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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## More pre-confed. cancels

Dear Sir:

I have been interested in the letters appearing in recent issues of BNA TOPICS on the late use of pre-confederation cancellations.

Mr. Lussey's note (Dec., p. 188) of "Quebec Feb. 22, '81" is quite a late use at a large town. In small villages, however, where doubtless renewal of material was not often necessary, there were stray survivals of the old postmarks to a considerably later date. From the Province of Quebec alone I happen to have the following:

St. Ephrem d'Upton C. E., No. 2, '93  
North Stukeley C. E., Oc. 7, '95  
Wheatland, C. E., Oc. 30, '95  
Ascot Corner C. E., Mr. 9, '99

This last one is a very clear strike on Scott #68, on cover.

While on the subject of "Survivals," no doubt many BNAPSers are aware of the use of the old serif-letter type of the 1840-60 period at Bridgetown, N. S., till after the turn of the century. My specimen is dated My. 13, 1904.



The early abbreviation "C. B." in Cape Breton Island, also, did not entirely die out after Confederation. Mabbou was still using this type in 1895.



A. V. Richardson  
Lennoxville, Que.

## By All Means—Reprints

Dear Sir:

BNAPSer R. J. Duncan certainly sounded the right note on the desirability and advisability of publishing reprints of articles on B. N. A. which appear in other philatelic magazines and publications. I, for one, don't receive all the magazines which may print B. N. A. articles and I would appreciate the chance to be able to read all the information they provide through reprinting in BNA TOPICS. I'm all for them. (ED.—Let me hear from more of you, please).

E. Calver Bayliss  
Toronto, Ont.

## Our Library

Dear Sir:

I often wonder how many fellow members of BNAPS are availing themselves of our splendid library, under the able supervision of R. J. Duncan.

Our librarian owns one of the finest BNA libraries in existence, and is an authority in this interesting phase of our great hobby.

I value BNA TOPICS for the many fine articles it contains from month to month. This however, in my humble opinion, rates second in value to our library; where one can, for postage both ways, borrow almost any book or paper, current or out of print, relating to BNA.

Too many on this continent collect stamps for the mere sake of possession. The study of philately is a serious part of collecting to most British and Continental collectors. We in BNAPS have, in our library, the facilities to aid us in a further study of our stamps. This is most interesting and adds much to the pleasure of our hobby. I have borrowed many books from Duncan, and write this in the hope more members will "go and do likewise."

Forbes C. Bricker  
Listowel, Ont.

This is your magazine. Your contributions are welcome

# BRINGING NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE & STAMPS

By REV. JOHN S. BAIN

A Happy New Year to all BNAPS-ers. May we look forward to a great time with our Hobby in the coming year, and do our part to make BNAPS a great club for the study of great stamps.

## BNAPS

The Philatelic Division of the Post Office, Ottawa, Canada, gives August 11th, 1948, as the date of issue for the new 5c postage due stamp. This is one for the first day collectors!

## BNAPS

The inverted Canada Air Letter sheets, found recently by Mr. C. G. B. Stuart, Toronto, Canada, are being sold for \$10.00 each or three for \$25.00, although he was advised by a well-known BNA dealer to charge not less than \$25.00 each. If you are planning on buying this outstanding Canada postal stationery error now is the hour, as I understand there are only about 40 sheets left.

## BNAPS

While on the subject of Canada Air Letter sheets, BNAPSer E. G. Lloyd writes to say that all 15c forms he has seen had the stamp, words, and lines printed in red, except a new supply which has the stamp printed in red, and the words and lines in blue.

## BNAPS

Here is a call from Mr. A. K. Hurlburt, 1100 Balfour Road, Grosse Pointe Park, Detroit 30, Michigan, who specializes in V-Mail material and Airgraph letter sheets. The Airgraph service was in use from November 15, 1941 to July 14, 1945. At first the letter sheets were printed in black on white unfolded paper. This was changed to blue on white folded sheets in July, 1943. The first sheets issued were not numbered. The following issues were numbered 1 through 8 in the upper left corner. These come with the wording printed in English and French. Mr. Hurlburt is anxious to contact other collectors interested in Airgraphs. Drop him a line if you

collect them, or perhaps even if you want to!

## BNAPS

Two names long associated with BNA philately are brought to our attention once again. I refer to Fred Jarrett and Rev. E. A. Butler. Fred Jarrett has put out a printed price list of material from his personal collection (or I would say cache) offering attractive items below market price. Rev. Butler, the dean of Newfoundland dealers, is liquidating his stock because of advancing age (he was selling Newfoundland stamps when I was a boy) through Hugh C. Barr of New York. These names bring philatelic memories to many.

## BNAPS

At last! We're going to meet each other, not just me and you but other BNAPSers. I understand that a series of "Sketches" of BNAPS members will be presented as a regular feature of BNA TOPICS. Look your prettiest.

