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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, BNA Topics

Dear Sir:

In reading the December 1947 number of BNA TOPICS, I note that the abortive Port Hood items get their just deserts. Congratulations to Mr. Cryderman on his fine article. He brings out an important point, that whatever interest the postmarked covers may arouse as curiosities, the cut-up pieces of otherwise good 3c stamps were worthless items that any amateur could prepare in any quantity. Perhaps other old-timers like myself who grew up in small towns will remember the opportunity held out to the youth of the 1900 era to own a printing outfit—all one had to do was sell two dozen portraits of Queen Victoria at ten cents each, remit the cash, and receive by return the prize. The complete printing outfit turned out to be rubber type for the figures and letters of the alphabet, with a tin "stick" to set them to spell names, etc. I am sure the gentleman who gave the Port Hoods to philately must have sold two dozen pictures of Queen Victoria, for the type he used is identical with my outfit.

I would like to add to the record that Port Hood office was under the jurisdiction of Halifax P. O., that Donald A. King, a philatelist whose record may be traced through the early files of the philatelic press of the period, was sent to Port Hood to enquire into the irregularity, and brought back the "thirds" and "two-thirds" pieces with overprint, which as a collector he did not trouble to keep when the Halifax Postmaster offered them to him before tossing them into the open fireplace. Again, the Port Hood P. M. did not get his supplies from Ottawa, but from the Halifax Post Office, where the receipt of a telegram would have resulted in stamps reaching him by train the following day. Hence, no shortage existed, and no need for provisionals. Stanley Gibbons simply had a fast one put over on them, and Scott's perpetuated the hoax. Neither likes to admit they were taken in.

Yours sincerely,

Fred Jarrett

Dear Sir:

Having felt obliged, a few months ago, to take issue with one of Mr. Cryderman's contributions to TOPICS, I think it only fair that I should say, just as publicly, how thoroughly I agree with his evaluation of "The Port Hood Affair" in the December 1947 issue.

If anything, Mr. Cryderman fails to castigate these issues with sufficient severity. While the new rate may not have been officially proclaimed until December 29, 1898, every one who could read knew it was coming long before that. It was part of the Imperial Penny Postage scheme, which originated in Canada, and the special stamp to commemorate the scheme had been released as early as December 7, 1898, for domestic use only until December 25.

The Postmaster at Port Hood actually had four stamps available to make the 2c rate without mutilating a stamp of higher value—the regular 1c and 2c stamps, the 2c Map stamp, and also the ½c stamp.

That these mutilations were the product of a philatelic mind is unquestionable; an official letter quoted by Poole states that the Postmaster had apparently acted "on the advice of some stamp friend." It has even been said that this "stamp friend" had these freaks prepared for his own mailing, and was then the one who notified Ottawa, knowing that "steps would be taken" at once, and thus he would be assured of controlling the total supply.

F. Walter Pollock

This is your magazine. Your contributions are welcome

## THE MAP STAMP, 1898

By M. W. CRYDERMAN

After a lengthy agitation for Imperial Penny Postage, a postal conference of the various units of the British Empire was finally held in London in 1898 to see what could be done to establish a penny rate from one part of the Empire to another. Although this dream did not come true, several of the British dominions and colonies entered into an agreement to set up a uniform rate of 1d or 2c among themselves. Canada was a signatory to this agreement. In fact, the Canadian Postmaster-General, the Hon. Wm. Mulock, had been one of the prime movers of the idea and was instrumental in having Canada commemorate the accomplishment by the issue of a special stamp. The agreement was to take effect on Xmas Day, 1898 and the stamp was scheduled to be issued on that day. Owing to pressure from the public however it was released on Dec. 7.

The stamp was printed by the American Bank Note Co., in three colours, on white wove paper and was perforated 12. There were 19,927,500 delivered to the Post Office Department, at a cost of 45c per 1000. There were four plates, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 5, of 100 subjects, 10 x 10.

