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 22 East 35th Street, New York City*

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Included with this issue is the Official Ballot on the proposed amendments which were published in two previous issues of *BNA TOPICS*. Please complete and return your ballot as directed thereon and within the designated time.

VOTE YOUR BALLOT!!

"OFFICIAL P.O.W. PARCEL POST STAMPS OF CANADA"

BY IAN C. MORGAN



Few collectors realize that the Canadian Government issued a series of postage stamps for the use of next of kin when sending gift parcels to P.O.W., each being allowed two parcels a month.

At the start of the War, the Internment Operations Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State handled all P.O.W. mails through the Post Office Department. Effective February 1st, 1940, all parcels to P.O.W. had to have the postage paid by ordinary stamps unless franked by the special, postage free, Official stamps.

Under the Department of State only two issues of the stamps were made; both were imperforated. (*illus.*) 2000 of each were printed, the first, slightly larger than the second, was on a cherry colored paper; the second, on vermillion paper, was issued in February 1941. The size of the stamps was about $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ and printed in black.

On January 1st, 1943, the Department of National Defense took over the management of the Branch and issued its own stamps; these had the words "Internment Operations, Postage Free" changed to "Prisoner of War Mail, Postage Free" and the usual code of the printers to indicate the date and quantity issued was added in the upper right corner. All were issued on various shades of vermillion paper.

The following is a Check List of stamps issued—the number in brackets, the quantity issued:

	"Internment Operations"	
	Issued as singles	
1. February 1940	Cherry paper, imperf.	(2000)
2. February 1941	Vermillion paper, imperf.	(2000)

	"Dept. National Defense"	
	All issues vary in type setting.	
3. May 1943	Vermillion paper, imperf.	(5000)

The following were all issued in vertical strips of five on vermillion papers. All printings in different sets of type, all in one printing the same. Sides imperf. on all stamps.

4. November 1944	Rouletted (<i>illus.</i>)	(5000)
5. July 1945	Perf. $12\frac{1}{2}$	(1000)
6. March 1946	Rouletted	(5000)

The use of these stamps was discontinued on January 31, 1947. All remainders had to be accounted for and returned to the Dept. in Ottawa and were probably destroyed.

CANADA - PLATE NUMBER OF THE 1937-1939 ISSUE

The 1937-1939 issue of Canada was printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co., Ottawa. The collecting of Plate Number blocks lend themselves very nicely to mounting. The stamps were printed in sheets of 400 with wide gutters between the four Post Office sheets into which they are cut before delivery. The printer's imprint and the plate number appear above the two outside stamps of the upper panes and below the two outside stamps of the lower panes. This permits mounting in the form of a reconstructed sheet of 16 stamps showing all four plate number positions. Another plate number, together with a further number (which I am informed is for the information of the printer) appears on the left margin of the lower left pane, and enters into the same mounting arrangement.

The 1c Green plate numbers ran to #11, all following the above format.

The 2c Brown ran to #14. Numbers 9 and 10 varied from the customary arrangement in being printed in sheets of 600, with six panes. The plate numbers of the middle panes appear above and below the fifth and sixth stamps. It is necessary to collect these in blocks of 8 stamps to conclusively prove they are not from the other locations.

The 3c Red required 23 plates, #'s 12 and 13 being printed in sheets of 600 similar to the two plates of the 2c.

The 4c Yellow and 8c Orange were only issued in plate #1, while the 5c Blue ran into three plates.

A similar arrangement was adopted for numbering the plates of the pictorial stamps of this issue and a short description of the subject illustrated was added in both French and English. Sheet were of 100 stamps, left and right panes of 50 stamps each.

The 10c Dark Carmine was printed from plates 1 and 2 and the Carmine Rose stamp from the same two plates.

The 13c Blue, 50c Green and \$1.00 Dull Violet were printed from one plate each. The 20c Brown from plates 1 and 2.

The 6c Blue Airmail was printed from Plate #1 in four panes of 50 stamps each. The numbering was arranged as on the pictorials with the descriptions.