## BNAPS

With your permission, Rev. Bain, I'll take over from here. It really is a privilege to be able to presume to use your column. I'm prompted and emboldened because of the subject of your last item, "Sketches of BNAPSers." I know you won't tell this to the writer of that series when you're asked to sit, so I'll tell him. You get to know a person quite well when you spend some time with him and Reverend Bain has been my guest on several of his visits to New York. I don't have to tell you of his sincere, conscientious and tireless efforts on behalf of BNAPS — you witness them every month in his column. What I can tell you is that, in addition to his evident efforts, his every philatelic thought concerns the continued towards inevitable success of BNAPS. Paint that in your portrait, Mr. Artist. Personally, John, I want to acknowledge and acclaim the co-operation you've given me as Editor—even from Europe, your column came in time for publication. Yours should be a beautiful portrait.



FIG 5

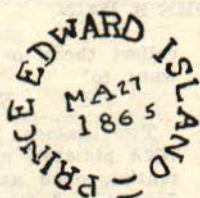


FIG 6



FIG 7



FIG 9



FIG 11



FIG 31



FIG 51



FIG 61



FIG 92



FIG 131



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

(concluded from page 195, Dec. 1948)

## Threepence

The threepence value was first issued January 1, 1861. Listed below is a resume of the varieties:

### Issued Stamps

- 3d blue November 18, 1861 to April 2, 1863 (Machine A P. 9)  
 dull blue  
 pale blue  
 bisected diagonally with 3d for 4½d rate
- 3d blue September 14, 1864 to August 15, 1871 (Machine C P. 11½-12)  
 dull blue  
 light blue  
 imperf. horizontally  
 bisected diagonally with 3d for 4½d rate  
 bisected diagonally with five 3d for 1/4½ rate
- 3d blue 1867 to August 1871 Compound (Machine BC)  
 pale blue
- Coarse wove bluish-white paper
- 3d blue October 7, 1871 (Machine C)

Mr. Donald A. King makes note of a cover prepaid with a square of white paper stamped, 3d, which had been recognized as prepaying postage and had been cancelled. This provisional was in the specialized collection of Mr. B. Goodfellow who states "The square of white paper was part of the margin of the sheet and showed part of the gauge 9 perforation. It was pen-marked '3d NO STAMP'."

### PLATE VARIETIES

- 1 Broken frame-line N W spandrel.
- 2 White circle and colored dot in center before P in PRINCE (Lang).
- 7 Dot in circle between PRINCE and EDWARD.
- 10 Period between E and D of EDWARD (Lang).
- 12 I in ISLAND with white dash at top making it look like inverted L (Lang).
- 16 Broken R in THREE. The tail is almost gone making it look like a P.
- 19 Period after EDWARD in line with top of D (Lang).
- 22 Back of D in ISLAND is broken and dot follows the word PENCE (Donald A. King).

### POSTMARKS

#### Perforated 9

- Fig. 5  
 Fig. 9  
 Fig. 218  
 Fig. 219  
 Fig. 245

#### Others

- Fig. 5  
 Fig. 11  
 Fig. 211  
 Fig. 216  
 Fig. 218  
 Fig. 220

- Fig. 6  
 Fig. 31  
 Fig. 214  
 Fig. 217  
 Fig. 219  
 Fig. 245

### Four Pence

Though presumed to have been received on the island as early as 1863 no earlier use of this value is reported other than March 3, 1870 by Goodfellow. Other experts have determined the stamp was placed in use January, 1869.

Possibly this is true as the rate to the United States of fourpence per single letter became effective November 1, 1868.

#### Issued Stamps

##### Yellowish-toned paper

4d black March 3, 1870-April 8, 1871 (Machine C P. 11½-12)  
imperforate horizontally

4d black Compound perforation (Machine BC)

##### Coarse wove bluish-white paper

4d black March 3, 1870-April 8, 1871 (Machine C P. 11½-12)  
imperforate horizontally

bisected vertically for 2d rate

bisected horizontally for 2d rate

4d black Compound perforation (Machine BC)

#### PLATE VARIETIES

7 Line in the ground work exactly opposite the Queen's face is broken leaving two small dots in its place

9 Two small dashes // on Queen's chin.

18 Rosette at left of curved label of value is almost obliterated by a broad white slightly curved stroke which runs across it.

19 Broken R of FOUR making it appear FOUP (King)\*

Portions of an outer frame line may be noted at a distance of 1 mm. from the design, similar to the variety noted for the 1d. (Lang)

\*This does not show in the reprinted proof though the R is damaged in the plate but not making a perfect R.

#### Four & One-Half Pence

Engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Co. this stamp is undoubtedly the most beautiful of the Prince Edward Island issues. No plate varieties have been reported on this stamp.

#### Issued Stamps

4½d brown June 1, 1870  
yellow-brown

#### POSTMARKS

Fig. 241

Fig. 245

#### Six Pence

First issued January 1, 1861 in a yellowish-green shade it was later printed in a bluish-green shade.

