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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BNAPS Catalog

Dear Sir:

I have read with keen interest the letter of W. T. White in the March "TOPICS" on the subject of a BNA Catalog by BNAPS.

This suggestion is one that I would like to go on record as endorsing, and I trust the new Board of Governors will take the necessary steps to get it started.

I shall be glad to offer my services in helping compile a forgery section for such a catalog.

Rev. John S. Bain
Kankakee, Ill.

Dear Sir:

First, I want to compliment the improvement in BNA TOPICS during 1948.

Secondly, I want to endorse the suggestion of Mr. W. T. White for a BNA Catalog by BNAPS.

I feel this is an excellent suggestion, and that members should support and assist in the development of a Canadian Specialized Catalog, insofar as their knowledge of varieties goes. Actually, I think that by the assemblage of data through the collective knowledge of Canada collectors, a wider and broader catalog will result than if the project be left to an individual.

I feel that Mr. White's proposal will be approved by all advanced collectors of BNA.

A. K. Grimmer
Temiskaming, Que.

Re. "Early Georgian Stamps"

Dear Sir:

In BNA TOPICS for February 1949, Mr. Cryderman mentions my 1c green on thin, hard, greyish paper and states evidently from one sheet. I am wondering would it be possible for just one sheet quite different from the normal paper to slip into a large consignment. I would like to think so. After finding this variety some years back,

I have continued to buy these 1c in bulk but have never found another copy—but in my original find there were about 50.

In view of the fact the Philatelic Branch, Ottawa, in replying to my enquiry 27/11/46 stated they had no official confirmation or record of this, I agree the paper slipped in—but wonder would it be possible, just one sheet. Perhaps someone can help.

Regarding re-entries, Mr. Cryderman rightly states they are remarkably few—but they are turning up and some really fine ones. Here is a significant point—all the dated copies are before 1917 and constant. This refers to the 1c which are easier to come by than the 2 or 3c. I know of only one R-E in the 3c.

George R. C. Searles
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SKETCHES of BNAPSers

By V. G. Greene



The above photograph of BNAPSer Fred Jarrett on a bucking broncho was taken at the annual meeting of the American Philatelic Society held in Denver last September. Mr. Jarrett is nothing if not versatile—not only is he one of the foremost authorities on the stamps of British North America but he collects nearly everything from Indian Arrow Heads to Mill-stones. Some years ago, while on a business trip to the Pacific Coast, he came across a wonderful collection of three hundred or more Indian pipes ranging in size from three inches to four feet long, displayed in glass cases and was ready to purchase it when Mrs. Jarrett rebelled—the house and “Museum” were already overcrowded and the only place left for the pipes was the kitchen!

Mr. Jarrett was born in Huntsville, Ontario, March 26th, 1888, started col-

lecting stamps in his early school-days and is reported to have been a pretty good “trader” even in those years! He was employed for many years by the Underwood Typewriter Company and in his trips throughout the country always inquired of the local Postmaster if anyone in town collected stamps. In this way he met many prominent philatelists and also acquired some nice material for his collection.

A complete list of Mr. Jarrett's philatelic books is given elsewhere (p. 88) in this issue of BNA TOPICS, compiled by Mr. R. J. Duncan. His B. N. A. Standard Catalogue, published in 1929 and now out of print, is a book that every serious student of B. N. A. stamps should have, although the price it brings in the open market, around \$25.00, puts it out of reach of many of us.

Mr. Jarrett and Senator Calder are the only two Canadians who have been elected to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, headed by H. M. King George V. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society and a member of many societies in Canada and the United States.

Mr. Jarrett is married and has two children, he lives in a delightful house on the northern outskirts of Toronto and is manager for Canada of the Gregg Publishing Company.

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Pre-Adhesive Postal History and Postal Markings of Newfoundland

By William S. & Daniel C. Meyerson

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POSTAL MARKINGS 1805-1840

Newfoundland markings are known to have been in use during this period. Boggs states that as early as 1810, Simon Solomon, originally a watchmaker by trade, engraved a handstamp similar to the photograph submitted by Frank Campbell and taken from the Detroit Museum (Fig. 25)



Fig 25 Courtesy Burton Historical Collection of Detroit Public Library

The original handstamp was impressed in white on a black background. Boggs goes on to say that in 1827 this was changed to a black impression on a white background. We know that this last handstamp was in use as late as 1833, since that is the date on the cover illustrated. Both of these handstamps were used to denote that postage had been prepaid and they can truly be considered the first Newfoundland postage stamps.

