quebec. Don Wilson also sent in an excellent story by Les Harding entitled, *The Newfie Bullet*. Father Larry Walker sent in a lovely example of an Emergency cancellation used in 1989, five years later than the latest known date. Former member Dr. Bob Chaplin sends in a beautiful cover with a St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad cancellation dated 1855 along with a nice example of a 1852 timetable of the same railroad. From the David Aldridge collection came a photograph of C.P.-R. locomotive 314, similar to locomotive 374 which pulled the first through passenger train into Vancouver. Palmer Moffat sends in a fine postcard illustrating the second C.P.R. station under construction in Vancouver, B.C. circa 1906.

C.A. Stillions **Newfie Newsy** starts off with a special 100 year old Christmas greeting from the Toronto Letter Carriers. This from the collection of Horace Harrison. The study group has

signed up twenty new members. The Galveston meeting has resulted in the waiving of the dues for 1991. That will make the membership happy. Christie's September 1990 sale created a great deal of interest with the sale of the American Bank Note Company Archives. It's reported in the newsletter that 71 of the 109 Newfoundland lots were withdrawn and either given to or purchased by the Canadian Postal Archives. C. Stillions reports on the lots he had the opportunity of studying. A complete list of the lots acquired by the Canadian Postal Archives appears on the last page of the newsletter.

Ralph Trimble's **Re-entry** group deal with the two states of the Major re-entry on the five cent Medallion. Then there is an extensive study on the controversial 5¢ entry on the 6¢ Small Queen. Ralph writes extensively on Re-entry terms. This one is called Fresh Entry. You are all reminded that your fees are due once more. Thanks are extended to the many that helped out over the year. Enclosed with the newsletter is a questionnaire. Please take the time to answer the questions. Seeing that it's your study group, you should assist in seeing that it gives the maximum to all. Your input will result in a broader newsletter and study group.

From the **Revenuers** comes the announcement of a mini convention in Willow Grove, PA on June 8 of this year. A thanks to Joe Shelton for promoting Canadian Revenues with a list of exhibition accomplishments over the past year. Edward Zaluski asks for assistance in completing his volume four of the Revenue Reference Manual by doing a little research into some Manitoba revenue stamps. The new E.S.J. Van Dam 1991 *Canadian Revenue Stamp Catalogue* is now available by writing direct to the author. Harry Lussy sends in five pages from his collection of the 1868 Third Bill Issue showing early dates. All this from his own collection. One page is reproduced in the newsletter with a promise of the other four pages to follow.

From that very exciting and relatively new group The **Klussendorfers** comes a sad story by Allan Steinhart of the fast disappearance of many Klussendorf cancellations. This is followed by a four page update of known errors, interesting dates and facts. George Sangster sends in an edited list of errors at K towns with changes and additions to previous lists. In a late November investigation, Allan reports the disappearance of twelve cancellations from Southern Ontario K towns. From Jim Karr comes the western report of usages and errors

with one page of illustrations of western K cancellations. Lists of Time Marks are sent in by Jean Guy Dalpe and Jim Karr. Nice illustrations of EKUs with an illustration of an over inking on a Delhi cancel. A financial statement shows the study group to be in the black and you are reminded that your dues are current and by now are past due. In the K mart portion, Tony Shaman reports of available material while Alice Rosborough is looking for some material as is Dan Hunka. To end the Newsletter, A.D. Brewer sends in a rather amusing quote of the day. The non-published reports indicate a rather lengthy newsletter up and coming.

Dave Lacelle of the **Fancy Cancel** study group informs the membership that there is liable to be a drop in membership due to a necessary cut because of non-payment of dues. Come on people, it's only five dollars, and look what you get out of it. According to Dave, the newsletter costs less than \$50.00 per production because of some donated materials. An expression of gratitude is given to Frank Waite for contributions to the study group and the Centerline. Thanks are also bestowed on Norm Brassler, Joe Smith, Elsie Meyersburg, John Hannah, Jerry Carr and Paul Hahn for illustrations of specific items. Correspondence led to some extremely nice fancy cancels including one that appears to be a fancy R.P.O. cork, H.& T.R. That just might interest some railroader. This sent by John Hannah. There's a fine article on Calendar Year cancels with queries on three cancels, the Victoria Crown usage between Victoria and Esquimalt; the Montreal Roller 21 Cancel and it's usage on 1/2, 5 or 8 cent small queens; and David Piercy query about the intaglio "W" cancel on Newfoundland. A story of Canada's first woman M.P. is reproduced from the Ottawa Citizen. Dave also illustrates a cartoon cancel called the Palmer Cox Brownie. Found in the postal archives is a story by H.S. Seaman of Winnipeg entitled Canadian Postal Cancellations. Part 1 appears in this edition with a promise from Dave that part 2 will appear in the next newsletter. Finally the membership is listed with their collecting interest.