#### Issued Stamps

6d yellow-green February 27, 1861 (Machine A Perf. 9)  
bisected diagonally for 3d rate

6d yellow-green December 15, 1866 to Nov. 27, 1867 (Machine C)  
bisected for 3d rate

6d blue-green August 4, 1869 to March 3, 1870  
bisected diagonally for 3d rate

6d yellow-green Compound (Machines BC)  
blue green

#### PLATE VARIETIES

2 Dot before P of POSTAGE (King)

12 Dot after E of PENCE (King)



## POSTMARKS

## Perforated 9

Fig. 5  
Fig. 131  
Fig. 245

## Others

Fig. 5  
Fig. 216  
Fig. 245

Fig. 31  
Fig. 217

## Nine Pence

First issued March 29, 1862 (Goodfellow) on a yellowish toned paper perforated 11. Listed below are the issued varieties:

## Yellowish-toned paper

- 9d bluish-lilac March 29, 1862 (Machine B Perf. 11)  
dull mauve  
imperforate vertically
- 9d blue-lilac May 18, 1868 to July 26, 1871 (Machine C Perf. 11½-12)  
imperforate vertically  
bisected diagonally with MS surcharge "4½d"
- 9d reddish mauve Compound (Machines BC)

Goodfellow stated a few specimens of the blue-lilac shade are known with Machine C perforations.

## POSTMARKS

Fig. 5      Fig. 31      Fig. 61      Fig. 216      Fig. 217      Fig. 245

## PLATE VARIETIES

- 9 Two periods, one above the other after STG. (Lang)
- 10 Period before S in STG apparently put there instead of after STG which has none. (Lang)
- 16 Dot before P of POSTAGE. (King)

Portions of an outer frame line may be noted 1 mm. from the design. These occur infrequently as compared with the 1d and 4d, and in the later printings become more and more indistinct. (Lang)

## Proofs and Essays

There are a great variety of plate proofs on thin paper including the threepence in dark blue and the fourpence in black. A die proof of the fourpence also exists in a solid square background in the color of the impression and in dark blue, brick red, brown red and black.

The proofs produced from the dies in the hands of the London Philatelic Society include the following: onepence, twopence, threepence and ninepence. They bore the inscription underneath "PROOFS FROM DIES OF STAMPS OF PENCE ISSUE."

Another die proof exists which bore the following inscription, "PROOFS FROM ORIGINAL ENGRAVED PLATE OF HEAD FOR PENCE ISSUE."

In addition there was also an engraving on brass similar to the threepence stamp although details in the background vary.

## Die Proofs

- 1d black
- 2d black
- 3d black
- 4d black—thin paper—solid square background  
dark blue  
brick red  
brown reddish
- 4½d brown
- 9d black

## Plate Proofs

## Yellowish-toned paper

- 1d yellow-orange
- 2d rose
- 3d blue
- 4d black
- 6d blue green
- 9d bluish lilac
- reddish mauve

Plate proofs have been noted with the 3d blue on one side and the 4d black on the other.

## Thin paper.

- 3d dark blue
- 4d black

The plate proofs bore the inscription underneath "PROOFS FROM ORIGINAL PLATE OF . . . VALUE."

## Essays

- 3d blue—details in background vary.
- 6d black on thin India
- dull rose on thin India

The 6d essay was from a plate made by the British American Bank Note Co. similar in design to the 4½d stamp. This was never introduced. Proofs are rare enough to substantiate the theory that but one proof sheet of each color exists.

## APPENDIX A

"Memoranda of the approximate quantity and description of old P. E. I. Postage Stamps on hand at the Treasury, March 14th, 1874.

Issue of 1860-69		
241,000, 2d., face value		£2008 6 8
226,000, 3d., face value		2836 13 4*
277,000, 4d., face value		4616 13 4
42,600, 4½d., face value		798 15 0
21,000, 6d., face value		525 0 0
100,000, 9d., face value		3750 0 0
		£14535 8 4—\$47,159.00
143,000 mixed stamps, 1871 issue		\$8877.00

No 1d stamps were mentioned but as there were a large number of these in stock when sold they probably were included in the mixed stamps 1871 issue. The numbers were approximate as the total of the items tabulated did not agree with the total number sold.

## APPENDIX B

## Check List of Bisects

1d Rate	2d diagonally	Perf. 11½-12
2d Rate	4d diagonally	Perf. 11½-12
	4d vertically	
3d Rate	2d diagonally with 2d	Perf. 9
	2d diagonally with 2d	Perf. 11½-12
	2d vertically with 2d	
	6d yellow-green	Perf. 9

- 6d yellow-green Perf. 11½-12  
 6d blue-green  
 4½d Rate 1d diagonally with 4d  
 3d diagonally with 3d Perf. 9  
 3d diagonally with 3d Perf. 11½-12  
 9d diagonally with MS Surcharge "4½d"  
 1¼d Rate 3d diagonally with five 3d stamps