The stamp is a double size, 32mm. x 22½mm., in horizontal format. The design is a map of the British Empire, or a map of the world with the British possessions in red, on Mercator's projection. Along the top is encribed the words CANADA POSTAGE and along the bottom WE HOLD A VASTER EMPIRE THAN HAS BEEN, with XMAS 1898 above the quotation and the numeral 2 in each lower corner. This part was recess-printed in black. Proofs show that the next step was the addition of the carmine portions, with the ocean colour coming last. The two colours were applied by the typographic method. Until recently all contemporary experts agreed that the colours had been lithographed. This error probably crept into philatelic literature through the early use of the term surface printing which means typography to British craftsmen but lithography generally to Germans and Americans. This error was repeated over and over until students of the stamp endeavored to discover the reason why the carmine, or both coloured portions, were frequently indented. The American Bank Note Co. finally released the information that the typographic method had been used to print the colours.

The stamp was designed by the Hon. Wm. Mulock, with the aid of R. Weir Crouch, Gustave Hahn, A. H. Howard and R. Holmes, Canadian artists. He had previously called for designs but as none of those submitted quite portrayed the ideas he wished to publicize, he drew up a rough sketch himself which was touched up by the above gentlemen. Mr. Mulock wished to emphasize the extent, unity and greatness of the British Empire, and this he fully succeeded in doing.

The quotation "WE HOLD A VASTER EMPIRE THAN HAS BEEN" is from Sir Lewis Morris' Song of Empire, composed to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria's accession to the throne, that is, June 20, 1887.

"We love not war, but only peace,  
Yet never shall our England's power decrease!  
Whoever guides our helm of state,  
Let all men know it, England shall be great!  
We hold a vaster empire than has been!  
Nigh half the race of man is subject to our Queen!  
Nigh half the wide, wide world is ours in fee!  
And where her rule comes all are free.  
And therefore 'tis, O Queen, that we,  
Knit fast in bonds of temperate liberty,  
Rejoice today, and make our solemn jubilee!"

The bombastic tone of the legend was severely criticized as being too imperialistic. The cost of production and the startling design came in for their share of criticism also. Some referred to it as the cheapest "Map of the World" in the world and others as the "has been" stamp. John N. Luff thought the Empire "so big as nefer was," others drew attention to the fact that it took in

too much territory, notably Portuguese East Africa.

There are two distinct varieties of colour in the oceans, lavender and bluish-green. Each varies from pale to deep. The stamp exists in imperforate condition and many progress proofs are known showing the red or the ocean, or both, omitted, and singly or together with the recess printing omitted. There are several plate varieties, due to re-entries on, or re-touches to, the engraved plate. Varieties on the typographic plates include the omission, misplacing and addition of islands, and, of course, one or both of the coloured portions out of register.

A lithographic forgery has been reported, cancelled Montreal, 24.12.98.

#### Check List

1. 2c Map, Black, carmine and lavender, perf. 12.
2. 2c Map, Black, carmine and pale lavender, perf. 12.
3. 2c Map, Black, carmine and pale lavender, imperforate.
4. 2c Map, Black, carmine and blue-green, perf. 12.
5. 2c Map, Black, carmine and pale blue-green, perf. 12.
6. 2c Map, Black, carmine and pale blue-green, imperforate.

Those items frequently catalogued as "with red omitted" or "with ocean omitted," etc. are properly proofs and should be so listed. The imperforated stamps were never regularly issued.

## Various & Sundry

GEO. E. FOSTER

Few plate flaws, re-entries, etc., have ever been reported existing in the "cents" issues of New Brunswick. The following paragraphs are taken verbatim from the February number of the *Stamp News* of Glasgow, Scotland, being part of an article by "B. N. A. Specialist."

"The two cent...deep orange shade, shows a major re-entry, which I believe, has remained unchronicled until now. The entire wording, "New Brunswick, Two Cents," is affected; every letter being badly formed, and the background—between and inside the lettering—has numberless white dots and patches. The white oval over the letters, "New Bru", is doubled, the inside line cutting through the tops of six letters. The 17 cent black has a line extending from outside the frame of the lower right numeral, cutting through the top of the seven—making the two figures appear as a double one with a misplaced dash—and finishing at the base of the seven. This is an undoubted plate flaw."

