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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Attention Mr. Pollock

Dear Sir:

Re: Registration stamp used at Six Roads, N. B.

This office is still open and handling mail. It is in Gloucester County, near St. John. This stamp is not in use there now and the former Postmistress, who was there for the past 80 years, doesn't recall using it. I would like to know the date of Mr. Pollock's copy.

Other offices have used it and some still do. I enclose one from Sheila, N. B., dated Fe. 1, 48. I don't believe this was a homemade stamp as others I've seen are exactly like it; they may have had fairly wide distribution, doubtless from Ottawa.

My explanation of "Why this stamp" is that in the old days registered mail was given a number at the office of mailing. Apparently other offices through which it passed stroked out the last number and added their own. The Six Roads stamp gives space for three such subsequent numbers, thus making it easier to check than having the numbers all over the cover as you see some these days.

Perhaps someone else has the information about their general distribution throughout Canada. They may not have been issued for very long and therefore not all the offices received them. They would have been withdrawn with the introduction of the present system of handling registered mail. Now the office of mailing affixes its number to the registered cover and this original number is carried through on all records till delivered.

E. G. LLOYD
Schomberg, Ont.

Dear Sir:

...I enclose a recent cover showing this same postmark for another district Post Office in New Brunswick (Sheila, N. B.).

I also have in my possession about six other registered covers of different dates, one in N. S., and one in P. E. I., showing that this registration mark has been in use at different post offices in the Maritimes.

C. W. PICKARD
Moncton, N. B.

Dear Sir:

I have several similar ones on registered 1st Day covers of "Cartier" commems., postmarked July 1/34/Gaspe/P.Q. This cancellation is also purple.

C. A. ANDERSON
Saskatoon, Sask.

Dear Sir:

I have three covers handy (others packed away for moving)....a full cut from Ottawa of about 1927; one reading Sherbrooke, Que., 11 Mar 1927; and 4 third on a 3c stamp with the town name illegible except it seems to end in "P. Q." That would place its use at least up to 1927.

C. 3. D. GARRETT
Cranbrwk, B. C.

Official Provisional Issue?

Dear Sir:

I have posed the question to several advanced collectors of BNA, "Was #109 officially re-issued on July 2, 1931 and also recognized by the Post Office Department as the "current issue" till #167 was issued on July 18, 1931?" That would mean, if such was the case, that #109 was an "official provisional issue" for that number of days. To the best of my memory, the rate was increased on July 2nd with the resultant and accompanying confusion.

I would certainly appreciate any opinions from the members, pro or con, regarding the status of #109 as an "Official Provisional Issue."

E. C. B.
Toronto, Ont.

Check List—Nfld. Pitt. Blocks

Dear Sir:

You have no idea the difficulty I encounter in trying to complete required blocks to show all positions appearing in a sheet. I have access to no one who would be in the position to give me the correct information and such a check list (pertaining to plate numbers, imprints, other marginal markings, center-lines, etc.) would be very helpful and would be a thing of permanence. I'm certain such a check-list would be

heartily appreciated by many B. N. A. collectors.

C. K. DIEKMAN
Cincinnati, Ohio

P. O. Paying Postage

Dear Sir:

Why is the Post Office Department paying postage on their letters from Ottawa? When did they start and what classes of mail do they pay on?

I recently received a letter from the Philatelic Agency with a meter stamp used to pay postage. Previously they came registered "Free" and the same privilege was exercised on mail to the U. S.—postage was required to other countries. I thought that the Philatelic Branch only might now be paying postage but I had a letter from another branch of the P. O. and this also carried a 4c metered stamp; previously mail from this branch also came "Free." Printed matter is still coming through free, as usual.

What are the other Government Departments at Ottawa doing with their First Class Mail?

E. G. LLOYD
Schomberg, Ont.

My recent mail from the Philatelic Branch also carried the metered stamp to pay postage to the U. S.—ED.

W'marked B. C. Laws

Dear Sir:

Congratulations upon a very interesting Philatelic Journal. BNA TOPICS is rapidly becoming the foremost Journal in this country.

I enclose a print of the watermark on the 1888 issue—promising you an

interesting article for another issue of TOPICS.

DR. JOSEPH A. PEARCE
Victoria, B. C.

Dr. Pearce, in his letter, reveals some very important discoveries which I cannot disclose at this time except to state that they will be ample reward for your patience. Cuts are required and that made it impossible to include the article in this issue.—ED.