Both Strange and Boggs agree that the first struck postmark was put into use in 1821. This consisted of the word "ST. JOHNS" in a single line in block capitals with serifs. Boggs records its use until 1840.

POSTAL HISTORY 1840-1851

1840 is one of the pivotal years in Newfoundland's Postal History since marked progress was made during this year under the new Postmaster, William Lemon Solomon, who had succeeded his father, Simon Solomon, upon the latter's death in 1839. It was in this year that a contract was signed between Samuel Cunard of Halifax, N. S., and the English Government to carry mail between Liverpool, England, and Halifax, N. S., by steamship instead of by sailing vessel. Whereupon Newfoundland entered into an agreement with James Tobin of St. John's, to convey the mails between Halifax and St. John's. This agreement signed June 3, 1840, provided for the regular sailing of a vessel of at least 120 tons with accommodation for the Postmaster and Mail Bags between St. John's and Halifax, to connect with the Cunard packets at Halifax, every two weeks during the summer and monthly in the winter. The first trip from Halifax was scheduled to be made July 14, 1840.

Simultaneously the Newfoundland Post Office was incorporated into the

Imperial Postal System and William L. Solomon was placed on the payroll of the General Post Office, London, at an annual salary of £100. To this he added anywhere between £30 and £40 a year through Post Office receipts as per Captain Prescott's letter (*vide* p. 52).

In the Journals Legislative Council, Prov. Can., Vol. 5, Sessional Papers No. 1, Appendix F., 1846, we find the following report issued by the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Post Office in British North America. The report is dated Dec. 31, 1841.

"There is but one Post Office in Newfoundland—at St. John's, the Capital Town of the Province. A Despatch addressed to Lord Sydenham by the late Governor, Captain Prescott, which has been referred to us for our information and which we have inserted into the Appendix, states that the Postmaster Mr. Solomon, holds his appointment direct from the Postmaster General and is allowed by the General Post Office a fixed salary of £100 Sterling a year. Till last Summer, the appointment was a Provincial one and its entire emoluments (some £30 or £40 per annum) were derived from certain extra charges on letters and newspapers authorized by the Governors. Communication is kept up with Halifax by Packet vessels which meet Steamships to and from England, and occasionally letters are sent by other vessels. But there is no inland Post conveyance whatever, and Captain Prescott states that the greater part even of the correspondence which passes by Mail to and from Halifax, and Great Britain is official."

The moment that Newfoundland was incorporated into the Imperial Postal System, the Post Office under the Crown claimed the exclusive right of the transmission of correspondence. Previous to this time the merchants had availed themselves of the Provincial Post Office only when it suited their purpose to do so as most often they went directly to the ship captains for the conveyance of their letters.

All letters handled by Postmaster Solomon were to be marked in a certain definite manner as specified by W. L. Maberly, Secretary of the General Post Office, London, in a note issued to him in 1840.

"You will receive herewith a dated stamp and seal and the usual supply of shifting figures with which you will in the future distinctly and legibly stamp every letter put into your offices, discontinuing the use of your present stamp.

"You will not fail to change the date day by day and you will be especially careful to stamp every letter correctly according to the date that it is deposited in your office so that in case of any question, you may be able to certify the same. Any neglect of this material duty will inevitably be attended with serious consequences."

In addition, further instructions were given by Thomas William, Earl of Wichfield, His Majesty's Postmaster General, to Mr. Solomon, which reads: "You are to cause all letters put into your office for Great Britain, to be distinctly stamped with the name of the Colony on the sealed side and tax them with the proper rate of postage on the other side, and you will distinguish such letters as are above ½ oz. in weight and tax them accordingly. The paid letters are to be taxed with red ink and the unpaid with black ink."

CONCEPTION BAY PACKETS and COURIERS 1840-1851

Since the only Post Office in Newfoundland at this time was at St. John's, the mail delivery to the rest of the Island, principally the towns along the sea-coast and on the Western shore of Conception Bay, was still in a very rudimentary stage and followed the pattern of the previous years. Extensive use was still made of Packet boats which sailed from Portugal Cove on the East shore to the towns on the West shore of Conception Bay. During the Winter months, and for trips overland between towns, recourse was had to Couriers for mail delivery.

