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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Late pre-confed. cancels

Dear Sir:

On page 142 of the October '48 BNA TOPICS, John Siverts illustrates a late use of a pre-confederation cancellation from Waterloo, U. C., Aug. 23, 1878, and asks for any information on this practice. This led me to look over a batch of covers I'd just acquired with these results.

A cover bearing the postmark "New Edinburg C. W. Sp 10, 78" with the backstamp showing Ottawa Sp 10, 78, and a N. Y. receiving mark Sep. 12, 78. The date would therefore seem in order. It is a postmark on the cover—not a cancellation on the stamp.

Spotted another—"Quebec A. M. Fe 22, '81 C. E." I'm not an authority on E's and W's, Uppers and Lower (postmarks, that is) but 1881 seems a very late usage for a C. E.

HARRY W. LUSSEY  
River Edge Manor, N. J.

## Resume 1st Day Service

Dear Sir:

Sorry to get this off so late to you but thought it still important enough to send. The following excerpt from the Toronto Daily Star of Oct. 23, 1948:

**"OTTAWA TO HANDLE  
FIRST DAY 'COVERS'**

Ottawa, Oct. 23—The post-office is resuming the servicing of first-day covers for stamp collectors, a practice dropped some months ago.

An official said the service was cancelled because of the very considerable cost and work it entailed.

It is being resumed to meet the demand by philatelists, but to help cover expenses, charges of five cents on ordinary first-day covers and 10 cents on registered and special-delivery covers are being made."

E. CALVER BAYLISS  
Toronto, Ont.

## Reprints

Dear Sir:

I have read your many appeals for material for the magazine and want to try to help. You have kindly recognized that every member may not be able to write lengthy studies but can provide short, informative items, and can use the magazine to seek answers to his questions or problems. I have witnessed a favorable response on the latter and very interesting reading it provides—the questions and answers.

I'm sure we understand that BNA TOPICS cannot always expect to offer original writings on B. N. A. I do read and have read many informative articles on B. N. A. in other magazines—present and past. I repeat, these are informative articles and, I'm sure, important reading for BNAPS members. We can't receive every magazine and, when something on B. N. A. is provided in them, aren't we being deprived of important information? Why can't BNA TOPICS reprint these articles? Perhaps if my fellow-BNAPSers wrote expressing their wish for such reprints, you will have evidence that they would appreciate such a service. Then again, wouldn't that ease somewhat the material shortage situation?

R. J. DUNCAN  
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## Various & Sundry

GEO. E. FOSTER

Robson Lowe of Philadelphia, in their sale of October 23, offered just under 600 lots of Canada, the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland. Several BNAPSers from Philadelphia and other points were in attendance. From Philly came Roland Burt, James Edwards, Bert Llewellyn and Charlie McDonough; out-of-towners, Walter W. Chadbourne of Wilmington, Del., Dr. Charles W. Brazer of New York and Jim Sissons of Toronto, Ont. Chas. McDonough secured a few sets of Canada imperforates. Dr. Brazer garnered most of the Newfoundland proofs. J. N. Sissons was a persistent bidder and many of the choicer items were captured by him.

On Thursday of election week, we journeyed down to the City of Brotherly Love to attend the regular conclave of the Philadelphia Group. W. W. Chadbourne of Wilmington, Delaware, was the guest speaker. When it comes to talking about the stamps of B. N. A., Mr. Chadbourne is a master, and, like Scott, he has the stamps. His New Brunswicks are especially noteworthy. The rarities are there and the provisionals on entire cover, not exemplified by single specimens, but by several items. An attractive feature is a group of carefully selected specimens of the 3 pence, with various numbers of the numeral cancellations. Fourteen members were present to enjoy the evening.

Have been indulging in a little figuring on our membership as per the roster in the latest Yearbook. I find that in the vicinity of Vancouver, we have 14 members; in Detroit, 9; Winnipeg—5; Toronto—34; Hamilton—6; Ottawa—7; Montreal—14. I did not count the Buffalo, Twin City, Philadelphia and New York areas, and I believe no further comment is necessary, as you, no doubt, grasp the IDEA!

## "Off the Cuff"

V. G. GREENE

Another outstanding columnist is BNAPSer F. Walter Pollock whose "Canada Corner" appears twice monthly in **Western Stamp Collector**. For ten years Mr. Pollock wrote "Canada Corner" for **Stamps** magazine and he is considered one of the leading authorities in the United States on matters pertaining to the stamps of British North America.

A new member of the Society is Henry Ades Fowler of Hartford, Mich. Mr. Fowler is an "old timer" and published the **Canadian Journal of Philately** and the **International Philatelist** as long ago as 1893. He is the only living charter member of the Toronto Stamp Collector's Club which was formed in 1892. Mr. Fowler has maintained his interest in stamps over the years and is continually adding to his large collection.