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NORTHERN ONTARIO POST OFFICES TO 1895

FRANK W. CAMPBELL, #143

(continued from page 24)

- CHAPLEAU** (on C. P. R., and 60 miles east of Michipicoten) 1886/on, F. A. Austin first
- CHELMSFORD** (Balfour) 1888/on
- COCKBURN ISLAND** (Cockburn) 1880/on, B. W. Ross first. Pop. 120 in 1895
This is a large island west of Manitoulin island
- COLLIN'S INLET** (Rutherford) 1869/on, Silas Staples first.
\$64 income in 1871 and \$64 in 1875
- CROSS LAKE** (Keewatin) 1880 only, with G. R. Crows postmaster
It was Darlington before 1880, and Lake Deception after 1880
\$330 income for 1880, rather large (possibly a railroad construction point)
- CROSS LAKE STATION** (Keewatin) 1885/closed 1888
R. R. Brereton postmaster on opening, J. W. Brereton on closing
- DARLINGTON** (Keewatin) 1878/1879, H. N. Ruttan first
Changed to Cross Lake late in 1879
- DAY'S MILLS** (Day) 1884/on, Wm. Harris first. Pop. 25 in 1895.
Four miles from Dayton on the C. P. R.
- DESERT** (Johnson) 1884/on, Jos. W. Alderson first. Pop. 11d in 1895.
- ECHO RIVER** (McDonald) 1879/on, Alex. Findlay first. Pop. 6 in 1895.
Three miles from Echo Bay station on C. P. R.
- ECHO RIVER** (Lash, on Rainy river) 1887/on, A. Luttrell first.
- ENGLISH RIVER** (117 miles W. of P. A., on C. P. R.) 1879/1881.
James Ettershank first postmaster.
- ENTERPRISE LANDING** (McTavish) 1874/1876, C. L. Stevenson first. On Black bay at end of ox-tram from Enterprise mine, Income \$31 in 1875. This is a case of an office existing only while some mine, railroad camp or mill was in operation.
- EVANSVILLE** (Burpee) 1885/on, Isaac Campbell first. Pop. 400 in 1895.
- FORT ALEXANDER** (Keewatin, later in Manitoba) 1881/on.
It was Pine Falls before 1881. Pop. 600 in 1895.
- FORT FRANCES** (Alberton, on Rainy river) 1876/on, J. A. Hlitz first. The first postoffice to be listed in Northwest Territory, a year later in Keewatin listing, finally in Ontario. Name changed to Frances when it was realized that it was named after the wife of Sir Geo. Simpson, a long time governor of the Hudson Bay Co. \$44 income in 1880. Pop. 150 in 1895.
- FORT WILLIAM** (Neebing) 1860/on, Robt. McVicar first. Pop. 608 in 1876, 8000 in 1895. Income \$201 in 1864, \$200 in 1871, \$102 in 1875, \$181 in 1880. This was water end of a very expensive failure about 1860 of an effort to get a mail route overland to the Red river district. Mail by Pembina, through St. Paul and Chicago, then to Windsor, was found cheaper and quicker.
- FORT WILLIAM WEST** (Neebing) 1887/on, A. McLaren first.
- FRENCH RIVER** (at mouth of the French river) variously listed as in Nipissing, Muskoka, or Algoma, as boundaries changed—finally in Parry Sound. 1874/on. D. McDonald first postmaster.
- GARDEN RIVER** (12 miles east of Sault) 1866/on, Chas. W. Radiger first. Pop. 400 in 1876 and 470 in 1895. \$18 income in 1871, \$45 in 1875, \$62 in 1880. Ketegeaunesebe is an alternate name. It being an Indian reserve.
- GIMLIE** (Keewatin first, then Manitoba) 1877/on. F. Fridriksson first.
Often spelled Gimli. \$91 income, in 1180. Pop. 800 in 1895.
- GORE BAY** (Gordon, an Manitoulin) 1874/on, Robt. Thorburn first.
\$11 income in 1875, \$314 in 1880. Pop. 600 in 1895.
- GOULAIS BAY** (Fenwick) 1887/on, Andrew McAulay first. Pop. 100 in 1895.
- GREEN BAY** (Bidwell, on Manitoulin) 1879/on, John Shippen first.
- HILLY GROVE** (Aasignac, on Manitoulin) 1877/on, W. G. Stewart first.
- HOOSAVICK** (Keewatin first, later Manitoba) 1878/on. \$16 income 1880.
Husavick an alternate spelling. S. Christopherson first.
- JACKFISH BAY** (146 miles E. of P. A.) 1884/on, W. J. Kane first.

