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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remember the BNA Catalog

Dear Sir:

As collectors of B. N. A. stamps we cannot afford to let the subject of a Specialized B. N. A. Catalogue go by default. How many of our members have written Mr. Harmer urging that Scott Publications Inc. take this matter in hand, as suggested by Mr. Sloane (vide BNA TOPICS—April). Our worthy President did his duty promptly and nobly and gave us a lead that deserves all the support we can give him (vide BNA TOPICS—May). While Scott Publications Inc. have taken the matter under advisement and, I am informed by Mr. Harmer, are giving it serious consideration, it would be a mistake to allow interest to wane and the subject to disappear from your columns.

Most of your readers are specialising in some branch of B. N. A. and realise there is a very real need for the proposed Catalogue which, sooner or later, will inevitably come from one source or another. Scott Publications Inc. with their experience with the Specialized U. S. Catalogue would be the logical firm to make a success of such a publication, but have they been sufficiently impressed with the demand for it to justify such an undertaking? Only by going after this catalogue in deadly earnest, in the manner suggested by Mr. Sloane, are we likely to get it. His concluding paragraph was very much to the point and bears repetition, viz:—

"A Specialized B. N. A. Catalogue might well materialize if enough collectors and dealers indicated their interest in it. Write a letter to Gordon R. Harmer, Scott Publications Inc., 1 West 47th St., New York. Write him if you want it—don't leave it to someone else. The more letters he gets the more impressed he will be with the demand for it."

W. T. WHITE
Vancouver, B. C.

Mr. White has certainly given an exact picture of the possibility and probability of a Specialized B. N. A. Catalogue. We all want one; we all know how important it will prove to

B. N. A. collecting; we must all realize that its issuance depends very much on evinced interest; we all know that BNAPS, through each of its members, can evidence that interest. If you haven't already written Mr. Harmer, please do so NOW—"don't leave it to someone else."—ED.

A Salute to British North America

Dear Sir:

In a world torn with strife—where most every border between countries is fortified—it is refreshing to note that for as long as Canada and the United States have had a boundary there never has been as much as a small gun, the proverbial chip on the shoulder, to let the traveller know that he crossed the dividing line between two nations.

In philately, likewise, the line is imaginary—only the maps show a boundary. Yet there exists a boundary in philately that is unlimited—it is the unlimited desire of philatelists in the United States as well as the whole world—to become the possessors of the stamps of British North America, to study and collect those stamps and to learn more of the story behind those stamps of our neighbors to the north.

With this thought in mind, the Associate Editors of **Weekly Philatelic Gossip** have dedicated their issue of October 2nd, 1948, to Canada and Newfoundland, our neighbors to the north!

It is our belief that no weekly philatelic journal has presented philatelic knowledge and study as a salute to British North America, the way this issue will be presented.

HARRY WEISS

FINE USED BLOCKS

of

Canada 1912 to date

write for price list and approvals

M. W. CRYDERMAN

Box 289, Roblin, Man., Canada

Various & Sundry

GEO. E. FOSTER

I think congratulations are in order to both BNAPS'er Quarles and to ourselves for the fine article on Prince Edward Island running through the pages of TOPICS during the last few months. We should have more material of this character and we can produce if we put our minds to the work.

There are two of what we may call problems in the stamp history of P. E. I. which might be profitably studied. The first is the 3c with the period between "Prince" and "Edward." The seventh stamp in the first row contains a period and then the seventh stamp in all alternate rows, starting with the first row, contains the so-called error. I say so-called because it seems to me that such regularity could not be accidental, neither with such prominence could they be secret marks.

The second is the 15c. I believe that here is field for study. The note by Mr. Quarles and a listing in an auction catalogue of what was termed a proof of a 15c stamp are the only times I have noted a printed reference to this item. None of the writers of the last two decades of the 19th century, such as King, Ketchon, Lang, Heckler or Hooper, all good Canadian students and investigators, make any mention of this creation as far as I have been able to ascertain.