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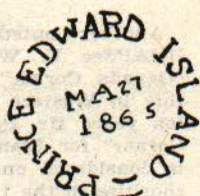


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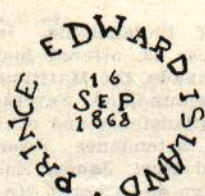


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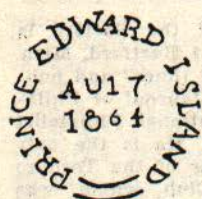


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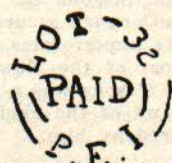


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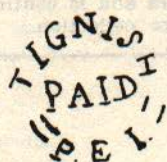


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FIG 211



FIG 214



FIG 216



FIG 217



FIG 218



FIG 219



FIG 220



FIG 241



FIG 245



FIG 259

# The Pence Postal Issues of Prince Edward Island

By Mervyn V. Quarles, BNAPS, APS, CPS

(continued from page 177, Nov. 1948)

## Onepenny

In the earlier printings of the onepenny sheets (Issue II) an outer frame line is noted 1 mm. from the design, usually cut into by the perforations. This is distinct and unbroken in the case of the marginal stamps and liable to show faintly or in sections between stamps (circa Lang).

The *Philatelic Journal* in 1872 reported the obsolete penny stamps were being utilized by surcharging them 2 CENTS. This report is without foundation as no other periodical of that period ever reported this specimen and neither has a copy of it come to light in some seventy-five years.

## Issued Stamps

1d brown-orange February 11, 1862—Feb. 23, 1867	Machine B
yellow-orange July 20, 1867	Machine C
yellow	
orange-buff	
yellow-orange	Compound Machine B & C
imperforate horizontally	
bisected diagonally with 4d for 4½d rate.	

## POST MARKS

Fig. 5      Fig. 6      Fig. 11      Fig. 31      Fig. 216      Fig. 245

## PLATE VARIETIES

- 7—Period over L of ISLAND
- 10—White line above N in ISLAND broken, filled with solid color.
- 30—No Cross bar to A in ISLAND.

All reported by Lang.

## Twopence

This value is unique in that it was the only value to appear in rouletted form. The rouletted 2d is very rare, there being only five known copies found to date. I quote the story of Mr. Donald A. King of Halifax, who made the discovery:

"This variety was first discovered by myself in October, 1888. It was found in a large quantity of used Prince Edward Island sent me from Charlottetown; they were principally the 2d perforated 9; and only one specimen of the rouletted stamp was found. The papers, from which this lot of stamps came, eventually fell into the possession of a friend of mine, Mr. Bartlett, and he was fortunate enough to discover four more. Up to the present date (1895) these are all the specimens known to exist and that the limited number of them as a criterion they should rank among the great rarities. The paper is the same as that of the other values, and the colour is a deep rose with almost a shade of the claret tint of the 2d perforated 9, it is a very common shade in that

value. The roulette points are quite distinct. Whether these stamps were sent out rouletted or not is open to question though I am inclined to believe that they were."

In 1927 Mr. P. L. Pemberton announced his discovery of two dies on the twopence stamp. On the red plate this is found in cliché 15 but on the black proof sheets it may be noted twice, i. e.; cliché 15 and 56.

Further research by Dr. Groom has disclosed that in the black plate proofs clichés 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60 were replaced by new ones made from the impressions of clichés 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. As will be noted in the article the black plate shows flaws common to clichés 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 and in addition have acquired some new ones.

#### Die I.

59 units on the red sheets. Spandrels are separated as in the original die.

#### Die II.

Cliché 15 only in red sheets. Spandrels are united by a very narrow isthmus. A dot (crust flaw) is noted on the N of PENCE.

### Issued Stamps

#### Yellowish-toned paper

2d rose February 27, 1861 to August 17, 1864 Machine A  
 pale rose  
 dull rose  
 rose-carmine  
 claret-rose  
 Imperforated vertically  
 Bisected diagonally with 2d for 3d rate.

2d rose November 5, 1864 to May 23, 1871 Machine C  
 deep rose  
 Imperforated vertically  
 Bisected diagonally for 1d rate (April 19, 1867)  
 Bisected diagonally with 2d for 3d rate (October 9, 1868)  
 Bisected vertically with 2d for 3d rate.

2d rose Compound Machine B & C

#### Thin wove bluish-white paper

2d rose September 14, 1868 to January 1, 1870 Machine C  
 rose pink  
 light rose  
 pale rose

### POST MARKS

#### Perforated 9

Fig. 5      Fig. 131      Fig. 216      Fig. 245      Fig.      Fig.

#### Others

Fig. 5      Fig. 6      Fig. 11      Fig. 31      Fig. 51      Fig. 92      Fig. 131  
 Fig. 211      Fig. 214      Fig. 216      Fig. 245      Fig.      Fig.      Fig.



## PLATE VARIETIES

Based on the study by Dr. Theodore Groom unless otherwise noted.