- JOCELYN (on St. Joseph's island) R. first.
- KAGAWONG (Billings, on Manitoulin) 1877/on, Jas. McInnis first.
- KEEWATIN MILLS 74 miles from Rat Portage) 1880/on, John Mather first.
"Mills" commonly absent from name.
- (Rutherford) 1854/on, R. Johnston first. Pop. 200 in 1875, 0
In 1895. \$10 income in 1857, \$50 in 1860, \$33 in 1869, \$51 in 1875.
- KORAH (Korah) 1880/on, Daniel Everett first, \$20 income in 1880.
- LA CLOCHE (a H. B. Co. post on LaCloche peninsula, 12 miles from Little Current). Established 6 October, 1846, with Mr. Buchanan as postmaster. Up to recently it was thought to have not operated, but on October 2, 1847, £0/2/6 was remitted to the "corresponding office" at Manitouwaning.
- LAKE DECEPTION (Keewatin) 1881/1883, G. R. Crowe first.
It was Cross Lake before 1881 with same postmaster.
- LEHMAN'S LANDING (Bidwell, on Manitoulin) 1880/on, A. Lehman first.
- LILY LAKE (Sheguindah, on Manitoulin) 1880/on, S. T. Norton first.
- LITTLE CURRENT (Howland, on Manitoulin) 1864/on, John Burkitt first. Pop. 150 in 1875, 800 in 1895. \$18 income in 1866, \$173 in 1875, \$242 in 1880. In 1861 an effort was made to establish an office here, but the only person who would accept the postmaster job was "An Indian who could read a little, but was a drunken person." Service denied, naturally. Also some discussion arose over the real necessity of establishing a new office that would save people tramping only 30 miles less for their mail. Probably mocassins and time were cheap then!
- LITTLE RAPIDS (Thessalon) 1885/on, Wm. J. Bell first. Pop. 50 in 1895.
- LONG BAY (Campbell) 1885/on, Robt. T. Gamey first.
- MANITOWANING (Assiginac, on Manitoulin) Established 6 Oct., 1846, with Geo. Ironsides as first postmaster. This was the head or "Corresponding Office" that in early years controlled the bookkeeping of all offices west of it. Income £15 in 1862, £20 in 1859, \$32 in 1871, \$470 in 1880. Pop. 549 in 1895.
- MARKSVILLE (on St. Joseph's island) 1879/on.
John Marks first. \$68 income in 1880. Pop. 800 in 1895.
- MELDRUM BUY (Dawson) 1880/on, John Switzer first. Pop. 200 in 1895.
- MICHAEL'S BAY (Tehkummah, on Manitoulin) 1872/on.
R. A. Lyon first. \$27 income in 1875, \$74 in 1880.
- MICHILMACKINAC (now Mackinaw Island, Mich.) 1790-96.
- MICHIPICOTEN RIVER (H. B. Co. post 120 miles northerly from Sault) 1865/
on, with no postmaster listed for years. F. W. Bell first noted in 1873. \$16
income in 1871, \$20 in 1875, \$30 in 1880. Pop. 131 in 1895.
- MINDEMOYA (Varnarvon, on Manitoulin) 1881/on, Francis Wagg first.
A tourist center now. Pop. 500 in 1895.
- MURILLA STATION (Oliver, 14 miles W. of P. A.) Wm. McLean first.
"Station" soon dropped, and often spelled Murillo. Pop. 25 in 1895.
- NEEBISH (possibly near Sault) 1888/on, Evan E. Rains first.
- NORMAN (on Lake of the Woods) 1887/on, Angus Carmichael first.
Pop. 726 in 1895.
- OUTER DUCK ISLAND (south of Manitoulin in Lake Huron) 1886/on.
Operates in navigation season only, Chas. W. Gauthier first.
- PENINSULA HARBOR (Pic, 182 miles E. of P. A.) 1886/on, Henry Wilson first.
Pop. 100 in 1895. Marathon is its present name.
- PERIVALE (Campbell) 1881/on, Alex. Colman first.
- PIC (?) Listed in 1875, but nothing definite known. Probably on site of the
abandoned H. B. Co. post of Fort Pic that closed in 1868. No doubt the place
was about 50 miles north of Michipicoten.
- PINE FALLS (Keewatin first, later Manitoba) 1879/1880.
Chan to Fort Alexander in 1880.
- AUX PINS (Parke) 1870/on, W. G. Foote first.
\$21 income in 1875, \$11 in 1880.
- POPLAR MILLS (Mills) 1885/on, Thos. Sides first.
- POPLAR GROVE (Coffin) 1888/on, Jas. Coward first.
Probably changed to Poplar Dale of the 1896 list.
- PORT ARTHUR (McIntyre) 1884/on, Frederick Jones postmaster on change-
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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DANIEL C. MEYERSON, Chairman

As a result of a recent mail vote conducted by the Board of Governors, the following decisions have been reached:

1. **Disposition of Life Membership Dues:**

The Fifty Dollar Life Membership Dues paid by a Member will be set aside in a special Life Membership Fund. Each such payment for Life Membership shall be recorded in the name of and to the account of the Member. From this Fund, annual dues shall be deducted for each Life Member and deposited by the Treasurer in the General Fund of the Society. At such time when all possible payments of annual dues shall have been deducted and transferred, the account shall be considered, for audit purposes, as not required to be debited for annual dues. Should the decease of a Life Member precede the entire transfer, then any monies not so transferred shall be deposited in a Permanent Fund to be established for that and/or any other purposes.