## POSTMARKS

## APPENDIX D

- Figure 5 Prince Edward Island December 1863  
 Perf. 9 Others  
 2d 3d 6d 1d 2d 3d 4d 6d 9d
- Figure 6 Prince Edward Island November 1855 to 1868  
 Others  
 1d 2d 3d
- Figure 7 Prince Edward Island January 1868 (See Fig. 245 for remarks)
- Figure 9 Prince Edward Island (Reduced drawing) 1868  
 Perf. 9  
 3d
- Figure 11 Prince Edward Island November 1855 to 1868  
 Others  
 1d 2d 3d
- Figure 31 Charlotte-town P. E. I. March 1872  
 Others  
 1d 2d 3d 4d 6d 9d  
 31.1 No hyphen Noted until May, 1878
- Figure 51 George-town A 1848-1871 black 1871 brown  
 Others  
 2d
- Figure 61 LOT 32 P. E. I. (PAID)  
 Others  
 9d
- Figure 92 Prince-town November 1863  
 Others  
 2d
- Figure 131 Tignish P. E. I. (PAID)  
 Perf. 9 Others  
 2d 6d 2d

## Cork Cancels

The Post Office Department issued a wooden handle with a cork in it which the local postmaster cut in any design that pleased his fancy. These were issued until late in the 1860's.

Figure 211

Others  
 2d 3d

Figure 214 Dots in early impressions are diamond shaped.

Others  
 2d 3d

Figure 216 Belfast—black St. Eleanor's when used in red.

Perf. 9 Others  
 2d 1d 2d 3d 4d 6d 9d

- Figure 217 Georgetown, March 1865      Charlottetown July, 1872  
2d    3d    4d    6d    9d
- Figure 218  
Perf. 9                              Others  
3d                                      3d
- Figure 219 Dalwick states it was probably used until 1868.  
Perf. 9                              Others  
3d                                      3d
- Figure 220  
Others  
3d
- Figure 241 Mail boat cancel of the Allan Lines.  
Others  
4½d
- Figure 245 Charlottetown, October, 1864. Dalwick states this was often used  
in conjunction with Figure 7.  
Perf. 9                              Others  
2d    3d    6d                              1d    2d    3d    4d    4½d    6d    9d
- Figure 259 Noted on bisects of the Second Issue.

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# Trail of the Caribou

Freres Meyerson

BNAPSer Bill Kemp, #85, writes, "I am in the process of transferring all my Newfoundland collection to a new album, and oh boy, what a job. I have been following Boggs' book for descriptions, etc., but of course it only goes to 1942. Can you give me any data on the following issues, the date of issue, and by whom they were printed—Scott's #253-266, 267, 268, 269, 270 and C19."

We certainly can Bill, and since we've been asked this question before, perhaps it is just as well that we print our reply in "Trail of the Caribou" for the edification of those members who might be interested in the same subject.

Scott's #253-266 were issued between 1941 and 1944, the first to appear being #256 which was recorded during October 1941, and the last was #266 which made its appearance in 1944. The stamps were engraved and printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co., for the contractors, John Dickinson & Co. They were printed on thin paper, watermarked Coat of Arms, in sheets of 100 (10x10), line perforated 12½. Late in December 1947, some of these stamps were issued with plate numbers. The plate numbers appear in each corner of each sheet of 100 stamps, thus making 4 numbers to the sheet.

The order of appearance and the plate numbers are as follows:

No.	Value	Plt. No.	Issued
254	2c	43078	12/22/47
255	3c	43066	12/22/47
259	8c	41601	12/22/47
253	1c	42430	12/29/47
263	20c	41796	12/30/47
265	25c	41791	12/30/47
266	48c	41793	12/30/47
264	24c	41795	5/21/48
260	10c	43838	unknown

Scott's #267 was issued January 2, 1943. It was printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co. of Ottawa, on unwatermarked paper, line perforated 12 in sheets of 200 (10x20) divided horizontally into two panes of 100 (10x10). Each pane has a wide gutter running vertically down the center between the 5th and 6th stamps thus dividing each pane into two blocks of 50 (5x10). The

plate number, #16367, is found in the left hand margin at the bottom of the lower pane. The imprint in caps is found in all four corners of the sheet of 200.

Scott's #268 was issued March 21, 1946. 1,000,000 copies of #267 were overprinted by D. K. Thistle-King's Printer. Panes were divided vertically into blocks of 50 (5x10) and top and bottom panes were used so that blocks of the surcharged stamp with plate number and the four imprints are available. No blocks with the gutter between are known as the setting of the surcharge consisted of 50 subjects. The stamps were withdrawn from sale at St. John's on April 1, 1946.

Scott's #269 was issued on April 21, 1947. It was printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co., for the contractors, John Dickinson & Co. It is printed on thin paper, watermarked Coat of Arms, in sheets of 100 (10x10), line perforated 12½. On March 23, 1948, the stamp was issued with plate number 43359, in each corner of the sheet of 100 stamps.