1. (a) Shallow dent on E frame-line N. E. of E of PENCE present first on yellowish paper.  
(b) Dot after TWO most distinct in black proof sheets.
2. Conspicuous break on Eastern frame-line near the top; present on yellowish paper. Short thin, vertical stroke under P of PENCE.
3. Minute dot after TWO.
4. (a) Short, but conspicuous oblique stroke N by E of ISLAND.  
(b) Dot after POSTAGE  
(c) Minute dot between A and R of EDWARD.  
(d) Similar dot on E side of T of TWO.
5. (a) Minute tooth on thin white circle S of D of ISLAND.  
(b) Minute tooth on white circle N. W. of E of EDWARD.  
(c) Minute dot in N. W. Spandrel E by N of PRINCE and W of E of EDWARD. Begins on yellowish paper.
6. Minute dot on white line above C of PENCE.
7. Rather large dot in disc in front of crown, attached to thick colored circle. Tomlinson found this on red and black sheets. Present on yellowish paper.
8. Conspicuous crust flaw on white circle above W of EDWARD. (\*)
9. (a) Two minute dots before TWO.  
(b) A third after W of TWO.
10. A conspicuous dot between I and S of ISLAND. Recorded by Bartlett.  
(b) Triangular dot in disc at top of head under R of EDWARD. (\*)  
(c) Minute dot on center of N of PRINCE.
12. A spot before POSTAGE.
13. Conspicuous short stroke after S of POSTAGE.
14. (a) A spot before and close to head of P of PENCE. Present on yellowish paper.  
(b) Dot in N. W. spandrel N. W. of D of EDWARD.  
(c) Dot in disc under RI of PRINCE.
15. (a) N. W. and S. W. spandrels united by a very narrow isthmus.  
(b) Small break in the N frame line N. N. E. of the D of EDWARD. These two features are the characteristics of DIE II of Mr. P. L. Pemberton.  
(c) Dot on upright of D of EDWARD. (\*) Reported by Bartlett.
16. (a) Small nearly upright dash on thick circle N. N. E. of the E of POSTAGE.  
(b) Small dot in tablet N. E. of N of PENCE (late or sporadic)
17. (a) White spot on the back of the base of the crown near the pendent curl.  
(b) Three minute spots after PRINCE.
18. (a) Nearly vertical short dash on the top of O of TWO.  
(b) Shallow dent on S frame line near S. E. corner of stamp.  
(c) Small rather vague inward protrusion of the thin white circle W. N. W. of the P of POSTAGE.
20. A slender short nearly vertical stroke across the thin colored circle above the E of EDWARD.
20. (b) Conspicuous upright flaw on S. W. spandrel N. W. of W of TWO; unites two oblong strokes of the design (Tomlinson)

22. (a) A spot between N and C of PRINCE  
(b) N. W. corner ends in a nearby erect narrow pointed process.
23. Dot in N. W. corner of N. W. spandrel.
24. (a) Conspicuous flaw breaks the white line above the interval between P and E of PENCE.  
(b) Spot on upright of first E of PENCE (Tomlinson)  
(c) Minute dot on last stroke of N of PENCE  
(d) N. W. corner ends in a dot.
27. (a) Small dot N. W. of O of POSTAGE. Noted on yellowish paper.  
(b) Two minute dots after PRINCE already present on yellowish paper.  
(c) Two conspicuous crust-flaws at S. W. corner of stamp.
28. Conspicuous blotch in disc behind neck and under pendent curl (Tomlinson)
29. Small bar across back of head of R of PRINCE (Tomlinson)
30. (a) Conspicuous dot before T of TWO. Mentioned by Lang in **The Postage Stamps of the North American Colonies of Great Britain 1889** p. 59.  
(b) Stem of T of TWO very thin. Recorded by Lang. Bartlett stated it was not broken.  
(c) Minute dot under C of PENCE (Tomlinson)
31. Minute dot on white line over C of PENCE (Tomlinson)
32. Double dot after POSTAGE. Present on yellowish paper (Bartlett)
33. Minute stroke close to upper edge of thick colored circle between POSTAGE and ISLAND.
34. Dot under C of PRINCE. Present on yellowish paper.  
(b) Minute dot N. E. of W of TWO.
37. (a) Conspicuous spot before PRINCE  
(b) Spot between I and N of PRINCE.  
(c) Minute dot after A of POSTAGE.  
(d) Conspicuous dot on white line under interval between TWO and PENCE. All found on yellowish paper. (d) mentioned by Tomlinson.
38. Minute dot after PENCE close to E end of S. tablet. (Bartlett)  
(b) Crust-flaw on cross-bar of A of POSTAGE. (Tomlinson)
39. (a) Large spot on the S of ISLAND.  
(b) Dot after L of ISLAND.
39. (c) Small dot in S. W. spandrel W of P of POSTAGE. (Tomlinson)
40. (a) Conspicuous tear-shaped spot after POSTAGE.  
(b) Dot after L of ISLAND. Both noted on yellowish paper.  
(c) Short spine at S. W. corner of stamp.  
(d) Small break on white line S. S. W. of T of TWO.
41. S. E. Corner of unit truncated. Yellowish paper.
43. Minute dot after W of TWO.  
(b) Dot under E of POSTAGE
44. (a) Conspicuous dot in disc under second D of EDWARD  
(b) N. W. corner of N. W. spandrel heavily printed. (Tomlinson)
45. (a) Conspicuous blotch in disc under A of ISLAND.  
(b) Small blotch W. of (a) near pendent curl. Noted on yellowish paper.  
(c) Dot after W of EDWARD. (Bartlett on yellowish paper)
46. Minute speck on top of head of P of PENCE.
48. Oblique stroke through E of PENCE.
50. Short upward stroke from S. E. corner of second E of PENCE. (Probably Bartlett's "extra bar.")