2. **Vincent G. Greene Trophy:**

It has been decided that a Permanent Committee is established to decide and select each year the article or series of articles authored by a member or members of BNAPS and appearing in BNA TOPICS which, in their opinion, merits the Trophy. This Committee shall consist of the four elected Officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary) during their tenure of office, the 7 members of the incumbent Board, and, at all times, the donor.

The Committee is now being polled for their opinion and selection.

3. **Expertizing Committee:**

The decision of the Board is that such an Expertizing Committee is to be desired. The details are now being reviewed and further information will be published when completed.

If I Lived in Spartanburg, S. C.

I'm a member of BNAPS, an active member because I'm vitally interested in the stamps of Newfoundland and I've found that BNAPS is the hub for that subject. I'm also a member of the Collectors Club, have been for many years. But I've learned more about Newfoundland from BNAPS members than I have from any other source. Of course I'm lucky, I live in New York City where BNAPS has a very active group. We meet monthly, have showings of stamps, have talks, and most of all, we sit around and discuss British North American stamp affairs. Nothing could keep me from our monthly meeting.

If I lived in Detroit, Chicago, Montreal, Toronto, *yes*, even Spartanburg, I would immediately undertake to form a local group from among the resident members. Our Constitution sanctions the formation of a local group by five members. I would gather the requisite number, form the group, elect our own officers (just a President, Program Chairman and Circuit Manager are necessary). The President would run the meetings; the Program Chairman would arrange events of interest for the meeting; and the Circuit Manager would secure from the Society's Sales Manager sufficient circuit books for each meeting. We would send reports of our meetings to the Editor for inclusion in TOPICS. We would enjoy the advantages of a large Club with the personal contact of a small club.

It's as easy as that, and that is what I would do if I lived in Spartanburg, S. C.

DANIEL C. MEYERSON

Reviews and Reports

ED. WHITING

I -IS* 'before Me the whole world it seems! That's right, my desk is as upset — current day foreign affairs. However I've pulled from the mess a few items, one of which is a very neat little paper—the program of the Convention of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain. It is being held on April 22nd, 23rd and 24th at the North British Station Hotel, in Edinburgh, Scotland. The program of the Convention will consist of Displays, Study Groups, and Annual General Meetings of the Society and its General Committee. Among the subjects of the Study Groups are: "1912/17 Issues," "B. N. A. Postal History," "Large and Small Heads," "Airmails of BNA," "Cancellations" etc. BNAPS-er A. E. Stephenson, "Ellislea," Kinross, Scotland, will gladly provide any information you require.

7934 Pickering Street in Philadelphia was the scene of great activity February 5th. Neither rain nor hail nor sleet nor snow kept those BNAPS members of Philadelphia from ringing the doorbell (once, not twice). Circuit Manager of the Group, Ralph Leuf, was the busi- & man there counting over \$80 in sales of stamps from circuit books of the Society. February 27th, the Group will be the guests of the Philadelphia Electric Stamp Club and BNAPS'er Jim Culhane will exhibit his collection of Newfoundland, while collecting of Canada will be greatly encouraged when Voran, Sr., exhibits his collection of Canadian Booklet Panes and Canadian Christmas Seals. When in Philly, look up Charlie McDonough to learn when and where their next meeting will be held. His address—3213 North Howard St.

Your next stop, after Philadelphia, must be the Collectors Club in New York City on the first Tuesday of each month. Those New York —a certainly make it a holiday night each month. The February evening was "Stationery Night" and Harold Meyers came with an extra package this time to cover the Canadian portion of the evening's exhibit. B. B. Dan Meyer-son appeared with a u under his arm too and this later turned out to be a complete representation of New-

foundland stationery. An added feature at all meetings is the identification of colors for Joe Martin by One of BNAPS membership to whom all colors appear black. He would have a very busy evening at the March meeting when BNAPS'er W. Brazer exhibits from his famous Proofs and Essays as his contribution to it will undoubtedly be a most enjoyable and informative evening. If you're within 50 miles of New York City on March 2nd, make it your business to be at the Collectors Club, even if you have to walk.

Off The Cuff

V. G. GREENE

The late Charles J. Phillips purchased the firm of Stanley Gibbons Ltd. of London in 1890 and held control until he sold out and moved to the United States in the early 1920's where he continued to deal in stamps

under his own name. Probably no temporary dealer had a better knowledge of stamp values and world markets than Phillips. From 1926 to 1930 he published a magazine called *Philatelic Classics* which contains many interesting articles and stories of famous philatelists. In the Sept. 1928 issue he makes the following observation: "During the past five years I have purchased many collections of British North Americans, for in the whole world I know of no other group of stamps that I find such a good investment for my own funds as one."