Dan Rosenblat of the **Machine Slogan Cancel** study group sends out an extensive newsletter which begins with chairman Jeffrey Switt's message. Jeff reports the study group to be in a sound financial state resulting in dues for the next three issues to be reduced to \$10.00. He's also a well traveled chairman,

having attended an ASDA course in San Francisco and a visit to PHILEX in Toronto. All in the promotion of the hobby and friendship, says Jeff. He also puts in a little plug for those members who are known to have a good stock of slogans and support the study group. More thanks extended to Frank Waite. Reproduced are slogan gems from Jeffrey Switt. On a postcard is a strike of the Prince Rupert Exhibition opens Sept. with the actual event dates removed. A Canadian Pacific Express C.O.D. envelope extolling the slogan *POST OFFICE C.O.D. SPEEDS BUSINESS*. Another on a Canadian National Express C.O.D. envelope bears the slogan *POST OFFICE C.O.D. GIVES SATISFACTION*. Quite appropriate for the time the Newsletter was put out is an article by Jeff which he entitles, *SANTA SEES RED* Part 3. It deals with the Santa Slogan *INSURE YOUR PARCELS AT THE POST OFFICE* in various formats and the bilingual format. He encloses seven pages of illustrations and the various cities in which they were used. Dan also does an in-depth article on the usage of the Perfect cancelling machine. Must reading for collectors of slogan cancels. Also listed are some back-of-the-book cancellations of Free Franking. This was submitted by Cecil Coutts. Dan sure is a busy person. Not only does he edit this newsletter but, he also includes many articles. He submits another on the Documentation Pertaining To The Use Of Cancelling Machines At Winnipeg and Sub-Office St. Boniface. From new member Jean Guy Dalpe comes a photocopy of an earliest date of the slogan *AD-DRESS YOUR MAIL TO STREET AND NUMBER*, Die 5. It's dated May 15, 1922.

Jim Karr of the **Duplex** study group opens the newsletter by welcoming new member Mike Braconnier. Bill Robinson, Bob Lee and Jim Karr provide a list of know usage of duplex cancellations in Saskatchewan town for 1990 with a request from members for reports of other usages. A further report by Jim Karr of a New Norway, Alberta Duplex cancellation in purple ink dated 90/4/VIII. A nice illustration is also provided. A nice letter was received from member Frank Scheer, curator of the Railway Mail Service Library in Alexandria Va, on the YARKER, Ont. Type II duplex hammer. Also enclosed from Frank is an overview of the Railway Mail Service Library. A catalogue change sent in by Bob Lee on the Sea-Gull, Ont., duplex along with a new find of an American-made cancelling device of a Toronto duplex by Mike Sagar. Bob Lee is looking for a

second example to the unconfirmed St. George Brant, Ont. duplex of 1887. Beautiful photo copied covers of the Sea-Gull, Toronto and St. George Brant cancellations are enclosed. Bob is looking for updates to the Shelburne, Ont. Duplex and he includes tips on determining different hammers with an update on the Montreal Type II A 13 duplexes. From member John Burnett comes a report of E.R.D.s and L.R.D.s that he has discovered. He also sends in an exhibition page of Berri and Victorian era duplexes he showed at INDYPEX '90 for which he received a vermeil award. Congratulations John.

Bob Lemire of the **Postal Stationery** group send apologies for a late newsletter citing a heavy work load and a computer printer problem. Jim Webb and Mark Arons were honoured with life memberships in the study group for their contributions in the field of BNA postal stationery. Bill Walton submits the first part of a two part fine article, *A Sequential Overview of Regular Issue Admiral Post Cards*. Some nice illustrations accompany the article. From John Aitken comes an article entitled *Use of A Bulk Mailing Permit on Webb P67B*. It deals with sideline collecting of modified postcards. Hank Narbonne reports the theft of a major postal stationery collection in the Montreal area. The victim is not a BNAPSer, but Hank asks that if anyone is offered material with strength in printers waste items to please contact him. It's reported that Charles Livermore is compiling an index for *TOPICS*. This massive project is nearing completion but help is still required. John Aitken reports on a conversation with Andrew Chung on the red and blue special letter envelopes being issued with a rouletted flap to hinder re-use.

Floyd McNey of the **Perforator** group thanks the member who wrote correcting an error thereby keeping that editor on his toes. Floyd also thanks Jim Catterick for supplying the material that appears in the current newsletter. A list of the membership appears in this issue including two new members, Wilf Anthony and

Arthur W. Sprague. The treasurer reminds the membership that the 1991 dues are still only \$5.00 and are payable. The financial statement shows a nice little balance to work with. The final page shows an illustrated study of the C-63 and the C-36 perfin.