51. Largish spot S. E. of the ear. Present on yellowish paper.  
(b) Minute dot on stem of P of PENCE.
52. Spot before TWO.
54. (a) A small crescent outside the E. frame-line opposite N of ISLAND.  
(b) One of the dots in the design of the N. E. spandrel opposite the S of ISLAND joins the E. frame-line. Both present on yellowish paper.  
(c) Crust on much of the right side of the O of TWO forming the so-called "error TWC." This arose and disappeared during the printing on bluish-white paper. Bartlett reports in examining over 4,000 sheets of the remainders he found the TWC error in only a small number of sheets.
55. (a) Conspicuous break on W. frame-line W. S. W. of R.  
(b) Conspicuous spot in S. W. spandrel over the W of TWO. (Tomlinson)
57. Crust flaw appearing as a bulge on the thick red circle united with a small dot in the disc under the interval between W and A of EDWARD. Found on yellowish and bluish-white sheets.
58. One of the large dots of the disc under the E of PRINCE touches the thick red circle.

#### Black Proof Sheets

Dr. Groom in his research discovered that cliches 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60 became damaged and were replaced by new ones made from the impressions of cliches 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19. As will be noted below all the characteristics of the former were reproduced with accuracy and in addition new ones were acquired in some instances:

15. (a) N. W. and S. W. spandrels united by a very narrow isthmus.  
(b) Small break in the N. frame line N. N. E. of the D of EDWARD. (Pemberton)
16. (a) A dot between the N and C of PENCE.  
(b) Another dot before POSTAGE.  
(c) A small vertical dash between ISLAND and POSTAGE.
17. (a) White spot on the back of the base of the crown near the pendent curl.  
(b) Three minute spots after PRINCE.
18. (a) Nearly vertical short dash on the top of O of TWO.  
(b) Shallow dent on S. frame-line near S. E. corner of stamp.  
(c) Small rather vague inward protrusion of the thin white circle W. N. W. of the P of POSTAGE.
19. (a) Slender stroke on the top of the head, pointing to the right foot of the A of EDWARD.
56. (a) Same  
(b) Same  
(c) Conspicuous horizontal dash between TWO and PENCE.  
(d) Conspicuous dent on the S. frame-line below this.  
(e) A dot before P of PENCE.  
(f) A minute dot after E of PRINCE.
57. (a) Same  
(b) Same  
(c) Same  
(d) Weak N. W. corner of N. W. spandrel.
58. (a) Same  
(b) Same
59. (a) Same  
(b) Same  
(c) Same  
(d) A new weak patch in N. W. spandrel and also  
(e) A new dot after R of PRINCE.
60. (a) Same.

(To be concluded)

## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

DECEMBER, 1948

This might be called my "Swan Song." While next month I will briefly try to give credit to those officers, Governors, and members who are doing a top job in promoting our Society, this month I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to outline for the consideration of the membership, the new board and the new officers, some matters that appear to me to be most important if we are to continue to build this organization to a place of unchallengeable leadership among the specialist's societies.

1. A real hard-hitting membership drive, centered around our Regional Directors. There is no reason why this society should not have at least 800 active, paid-up members.

2. A better BNA TOPICS. On better paper, with better layout, with more articles, with more space for our present columnists who are doing a top job of news reporting. A better TOPICS will cost more,—but IT, more than any other factor, will bring in more new members.

3. A stepped-up interest in our Sales Department. This is the finest BNA circuit in existence, bar none. The governors and officers should study means of stepping up buyer and seller interest. Our present Sales Manager is doing a good job. He needs more support.

4. A convention in 1949. The informal convention at Cipex did much to create, hold and foster fellowship and interest in our Society. We should hold our own convention, with an exhibition. Let's bring together the top BNA experts—our members.

5. Start laying plans for our participation in Capex 1951, to be held in Toronto. The activity of our show will be measured by the participation shown at this great international show.

I'll list no others. There are smaller services, limited services that may be of value, that would benefit members. However, if we want to be able to provide those services, we must first build membership, which will only come from a better TOPICS, a top Sales Department, and a fellowship that grows out of conventions and exhibitions.

Let's do first things first!

Ed Richardson

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In accordance with the provision in Article IV, Section 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws, I do herewith designate and appoint the following members to serve and function as the Committee on Elections to canvass the vote of the coming elections and report the results to the Secretary for filing and notice in BNA TOPICS:—

Messrs Edward J. Whiting, Chairman; James T. Culhane and George J. Voran, Sr.

Edward A. Richardson, President

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 529 Campbell, A. D., 14 Lorne Crescent, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.  
 530 Crawford, H. R., 52 High Street, East Maitland, N. S. W., Australia.  
 531 Hauseman, Tilghman K., R. D. #3, Pottstown, Pa.  
 532 Jensen, Wm. H., Browns Valley, Minn.  
 533 Jones, Cathleen A., 302 High Street, Moncton, N. B., Canada  
 534 McLellan, Hugh, Champlain, N. Y.  
 535 Mitchell, Leslie, 57 Hemingway, Blackpool, Lancashire, England.