A new member of BNAPS is Victor Marsh of Twickenham, England. Mr. Marsh, now well past thr three score years and ten has been a collector for well over half a century and for many years was the leading dealer in Philatelic Literature in England. He often contributed articles to the *Philatelic Press* under the name of H. Edgar Weston.

FINE USED BLOCKS

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Northern Ontario Postoffices to 1895

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- over. It was Thunder Bay before 1884. Pop. 2698 in 1895. This was dividing line between Manitoba and Toronto postal supervision districts.
- PORT FINLAY (Tarbutt, on St. Mary's river) 1885/on, M. McLennan first.
- PROVIDENCE BAY (Carnarvon, on Manitoulin) 1874/on, John McNiven first.
- RABBIT MOUNTAIN (W of P. A.) 1886/on, Daniel McPhee first.
- RAINY RIVER (Keewatin) 1886/on, Wm. Cameron first.
- RAPID RIVER (on Rainy river) 1887/on, Jacob Smith first.
Pop. 200 in 1895.
- RAT PORTAGE (at head of Lake of the Woods) 1879/on.
Pop. 3000 in 1895. Income \$556 in 1880.
- RED ROCKS (northwest corner Nepigon bay) 1872/on.
Robt. Crawford first. \$33 income in 1875, \$21 in 1880.
- RICHARD'S LANDING (on St. Joseph's island) 1882/on.
Pohn Richards first. Pop. 200 in 1895.
- ROSSPORT (east end Nepigon bay) 1880/on, Stephen Connell first.
- RYDAL BANK (Plummer) 1880/on, Jas. Robinson first. Pop. 75 in 1885.
- ST. IGNACE (probably on Isle St. Ignace in Nepigon bay) Established 1 June, 1866/closed 1 August, 1868, on death of postmaster, Edmund Perry. This is another office that was questionable until an unofficial listing of "Isle St. Ignace" was a clue to look to that island for a site.
- ST. JOSEPH'S (an island of about 175 square miles in mouth of St. Mary's river) Established 6 Oct., 1846/disappears about 1881. Hardly any note of it in early lists, but in 1852 a route sheet had its column signed by H. Cot D.) Acton, who was also postmaster at Bruce Mines, nearby. John Richards was first postmaster of record, in 1878, and was same name.
(Sandfield, on Manitoulin) 1881/on.
Wm. McDonald first. Pop. 110 in 1895.
- SAULTE ST. MARIE (Korah) Oct. 8, 1846/on, Thos. Wilson first. "Sault" is French for falls or rapids. Pop. 400 in 1875, 1423 in 1895. Income £70 in 1852, \$91 in 1860, \$146 in 1866, \$411 in 1875, \$640 in 1880. Name commonly shortened to Sault or Soo.
- SCHREIBER (just east of Nepigon bay) 1886/on, D. R. Bruce first.
Pop. 600 in 1896.
- SEA GULL (on St. Joseph's island) 1885/on, J. M. Ross first.
- SERPENT RIVER (Spragge) 1885/on, C. E. Smith first.
- SHEBAHONANING (35 miles northeast of Manitowaning). In 1853 a postoffice was arranged for here, but selected postmaster refused the job when opening date arrived, and the paraphernalia supplied to new offices was returned to Manitowaning headquarters. Robt. Johnston was the man who refused and he was postmaster at Killarney which opened close by the following year. Maybe he did not like the name—Killarney sounds better, also!
- SILVER ISLET (just east of Thunder Bay entrance) 1871/1885, Wm. B. True first. Income \$249 in 1872, \$616 in 1874, \$301 in 1880. See story elsewhere of this unusual site for an office.
- SILVER MOUNTAIN (Lybster) 1886/on, Oliver Daunais first.
- SILVER WATER (Robinson) 1885/on, Lewis Kemp first.
- SOWERBY (Day) 1886/on, Jas. Hagen first. Pop. 75 in 1895.
- SPANISH RIVER (Shedden) 1868/on, R. D. Perry first. Pop. 125 in 1895.
Income \$62 in 1871, \$35 in 1875, \$51 in 1880.
- SUDEBURY (McKim) 1884/on, Stephen Fournier first. Pop. 1600 in 1895.
- TEHKUMMAH (Tehkumma, on Manitoulin) 1874/on, S. R. McKewan first.
Income \$9 in 1875, \$33 in 1880.
- TENBY BAY (on St. Joseph's island) 1881/on. Pop. 250 in 1895.
J. W. Linton first.
- THESSALON RIVER (Thessalon) 1874/on, Wm. May first.
\$7 income 1875, \$116 in 1880. Pop. 1160 in 1895.
- THOMPSON (Thompson) 1886/on, W. E. Bateman first. Pop. 100 in 1895.
Closest railway station is Dean Lake.
- THUNDER BAY (McIntyre) 1869/1884, Chas. W. Black first. Changed to Port

Arthur in 1884 with Frederick Jones on changeover. Income \$187 in 1871, \$844 in 1875, \$1336 in 1880.