Scott's #270 was issued June 24, 1947, to commemorate the 450th Anniversary of the discovery of Newfoundland by John Cabot and the crew of the "Matthew." The central design is adapted from a painting by J. Dinsmore depicting John Cabot on the deck of his vessel gazing off at the shore of Newfoundland in the vicinity of Cape Bonavista. The original painting hangs at present in the House of Commons in London. The stamp was printed by Perkins, Bacon & Co., for the contractors, John Dickinson & Co. It is printed on thin paper, watermarked Coat of Arms in sheets of 100 (10x10), line perforated 12½. On December 15, 1947, the stamp was issued with a plate number, #43476, in each corner of the sheet of 100 stamps. After being in use for a year the stamp was withdrawn from sale on June 23, 1948.

Scott's C19 was issued June 1, 1943. It was printed by the Canadian Bank Note Co. of Ottawa, on unwatermarked paper, line perforated 12, in sheets of 200 (10x20), divided horizontally into two panes of 100 (10x10). The plate number, #16479, is found in the left hand margin at the bottom of the lower pane. The imprint in caps is found in all four corners of the sheet of 200.

# REPORTS

by Ed. Whiting

On December 4th, the Philadelphia Group of BNAPS was on hand in force at the opening of the Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia. The opening night was a great success with nearly 1000 invited guests, and a marvelous exhibition including exhibits by BNAPSers Clarence W. Brazer, U. S. 1847 Essay & Proofs; Donald M. Steele, 19th century U. S.; J. Alex Park, Canada; and Arthur Pierce, Hong Kong used in Treaty Ports. Congratulations to you our fellow-BNAPSers who were able to be among the few "great" who exhibited on opening night. Other outstanding exhibits were some from the collections of Mr. Edward Stern's Presidential Franks; Francis Cardinal Spellman's religious topics; P. Harbot Sanville's Britain's Penny Black; Mr. Bernard Davis of Philadelphia, who by the way is the man behind all these doings, with his postage dues on cover; Mr. Herman Rudenstein's Palestine and Israel. Among the BNAPSers present were Clarence W. Brazer, J. Alex Park, Donald Steele, Charles McDonough, James Culhane, Alf. Kessler, Bill Philler, Arthur Pierce, George Llewellyn, James Edwards and Paul Small.

Since then, Charlie McDonough was the guest of the Philadelphia Chapter of the APS where he was to show his prize winning collection of Canada. I haven't heard how he made out but I'm sure he did O. K.

December 16th was the first "third Thursday of the month" meeting for the New York Group and a pleasant one it was too. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss and consider any items not listed in the Scott's Catalogue which could be sent them for considered inclusion in the Catalogue. The surprise feature of the meeting was the visit by member Gordon Harmer, auctioneer and publisher of the Scott's Catalogue. Understanding that Mr. Harmer was present only as a member of BNAPS, the members present refrained from putting Mr. Harmer "on the spot" but they managed to get in a few blows especially about the specialized catalogue on B. N. A. Speaking unofficially, Mr. Harmer explained that the Scott's Publications were pretty well caught up with their back log of printing albums, etc., and have not dismissed the idea of publishing such a catalogue as a future project. However, he emphasized the enormity of the undertaking and the immense amount of editorial work it would involve. Of course, he was assured the co-operation of BNAPS would be quite certain.

After Mr. Harmer called attention to the fact that the Scott's Catalogue was a **general**, it was not surprising to the members present to discover that most of the items submitted for discussion did fit into the specialized catalogue classification. However, Mr. Harmer explained that he recognized the potential possibilities this program of the New York Group portended and he was sure that Scott's Publication would recognize, appreciate and strongly consider any items submitted for their consideration.

You BNAPSers, in and around (a wide around) New York, mark this date on your calendar—January 21st, 1949. The place—the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th St., N. Y. C. The reason—Winthrop S. Boggs, Director of the Philatelic Foundation and Secretary of its Expertizing Committee, will give an illustrated lecture with slides showing how the Committee examines stamps. He will also exhibit pages of unusual B. N. A. material. Isn't that some date!

If everyone took the attitude that "my one vote won't matter" no one would vote so that what could be hundreds of choices wouldn't be any. Don't ignore your ballot or lay it aside "till tomorrow." Mark it now, tomorrow never comes, and get it in that mail box right away. It's your choice, make it count.