I am indebted to the late Donald A. King, one of the most able writers and a keen student of the issues of B. N. A., for a reason why the value of Canada's #3 and #6 is expressed as twelve pence instead of the usual term, one shilling. Mr. King said that

the value of the shilling differed in various parts of the province, ranging all the way from 6½ pence to 12, so, to assure the postal revenue full value for services rendered, the department resorted to the expression of 12 pence, the value of the penny remaining constant throughout the province.

## Off The Cuff

V. G. GREENE

In 1896 the remainders of the Nova Scotia "Cents" issue were sold to Donald A. King and A. A. Bartlett for \$18,000.00 and were put on the market through Stanley Gibbons Ltd. in London and the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. in New York. The number of stamps constituting the "remainders" has never been disclosed but the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. are quoted as putting the approximate figures at:—  
52,000—1c; 54,000—2c; 54,000—3½c;  
28,000—10c; 12,000—12½c.

In view of the fact that these beautiful stamps have been coming on the market at intervals for fifty years, it would appear that the above figures are much too low. It will be noted there were no remainders of the five cent value.

BNAPS'er J. N. Sissons reports he has received very satisfactory response for his new magazine, *Sissons B. N. A. News*, the second issue of which will appear shortly.

## Newfoundland-Labrador Essays??

By BILL and DAN MEYERSON



Illustrated herewith are photos of the so-called Labrador Essays. The reason for illustrating and commenting on them is two-fold; the first to show Newfoundland collectors what they look like, and the second to correct an honest mistake made by Fred Jarrett in his 1929 BNA Book. In this book the \$1 stamp was priced at \$10 in error. Mr. Jarrett has endeavored to correct this mistake innumerable times. On several occasions he has published and written articles in philatelic magazines correcting the misprint and offering to sell copies of the \$1 stamp for 50c. However, several dealers and auctioneers still continue to list these so-called essays at \$10 per stamp. When a collector, unaware of the true story, does succeed in purchasing one of these at \$2-\$3, he thinks he has made a phenomenal buy, when in truth he has greatly overpaid.

These alleged Essays appeared in 1908 and were printed in Montreal by a group that claimed to have a charter from the Newfoundland Government. It was intended to sell these stamps to the simple fishermen fishing off the Labrador banks. About \$1,000,000 face value of the three stamps was printed. However, there had been no agreement with the Newfoundland Government and a good deal of the issue was seized and destroyed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in co-operation with Federal Agents from Washington. The United States Government was very much interested in the case because the inscription that appeared on these bogus stamps would have led one to believe that the United States was a party to the scheme to defraud fishermen. They were never recognized by the Newfoundland Government and none of them did postal duty. They are nothing but labels and as such may be of interest to the Newfoundland specialist. From our own observations, the most common variety is the \$1 value.

We do trust that this article will at least serve to protect many collectors from getting "stuck."

## Officially Sealed Stamp of Newfoundland—A Variety

By JOHN S. SIVERTS

The Canadian Officially Sealed Stamp on blue paper, which was issued in 1905, is a very elusive item. I've included this on my want list for years and so far, I'm still looking for a nice copy.

However, I did have a "close call" a few years ago which produced a very unusual stamp and makes an interesting story. A Canadian dealer sent me a selection of stamps including what I thought to be this rare officially sealed stamp on blue paper. After purchasing the stamp for about \$4, I discovered that I had a Newfoundland Officially Sealed stamp which closely resembled the Canadian item. I looked it up in my Jarrett and found it cataloging \$10.00, but regardless of this higher value, I contemplated returning it. I had not gone that deeply into Newfoundland stamps to warrant buying such a specialized item.

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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

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### CORRECTION

Volk, F. Snyder, instead of the incorrectly listed Snyder-Volk.

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As you've guessed by now, I did keep the stamp and was blessed with a very fortunate purchase. "Souping" the stamp produced a watermark consisting of two double-lined letters which looked like "C" and "O". There is nothing unusual about a watermark except that Boggs specifies but one printing and that on **unwatermarked** paper.

I have sent the stamp to a few club members, but no one seems to know the answer. If anyone has the stamp with watermark, I would appreciate hearing from them in the hope that the mystery might be cleared up.