ULLEN (Striker) 1873/1876, T. J. Hilborn first, \$29 income in 1875.

VERMILION BAY (55 miles E. of Rat Portage on C. P. R.) 1885/on.

Wm. McLaughlin first. Pop. 40 in 1895.

WAUBAMIK (Ferguson) 1871/on, Robt. Ferguson first.

Finally in Parry Sound but listed in Algoma once.

WHARNCLIFFE (Wells) 1887/on, Wm. Taggart first.

WHITEMOUTH (Keewatin first, later Manitoba) 1880/on.

WHITE RIVER (4 miles south of Heron bay, 246 miles E. of P. A.) 1887/on. Pop. 100 in 1895. D. S. McCarthy first. About here the C. P. R. first nears Lake Superior shore.

These postoffices were added to Algoma between 1888 and end of 1894:

Townships in surveyed regions are noted.

*These are on route of the C. P. R. of the 1885-95 period.

Barclay* (211 miles W. of P. A.)

Markstay* (Hagar)

Barwick (near Rainy river)

23 miles east of Sudbury

Beaver Mine*

Massey Station* (Salter)

13 miles east of Rat Portage

Missanabie*

Bellingham (Parkinson)

232 miles west of Sudbury

Britainville (Campbell)

Nelsonville (Nairn)

Cloudslee (Lefroy)

Nepigon* (top of Nepigon bay)

Cook's Mills* (Spragge)

Pine Wood (on Rainy river)

Copper Cliff* (McKim)

Poplar Dale (Coffin)

Dayton (Bright)

Poplar Grove formerly

Eagle River Station* (Aubrey)

Port Coldwell

65 miles east of Rat Portage

on Peninsula harbor

Echo Bay* (McDonald)

Port Lock (Johnson)

Echo River (McDonald)

St. Azilda (Rayside)

Goldenburgh (Wells)

South Bay Mouth (Tehkummah)

Goulais River (Fenwick)

Sylvan Valley (McDonald)

Grimsthorpe (Campbell)

Tache Station*

Heron Bay* (195 miles E. of P. A.)

111 miles west of Port Arthur

Honora (Howland)

The Slash (Tehkummah)

Iron Bridge (Gladstone)

Walford Station* (Victoria)

Isherwood (Roddick)

on Spanish river

Kaministiquia (Ware)

Webbwood* (Hallam)

29 miles west of Port Arthur

Whitefish* (Denison)

Kenabutch Station*

Wikwemikong (on Manitoulin)

100 miles east of Sault

Worthington*

MacLennan (Tarbutt)

24 miles west of Sudbury

CONCLUDING NOTES

The Fort-Francis N. W. T. illustrated is a rarity because it was used only a year before it was changed to KEE. (for Keewatin). It is also the only place east of Manitoba to use the Northwest Territory designation. Thus, Fort-Francis is first to use either of these designations. The two illustrated are from tracings loaned by Keith Denis, secretary of the Thunder Bay Historical Society.

Michilimackinac was a postoffice in 1790-96 Quebec Almanac listings, with a Mr. Mitchel as postmaster, but no further evidence that it operated has been found. In 1796 when the British abandoned this fort to the U. S. troops, the British moved to St. Joseph or Cockburn islands nearby.

The postoffice established on St. Joseph's island in 1846 was not very active and about 1882 the territory was divided among several smaller offices. Richard's Landing continued on with same postmaster as had been listed under St. Joseph, so it is presumed this was the site of the original "St. Joseph" office.

The Canadian Pacific Railway got through from Montreal to Winnipeg in 1885, and to what is now Vancouver in 1887, so about that time many older offices moved a few miles to the railway, and often had the name Station added to the name.

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Whitehead-Morris Newfoundland Postal Stationery Master Die—1912

BILL and DAN MEYERSON

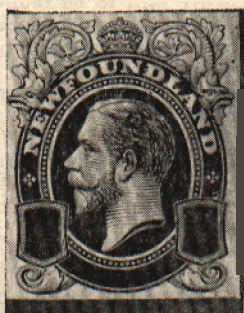


Fig. 1



Fig. 2

Fig. 3

We have recently unearthed an item in the field of Newfoundland's Postal Stationery of which we have had no previous knowledge or record. It is the Master Die Proof in black on thick white card of the design used by Whitehead Morris for the 1913 and 1916 1¢ Post Card and the 1912 2c Letter Card with Paid Reply. As can be seen from the accompanying photograph (Fig. 1), the tablets are blank to allow for the insertion of the 1c or 2c values as needed. This Die was in use for the postal stationery until 1930, at which time the Die was re-engraved to provide for the 1c Card and used again for the new 2c Card in 1937. It is quite simple to differentiate between the original Die (Fig. 2) and the re-engraved Die (Fig. 3) by comparing the shading on the forehead and neck. In the original Die the lines are full and unbroken whereas in the reengraved Die they are incomplete and only extend part way.