We have incontrovertible evidence that the "Express" was rebuilt after it was wrecked on Jan. 11, 1842, or a new packet was built bearing the same name, as we present herewith a photograph of a voucher submitted by Andrew Drysdale of the "Express" to the Magistrate's office, Harbor Grace, for postage charges incurred the first six months of 1844 (Fig. 26).

The Magistrate's Office San Francisco
1844 To Andrew Dwyer Express M^o

July 1	postage Jonathan Parsons from living			
" "	in debt back not paid		.50	
" 4	postage 1 dble letter		.10	
" 13	" 1 do do		.10	
" 21	" 1 do do		.10	
July 14	" 2 Single do		.20	
Aug 5	" 2 dble do		.40	
14	" 1 pkt		.40	.180
April 5	postage 1 dble letter		.10	
" 15	" 1 do do		.10	
May 4	" 1 do do		.10	
" 7	" 1 pkt		.20	
" 10	" 1 pkt franked		.20	
" 11	" 1 pkt 7/1 dble letter		.30	
" 14	" 3 dble letters		.30	
" 18	" 1 dble		.10	
" 30	" 1 Single		.06	
June 11	" 1 pkt		.20	
" 12	" 1 dble letter		.10	
" 15	" 1 do do		.10	
" 29	" 2 dble 1 Single		.20	
deduct for Jonathan Parsons Postage above			1.10	
Total 1844 Approved Tho. Bacon, Secy. of the Board			1.190	
			.50	
			1.140	

Fig. 26

While we know for a fact that these vouchers were submitted at least up until Dec. 31, 1849, as we have some of that date, we also have a letter dated St. John's, Dec. 22, 1851, bearing a manuscript notation "Recd per Express on Monday 29th Decr." In addition to the "Express" we know that Edmund Phelan had a boat in service as early as Dec. 13, 1841, as is indicated by the notation on the letter sheets (Fig. 27).

Recd per Express on Monday 29th Decr 1851

Magistrate's Office
St. John's 13th December 1851

Fig. 27

From the voucher submitted to Her Majesty's Government for the year 1849, it is obvious that the packet "Victoria" was Edmund Phelan's boat (Fig. 28).

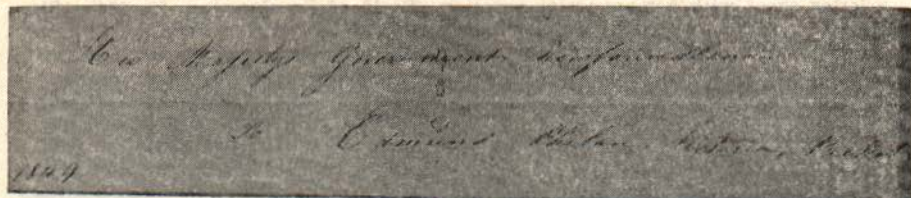


Fig. 28

Occasionally a notation was made on the face of the letter by the sender to signify the letter was being sent by packet "Victoria" (Fig. 29).



We also know a packet, "Leary," Fig. 29 was in service on Conception Bay between Portugal Cove and Harbor Grace on at least two occasions, Feb. 5, and Mar. 3, 1849 (Fig. 30).