The 20c Dark Carmine Special Delivery was printed from one plate in sheets of 100 stamps, left and right panes of 50 each. The (philatelically) satisfactory system of numbering was forsaken in laying down this plate. Two plate numbers appear, one above the middle stamp of each pane, which panes are arranged five stamps across and ten stamps down. The plate number and reference number appears as on all other sheets of this issue, on the lower left margin. The 10c surcharge Special Delivery necessarily follows the same arrangement.

The 10c Green Special Delivery of 1939 reverted to the same four-number arrangement common to the other values of this issue. It was printed from plate #1 only in sheets of 100, left and right panes of 50 stamps each.

W. WORTH DAVIS

[Ed. Note—Please direct any correspondence on the above subject to the Editor. Mr. Davis requests the courtesy of commencing any correspondence.]

JARRETT'S B.N.A. BOOK. Stamps of British North America. 1926	\$12.50 postpaid
Standard British North America Catalogue. JARRETT 1929	\$30.00 postpaid
Annual Report of the (Canadian) Post Master General for the	
year ending April 5, 1852. (in French)	\$10.00 postpaid
P. O. Box 2962	Winnipeg, Man., Canada

R. S. MACNAB

Editor, *BNA TOPICS*

Dear Sir:

I have been confused with the so-called "plate" and "imprint" on Canadian stamps. Many times when asking for "plate Nos." at a post office they will say they have none even though they may have stacks of the so-called "imprints"; the impressions being that the "large number" on certain sheets was the "plate No.". I was confused too until the "Bell" stamp appeared with plate Nos. 1 and 2 but, the "large number—977" remained the same on both plates, so obviously it wasn't a plate number.

I wrote to Ottawa for some explanation and received the following:

"In reply to your letter, I may say that the "large number" to which you refer is the Bank Note Company's reference number and has no postal significance. The true plate numbers are the small numbers which appear at the corner of each sheet.

In view of the confusion which has arisen in this connection, we have arranged with the manufacturers that commencing with the Citizenship stamp the large number will not appear on the sheets although it will still be engraved on the plates at a point which does not show up in the printing."

The confusion must have been considerable to have caused the Department to take measures to have this "reference number" omitted from future printings.

I sincerely hope the foregoing will prove of interest to the readers.

Sincerely,

LLOYD R. DAY

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Editor, *BNA TOPICS*

Dear Sir:

Articles such as Mr. Cryderman's "The Fifteen Cent 'Large Cent', appearing in *BNA TOPICS* for June, should be supported by a citation of sources; thus, I must question his statement that the 15c was the last of the Large Cent values to appear in 1868—"Although the other values were issued in March, the 15c did not appear until June."

Jarrett records a copy dated March 16, 1868, but as I have never seen that particular copy, I can't say of my own knowledge that the date is legible beyond question. More to the point is the fact that the following appeared in the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* for May, 1868 (*vide* Poole's Canada):

"We are now in possession of . . . the entire series of stamps for the Dominion of Canada, consisting of seven values— $\frac{1}{2}$ cent, 1, 2, 3, 6, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, and 15 cents. The design, as we stated last month in noticing the 15c—the first of the set to appear"

In short, not only do we have a contemporary statement that the 15c value was the first to appear instead of the last, but it was the first actually to be received, and it was recorded in the issue of April, 1868, which certainly had to be written up and printed before it could appear.

Of course, I have no way of knowing the actual date on which the April 1878 issue hit the newsstands, but certainly it could not have been so long after its published date as to chronicle a stamp not issued until June of that year. And Jarrett and the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* certainly do give support to each other in a very positive manner.

Yours sincerely,

F. WALTER POLLOCK

This is Your Magazine--Your Views are Welcome

A NEW "CANADIAN CONTINGENT" MARKING

BY ED RICHARDSON



At least since the appearance of Jarrett's 1929 "B.N.A. Book", collectors of philatelic Canadiana have known of the "Canadian Contingent—South Africa" marking used by the Canadian Postal Corps during the first year of Canada's participation in the Boer War. Certainly by now, every bit of data on this marking should have been uncovered. Then, imagine our surprise in uncovering an entirely New Type in late 1946!