Emergency Date Stamp

E. G. LLOYD

I know of only one instance when this "Emergency Date Stamp" was used. Here is the story.

Sutton West, Ontario, was broken into on May 22, 1944 and all Post Office valuables, including the date stamp, were stolen. Until a new "Sutton West" date stamp could be made, this office used for cancelling a circular stamp of the usual size (about $\frac{3}{8}$ " diameter) with the wording on it "Toronto District Emergency No. 1". The date in the center was the usual for this type cancelling stamp. I believe this emergency date stamp was used by that office until June 16th, 1944 when a new office date stamp was provided and the emergency stamp recalled.

It would be interesting to learn if any other offices used this, or a similar type, of date stamp. Their use should be very limited as they would only be used if the regular office stamp were stolen or destroyed by fire or in any other way damaged beyond use. Even then, their use would be for a very short time, a matter of days, before the regular replacement arrived.

I'd appreciate hearing from any of the readers who might specialize in such unusual postmarks.

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Trail of The Caribou

Freres MEYERSON

Following is the first column of what I hope will be a continued series of such columns by the Meyersons. I

know, and I'm sure others have learned, that the Freres Meyerson are about the best informed 'team' on Newfoundland, collecting in any of its phases. This bottomless well of knowledge and information is now yours to tap—any questions on Newfoundland, you know now where to send them—Freres Meyerson.—ED.

Current Newfoundland stamps are now being issued with plate numbers. Heretofore, just the 80c Memorial College, the 5c Grenfell, and the 7c Air-mail had been issued in that fashion. Henceforth, it was authoritatively learned, all current stamps will have plate numbers. The numbers appear in each corner of each sheet of 100 stamps; thus making 4 numbers to the sheet. It is easy to see that the hobby of reconstructed sheets will soon be in vogue for Newfoundland collectors. For want of a better term, the numbers are referred to as plate numbers, whereas they are probably job numbers which formerly appeared on the sheets but were removed in the cutting. Call them what you will, they will serve as identifying numbers and will serve to keep the records straight for philatelic posterity. Arthur Moll would have been that much further along in his study of the 5c Caribou stamp had these numbers been in vogue than, Eh, Arthur?

The following values of the current set have already been issued with numbers:

Value	No.	Issue Date
1c	42430	29th Dec.
2c	43078	22nd Dec.
3c	43086	22nd Dec.
8c	41601	22nd Dec.
20c	41796	30th Dec.
25c	41791	30th Dec.
48c	41793	30th Dec.

Subsequently issued will be recorded here in a future issue.

The 5c Cabot Commemorative has also been recently issued with the number 43476. The date of issue is unknown at present.

Edward Booklet Pane— A Bargain

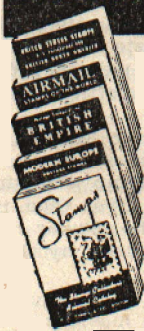
JOHN S. SIVERTS

Bargains are still to be found if one is lucky and persistent enough not to give up too easily. Last year produced such a bargain for me.

I was going through a West Coast dealer's stock, but not finding much more than a railroad cancel here and there. The Edward Issue was well represented including large blocks of the 1c and 2c unused. Upon closer examination of the 2c blocks, I found a straight edge pair staring me in the face! The pair was brought out from behind all the other 2c's but this pair turned out to be an overgrown pair including four extra stamps and a tab. Yes!! I had found a very fine pane of six of the rare 2c Edward booklet. The price tag was \$15.00! I showed my find to the clerk along with the price tag. He took it back to the boss for final approval, and I figured that was the end of the \$15.00 price. He said, "This item has gone up recently, but...well...go ahead and take it at the \$16.00." My elation was hard to control until I got safely out of range.

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By REV. JOHN S. BAIN

The question on the future status of Newfoundland took a dramatic turn when the National Convention voted 26-16 against the proposal of putting the confederation with Canada on the coming ballot. This leaves two proposals to be placed before the people

for the "return" of self-government. However, the Minority group have petitioned London that the ballot offer to the people confederation with Canada. This group claims that a storm of protest has come from the Newfoundlanders against the Convention vote. The final voting will be a plebiscite to be held during May. Maybe Newfoundland will join Canada yet, and change the course of Philately.