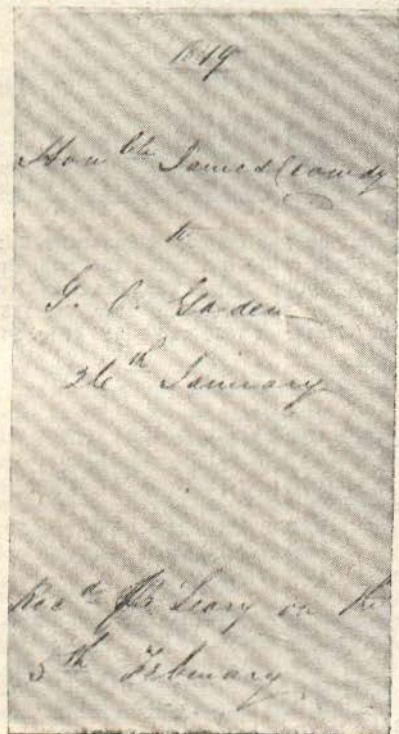


Fig. 30

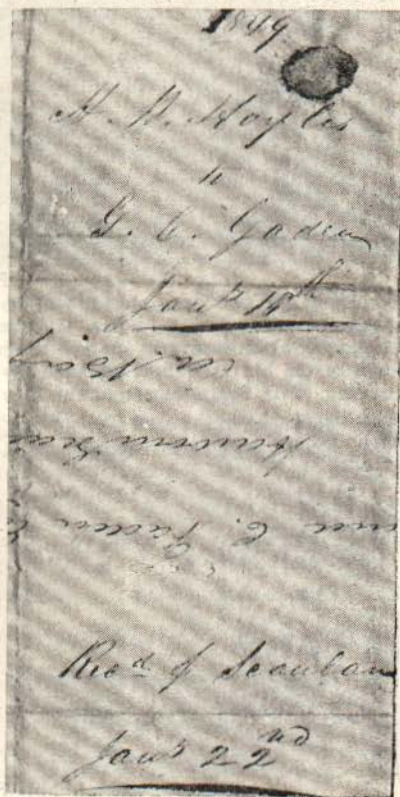


Fig. 31

Couriers were still employed at this time and it would seem clear that Patrick Scanlan was the one engaged for the Conception Bay area. We illustrate a letter sheet with a manuscript notation "Rec'd of Scanlan Jan. 22, 1849 (Fig. 31). In addition we submit a voucher presented by Patrick Scanlan, "Packet Man," to Her Majesty's Government for Postages, year ending Dec. 31, 1849

Duplicate

Her Majesty's Government
 To Patrick Scanlan "Packet Man"
 1849

Fig. 32

Patrick Scanlan in addition to being a Courier on his own, occasionally was in the employ of Edmund Phelan as per voucher illustrated (Fig. 33).

Wickham, District

Her Majesty's Government
 To Edmund Phelan for duty
 performed by Patrick Scanlan
 for the Sheriff's Office
 1849

Fig. 33

From the two examples it will be seen that he was employed generally during the Winter months when the regular packets could not make the trip, due no doubt to the severe ice conditions in Conception Bay. That he was frequently on his own is evidenced by his voucher submitted on Mar. 28, 1851, reading, "For Postages round the Bay for the Winter of 1850 and 1851" (Fig. 34).

Her Majesty's Government
 To Patrick Scanlan
 1851

March 28th For Postages round the
 Bay for the winter of 1850 & 1851 { For 120
 Sterling £ 11 5

Fig. 34

(to be continued)

Bringing News About People & Stamps

By REV. JOHN S. BAIN

BNAPSer Mervyn Quarles of Chicago, Ill., reports that a preliminary organizational meeting for a BNAPS Chapter was held in Chicago, March 1st. A second meeting is being planned and before long it is hoped that a group will be meeting for the studying of BNA stamps, here in the mid-west. **BNAPS MARCHES ON!**

BNAPS

A rather interesting pamphlet has come to hand entitled "How Canada Got Its First Postage Stamps," by Lyman B. Jackes, published by the Canadian Historical Press, 315 Castlefield Ave., Toronto 12, Canada, priced at 10 cents, 16 pages. How accurate some of the statements are is open to question. For instance, the following statement, "... stamps already gummed on the back did not come into general use in Canada for some years after the first stamps were available in 1851."

BNAPS

One of the finest specialized catalogues ever published by a dealer on BNA has just come off the presses. Printed on an excellent quality of paper, it covers the majority of Canadian stamps (with the exception of early issues) in plate blocks, unused blocks and singles, used blocks and singles, perforated O. H. M. S., Letter Cards, Envelopes, Wrappers, Telegraph and Telephone Franks. Newfoundland is covered in unused blocks and singles, used blocks and singles, Envelopes, Wrappers, and Revenues. The Pre-Confederation provinces are fully listed. This price list is backed up by the finest stock of these stamps in existence. Only 1,000 copies of this Catalogue have been printed and less than 300 remain. It can only be obtained by subscribing to **Sissons B. N. A. News** at \$2.00 per year. The address—204 Glenrose Ave., Toronto 5, Canada.