This new marking is illustrated. The main difference is in the addition of the words "En Route". Note also the very early date, January 30, 1900. How extensively this marking was used is not known, but the date would seem to indicate that it was at least used between Canada en route to London, with the contingent which arrived in London on January 31, 1900.

Since this cover was discovered two more have been reported. I have not yet seen them, so do not know if the markings and dates are similar. These are in the hands of two Toronto BNAPS'ers. Do others exist?

While writing on Canadian Contingent markings, we'd like to supplement the splendid notes of Ian C. Morgan which have been appearing in serial form in *BNA TOPICS*. In the March 1947 issue he illustrates a cover with the regular contingent marking dated April 3, 1900, and noted that this was the earliest known cover. Of course this new type marking pre-dates this by over two months, but the earliest known regular type seen by this writer is dated March 20, 1900. This cachet was in red, and was in the hands of a Canadian collector. I understand that it has since migrated to the States. I have seen this cover and have its markings recorded.

Morgan also states, "This marking was applied to all mail passing through the Postal Corps base office and is always a later date than the Field Post Office cancellation". Technically this might be true,—it is always a few days later (generally two to seven) than the Field Post Office, *when that field office is other than the Base Office*. Many of these Canadian Contingent cachet covers bear markings (postmarks) of the B.O. (Base Office) Field Post Office of the British Army, and these bear the same date as the Contingent Cachet.

If every collector having any Canadian Contingent covers in their collections would send them in for recording, some day we should complete the story of this interesting sidelight in Canadian Postal History.

"OFF THE CUFF"

V. G. GREENE

An early printing of the dollar "Parliament" stamp of Canada comes in a distinctive bronze green shade. Mint copies are hard to find of this scarce shade.

BNAPster J. C. Goodwin, who is one of Toronto's leading obstetricians, still finds time between babies to hunt for rare additions to his wonderful collection of Canadian historical and postal history letters and documents. While in New York attending CIPEX, Dr. Goodwin acquired letters written by Count Frontenac, Chief Joseph Brant and General Pike (of Pike's Peak fame) and also some rare Canadian "Straight-Line" postmarks.

Thornhill Post-office, a few miles north of Toronto, was established in 1829 and was first named "Purdy's Mills".

A columnist in *Gossip* of July 26th, writing about old collectors states, "I know one estimable gentleman in Norway who started his collection when only fifteen and is still actively interested at the ripe age of eighty. Can we top his record?"

We don't have to go outside our membership to top that by a wide margin. BNAPster R. Rennie started collecting at the age of ten and as long ago as 1876 issued the "Beaver", a philatelic magazine which ran for five issues. General Rennie is still active and well at eighty-five and can tell the difference between a Montreal and Ottawa print without even putting on his glasses! !

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CANADA

FINANCIAL BRANCH
PHILATELIC DIVISION

OTTAWA 24th July, 1947

J. Reginald Barraclough, Esq.
454 Mt. Stephen Ave.,
Westmount, Montreal, P. Q.
Dear Mr. Barraclough,

Referring to our conversation re plate position blocks, I may say that we have experienced a great deal of difficulty in endeavoring to meet the wishes of our philatelic clients in this respect.

There are many reasons why certain plate positions may not be available in the philatelic stock, for any particular stamp. Canadian stamps are manufactured for utility, and the percentage of well-centered copies is small. Our philatelic stock is selected for centering and sometimes one or two corners of the plate will be off-center and not taken into philatelic stock for that reason. It also happens sometimes that the manufacturers reject certain plate positions because of flaws in the plate or other spoilage considerations.