I am lifting the following lines from the "Halifax Philatelist," the issue of September 1888 (this was the year, by the way, when I was bitten by the stamp bug).

"This finished the business for the evening when the usual auction sale commenced. This was much more successful than they have been for some time. After some ordinary stamps were disposed of, Mr. Craig brought some magnificent specimens of Provincial stamps on the original envelopes. Amongst the most noteworthy sold were N. S. 3d dark blue to King for \$1.10; the same in light blue to Heckler for \$1.00; a 3d N. B. to King for \$1.50, its mate to Heckler for \$1.45; a 6d N. B. to King for \$2.75; Mr. Heckler got two P. E. I. 3d, larger perforation, (8)

for 80c each; a pair of unsevered 3 pences went at a bargain to Heckler for \$2.40. All of the foregoing stamps were perfect specimens and on the original envelopes."

The above is a portion of the secretary's report of a semi-monthly meeting of the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association.

"Off the Cuff"

V. G. GREENE

One of the most popular issues with B. N. A. collectors is the Canada "Small Cents" issue, possibly because it offers such a wide field for the specialist. In addition to perforation and paper varieties the period 1870-97 was most prolific in cancellations and an interesting collection can be made of the cork cancellations on the 3c value alone.

BNAPS'er W. H. Sparrow of Toronto has one of the best collections of this issue and has spent over twenty years obtaining material for study. Part of his collection of cancellations on the 3c value were shown at "CIPEX" last year in the display of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club. "Bill" has three copies of the rare perf. 12½ of the 3c Indian Red, one of them on cover from Antigonish, N. S., dated June 1, 1870. He also has a nice showing of the early deep rose shade on thick, soft paper of the 3c stamp.

BNAPS'er J. N. Sissons, the popular Toronto dealer, has been in the hospital taking anti-penicillin treatment. It appears he was being given penicillin to cure a boil when a penicillin rash developed. At last accounts "Jim" was well on his way to recovery. Incidentally, he has three auctions slated for the fall and early winter containing some very fine B. N. A. material including the Canada '97 Jubilee issue in superb mint blocks of four.

Congratulations to BNAPS'ers Fred Jarrett and Walter Bayley of Toronto who have recently been elected Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society,



Fig 1



Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4



Fig 5



Fig 6



Fig 7



Fig 8

NOT CALLED FOR

Fig 9



Fig 10



Fig 11



Fig 12



FIG 13



FIG 14

NOT CALLED FOR.

FIG 15



FIG 16

THE CENTS ISSUE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

By Mervyn V. Quarles, BNAPS, APS, CPS

(concluded from Page 107)

Post Marks

Town postmarks were rarely used to tie the stamps of Prince Edward Island on the covers but were generally found on the left side or the back of the envelope. In the late 1860's the Post Office Department issued a wooden handle with a cork in it which the Postmaster cut in any design that pleased his fancy. Listed hereinbelow are some of the common cancels found on the Cents Issue:

Fig. 1 This is believed to be a European counterfeit. It has been reported on all Cents Issue as well as 6d bisected.

Cents Issue

1c 2c 3c 4c 6c 12c

Fig. 2 Dalwick states this cancel was used in conjunction with Fig. 14.

Cents Issue

1c 2c 3c 4c 6c 12c

Fig. 3 Cork cancellation, used in Charlottetown in July, 1872. Sometimes found in red. When clear it was brick-red but as it was used in both black and red the latter often resulted in a dirty-rust shade.

Cents Issue

1c 2c 3c 4c 6c 12c

Fig. 4 Listed by Jarrett as Type 943.

Cents Issue

1c

Fig. 5 Listed by Jarrett as Type 992.

Cents Issue

1c 3c

Fig. 6 Charlottetown P. E. I. March, 1872.

3c

Fig. 7 Georgetown, P. E. I. This has also been seen in brown.

Cents Issue

3c

Fig. 8 Montague Bridge, P. E. I. March, 1873.