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What an opportunity missed! One lone stamp, 4 cent denomination, to commemorate the entry of Newfoundland into Canadian confederation. Some believe that the shortness of time prevented other values being added, others believe that this reflects the

Canadian Governments conservative policy in new stamp issues.

A stock of current Newfoundland postage stamps will be maintained in the Canadian Philatelic Section at Ottawa, and orders for these issues can be accepted after April 1st, 1949. Just a question—aren't postage stamps available at the Agency in Ottawa allowed to be used for postal duty? Are these Newfoundland stamps allowable for postage?

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The Canadian Post Office Department advises that the \$1.00 "Gift" Combination Booklets will no longer be produced. When the present stocks are sold this item will become obsolete. They may still be procured from the Philatelic Section, Financial Branch, Post Office Department, Ottawa.

BNAPS

Available in the BNAPS Library, Robson Lowe's great book "Masterpieces of Engraving." Here is a book you should read. Drop our Presidential Citation (BNAPS) Librarian Robert J. Duncan a line at Box 118, Armstrong, B. C., Canada, and receive the book which will give you hours of classic philatelic reading.

BNAPS

Many thanks to BNAPSer John Siverts for sending the beautiful cacheted first day cover of the "Minnesota Territorial Centennial."

BNAPS

Maybe someone can tell me—the new Canada commemorative stamp for Newfoundland's entry into Confederation with Canada spells the name of John Cabot's ship "MATTHEW" (two t's); the Encyclopaedia Britannica spells it "MATHEW" (one t).

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I note in the January issue of (Jim) **Sissons B. N. A. News** that he says, speaking of the \$1.00 B. C. Law, part perf., "12 sheets of this variety have been reported to have escaped detection with the last row imperforate vertically. This would indicate that there are 60 pairs imperforate between.

The SOJEX exhibition held in Camden, N. J., the first week in March, was notable for the lack of a good showing of BNA. A small Canadian collection and a good showing of Newfoundland airmails were the only two items noticed by the writer.

BNAPSer W. T. White, #191, has something when he suggests a specialized catalogue of BNA, and the logical ones to compile such is a group of specialists as the BNAPS. The Canadian Societies should be invited to collaborate. Much pioneer work is being done by Mervyn Quarles through his splendid articles on the Maritime Provinces, and the Meyerson Brothers in their Newfoundland monograph.

A fine aid to cementing and increasing our membership is the announcement by President Hedley about our first Convention in Buffalo, Sept. 16, 17, 18. Those who visited CIPEX in New York probably still remember

the splendid effect created and left with those who met each other there. Here's another opportunity—don't miss it!

Robson Lowe, L510, will be guest speaker at a joint meeting of the two Trenton, N. J. Societies, on Tuesday evening March 29. Yours truly is anxiously awaiting this meeting and the chance to report what transpires.

W. Dennis Way, editor of **Stamp Collectors Fortnightly**, London, recently contributed a column in one of our philatelic publications under the heading, "Our London Letter." Mr. Way writes, "Several of you have asked me which American journals are esteemed in Britain." He named a half dozen publications and says, "and there the list just about finishes." He then adds, "the others rarely have anything worth clipping." No, he did not mention BNA TOPICS in his list of "esteemed journals"!!

Sales Topics

During 1948 a total of 193 circuits were forwarded to our subscribers for this service. In addition 11 large circuits were sent to the 3 Groups now operating.

For the first quarter of 1949, sales totaled \$608. Seventy-three books were retired, and \$1063 sent to the owners. On hand from sales, \$240; Insurance Fund, \$224; and the Cash Acct. \$30. Eighteen new books were entered and there are now 139 books in the circuit with lots of nice material for YOU, but you must write me in order to get them. My address:

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The Early Georgian Stamps

By M. W. CRYDERMAN

(Continued from page 63)

On Oct. 7, 1924, the 1c yellow, Die I, the 2c green, Die Ia, and the 3c carmine, Die I, all in imperforate condition, were put on sale in the Philatelic Agency. This was an experiment. The Department wished to find out how collectors would respond to the opportunity to buy stamps in imperforate condition when they were officially issued in that state. There were 50,000 each of the 1c and 2c, and 100,000 of the 3c. As it took nearly ten years to dispose of this small stock, there was no repetition of this idea.