To give you some idea of the difficulties,—not long ago a top-rank General in the United States Army visited our little division in an effort to obtain certain plate positions which were missing from his collection. After considerable searching through the main stock of the Postage Stamp Division we succeeded in finding all but one position, and in a vain effort to secure the missing one, millions of stamps were searched through. All these stamps had to be recounted and resealed, and a great deal of trouble was occasioned in the cause of international goodwill.

There is a further consideration which militates against this problem. It is not so bad in the case of regular issues, new supplies of which are coming in steadily from the manufacturers; but in the case of special and limited issues like the Bell and Citizenship stamps, the main stock may remain in Ottawa for only two or three days before it has to be rushed out to the Depots. This does not give us time to round up the different plate positions. We managed fairly well in the case of the Citizenship stamps, but the time available in the case of the Bell stamps was so short that it was utterly impossible to round up plate positions.

From the above I feel pretty sure that our philatelic friends will understand why we frequently have to report failure to meet their wishes with regard to plate positions.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) *A. S. Deville*

A. S. DEVILLE

Superintendent, Postage Stamp Division



"POST OFFICE WEEKLY BULLETIN" — August 16th, 1947

SPECIAL NOTICE

1. POSTAGE IMPRINTED CANADA AIR LETTER FORMS—Effective on or about September 1st, 1947, new postage imprinted Canada Air Letter Forms may be purchased at Post Offices in the same way as regular postage stamps.

They will be sold at face value in the 10c (blue) and 15c (red) denominations to cover both Canada Air Letter rates, and the necessary arrangements are being made for their distribution.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

NEW MEMBERS

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 418 Conger, Edwin D., Mercoal, Alberta, Canada
 419 Davis, W. Worth, Tillsonburg, Ont., Canada
 420 Doner, E. G., Box 1197, Penticton, B. C., Canada
 421 Lawson, James Wm., 1872 Nelson St., Vancouver, B. C., Canada
 422 Milroy, Andrew B., 305 Charlotte St., St. John, N. B., Canada
 423 Searles, George R. C., 25 Derby Road, Belper, Derbyshire, England
 424 Stanford, Eidsel C., Route #2, Fulton, Miss.
 425 Van Buskirk, Dr. L. H., 683 East Broad St., Columbus 15, Ohio

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 By A. E. Stephenson, No. 337.
 Cartwright, J. C., 53 Madeira Park, Tunbridge Wells Kent, England (C) Canada, all phases. By A. E. Stephenson, No. 337.
 Clem, Capt. W. A., Jr., Meadowbrook, Pa. (CX) CAN, NFD, N.B., N.S., P.E.I.—Postage, mint and used, blks., covers (19th cent.), Proofs and Essays. CAN, NFD—A'mails, stationery. CAN—Revenues. By J. Levine, No. 1.
 Fletcher, E. D., 4746 West 4th Ave., Vancouver, B. C., Canada (C) Mint Canada. By B. C. Binks, No. 74.
 Freele, Dr. Lloyd W. M., Box 117, Glencoe, Ont., Canada (CX) CAN—Mint postage, cancell., coils, plt. nos., precancels. NFD—A'mails. PRE—used postage. Australia, So. Africa, N. Zealand. By Dr. L. S. Holmes, No. 177.
 Gabbitas, A., 56 Blair Athol Rd., Banner Cross, Sheffield, England (C) By A. E. Stephenson, No. 337.
 Gillespie, Mrs. Louis J., 4121 Livingston Drive, Long Beach 3, Calif. (C) CAN, NFD, PRE—Mint postage, all other phases. By J. Levine, No. 1.
 Lauber, Thornton S., 738 W. Franklin St., Jackson, Mich. (C) Mint blocks, plate blocks, coil pairs. By J. Levine, No. 1.
 McKee, Charles S., 1200 West 15th Ave., Vancouver, B. C., Canada (C) B.N.A. By B. C. Binks, No. 74.
 McLaren, R., 16 York Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, London S. W. 11, England (C) Canada. By A. E. Stephenson, No. 337.
 Meschter, Elwood, Jr., 2836 East 77th Place, Chicago 49, Ill. (C) CAN—postage, mint and used, a'mails, blks., bkltts., proofs, stationery. By J. Levine, No. 1.
 Miller, Robert C., 313 East 5th, Des Moines 9, Iowa (C) British Colonials. By J. Levine, No. 1.
 Nemson, Samuel A., 1329 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn 30, N. Y. (DC) CAN, NFD—Postage, mint and used, a'mails. By L. R. Day, No. 317.
 Saxton, H. G., 139-12th Ave., N.E., Calgary, Alta., Canada (DC) CAN—postage, mint and used, blks. By B. C. Binks, No. 74.
 Stevenson, J. M., 781 Sidcup Road, New Eltham, London S.E. 9, England (C) By A. E. Stephenson, No. 337.
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 301 Chur, Irving, 484 Highgate Ave., Buffalo 15, N. Y.
 290 Cossette, M., Makamik, Abitibi, Que., Canada
 279 Cowell, Charles, 4820 Summerdale Ave., Philadelphia 24, Pa.
 265 Davis, E. J., 5 Church Road, Long Branch, Toronto, Ont., Canada
 209 Kanee, S., 187½ Matheson Ave., Winnipeg, Man., Canada
 328 Levine, Robert, 360 West 55th St., N. Y. 19, N. Y.
 268 McConnell, E. V., 30 Moss St., Victoria, B. C., Canada