Cents Issue

3c

Fig. 9 NOT CALLED FOR. Letters were not delivered to individuals but held at the post office until called for. Those that were not picked up within the limits of time were cancelled in red with Fig. 9 or with Fig. 15

Cents Issue

3c

Fig. 10 This postmark has been observed on early covers also.

Cents Issue

3c

Fig. 11 Known in 1872.

Cents Issue

3c

Fig. 12 Charlottetown P. E. I. (Jarrett Type 975) January 1873.

Cents Issue

3c

Fig. 13 Known in 1872. Jarrett Type 983.

Cents Issue

3c 4c

Fig. 14 Used in conjunction with Fig. 2. (Dalwick's statement)

Fig. 15 See remarks under Fig. 9.

Fig. 16 Jarrett Type 975.

Cents Issue

6c 12c

PROOFS

All values are known imperforate and although they are accepted as such they are in reality plate proofs printed on similar paper to the issued specimens. Some had gum while others did not.

The die proofs produced from the dies in the hands of the **London Philatelic Society** included the following varieties: 1c, 3c, 4c and 6c. They bear the inscription on the bottom "PROOFS FROM DIES OF STAMPS OF CENTS ISSUED."

Another item of interest is "PROOF FROM ORIGINAL ENGRAVED PLATE OF HEAD FOR CENTS ISSUE."

The **London Philatelic Society** also acquired the electroplates of the 3c and 12c. The plate proofs had the following inscription: "PROOFS FROM PLATE OF....VALUE."

Die Proofs

1c brown
3c rose
4c green
6c black

Plate Proofs

1c orange
1c black
2c blue
3c rose
3c black
4c yellow-green
12c reddish mauve

Head Plate

Head for Cents Issue

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—**American Philatelist**, November 1921

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—**Popular Stamps**, March 1942

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- P. L. Pemberton—Secondary Types of Cents Issue of Prince Edward Island
- Bertram W. H. Poole—The Stamps of Prince Edward Island
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- Ralph S. Mason—Canada for the Specialist (Prince Edward Island)
 —Stamp Collectors Exchange Club
- Percy G. Bishop—Stamps of Prince Edward Island
- Gardner R. Kennedy—Minor Varieties of Prince Edward Island
 —Eastern Philatelist, 1895
- L. G. Tomlinson—Reference List of Prince Edward Island Stamps
 —London Philatelist, January 1948

Check List of Bisects

- 2c diagonally with 2c for 3c rate.
 2c vertically with 2c for 3c rate.
 4c diagonally for 2c rate.
 6c diagonally for 3c rate. July 10, 1872.
 6c vertically for 3c rate.
 6c horizontally for 3c rate.
 12c diagonally for 6c rate.

Sales Topics

My report of sales for the first half of 1948 has caused some owners of books to inquire about returns on their property. Please bear in mind that all books are not in the hands of all buyers at the same time. It takes plenty of time to get them around to all those interested in the contents. You should also remember that when stamps are entered in the circuit, they are in competition with others, and the best buys will go first. While on the subject of competition, I think a few "don't's" might be in order for those who contemplate entering books.

Don't put in packet material, everybody has the ABC's, and there is no chance of selling such common varieties.

Don't price your stamps at the top market value, give your fellow member a break.

Don't put in damaged, smudge-cancelled, or straight-edged stamps, nobody buys them.

New material is coming into the circuit continually, and right now, there is on hand plenty of fine items for everybody. Why not ask me to

put you on the Buyer's List? You will be agreeably surprised.

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Part-Perforated Varieties of Current B. C. Law Stamps

By Dr. Joseph A. Pearce



In the April 1948 issue of BNA TOPICS, attention was directed to a new variety of current B. C. Laws: the \$1.00 blue, imperforated vertically. Recently another variety, heretofore unreported, was discovered—a sheet of the 30c orange having the right vertical perforation missing, as is shown in the illustration above. A block of four from a sheet of the 50c brown denomination having the vertical left perforation missing, was illustrated in *Sissons and Wegg's* auction catalogue of September 12, 1946. Dr. Isaac Pitblado of Winnipeg advised me that he has an imperf between pair of the 10c slate grey. Thus all values of the current issue are known part-perforated.