## Reviews and Reports

By ED. WHITING

About a year ago, yours truly was appointed "Associate Editor." Now that the year is closing, it's time to look back, and to look forward too. The past year has been truly only a start. Nothing extraordinary was accomplished in these few articles I've cooked up. However, I hope I do not assume too much when I say that at least seeds have been sown and it is now time to start cultivating them to start them growing. That is my project as a new year starts.

I still intend to comment on BNA auction material from time to time, both in announcing dates and, when available, in reporting prices realized. It is regretted that too often catalogs do not reach me in time for preview but with the co-operation of the auction houses and reporting to me by members who attend any of these sales, I expect to at least bring you some prices realized on BNA material offered at such sales. I make this a public appeal to the auction firms to send me reports of prices realized.

The London Philatelist for January 1948 lists in its CONTENTS a "Prince Edward Island Reference List" by Leslie G. Tomlinson. Members who collect the stamps of this Island will appreciate this reference list and should avail themselves of the chance to read it by writing to our Librarian for a loan of that issue. Our Society enjoys the privilege of exchanging magazines with the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

Remember, whenever you're in or near Philadelphia, to check on a meeting of that City's BNAPS Group—1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7934 Pickering Street. The January meetings were a real treat; the meeting of January 20th being another visiting "B. N. A. Night" at the Olney Stamp Club of Philadelphia. These Boys are determined to make their meetings the most interesting. Any member living near enough to that City to be able to attend, but who doesn't, is really passing up a good time.

The N. Y. Group continues to look

forward to the 1st Tuesday of each month at 22 East 35th Street. That Group is preparing to insure an even better attendance by arranging some very important programs for each meeting. Their publicity is going under the direction of a member who is associated with the advertising department of one of New York's largest department stores. You can expect to see and hear plenty about them from now on.

## Report of the Librarian

I am very happy to be able to report that there were 121 loans made from the Library during 1947. While I am pleased with this interest in our Library, I sincerely hope that more members will avail themselves of the excellent material in our Library to further their research and studies. I have seen very favourable evidence of the large help received by some of the members who have taken advantage of this service of our Society.

I wish to gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following from members:

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- J. F. Harrison, Armstrong, B. C.  
North American Year Book 1927
- J. R. Barraclough, Westmount, Que.  
Various Magazines
- H. R. Meyers, New York, N. Y.  
Newfoundland (Boggs)
- F. W. Campbell, I. J. DeLisle, H. Hoffmann  
Canada (Boggs)
- J. Levine, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Various Magazines
- Geo. E. Foster, Bordentown, N. J.  
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Below is the start of a listing of various articles on B. N. A. now available from the BNAPS Library:

- Half Cent Maple Leaf of Canada 1897 (Whitehead)
- Notes on the Two Cent Numeral of 1899 (Whitehead)
- Canada—1898-1902 Issue (Argus)
- Canada 1898-1902 Issue (Aretz)
- Newfoundland (Perlin)
- Canada, N. S., N. B., P. E. I., etc. (King)
- Three Cent Small Queen (Shoemaker)

## CANADIAN POSTAL SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

By C. B. D. GARRETT

RECREATION  
CENTRES  
KEEP YOU FIT

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RECREATION  
WEEK  
EDMONTON  
SEPT. 3-8

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REGINA EXHIBITION  
AUG. 1-6 1927  
AUSTRALIAN  
NATIONAL BAND

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-REGINA-  
EXHIBITION  
JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> TO AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>  
1930

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REGINA EXHIBITION  
JULY 26-31-1926.  
COLDSTREAM'S BAND.

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REGINA EXHIBITION  
JULY 30-AUG 4-1928  
H.M. ROYAL AIR FORCE  
= BAND =

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REGINA EXHIBITION  
JULY 29<sup>TH</sup> TO AUG 3<sup>RD</sup> 1929  
PRINCESS PAT'S BAND

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REGINA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE  
*Exhibition RODEO*  
JULY 27 TO AUG. 1

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REGISTER  
ALL LETTERS  
-OF-  
VALUE

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REGISTER  
ALL LETTERS  
-OF-  
VALUE

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REGISTER ALL  
LETTERS OF VALUE  
FAITES RECOMMANDER  
TOUTES LES LETTRE  
DE VALEUR

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REGISTER ALL  
LETTERS OF VALUE  
FAITES RECOMMANDER  
TOUTES VOS LETTRES DE VALEUR

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REGISTER  
LETTERS  
OF  
VALUE

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REMEMBER FIRST-TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT  
BY BRITISH AVIATORS  
CAPT JOHN ALCOCK & LIEUT WHITTEN BROWN  
JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> 1919.