### LIFE MEMBER

- L33 Barraclough, J. Reginald, 454 Mt. Stephen Av., Westmount, Que., Canada.

### APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Davidson, J. F., 854 Oakenwald Ave., Fort Garry, Winnipeg, Man., Canada (CX)  
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 cancels. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37.  
 Halsey, Morton, 404 E. McConnell St., St. Johns, Mich. (DCX) CAN, NFD—  
 Mint & used, 19th & 20th cent. postage. Proposed by J. Levine, No. 1.  
 Wellburn, Gerald E., P. O. Box 427, Duncan, B. C., Canada (C) Proposed by B.  
 C. Binks, No. 74. Seconded by W. S. Johnstone, No. 172.  
 Young, H. M., 419 Pemberton Bldg., Victoria, B. C., Canada (CX) CAN, NFD—  
 Mint & used 20th cent. postage. Used blocks, booklet panes, airmails. Coils.  
 R. R., Flag & Slogan cancellations. Plate blocks Canada. Proposed by R. J.  
 Duncan, No. 37.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- Burt, Roland C., to 4021 Plumstead Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa. (from Phila., Pa.)  
 Garrett, C. B. D., to Box 8, P. O. Horseshoe Bay, B. C., Canada (from Cranbrook)

### REPLACED ON THE ROLL

- Todd, Thatcher B., Box 16, Gradyville, Pa.

The Secretary sincerely regrets the error of omitting Mr. Todd's name from the list of members incorrectly listed in the September BNA TOPICS as dropped for non-payment of dues. Mr. Thatcher B. Todd is a member in good standing.

### DECEASED

- 189 Pendleton, Charles S., 3423 Love Circle, Nashville 5, Tenn.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### Nominations

The following members' names have been placed in nomination for the designated office. The Secretary, receiving no word to the contrary by December 15, will cause these names to be entered on the Official Ballot for the Election of Officers, 1949-1951.

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|                              | Henry Gates, Detroit, Mich.          |
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|                              | Edward A. Richardson, Ithaca, N. Y.  |
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# EARLY CANADIAN RAILROADS

By Richard P. Hedley

## CHAPTER 6

### The Grand Trunk Railway

The G. T. R. began in 1853 and was organized on the basis of acquisition or rental of existing railroads, plus new construction. The Portland-Montreal route was acquired from the St. Lawrence & Atlantic on 999 year lease in 1856. The Toronto-Montreal section was built and opened to traffic in 1856. In building to Sarnia, the G. T. R. absorbed the Toronto & Guelph Rwy., through Stratford, and reached Sarnia in 1859. On the Eastern end, the Quebec & Richmond Rwy. was taken over, and then extended to Riviere du Loup. In addition to numerous branch lines, they built the Victoria Bridge at Montreal in 1860.

As the G. T. R. absorbed these small railroads and began to carry mail, cancellations were used or changed to incorporate the G. T. R. in the cancel. Illustrated are the early Welland Railroad (Fig. 1), and the Wellington, Grey & Bruce R. R. (Fig. 2), before they were absorbed, and later the Barrie & Meaford Branch with the G. T. R. in the cancel (Fig. 3).



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

The Port Huron Daily Times in 1890 gave a complete summary of the lines included at that time in the Grand Trunk System. The complete list follows:

- Quebec Branch
- Three Rivers Branch
- Rouse's Point Branch
- Hemmingford Branch
- Montreal & Champlain Junction Rwy.
- Beauharnois Junction Rwy.
- Jacques Cartier Union Rwy.
- Kingston Branch
- Galt Branch
- Waterloo Branch
- London & St. Mary's Branch
- Midland Railway
- Northern Railway
- Northern & Pacific Junction Rwy.
- Hamilton & Northwestern Rwy.
- Great Western Railway
- Wellington, Grey & Bruce Rwy.
- London, Huron & Bruce Rwy.
- Brantford, Norfolk & Port Burwell Rwy.
- Welland Rwy.
- Grand Trunk, Georgian Bay & Lake Erie Rwy.
- Buffalo & Lake Huron Rwy.
- Brantford Branch

Petrolia Branch  
 Peterborough & Chemong Lake Rwy.  
 Cobourg & Harwood Branch

The total mileage of the railways in Canada owned, leased or operated by the G. T. Co. is 3,136 miles.

Lines leased and operated by the G. T. Co. in the U. S.:

Atlantic & St. Lawrence Rwy.  
 Lewiston & Auburn Rwy.  
 Champlain & St. Lawrence Rwy.  
 United States & Canada Rwy.  
 Chicago, Detroit & Canada Grand Trunk Junction Rwy.  
 Michigan Air Line Rwy.  
 Total mileage ..... 360

Lines controlled and operated in harmony with the Grand Trunk but under separate management:

Chicago & Grand Trunk Rwy.  
 Grand Trunk Junction Rwy.  
 Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Rwy.  
 Toledo, Saginaw, & Muskegon Rwy.  
 Cincinnati, Saginaw & Mackinaw Rwy.  
 Total mileage ..... 676

Total Grand Trunk System in U. S. and Canada ..... 4,172 miles

## CHAPTER 7

### Canada Southern Railway

The Canada Southern was built in 1873 to carry freight between Windsor and the Niagara River. It was later absorbed into the New York Central System. The Jarrett book records a cancellation used in 1877.