In order to learn, if possible, just how these varieties occurred and how many sheets exist, the writer visited the manufacturer and was courteously received by the Manager. The writer was shown the single comb perforating machine and talked with the operator who was perforating sheets of club tickets. The spacing of the perforations is controlled by metal stops on a graduated bar perpendicular to the perforating comb. The omission of a vertical perforation, as in the 30c and 50c stamps, simply means that the operator inadvertently missed one of the set stops. After applying the vertical perforations, the pane is turned through 90 degrees and the horizontal perforations applied. If the operator failed to turn the pane, the entire pane (6 sheets)

would be horizontally imperforated, as in the case of the \$1.00 value. The panes consist of 150 stamps—15x10—and after perforation are cut into six sheets each, of course, having straight-edged margins.

The Manager stated that a small order of 800 panes (120,000 stamps) would be run off in half a day and that an inexperienced operator could very easily make an error in perforation resulting in six part-perforated sheets. This error might or might not be detected when the panes were subsequently cut into sheets. In any case the imperfectly perforated sheets would not be re-perforated, nor destroyed, but forwarded to the Treasury office.

This seems to me to be a reasonable and satisfactory explanation of the origin of these perforation varieties. I believe they occurred quite accidentally and without design. They must be rare, probably not more than 30 imperf between pairs of the 10c, 30c and 50c stamps exist. It is believed that 12 part-perf sheets of the \$1.00 value occurred. Seven sheets are known to the writer.

The following table contains certain information on the recent orders. The Catalogue and order numbers are those assigned by the author in his unpublished reclassification of B. C. Law Stamps.

Recent Orders of Type VIII—Die 1—B. C. Law Stamps

Order No.	Date	Catalogue Denomination		Quantity		Part-Perf Sheets
		No.		Stamps	Sheets	
34	1945 Feb. 2	97	50c	100,650	4026	6
35	1945 Oct. 2	98	10c	118,500	4740	6
36	1946 Aug. 1	99	1.00	162,450	6498	0
37	1947 Apr. 9	100	10c	117,900	4716	0
		101	50c	121,500	4860	0
38	1948 Jan. 20	102	30c	64,950	2598	6
		103	1.00	122,400	4896	12

Future catalogues of Canadian Revenues will list these rare perforation varieties and fortunate are the collectors who acquire them.

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 519 Worwood, W., 78 Poirier St., Charny, Que., Canada

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 467 Teale, Frank H., Forest P. O., Ont., Canada

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 366 Blum, Wm. J., 2529 Edgehill Road, Cleveland Hgts., Ohio
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 228 Hickok, D. A., 915-17th Avenue, Delano, Calif.
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Nominations may be filed with the Secretary by any five (5) members in good standing not later than 90 days prior to the date of election. At least 90 days prior to the election date, the President of the Society shall select and appoint three (3) members of the Society to serve and function as a Nominating Committee whose prime purpose shall be to prepare and present a slate of nominees for each elective office to be voted. Each nomination made shall be published in BNA TOPICS not less than 60 days prior to the election date.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

THE BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY YEARBOOK FOR 1948

We wish to announce the 1948 Edition of the Yearbook. This Yearbook will contain all the pertinent data about the Society—membership listing, By-Laws, Rules of the Sales Department and Library, etc.

This Yearbook will be combined with the October issue of BNA TOPICS. This means that, in addition to the other features named, the Yearbook will contain the regular features of BNA TOPICS; articles by eminent BNA collectors, newsy and informative columns by-lined by authors already known to BNAPS'ers, reports, reviews, etc.