305	Narson, Wm., 30 West 190th St., Bronx 63, N. Y.
287	Speier, Albert K., 105-05 69th Ave., Forest Hills, N. Y.
190	Weel, Gordon J., 205 Stafford Place Arcade, Greensboro, N. C.
275	Weiner, Ray, 1026 Bill Holt Homes, Gt. Falls, Mont.
231	Worman, R. N., 1643 No. 60th St., Philadelphia 31, Pa.



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 31, 1947 TO JUNE 30, 1947

BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1947:

1947 Yearbook—Advt.	\$ 95.25
Dues beyond 1947	10.50
General Funds	42.36

Cash on hand, March 31 \$148.11

RECEIPTS: MARCH 31, 1947 TO JUNE 30, 1947:

Membership dues and fees for 1947.....	\$207.00
Membership dues for 1948	2.00
TOPICS—Advt.	91.25
1947 Yearbook—Advt.	198.55
1947 Yearbook—Sales of Books	1.50
*Balance from CIPEX Lounge Fund	4.50
**Life Membership	50.00

Total..... 554.80

TOTAL \$702.91

DISBURSEMENTS: MARCH 31, 1947 TO JUNE 30, 1947

General Expense—5000 Application forms.....	\$ 16.75
TOPICS—April—Printing	126.50
TOPICS—April and June—Postage	13.37
TOPICS—Halftones	32.21
1947 Yearbook—Halftones	33.73
1947 Yearbook—Postage	11.00
1947 Yearbook—Postcards soliciting ads	8.50

TOTAL \$242.07

Cash on Hand June 30, 1947 \$460.85

BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1947:

Yearbook Funds	\$242.07
Dues beyond 1947	12.50
General Funds	156.28
Life Membership Fund	50.00

\$460.85

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Yearbook Advt.	\$ 91.50
TOPICS Advt.	54.50

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

1947 Yearbook—Printing	\$415.00
TOPICS—Halftones	8.73

\$423.73 (paid in July)

* A total of \$300.44 was collected toward the Lounge at CIPEX and \$295.44 was expended, leaving a balance of \$4.50 which was added to our General Funds. Expenses—Rent \$200.00; Furniture \$85.94; Janitor \$10.00.

** One member has paid \$50.00 for a Life Membership in anticipation that this class of membership would be approved by the Society and this money is being held in escrow for the present.

W. C. PETERMAN, *Treasurer*

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

To All Officers and Members of the Board of Governors:

Another month rolls around and here we are again! There is no lack of activity in B.N.A.P.S. so again I have quite a few matters to discuss.