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and that you'll have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

# Report of the Secretary

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 538 Wellburn, Gerald E., P. O. Box 427, Duncan, B. C., Canada  
 539 Young, H. M., 419 Pemberton Bldg., Victoria, B. C. Canada

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- Davis, Bernard, 1520 Spruce St., Philadelphia 2, Pa. (C) 20th century. Proposed by Charles McDonough, No. 27. Seconded by James T Culhane, No. 280.  
 Foye, Arthur S., 159 Riverbend St., Athol, Mass. (CX) CAN, NFD—19th & 20th century mint postage & blocks. Mint booklets & panes. Coils. O.H.M.S. Precancels. Federal revenues. Mint airmails. Proposed by J. Levine, No. 1.  
 Shimp, Morton M., 432 E. Tulpehocken St., Philadelphia 44, Pa. (CX) CAN, NFD, PROV.—Mint & used postage. Pre-stamp & stampless covers. Mint booklets & panes. Coils. Revenues. Mint airmails & semi-officials and on cover. Proposed by James T. Culhane, No. 280. Seconded by Alfred H. Kessler, No. 334.  
 Watson, Maj. Robert M., 4451 Western Ave., Westmount, Que., Canada (DCX) CAN, NFD, N. S., N. B., P. E. I.—19th & 20th century mint postage. Mint booklet panes. Coils. O.H.M.S. Revenues. Mint airmails. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37. Seconded by J. Levine, No. 1.

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 446 Needham, Richard M., P. O. Box 181, Pataskala, Ohio.  
 48 William, Richard F., 218 Inwood Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J.

## EDITORIAL

BNA TOPICS—What else should I talk about? I certainly hear quite a lot about it—mostly good, and some not so good. For the good things said about it, let me publicly acknowledge my sincere appreciation to those responsible for any nice comments—the associate editors, authors and contributors of the fine standard of reading matter provided by them, reliable columnists, reporters and reviewers, and by no means the least, our faithful advertisers.

For some of the "not so good" comments, I take full blame—for some, I feel a better understanding and appreciation of the circumstances deciding their presence should soften their judgement. The Board of Governors studied and prepared a budget for the operation of the departments of our Society, determined and required in accordance with our income. A definite allowance was estimated for publishing BNA TOPICS, and it has been published within that allowance. Publication of BNA TOPICS is our greatest expense requiring the largest part of our income and receiving it. I too would like a \$150 issue but you can't have or get it for \$75. When our finances will permit a \$150 issue, we'll have it, I'm sure.

I've argued for a better TOPICS—coated paper, varnished cover, varied type faces, layout, etc., but I've been convinced by the counter-arguments that a "better" TOPICS doesn't only or necessarily mean "paper, type, etc." Better might mean "bigger," and to use the descriptive colloquialism, "more guts." As I said, I've recognized and accepted that wise interpretation and intend to comply with it by providing a larger BNA TOPICS—more pages. My intentions are dependant on your co-operation with contributions. Only then and in that way will we have a better BNA TOPICS.

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By R. J. Duncan

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Published at Berlin, Ont., by F. I. Weaver. Sizes  $5\frac{3}{4} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$  to  $6 \times 8\frac{1}{4}$ . Some numbers have coloured paper wrappers.

Vol. I, No. 1 December, 1897. No. 2, January 1898. Nos. 3, 4, 5 (May), 6 (July-August).

Vol. II, No. 1 October 1st, 1898. No. 2, October 8th. No. 3, October 15th. No. 4, October 22. Continued as

## THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC WEEKLY

Vol. II, No. 5 November 2, 1898. No. 6, November 7th.

Vol. III, No. 1 November 16th. No. 2, November 23. No. 3, November 30th. No. 4, December 7th. No. 5, December 21. No. 6, December 29th.

Vol. IV, No. 1 January 12, 1899. No. 2, January 19th. Continued as

## THE CANADIAN PHILATELIC REVIEW

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Vol. V, No. 1 April 25th, 1899.

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Newfoundland (Chas. Jenney) Vol. III, No. 2.

Canadian Stamp Literature Vol. IV, Nos. 3, 4, 5.  
and a variety of short notes.

## THE CANADIAN WEEKLY STAMP NEWS

Published at Toronto, Ont. Vol. I, by Wm. R. Adams. Vol. II, by H. G. Gregory. Vol. I, Nos. 1, 2, 13, 14, 15, 16 & 18 are  $8\frac{3}{4} \times 12$ . Vol. I, Nos. 3-9 & 12 are  $6 \times 8\frac{3}{4}$ . Vol. II, Nos. 1, 2, & 3 are  $8\frac{3}{4} \times 12$ . There is no number 11 in Vol. I, and number 15 is incorrectly numbered 14.

Vol. I, No. 1 August 27, 1896. Nos. 2 (Sept. 3), 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (Oct. 28), 12 (Nov. 12), 13, 14 (Nov. 14), 14 (Dec. 3), 16, 17, 18 (Dec. 24, 1896).

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P. E. I. Curiosities Vol. II, No. 3.

## THE PHILATELIC CANADIAN

Published at Toronto, Ont., by Walter McMahon. Size  $5\frac{3}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4}$ . Various coloured paper wrappers. One volume, 4 numbers.

Vol. I, No. 1 December, 1896. Nos. 2 (Jan. 1897), 3, 4 (March 1897).

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The contents are mostly made up of short notes. With Vol. I, No. 3 this magazine became the official organ of the Dominion Philatelic Assn.

## THE CANADIAN COLLECTOR

Published at Toronto, Ont., by Canadian Publishing Co. Two numbers,  $8\frac{3}{4} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$ , white paper wrappers.