In 1926 the rate for domestic postage was reduced from three cents to two cents and took effect on July 1 of that year. This left 130,000,000 copies of the three cent value in the hands of the Post Office Department. The demand for a three cent stamp would be practically negligible under the circumstances. Therefore it was decided that these stamps would be surcharged 2 CENTS and used for postage. Thereupon 140,000 sheets of 100 were turned over to the King's Printer to be so surcharged. Owing to the small size of the sheets and the fact that they were already gummed and perforated, they were exceedingly difficult to handle in the press, with the result that the work was unsatisfactory and the bulk of the work of the King's Printer was destroyed. Picked sheets to the number of 500 were turned over to the Philatelic Agency on Oct. 16, 1926, for distribution to collectors, but none were issued through the Post Office. They were surcharged in black with "2 CENTS" in one line. The "2 CENTS" is 16 mm. long, the 2 being 3 mm. high and the CENTS 2½ mm. high, without serifs. One sheet turned out to be Die II, the rest Die I. Essays and printer's waste exist, some 5 mm. high, some 3 mm. high, in orange and in black, and both heights with double surcharge, one in each of the above colours.

The Canadian Bank Note Co. then attempted to surcharge 1000 sheets but met with the same difficulty as the King's Printer. They arranged the surcharge in two lines in order to distinguish their work from that of the King's Printer. On the whole their work was considered unsatisfactory but 808 sheets of 100, all Die I, were placed on sale in the Philatelic Agency on Oct. 26, 1926. Double and triple surcharges, which are printer's waste, are known.

When the internal postage rate was raised from two cents to three cents on July 1, 1931, there was a temporary shortage of three cents stamps so the Department utilized some old uncut coil sheets, perforated 8 vertically, which had been printed in 1924, by perforating them 12 horizontally and putting them on the market. These 12x8 perforations were placed on sale June 24, 1931, a few days before the rate change took effect. The shortage could not have been very critical as it is hard to believe that the Post Office officials, despite the change of government a few months previously, would not have been ready for the increase in rate. The new 2c surcharged 3c had been issued three days previously, that is on June 21, and the new three cent stamp was issued on July 13. More probably they desired to dispose of the large quantity of old issue 3c coils on hand, quickly, for it would have taken years to vend them through the normal outlets, vending machines and the Philatelic Agency. The number issued is not known but it must have been large as the price has remained very reasonable throughout the years.

Although booklets of 2c stamps had been issued during the reigns of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII, it was not until the Early Georgian issue that booklets of one and three cent stamps were prepared. The Postmaster General's Report covering 1913 specifically mentions the first one cent booklet as appearing in that year. In addition to one, two and three cent booklets, combination booklets of the three values appeared. When the colour changes were made, the colours of the booklet panes changed. Die I only was used for the one and three cents panes. The three cent brown pane of six and the three cent carmine pane of six hitherto reported do not exist in fact. The panes printed previously to 1923 have a smooth surface. After the introduction of the dry, pre-gummed paper method and the consequent greater pressure needed in

the process, the paper and gum received a stronger impression and retained it to a greater extent.

The first one cent pane of six is found in blue green, deep green, yellow green and green, the latter shade being found both with and without position dots. These are in the tab, opposite the exact center of each stamp in the left vertical row of the pane. Hairlines may be found in all varieties. The two cent pane of six appeared in dull faded carmine and carmine, the latter with and without position dots. Hairlines have been reported in the former shade. The first three cent pane of four came in two distinct shades, dull grayish brown and a darker, richer brown.

When the colour change took place, the one cent pane of six appeared in chrome yellow and the pane of four, used in making up combination booklets, came out in yellow orange and chrome yellow. The panes of six produced by the wet printing process are slightly larger than those printed by the dry process. The two cent pane of six, the wet printing, appeared in dull green, and the dry printing in yellow green. Panes of four to make up the combination booklets are in the same shades, dull green and yellow green. The three cent pane of four was printed in various carmine shades after 1923.