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Trail of the Caribou

Freres Meyerson

The Confederationists have lowered the boom on us Newfoundland collectors. On the fateful day, July 22, 1948, they carried the day 77,295 to 71,374. It was a bare majority but sufficient to spell doom of future Newfoundland issues. It was a dark day indeed, for many of us, but one that may foreshadow a greater interest and study of the Newfoundland stamps of the past. Now that there is no future before us, we, and many others, will surround ourselves more deeply with the past. There is still much to be learned about the early Newfoundland stamps. So, let's get at it!

From all we could learn, Confederation is still many months off. A Newfoundland Commission is due at Ottawa to discuss terms. We'll keep our ears to the ground and keep you posted on developments. Naturally we are anxious to know what disposition will be made of the current Newfoundland stamps in stock at the time of Confederation. We feel that you all share our hope that they will be destroyed. No remainders, please.

It is the Post Office regulation in Newfoundland that a postmaster who is out of stamps must collect from the sender cash to cover the postage on all items tendered for posting. Each item must be carefully date-stamped and endorsed and initialed by the Postmaster in the upper right hand corner as follows:

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By REV. JOHN S. BAIN

Have just finished reading "Paper Chase" by Alvin H. Harlow, and thought I would pass along a story from it that would interest BNAPS'ers. Mr. Harlow tells the story which took place in New York about thirty-eight years ago. "A plasterer who was an amateur stamp collector came to the shop of Bogert & Durbin one day in great excitement. He had been doing a job in the home of an old lady named Kennedy on lower Fifth Avenue, just above Washington Square. In the basement he had seen a quantity of old letters, the correspondence of her husband, long since dead. Many of them were from foreign countries—Canada especially—and there were some fine stamps among them; he named a few which he had seen. He had spoken to the lady about the matter, but he needed someone with cash to back him up. Would they—but of course they would!

But when he returned to the house, he found that disaster had happened in his absence. Aroused by the suggestion that she had valuable stamps in her home, the lady decided to act for herself. A mere plasterer wouldn't know what he was talking about, and even if he did, he probably wouldn't pay her much for the stamps. So, instead of proceeding slowly and cautiously, she just called up a dealer—how she obtained his name we don't know, but he's been dead for many years, and it doesn't matter; he hot-footed it up to the house, gave a hasty look, offered her fifty dollars for the lot, closed the deal and got the letters out of the house at once. She thought she had made a pretty nice trade until she saw the plasterer again. He had been intending to deal more fairly with her; it had never occurred to him that she would sell out everything for fifty dollars. "I could have given you that much myself, out of my own pocket," he told her. "You had hundreds, maybe thousands of dollars' worth of stamps on those letters." It developed that besides hundreds of stampless covers, there was at least one Canada twelvecence—its catalogue price is fifteen hundred dollars—more than a hundred Canada sixpence, some hundreds of U.S. 1847's,

the English tuppence 1840, sometimes in strips of six, many old Trinidad lithographs and other things too painful to mention, the total value running well up into the thousands."

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Newspaper heading, "Newfoundland Majority Votes to Join Canada." And what philatelic headlines!! The vote was close, but confederation with Canada won out. Thus Newfoundland with its 320,000 inhabitants will become the tenth province of Canada. The British commission government of Newfoundland has signified its approval of the union, and the Canadian government unofficially has stated it will accept Newfoundland. Consent of the Canadian parliament is necessary for union by passing of a bill. A similar bill will have to be passed by the British House of Commons to amend the British North America Act. It estimated at least six months will be necessary to bring about the actual union.

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More on emergency cancellations. BNAPS'er L. W. Sharpe, #395, reports having a cover with two of Canada, Scott #105, addressed to "S. Tanner Green, Esq., Quebec City, P. Q." and is not backstamped. The cancellation is in black and reads, "Edmonton District Emergency No. 1 Fe. 1, 29" in a circle measuring 22½mm. The date is in the center of cancellation. Keep sending these items in and I will report them.

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