Vol. I, No. 1 Advance copy, September 1908.

Vol. I, No. 1 November, 1908.

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Russell Allison

The **Bulletin of the Netherlands Study Circle** is published by a group of more than 50 collectors in Britain who choose various topics for study and make periodic reports in their illustrated bulletin. A recent article lists over 50 current postal slogans of Canada. Another article notes over 70 Railway Post Offices in Canada, 1947-8. This latter listing will be continued in their next bulletin. Information can be obtained from Mr. Robert Gilmore, 142 Woodlands Road, Glasgow C3, Scotland.

The **Essay Proof Journal**, published quarterly by the Essay Proof Society, has a detailed illustrated article reviewing essays and proofs of various Canadian Revenues in their October issue, with current prices. This will be a great help to everyone. The article is a continuation from the July issue and will be extended in the December number. Further information regarding the Essay Proof Society may be secured from Mr. Clarence W. Brazer, 415 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

The Regent Stamp Company of London, England, sent me a copy of their publication, **The Regent Stamp Catalogue**, Part 2. This section lists and prices all mint and used British Empire stamps issued between January 1931 through September 1948. A comparison of prices asked in England and those asked by Stanley Gibbons of New York proves very interesting. Generally, prices in England are slightly lower than here. One shilling equals 20c. The 4c Medallion brings 40c against \$1.10 here. More surprises—the 3c Medallion costs 20c as against 5c here; the New Brunswick gets 52c against 17c here. The Grain Elevator realizes 26 against 30c here; and so they go.

**Weekly Philatelic Gossip** carries almost every week, "The Canadian Roundtable," a column devoted to questions and answers on BNA material. In the December 4th issue, a collector discusses auction prices of various Canadian items and compares them to prices paid years ago. Mr. W. J. Scott concluded his series on Canadian plate numbers in the November 6th issue. This article considered plate numbers and positions of Special Delivery, Airmail, and Special Delivery Airmails. Each plate number for the issue is noted, the number of stamps necessary to get the complete inscription, plus various other notes of interest. A comprehensive article on the Newfoundland 1920 Three Cent Provisional, by Charles Weinert, was also included in the November 6th issue of WPG.

In case you haven't heard, here is a choice bit of News from the November 13th WPG: a firm of London dealers have purchased a complete sheet of the imperf two cent 1898 Map stamp of Canada. It is offered complete at \$6000.00, or in blocks of four at \$328.00. Interested? A release in the November 6th **Western Stamp Collector**, stated that this sheet was found among the effects of the late Sir William Mulock, who designed the stamp when he was the Postmaster General of Canada. Previously the largest known piece was a block of four in the Worthington collection. Also in the **Western Stamp Collector** was an article written by F. Walter Pollock discussing the early use of Canadian stamps perfed O. H. M. S.

Cheer up! Here is the best news BNA collectors have heard in some time, the Holmes Catalogue is almost ready for distribution. The first 100 pages are off the presses and it looks as though the book will run over 300 pages. So you collectors that have been after Scott's Publications for a BNA Catalogue will

have your wishes fulfilled. This edition will include much information and will have to go some to top previous editions. So, there you are.

The December **Bulletin of the Canadian Revenue Society** is tops. It lists and illustrates the types of Excise stamps together with the explanation of the use for each type. You revenue collectors are missing something if you do not belong to this wide-a-wake Society. Contact R. DeL. French, McGill University, Montreal, Que., Canada, the Society Secretary.

What's this? Fred Jarrett has released a price list of BNA stamps, the first such list in some years. Drop him a line at 30 Bloor St. W., Toronto 5, Ont. He would be glad to hear from you.

Here's news for you auction followers. Beginning next month, we plan to have a regular auction calendar listing coming auctions which will offer BNA material. This month, a large number of catalogues were received of past auctions (presstime) to be of much value. Also, some prices realized have been received, but the catalogues are missing. That's a heck of a fix! But, next month things will be different.

H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32 East 57th St., New York 22, N. Y., have compiled a very informative book on auction buying entitled, "How To Buy At Auction." A 3c stamp for return postage is the only obligation to receive a copy. Do yourself a favor and write for this very informative booklet.

One of the little things in the stamp hunt is that the very stamp you have searched for so long will turn up in the most obscure spot; the last place one would think of looking. Just the other day I received an auction catalogue from a west coast auction house listing a very nice copy of #7 & 10 (heavy cancel), Jubilees complete to the \$5.00, a superb mint block of the \$1 Parliament, a plate block of 8 of C2 mint (all those for Canada), plus a number of other BNA items. This auction is run by Munson Wallace, 208 East Broadway, Glendale 5, Calif.

**Popular Stamps** for December has a series of very interesting articles such as, "A Brief History of Papermaking"; a continuation of "Dinky Damus Varieties" listing various varieties submitted by readers; an article on the rare "Snuff Tax" stamp by Ronald Angus.