The following pane arrangement in booklets should be noted:

1. 1c green (4 panes of 6)
2. 2c carmine (2 panes of 6)
3. 3c dull brown (2 panes of 4)
4. 1c yellow (4 panes of 6)
5. 2c green (2 panes of 6)
6. 3c carmine (2 panes of 4)
7. 1c yellow)
2c green) combination booklet
3c dark brown)
8. 1c yellow)
2c green) combination booklet
3c carmine)

These booklets are found with an endless variety of postal information and covers, sometimes bound and sometimes stapled.

The panes were printed from special plates of 120 subjects (20x6), which consisted of two vertical rows of ten panes, arranged tete-beche horizontally. By favour or otherwise some of these panes in tete-beche pairs found their way onto the market in imperforate condition. So far the one cent green, block of 12, the two cent green, block of 8, the three cent brown, block of 8, and the three cent carmine, block of 8, have come to light. Probably all will make their appearance in time. All panes of four have long imperforated tabs at the left, unlike the present issues which are perforated just as for panes of six, making two blank spaces on each pane.

For much of the information presented the writer is indebted to the Canadian Post Office Department and the fine works of Boggs, Jarrett, Bond, Pollock, Campbell, Marler and many others.

(to be concluded)

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We have it on good authority that the best book ever written on the stamps of Newfoundland is now out of print. We refer specifically to "The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Newfoundland" by Winthrop S. Boggs, and published by the Chambers Publishing Co., Kalamazoo, Mich. It therefore behoves all and sundry who have been biding their time to hurry and get their copy. The book is a must for all collectors of Newfoundland. We hope Mr. Boggs will someday take the time to rewrite the book as we understand he now has enough additional material to bring out a book comparable to his Canada book which was awarded the Crawford Medal.

In the Feb. 26th issue of **Stamp Collecting**, published in London, under the heading "Varieties Uncatalogued," we find the following:

"A minor variety of the 5c 'Cabot Discovery' stamp of 1947 is reported by Mr. C. S. A. Watts. It is on the second stamp of the bottom row but one, and the "7" of "1947" has a line through it, turning it into a continental figure 7. Information on its constancy is required."

From the description in the quote we assume they are referring to stamp "82" and we promptly checked all copies we had. We were fortunate in having one of the first sheets issued on June 24, 1947, and one of those issued after Dec. 15, 1947, with plate number 43476. Our check however was to no avail as we found no evidence of the line mentioned. Will all those having lower left corner blocks of this stamp please check and if they find the line please advise us so that we may try to determine how often it appears.

Still more on plate blocks. We have just been advised that the 5c stamp appeared on Feb. 5, 1949 with plate #43966. At the same time we learned that the 10c value exists bearing plate #43702, and the 14c has been issued with plate #41789. We have no idea

when these two numbers were issued but we will endeavor to get the information and pass it along through the medium of this column. It would be a good idea for all Newfoundland collectors to bend every effort to get these plate numbers now as they certainly will be rather scarce in days to come.

It's been some time since we have done any work on the Postal Slogans of Newfoundland. In the Aug. 1945 BNA TOPICS we discussed 16 slogans giving the earliest and latest records of use. At that time there were only these 16 slogans. Since then three more have appeared, two were discussed in the Oct. 1947 "Topics," and the third in the Nov. 1948 issue. Recently we acquired a considerable number of envelopes bearing slogans and a careful perusal has revealed several earlier and later dates of use than previously recorded. In the belief that the new information may be of interest to collectors of Newfoundland, we are listing the changes.

No.	Earlier Date	Later Date
1.	2-8-1918	1-3-1919
2.	2-6-1918	12-21-1918
3.	9-11-1928	Used from St. John's East
3.	Used from St. John's	4-5-1928
4.		9-26-1922
5.		11-2-1933
6.		7-28-1926
9.	5-3-1927	9-29-1930
11.	7-18-1929	2-12-1934
12.	11-20-1923	3-3-1932
14.	5-16-1934	11-2-1937
15.	1-8-1938	
16.	1-7-1941	12-20-1944
18.	5-1-1947	11-13-1947