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REMEMBER  
+  
RED CROSS DAY  
OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

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REMEMBER  
RED CROSS  
MEMBERSHIP.

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REMEMBER  
- THE -  
ANIMALS  
APRIL - 20

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REMEMBER THE  
NATIONAL FISH DAY  
FEBRUARY I

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REMEMBRANCE DAY  
CANADIAN LEGION  
VETCRAFT  
-POPPIES-

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REMEMBRANCE DAY  
CANADIAN LEGION  
VETCRAFT  
POPPIES

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REMEMBER  
THE ORPHANS  
FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> 17<sup>TH</sup> 18<sup>TH</sup>

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RENOVIZE TORONTO  
REPAIR - REMODEL - RESTORE -

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ROUTE TRAFFIC  
-THROUGH-  
CANADIAN PORTS

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REMEMBRANCE DAY-CANADIAN LEGION  
VETCRAFT POPPIES  
JOUR DU SOUVENIR-LEGION CANADIENNE  
CUQUE LICOTS VETCRAFT.

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REPONDEZ A L'APPEL  
MEMORIAL DE NOTRE DAME  
-HELP LIBERALLY  
NOTRE DAME HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

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ROYAL WINTER FAIR  
TORONTO  
Nov 18<sup>TH</sup> 28<sup>TH</sup> 1924.

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ROSE DAY  
→ MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> ←  
HELP THE KIDDIES

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ROYAL AIR FORCE BAND  
EXHIBITION  
AUGUST-8<sup>TH</sup> TO 18<sup>TH</sup>

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ROYAL WINTER  
-FAIR-  
TORONTO  
NOV 20<sup>TH</sup> TO 28<sup>TH</sup>

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- R 5 "Rancher's Fair & Live Stock Show" Moose Jaw, 1917. (Not illus.)  
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## Bringing News About People & Stamps

By REV. JOHN S. BAIN

Because this column must be prepared well in advance of publication, this actually becomes my earliest chance to thank the many for their Christmas cards. BNAPS'er Ian Morgan had his greetings printed on a 10c Canada Air Letter, a real novel card. Charlie Armstrong, BNAPS #120, showed his favorite collecting interest with a special card consisting of a background of some revenue stamps. BNAPS'er Walt Bayley remembered with a real philatelic creation—a perforated block of 4 stamps imitating the 1c orange Queen Victoria Jubilee stamp, mounted on a black mat on a gold card with his monogram printed in green in the corner. In the places of the Queen's portrait is a picture of a beautiful child (Walter purports this to be himself?) and then above the date 1946 the picture of the real Bayley as we know him today. The block is then surcharged in black "1947 Golden Jubilee 1897 Diamond Jubilee Wishing you a Merry Christmas Walter S. Bayley Toronto 12 Canada." But Walt betrays himself, for the inscription reads on the top of the stamps "Canada Hostage"!!

### BNAPS

Canada's "Gift" booklet is certainly stirring up some new collecting varieties. Panes of the 4c from the Gift booklet are larger than the ordinary 4c panes—not only longer (the tab is bigger) but a trifle wider too. Then again, the gum of the new panes is brown; the old ones are white. The 3c pane provides us with a slight change in paper. C'mon, you students, any ideas on the plate lay-out, etc.

### BNAPS

A. L. Guess, #322, received a nice welcome back to Toronto in a cover received with the 3c magenta, perf OHMS, reading down, double. Lots of nice things happen in Toronto.

### BNAPS

BNAPS'er Henry Gates reports the finding of a Canadian die proof of a 10 pence counterfeit. This is the similitude engraving made solely for advertising purposes. Another one was in the Lichtenstein collection.

Still able to turn up forgeries of Newfoundland. Just acquired copies of the 3d green triangle, 5c black seal, and the 10c Prince Consort—all crude lithographed copies.