BNAPS

Many thanks to BNAPS'ers Ed. Richardson and Ken Vizzard for 1st Days of the Princess Elizabeth stamp. While on the subject of the new stamp, what a pity it isn't the same size as the "Bell"—I'm sure collectors would have preferred that size. It would be interesting to know why the Department decided on the smaller size—could it be they didn't want it to "outrank" the King? Another question—why the "Secret Date" 1947?? Except for the 3c mauve came out in 1943 but shows the date, 1942, (doubtless used the same Die which had 1942), all others have the year date of issue. Could it be because the wedding was in 1947?

BNAPS

In a recent visit to Toronto, I learned that the Robert Simpson Co., stamp department, was given an order

for \$12,000, for the stamps of Canada and Newfoundland. This, of course, is for certain and choice material. To date, about \$3,000 worth of stamps has been supplied.

BNAPS

Postal stationery collectors might want to know that the Philatelic Branch of Canada advises that the 10c blue Air Letter comes in two separate printings. I thought I was imagining this but the latest list from confirms it. Start looking, fellows.

BNAPS

The Canadian Philatelic Club, meeting in the Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit, elected BNAPS'er Ken Vizzard no President for 1948, and Charles Simmonda as Secretary. This is a small but active club and draws from the serious collectors of the border cities area.

BNAPS

A nice item from a postal history angle is the One Dollar Money Order issued on the Royal Train P. O. I've never been able to ascertain how many were issued but my guess is about 100. Yes, it's a nice item, if you can get one.

BNAPS

From a BNAPS'er in Toronto comes some interesting items. Boggs' book gives the date for #138 as October 7, 1924. The writer has a cover with a pair of these 3c imperforates addressed to another BNAPS'er and backstamped Jul 1-24. Another item he has which pre-dates Boggs' is a MR3A, Carmine Die 2 stamp well tied to a cover dated Aug 20-1916. Boggs' reads Sept. 16th, 1916.

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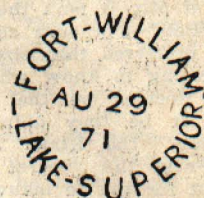
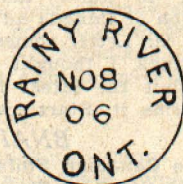
N. Vancouver, B. C., Canada

Northern Ontario Postoffices to 1895

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C.W.



The branch railway from Sudbury to Sault Ste. Marie was finished January 9, 1888.

"Sault" or "Soo" is commonly used for an abbreviation at Sault Ste. Marie, and two illustrations of such usage is shown.

P. W. Bell carried the mail on-foot between Sault and Michipicoten in 1874; 160 miles, for \$225 a year, once a month. He was postmaster at Michipicoten. I wonder if the office was closed in his absence!

Special attention was given to get data on the smaller places quite complete, because the larger places will be more generally known about. It was time consuming work getting traces of such places as Pic, Ullin, Enterprise Landing, St. Ignace, LaCloche, etc.

Requests to some postmasters of present day places in regard suspected name changes brought no replies whatever.

EARLY STEEL ENGRAVING FOUND

In the Burton Historical Library papers mentioned before was found a very

beautiful steel engraved letterhead of 1846, with a bill for what may be a post-office seal for Manitouwaning, and is possibly the earliest steel die work done in Canada, on the letterhead of Ellis & Co., engravers, 8 King St., W., Toronto. John Ellis was born at Norwich, England, in 1795; married Rhoda Bunting, coming to Canada in 1836, where he worked at steel engraving from 1836 to 1862. He lived on King street near Simcoe.

The very elaborate heading was in finest bank note style of steel die work, and the "bill" read exactly:

Aug. 29, 1846; The Postmaster Manitouwaning office	
Brass seal cast and turned with handle	1-0
Engraving 25 letters at 7½	9-4½
Dr. Crown of England	10-0
(bottom torn off)	£1-01-4½

ANOTHER OLD ORDER

In same paper group was a bill from Thos. Wheeler, 191 King St., Toronto, for a post-office stamp. This is probably one of the two heavy gothic markings illustrated, the style of which is unusual in Canada instruments. None of these two markings are known in private collections, tracings being taken from items in public archives papers.

The billing @&

Toronto August 1846
 Post Master Manitouwaning
 To Thos. Wheeler
 To a Post Office Stamp 12s/6d.

It was printed on a folded "billhead" with a wood cut of his establishment on King street, with "Thos. Wheeler (from Mariborough, England)" and a long list of his offerings in Engraving, Watchmaking, Arms, Crests, Jewelry, Inserting Locks of Hair in Rings and Locketts, etc.

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55	6c Brown	16.00	4.00	4.25
56	8c Violet	4.00	1.00	.90
57	10c Brown Violet	7.00	1.75	1.75
58	15c Steel Blue	15.00	3.00	3.25
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