1. *New Associate Editor*: I am pleased to announce the appointment of another Associate Editor for TOPICS. This one to represent Canada. His special assignment, in addition to securing material for the magazine, will be to secure advertisements. Charles deVolpi of Montreal, Canada, has agreed to serve in this new capacity. Those of you who know Charlie and saw him in action at the BNAPS Lounge at CIPEX will agree that he brings a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the Editorial Staff. Good luck, Charlie!

2. *New Advertising Rates*: In line with suggestions made at a meeting in New York during CipeX, and in line with my comments in a previous issue of TOPICS, it is urgent that we revise our advertising rates. This revision has the support of our most loyal advertisers. For the purpose of discussion, I suggest for consideration the following rates: Full page, \$10.00; ½ page, \$5.50; ¼ page, \$3.00; and ⅛ page, \$1.75. The additional revenue should make it possible for us to provide an even better TOPICS.

3. *The Greene Award*: Mention was made in the Yearbook of the VINCENT GREENE AWARD for the article or series of articles appearing in TOPICS and meriting the Award. It is intended that this award will be so awarded annually, providing articles of sufficient merit are submitted and published. It will be necessary to appoint a committee of Judges. These will be five in number, three from Canada, two from the U. S. Their names, however, will not be announced until after January 1st. It is our sincere hope that this Award, and an expanded TOPICS will serve to encourage many new writers to enter the field of philatelic reporting.

4. *Membership Drive*: Our membership is now over 400. As good as this is, and as great as this is over one year ago—if we are determined to have a Specialist organization second to none,—and an even better TOPICS, we *must* bring this up to at least 600 by January 1st. That is only a little more than three months away. However, if every member would take upon himself the task of securing at least one new member, the job would be easy. At the same time that member would be insuring his own membership. Every new member will make our own membership that much more valuable. I can't urge too strongly the importance of securing new members,—it is a job which every one of us can do for Philately—and BNAPS. And, my hat is off to the job being done by Bob Duncan of Armstrong, B. C., Canada!

5. *Sales Department*: There has been a great increase in interest in the Sales Circuits of late, and right now there is a big demand for better grade BNA material. Sales have been very good, commissions are the lowest of any Society, so anyone having material should contact our able Sales Manager for some books and get them entered. My own experience has been excellent, I know yours will be the same.

6. *BNA TOPICS*: I can't let it go without mention that the last few issues of TOPICS were TOPS! There is a world of BNA data therein. More than will be found in three years of issues of any weekly. An orchid to our Editors!

So much for now. There's aplenty more for next month, so let's shift into high gear right away! Hope to see many BNAPS'ers at the T.H.B. Party at Toronto, in October.

Best wishes to all,

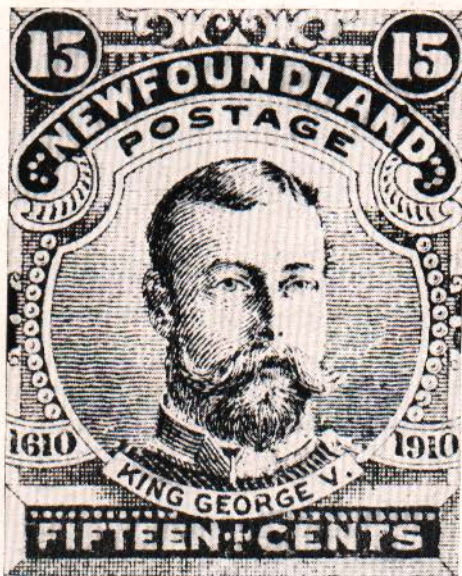
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BNAPS

BNAPSers Bill and Dan Meyerson provide some thrilling philatelic news. After a long and patient search for this certain material, they have finally hit 'pay dirt', the purchase of a large holding of Newfoundland pre-stamp and stampless covers. They certainly know how difficult this material is to come by. BNAPS members are promised that, after a few months of sorting and study of the find they will receive articles on the early postal history of Newfoundland such as has not as yet been published.

BNAPS

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BNAPS

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BNAPS

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