### BNAPS

Turned up another Newfoundland item mentioned in Boggs' book on page 146—a cover of the Nungesser-Colli Search Expedition. This item has been sought for years, but have never seen it offered.

### BNAPS

It is known that a number of years ago certain bisects of early Canada were found with a "Paid" cancellation tying them to cover. These covers were made by a certain collector who had such a hand stamp, and the covers came largely from the vaults of the Crown Land's Department in the Ontario Provincial Parliament Building, Toronto, Canada. Some of these covers are still around. Saw one the other day.

### BNAPS

One of our Canadian members found himself in an embarrassing and awkward situation. He recently succeeded in securing some lots at auction in the States which amounted to over \$25. On applying to the local Post-office for a Money Order to cover his purchases, he was advised that he couldn't remit more than \$25 to the U. S. in any one month. He had never bought from this dealer before and had to advise him that he would have to remit the balance the next month.

### BNAPS

The January '48 TOPICS marked the return to our first printer. I enjoy quite a correspondence with our Editor and too many times has he remarked about printer difficulty on costs and especially on delivery date of the magazine. He feels assured that now the member will receive his magazine early enough to read current news while it is still current. Now, if contributors will respond with articles, we can look forward to a bigger and better TOPICS.

# NORTHERN ONTARIO POST OFFICES TO 1895

By FRANK W. CAMPBELL, #143

The very fine coverage of Northwest Territory Post Offices in Boggs' handbook on Canada creates the need for the neighboring territory of Northern Ontario to be similarly assembled into such a usable unit.

In my youth I was very much interested in this section because so many of my relatives went there to help pioneer that new country. In later years I made it a habit to hunt any covers with postmarks from that section in remembrance of my association with that part of the country. Looking over the names on the postmarks from that section, I received many pleasant surprises each time I discovered I owned some names of smaller places which were not especially bought for that reason.

Looking up postal directories and Postmaster General reports, I found that until 1895 that whole nine hundred mile stretch called Algoma in the tabulations just suited my wants. It is all-inclusive, no doubt, as it contains some that are now in Manitoba; a few at the Ontario end are now in Parry Sound or Nipissing. Manitoulin Island being included helps contribute to the list of over 100 places. Considerable detail is provided up to 1888, and from then to the end of 1894, only the new ones are listed, with considerable less detail. The early ones could not be completed from only the printed official lists available as peculiar conditions existed, especially about Manitowaning—now spelled without the "u" as it was sometimes also spelled in the earlier days.

The Indian Agency of Fort Malden at Amherstburg took care of the whole north part of Ontario from the 1815 era on, and practically all the records were very nicely preserved and are now in the Burton Historical Section of the Detroit Public Library. I was granted access to about 30 filing cases of papers and very kindly permitted to review the Ironsides papers among them. Geo. Ironsides was third Indian Agent at Fort Malden and first Postmaster at Manitowaning—and Manitowaning was officially the "Corresponding Office" that many early northern postoffices reported to. This is the tie-up with the odd fact that some postal history might be filed under "Indian" to researchers. In fact, I find postal history is like gold—it is where you find it. No set of rules works very surely. Another odd tie-up is that I went to the Fort Malden Government Historical Museum at Amherstburg to see other papers I needed and learned that all these "Ironsides papers" now in Detroit originated at that very spot where the Museum now is.

Windsor Public Library also supplied some data from its very complete shelf of County histories. It is only a half hour from my Royal Oak home to the Windsor Library and you may be sure it is used very often.

Detail maps of the period to 1885 are lacking; in fact, pencil sketches of maps in the 1820's among the Ironside papers are as accurate as most to the 1870 period. I have a photostat of the 1885 map showing the stations on the new C. P. R. between Montreal and Saskatchewan, and the shore line of the lakes. A very fine present day map of the whole area under consideration can be had without cost by writing the Ontario Department of Highways, Toronto, for the 1946 Government map of Northern Ontario. You will be astounded at the number of lakes shown on this map.

This great expanse of territory was dotted with posts of the Hudson Bay Company in the 1800's and many postoffices were at such posts. This placing of a postoffice at a H. B. Post often precludes finding who was first postmaster; in many cases the small postal business done being just a part of the post routine without much record being kept at the headquarters of the postal district in Toronto. Ironsides at Manitoulin was the go-between. Also, Ironsides was often in Fort Malden for long stretches and Arthur Gore did his chores at Manitowaning during his absence. I found Ironsides listed as postmaster for many different places in the same year. This for one man really indicated that he was head-man in the corresponding office where smaller offices reported.