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## Reviews and Reports

BNAPSer B. C. Binks is on his way for a three month visit with a brother in Melbourne, Australia. From there to England to spend the balance of almost a year away from Vancouver, B. C. Don't for one minute think it'll be out-of-sight, out-of-mind with Capt. Binks. No Sir, he expects to act as a good-will ambassador for BNAPS wherever he will be. Betcha we'll see B. C. Binks as proposer of many a new applicant while he's away. By the way, this absence is the reason Capt. Binks withdrew from the nomination for V. P.

BNAPSer Binks has certainly left us a pleasant memory until we see his name again as a proposer. Look under "Applications for Membership" and witness whom we have to thank for proposing one of Canada's outstanding collectors, Mr. Gerald E. Wellburn. Thank you indeed, Capt. Binks.

The meeting night of the New York Group has been changed to the **3rd Thursday of each month**—same place, Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street. Should I tell—shouldn't I tell; yes—no; I'm telling! The New York Group is preparing to attempt a noble and important venture. An invitation to all collectors of BNA wherever they are to submit any variety not listed in the Scott Catalog. All such items will be exhibited and discussed as a regular feature of the meetings. YOU know what they have in mind. What possibilities, what prospects. Gads!

Fourteen BNAPSers from Philadelphia and points N., E., S., & W., gathered to enjoy their regular monthly meeting this past Nov. 4th. Did I say enjoy? Dazzled, astounded, thrilled, charmed—that's better. BNAPSer W. W. Chadbourne of Wilmington, Delaware, exhibited his collection of the Province of Canada and also of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. It certainly was the finest and most complete collection of those provinces one could hope to see. The Philadelphia Group is so proud of Mr. Chadbourne's collection they want to arrange a visit to the New York Group so that they can see it too. What say, N. Y., sometime in March, 1949? Let Charlie McDonough know—3213 N. Howard St., Phila. 40.

Wish the Buffalo boys would tell me more about their meetings except that they met last November 17th. Betcha you could tell us about some fine collections up there.

Vol. 2, Nos. 4 & 5 of the **C. P. S. Bulletin** to hand with some interesting reading indeed. No. 4 presents the "1948-49 Year Book Issue" incorporating a membership directory of over 1200 members. Nice going, C. P. S.

No. 5 contains its usual newsy items and informative reports; like, 25,000,000 of the 4c Citizen stamp (Canada) were issued; the 1c green (Scott #217) was sold out at Ottawa on Sept. 14th.

Perhaps you'll forgive me if I stray from the paths of "Reviewing and Reporting" to tell you a story with a moral. I recently received a letter from a member. That in itself was interesting but the cover bore an imperf of the current 4c War issue of Canada. Well, that called for a fast answer asking "What gives?" Gives a story with a moral—the hazards of a single imperf **even tied to cover!** 'Twas a trimmed stamp from the 4c strip booklet pane. The writer wanted to illustrate more vividly an incident a dealer had just told him. The dealer found a pair of 3c Small Queens with very large margins and a very definite cancellation across the two stamps. He trimmed the perfs off one stamp and sent it to a collector with a bill for \$10.00. The dealer returned the check with the other stamp attached and a note saying, "I hope this will be a lesson to you that I was right when I told you NEVER to buy imperf singles." Oh well, see you again.



## Trail of the Caribou

Freres Meyerson

### Pre-stamp Covers

We have just completed a monograph on the pre-stamp covers of Newfoundland. It has been 22 months in the making and, in our opinion, is the most comprehensive study of its kind. As soon as the manuscript is rechecked it will appear in BNA TOPICS, possibly in an abridged form. Meanwhile, we would like to hear from any of you who know something or have something in that field. Look over your material, and please get in touch with us if you do have something. There's still time for us to include any new data or material in the manuscript.

### Insufficiently prepaid mail

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sender pays the additional postage, stamps must be affixed and the item sent forward by airmail. If the sender is not known, or cannot be contacted, or if he refuses to pay the additional postage required, the letter must be endorsed "Shortpaid—Surface Means" and then treated as if it were posted for transmission by surface means. (In case you have any idea that the authorities don't mean business, have a peek at the item BNAPSer Ken. Minuse received last December).

### Air Letter Forms

Air Letter Forms were introduced on 1 August 1942 for the purpose of sending communications to the Armed Services only. On 11th September 1944, they were authorized for general use to all Empire countries at the rate of 10c per air letter. The forms currently being used do not bear Newfoundland on them nor are they stamped. They are provided free to users at post-offices and the required postage must be affixed.