From the balmy island of Bermuda comes the **Trans Atlantic Mail** study group newsletter edited by Dr. J.C. Arnell. At the time best wishes were sent to the membership from the warmth of Bermuda, there was five feet of snow in my backyard. Now, that sure made me feel good. Dr. Arnell gave himself a New Year's present consisting of an Apple Personal Laser Writer thereby eliminating past problems. The current newsletter marked it's first usage. Under the title, *B.N.A. Letters By American Contract Packets*, Allan Steinhart sends a lovely cover postmarked Birmingham to Toronto via the Collins Steamers. Further covers having crossed in the *Atlantic* and the *Nashville* are illustrated along with a brief history of the Collins lines and the sinking of the *Atlantic*. One of the illustrations was sent in by new member Malcolm Montgomery along with a story of its routing from London, England to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. Another cover and article illustrates the Reduction in Packet Postage. Dr. Arnell continues a discussion on late fees on trans Atlantic mail. Malcolm Montgomery also sends a photocopy of a cover showing an unusual use of a Rate Marking Handstamp. Three new members were welcomed to the study group. They are, Maurice Nymeyer, Malcolm Montgomery, previously mentioned and Peter Thompson. Dr. Arnell is asking those who have never contributed to the newsletter to please make a concentrated effort. This sure made for interesting reading.

Well, that seems to be it for the first installment by your's truly. I may eventually even learn something from you dedicated people. If you don't belong to a study group, there's nothing like the present to get your feet wet. I hope I didn't make you wince too much Frank.

JOIN ANOTHER STUDY GROUP!

From the Secretary

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Proposed by: Secretary
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C Early Canada & prov stamps, early Ont & Niagara post hist
Proposed by: Secretary
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C Canada & Newfoundland postal stationery
Proposed by: Secretary
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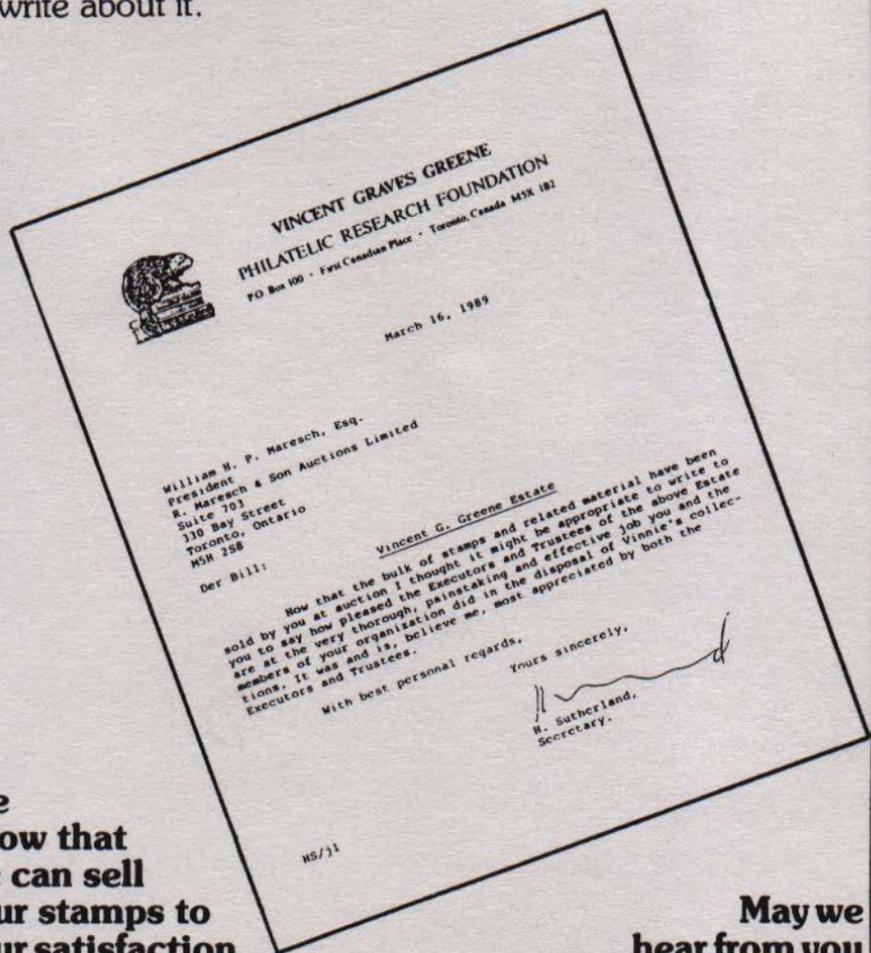
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