Townships are given when found in records, but even township lines may vary from present day boundaries.

Port Arthur was the dividing line between the postal inspector districts of

Winnipeg and Toronto that serviced this immense territory, hence the designation East or West of Port Arthur that was used in records is used here at times in its shortest form "E. of P. A." Many offices in unsurveyed territory are no doubt "just a name" in a list to collectors, and still there may be a great personal touch when this list is available with its basic data.

Keewatin in its entirety is included in this list. This territory was established in 1876, and in 1905 the southern part was divided between Manitoba and Ontario—the northern part existing until 1912. Only four postmarks with KEE. (for Keewatin) are known to me.

Manitoulin and St. Joseph Islands are large enough to support several offices each. The other extreme of smallness is found in Silver Islet that was only 100 feet square at start and 8 feet above water. It supported a postoffice and a fabulously rich silver mine after the island was expanded to 900 feet square by timber cribbing. A storm in 1884 destroyed it, but years later it was re-opened. In 1945 an unfortunate blast flooded it again. Its present state—likely it's full of Lake Superior.

Geographical designations contain more than usual variation. Ont. is most common, but N. W. T. is barely possible on two at least. Kee. is rare, and Man. will be found on some after they were finally in Manitoba. C. W. and U. C. occur before 1867 orders—the C. W. on the first Manitowaning and Sault vie with Hamilton in the earliest use of C. W.

Listings are spelled as in official usage.

A great effort was made in regard listing first postmaster.

Income is given as an aid in judging comparative volume of business transacted.

Populations, as of 1895, will interest some.

ALGOMA MILLS (Striker) 1882/on, Jas. Townley first P. M. Pop. 205 in 1895

Some lists wrongly give it "on Manitoulin" but it is on mainland

ANSONIA (Lefroy) 1880/on, J. H. Lawlor P. M. in 1888

BAR RIVER (Laird) 1880/on, John Evoy first P. M. Pop. 300 in 1895

BARRIE ISLAND (Barrie) 1882/on, Peter Archdekin first. Pop. 250 in 1895

This island is between Manitoulin and the mainland on north.

BATCHEWANA (Fisher) 1865/on, Robt. McKay first. Had many closed periods

\$30 income in 1866, \$14 in 1875

BIG FORK (on Rainy River, Tp. 5, R. 28, E. of 1st P. M. 1883/on

R. M. Park P. M. in 1888. Pop. 25 in 1895

BIG LAKE (Sandfield, on Manitoulin) 1881/on, W. J. Burrows first

Pop. 200 in 1895

BISCOTASING (on Spanish River) 1885/on, W. C. Simpson first. 200 in 1895

BLIND RIVER (Cobden) 1880/on, Peter Murray first. Pop. 300 in 1895.

BRUCE MINES (Plummer) 1848/on, Henry Acton in 1852. Pop. 660 in 1888

£98 income in 1852, \$256 in 1866, \$221 in 1875, \$395 in 1880

CARTERTON (on St. Joseph's Island) 1884/on, Danl. McPhail first

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R. P. Hedley

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104	1c Blue Green	.48	.12	.02
104a	1c Yellow Green	.60	.15	.02
105	2c Carmine	.70	.15	.02
105a	2c Rose Red	....	.15	.05
106	3c Brown	16.75	4.25	2.75
107	4c Violet	18.00	3.90	3.00
108	5c Blue	4.50	.75	.25
109	6c Black	15.00	3.75	3.75
110	8c Blue	80.00	17.50	17.50
110a	8c Paper Colored	60.00	11.00	11.50
111	9c Blue Violet	19.00	4.00	3.75
112	10c Dark Green	22.00	4.50	....
113	12c Plum	19.00	4.00	5.00
114	15c Magenta	19.00	4.00	4.00
104-14, 1-15c, Cpl.		200.00	42.50	42.50
104-14, 1-15c, Cpl. (110a)		180.00	37.50	37.50



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