### Over 500 Post Offices

Yep, there are more than 500 Post Offices in Newfoundland, exclusive of Labrador. That may mean nothing to some of you, but it means a great deal to BNAPSer Jim Culhane, #280, who is planning to write to each postmaster requesting him (or her) to mail back the self-addressed envelope that is enclosed. Jim won't miss a Post Office as we sent him the Newfoundland Postal Guide as reference. We'll bet he gets some interesting strikes for his efforts; perhaps some TPO's and RPO's that have not been chronicled to date. We're certain that the best wishes of his fellow members are with BNAPSer Jim Culhane in this worthy project.

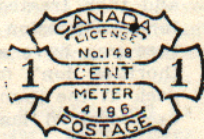


Freres Meyerson will be pleased to answer any questions on Newfoundland stamps or postal history. Send your queries to the Editor for reply in BNA TOPICS.

# Canadian Meter Stamps

C. B. D. Garrett

## CHAPTER II



Type I

The Type number will indicate that this was the first meter stamp used by Canada. In taking up the use of meter machines in 1923, Canada was not far behind the United States (1920). Both were many years behind New Zealand which was the first British Colony to use them as far back as 1902.

The first license to use a franking machine in Canada was granted to T. Eaton Co. for use in their Winnipeg branch on September 29, 1923. There is some doubt as to the earliest known dated specimen. None are known for September or early October.

This first machine is from the American Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Co. and is an F. V. (meaning a fixed denomination); thus printing only one stamp value, a separate machine being required for each denomination. The design of the stamp had to be approved by the Post Office Department and Type I was accepted, being from a hand made sample. A hand made copy was made from this accepted sample and inserted into the T. Eaton Co. machine. After this first hand made copy, other machines using this type of stamp received machine cut copies. These were smaller with decidedly smaller lettering.

So, we have two distinct forms. The illustration is of the small form Type I, the larger being Ia. In any case, the large stamp can be recognized from others by the number 4001. The machine cut stamps are from 4002 to 4303 denoting that 303 machines were issued to date. Except for about 20, all machines are known to have been in use. And so we have our first rar-

ity—the Type Ia, No. 4001, which occurred but once to 302 machines of the small type.

There is a License No. inserted on all stamps up to about 1930. After that time, it was optional to insert a License No. Collectors consider those without the No. as varieties. Also, in three instances, the License No. was inserted in inverted position.

Although many meter machines have been placed in use since this Type I, I personally know of two such machines still in use; one in Vancouver and one in Toronto. Doubtless there are others and it certainly speaks well of their quality to stand up in use for over 20 years.

I mentioned that Type I is a F. V. machine. The separate denominations used were 1c to 6c, 12c and 13c.

### Check List

All denominations could exist from 1c to 6c, 12c and 13c in red (#2-9), in green (#10-17), in violet (#18-25), in blue (#26-33), in brown (#34-41), in orange (#42-49), in olive (#50-57). The denominations and varieties noted below are those known to exist.

#### TYPE Ia

1. 3c red

#### TYPE I

2. 1c red
  - a. License No. omitted
3. 2c red
4. 3c red
  - a. License No. omitted
  - b. License No. inverted
- 5a. 4c License No. omitted
6. 5c red
7. 6c red
  - b. License No. inverted
10. 1c green
  - a. License No. omitted
11. 2c green
  - a. License No. omitted
  - b. License No. inverted
12. 3c green
  - a. License No. omitted
13. 4c green
  - a. License No. omitted
14. 5c green
  - a. License No. omitted
16. 12c green
17. 13c green
18. 1c violet

- a. License No. omitted
- 19. 2c violet
- 20. 3c violet
  - a. License No. omitted
- 27. 2c blue
- 28. 3c blue
- 35. 2c brown
- 36. 3c brown
- 37. 4c brown
- 42. 1c orange
  - a. License No. omitted
- 43a. 2c License No. omitted
- 52. 3c olive

The brown and olive shades are exceedingly rare. My 3c in these colors may be the only specimens known. The 6c, 12c and 13c are also very rare.

In addition to the above varieties, there are many forms of the postmark arrangement. The main postmark variety is "Return Postage Paid" which occurs with the 1c, 2c and 3c. The stamps were not used on tape and carried no slogans.



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by R. J. DUNCAN

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Vol. II, No. 1 December 1888.

## Bringing News About People & Stamps

By REV. JOHN S. BAIN

Latest news from Newfoundland, tells of six members of the Newfoundland parliament having a writ served on Governor Sir Gordon MacDonald and the British appointed commission government to restrain them from proceeding with the steps to make an union with Canada, or to change the constitution of Newfoundland, except to restore the home rule form of government. The writ reads that home rule government was promised when Newfoundland could become self-supporting again, and since this has been proved, home rule or responsible government must be restored by previous agreement. A petition circulated in Newfoundland has enough signatures to ask for such a type of parliament. Major Peter Cashin and Major F. Marshall have arrived in London, England, and are taking the petition directly to the British Government. This means that the Privy Council will have to take the matter and give its decision.

### BNAPS

The Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club was host to the annual "T. H. B." party at the Royal York Hotel, and had a special section of the exhibition devoted to the "Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the 1898 Map Stamp." We are told that this exhibition of the 1898 Map Stamp of Canada was probably the best that was ever assembled of this stamp. To any BNAPSers looking for something new to add to their collection, I would suggest a specialized collection of the 1898 Map Stamp. Re-entries, cancellations, imperforates, etc. If you think it's easy, just look for a first day cover, and believe it or not, a center-line block of four!