That's all for this month, see you next month. The best of New Years to all.

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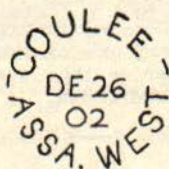
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## An Unusual Province Designation

By FRANK W. CAMPBELL



COULEE, WEST ASSA. is an odd designation for a place in Assiniboia and I would like to know if anyone else has townmarks with this West (or maybe East) in it.

Assiniboia was divided between Alberta and Saskatchewan about 1905, but in postal directories for some years before, many places were noted as being in Assa. West or Assa. East. This would indicate that at one time they planned on calling this division as named there, instead of adding part onto the adjoining territories.

In the 1895 Postal Guide there are three times as many offices in East as compared to West Assiniboia, and Saskatchewan has very few listed. Adding this large group of EAST to the Saskatchewan list evened things in later years.

Athabaska, or Arthabaska, was a territory that just possibly might have a marking for it, but so far none have been heard of.

COULEE, illustrated, is not in the 1895 listing of postoffices but a townmark of 1900 is known, so it probably started about 1900.

## SALES TOPICS

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## NEXT MONTH

BNA TOPICS will present the first installment of two new articles.

"The Early Georgian Stamps" by M. W. Cryderman, is a very complete and comprehensive study of the "Admiral" issue of Canada.

The previously announced study by Bill & Dan Meyerson on the pre-stamp postal history of Newfoundland commences in the February issue. A wealth of original information, substantiated with a profusion of illustrations, is contained in their study.

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## Various & Sundry

GEO. E. FOSTER

A few months back, I made some comments on the "stop" appearing between "PRINCE" and "EDWARD" on the 3c stamp of Prince Edward Island. I have received a card from Frank Campbell with some remarks on this stamp and I believe that Mr. Campbell has the correct explanation for the regularity of the error, but we still are in the dark as to why the period in the first place. Mr. Campbell says, "that article in BNA TOPICS indicates that they were printed from two horizontal rows, stereotyped as many times as necessary. A check of the sheet would show it to be so, likely."

The Eleventh National Stamp Exhibition of SEPAD was held Nov. 15-20, 1948, in conjunction with the World Hobby Exhibition, at Convention Hall, Commercial Museum, Philadelphia, Pa. with an attendance of between 175,000 and 200,000.

BNAPSers with exhibits in the SEPAD Show were Donald Steele, James T. Edwards and Charles McDonough of Philadelphia, and Tilghman K. Hausman of Pottstown, Pa., a recent member of B. N. A. P. S. Mr. Steele won a Trophy with his collection of 19th century U. S. proofs, covers and stamps. He also won a Blue Ribbon with his collection of the stamps of the Falkland Islands. Charles McDonough won a Silver Medal for his collection of Canada and Mr. Hausman a Bronze Medal for his Canadians.

On Monday evening, November 29th, the Philadelphia Group of BNAPS had the pleasure of staging a B. N. A. Night for the Y. Stamp Club of Wilmington, Dela. BNAPSers who made the trip were James T. Culhane, who spoke on and exhibited the stamps of Newfoundland; Charles McDonough, Canada and Provinces; and Wilmer Rockett, Canadian Revenues. Alfred

Kessler was also a member of the party.

Dr. Walter W. Chadbourne introduced the visiting party and during the course of his remarks made an interesting talk on the aims and work of BNAPS.

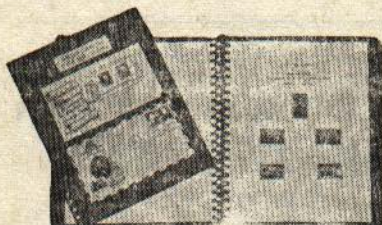
The exhibitors say that the "Y" club members were one of the most attentive audiences they ever had the pleasure of addressing.

Looking over the catalogue of the Sisson's sale in early December my thoughts were arrested by lot #53, which reads, "I/ dull violet, forgery, with apparent genuine cancellation." (New Brunswick). Now, how does this happen? Is the whole thing faked, or did some forged stamps pass the postal authorities? The production of forged stamps to defraud the post-office was quite an industry during the early use of adhesives, especially in the Italian states, and the number of covers passing through the post with forgeries testifies considerable success for the forgers.

Neither King nor Hooper make any mention in their writings of forgeries. In the Catalogue for Advanced Collectors, the New Brunswick section which appeared in April 1894, the following note on counterfeits is mentioned: "Recently some very fine counterfeits of the first issue have been placed on the market. The workmanship is so good that they will readily deceive anyone but an expert."

Beginning in the October number of the *Philatelist*, London, England, edited by Robson Lowe, BNAPS #L510, Mr. W. E. Durant Hollday begins a series of "Notes on the Postal History of Canada from 1760 to Confederation." These articles cover Upper and Lower Canada and the Maritime provinces, are exceedingly well written, containing much "meat," and should not be overlooked by students of B. N. A. postal history.

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