### BNAPS

Came across an interesting item in connection with Canadian postal markings related to World War II. A cover mailed in Toronto, Ontario, July 2nd, 1940, addressed to Zurich, Switzerland, and rubber-stamped on the front—"MAIL SERVICE SUSPENDED" and "EXAMINED BY CENSOR

68," the censor's number was written in. The cover was backstamped with a rectangular box reading, "INSPECTION SERVICE, JULY 9th, 1940, DEAD LETTER OFFICE, OTTAWA (17)." This cover was sent by airmail.

### BNAPS

News of a find in the new Canada Air Letter sheet—an invert. The top sheet of the packet of 100 was normal and the other 99 inverted. It is impossible to use the invert as it doesn't allow for folding to form the Air Letter Sheet.

### BNAPS

Now for a story about one of those philatelic thrills that happen once in a lifetime. A Mr. Bond was travelling through St. Catharines, Ont., and enjoying many of the beautiful scenes in that part of Canada. The usual figures and way of life moved across his vision—nothing unusual. However, a fire burning rubbish attracted his attention, and as he watched, he saw an old lady feed the fire with old papers. That collector's sense told him that perhaps a philatelic treasure was going up in smoke. Was there any use going over to inquire? In the meantime more papers were going in to the blaze. He could no longer withstand the great philatelic urge, and made his way to the fire—maybe there were some chance envelopes with stamps on them? The lady handed him some of the papers she was burning! To his amazement, and horror, he discovered that covers of Canada bearing the "Large Cents" issue were being destroyed in the fire!! Promptly the remainder of the papers were bought for \$5.00, and thus the flames were cheated of philatelic treasures. Later, part of this collection was sold for around \$1,200.00.

### BNAPS

From this column to all BNAPSers  
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153	5c deep violet	(8)	1.00	.32	.08	.16	.04
154	8c blue	(8)	2.50	.80	.20	.40	.09
155	10c Mt. Hurd	(6)	1.35	.60	.15	.20	.03
156	12c Quebec Bridge	(6)	2.25	1.00	.25	.55	.13
157	20c Reaper	(6)	2.50	1.20	.30	.60	.14
158	50c Bluenose	(6)	35.00	17.00	4.25	4.50	.90
159	\$1 Parliament	(6)	100.00	46.00	11.50	12.50	2.00
149-59	1c-\$1, complete		150.00	66.00	16.50	18.50	3.50

## 1928 COILS

		Joint	Pair	Pair	Single	Pair	Single
160	1c orange		.60	.50	.25	.50	.25
161	2c green		.50	.40	.20	.05	.03

## 1930 LEAF AND PICTORIAL

162	1c orange		.25	.12	.03	.08	.02
162a	1c re-entry in right "I"			1.50	1.25		1.25
163	1c green, die II		.40	.24	.06	.12	.02
163b	1c green, die I		.40	.24	.06	.16	.02
163d	1c re-entry in right "I"			1.50	1.25		1.25
163e	1c pale yellow green			2.00	.50		
164	2c green		.20	.12	.03	.12	.02
165	2c red, die II		.20	.12	.03	.10	.02
165a	2c red, die I		.25	.15	.04	.12	.02
166	2c brown, die II		.35	.16	.04	.08	.02
166b	2c brown, die I		1.00	.80	.20	.80	.20
166e	2c pale yellow brown		6.00	4.00	1.00		1.00
167	3c deep red		.40	.20	.05	.06	.02
168	4c bistre		1.00	.60	.15	.30	.05
169	5c violet flat plate		.50	.32	.08	.20	.05
169a	5c violet rotary		.50	.32	.08		
170	5c dull blue		.50	.32	.08	.08	.02
170a	5c milky blue		1.35	1.00	.25	.50	.10
171	8c dark blue		1.50	1.00	.25	.60	.15
172	8c orange		1.00	.48	.12	.35	.07
173	10c Library		1.25	.60	.15	.25	.03
174	12c Quebec Citadel		1.00	.72	.18	.45	.09
175	20c Harvester		2.75	1.80	.45	.30	.04
176	50c Grand Pre		55.00	44.00	11.00	8.00	.20
177	\$1 Mt. Cavell		25.00	17.00	4.25	2.40	.60
162-77	1c-31, 16 var. complete			64.00	16.00		1.25

## 1930 COILS, Perf. 8 Vert.

		Line	Pair	Pair	Single	Pair	Single
178	1c orange		.12	.08	.04	.10	.05
179	1c green		.15	.10	.05	.06	.03
180	2c dull green		.15	.10	.05	.06	.03
180a	2c "Cockeyed King"		2.50		1.75		
181	2c deep red		.21	.14	.07	.10	.03
181a	2c "Cockeyed King"		3.00		2.75		
182	2c brown		.21	.14	.07	.10	.02
182a	2c "Cockeyed King"		1.50		1.25		
183	3c red		.36	.24	.12	.04	.02
178-83	1c-3c, 6 vars. complete		1.00	.70	.35	.40	.15

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