You learn something every day. Late in February, we learned for the first time that Newfoundland had issued U. P. U. books in previous years. The one we purchased was issued for the U. P. U. Congress held in Paris during May 1947. The book contains 16 of the current Newfoundland stamps pasted down. Does anyone know of any others issued in previous years? We can understand Reg. Barraclough's interest in the Canadian Presentation Booklets; they certainly are pretty things.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Further regarding my announcement last month of the first BNAPS Convention...I am pleased to be able to announce further that it will be held in **BUFFALO, SEPTEMBER 16-17-18**, at the **HOTEL STATLER**. The title of our convention and exhibit is **BNAPEX 1949**. Full details will be given regularly in **BNA TOPICS** and then all will appear in the convention and exhibit Prospectus to be issued. Appointments are being made for the complete **BNAPEX 1949** Committee, and this also will be published here. I frankly do not recall any specialist's Society, such as ours, that has attempted a full three day convention and exhibit. Needless to say, we are counting on the full support of every member...we will need it to put this affair over!! It is not too early to begin planning to attend. The Hotel is planning to make accommodations for members and guests, but these should be in as soon as possible.

I do not know as yet who will be in charge of reservations, but if you care to send your name to me, I will see that the responsible committee gets it as soon as they accept the appointment. In this connection, the Hotel will forward to each a formal reservation card on which all guests can give full particulars.

All information about the exhibit, frames, prizes, awards, etc., will be given soon.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND BNAPEX 1949

Several members have commented on my query about a direct membership campaign; some for and some against. Of course, we could attain the goal without a drive, if every member would make it his personal job to try to bring in at least one new member!! I'm sure our Secretary will send you all the applications you want. He would even mail them with a sample of **TOPICS** if you send him your list. We all know there are many collectors of **BNA** who still haven't joined our Society and the reason may well be "they haven't been told personally about it!!!" Surely all of us feel strongly enough about our Society to see it make further progress. However, the only way this can be realized is by constantly increasing our membership. Yes, the enrollment has been good, every month there are a few, but we need more!! That word "more" spells an even larger magazine, an even better magazine, an even better library, and many other new benefits for the members. I am going to work! How about you??

As you have noticed, our Society has of late been receiving the publicity it deserves in various philatelic papers. The job requires constant attention to keep it going and I wonder if some member who has a little spare time could type the releases and see that they get into the magazines. It would only require a few minutes time each week, and I will gladly help all I can. Please let me hear from you if you will carry on.

Our Editor is very grateful for the fine response of contributions to the magazine. The results are evident and speak for themselves—and, everyone is speaking about **BNA TOPICS**. If you are finished with that article, send it along to Jack for publication in the magazine that reaches the greatest number of **BNA** specialists.

Back again next month.

Richard P. Hedley, President

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

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- 548 Funk, Boyd D. P., Box 133, Republic, Ohio
 549 Jackson, F., 92 Rouse St., Sudden, Rochdale, England
 550 Macmaster, Alexander, 164 Beacon St., Athol, Mass.
 551 Pollard, W. H., 167 Cordova St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- Attwood, Henry J., 6832 Fabre St., Montreal, Canada (DCX) CAN, NFD—Mint & used postage and blks. 1st day covers. Coils. O.H.M.S. Mint & used airmails. Proposed by R. P. Hedley, No. 164. Seconded by C. Goulden, No. 25.
 Boronow, Robert R., 820 University Tower Bldg., Montreal, Canada (CX) CAN, NFD—19th & 20th cent. mint & used postage and blks. 1st flights. Complete booklets. O.H.M.S. Mint airmail. Proofs & Essays. Proposed by J. R. Barraclough, No. 33.
 Chillas, H. S., 8218 Harrison Place, Hammond, Ind. (C) Proposed by I. R. Watts, No. 230. Seconded by H. R. Meyers, No. 9.
 Johnson, Gerald A., 2403 Weston Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y. (D) Proposed by R. P. Hedley, NNo. 164. Seconded by R. Allison, No. 520.
 Kruger, John, Box 392, Regina, Sask., Canada (D) CAN, NFD—19th & 20th cent mint & used postage and blks. Coils. O.H.M.S. Revenues. Mint, used and semi-official airmails. Locals. Cancellations. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37. Seconded by H. E. Canham, No. 77.
 Weeks, William A., Montrose, N. Y. (CX) CAN, NFD, PRE—19th & 20th cent. mint and used postage. Xmas seals. Revenues. Mint & used airmails. Proposed by H. Thurston, No. 403. Seconded by D. C. Meyerson, No. 3.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- Culhane, James T., 119 Montgomery Ave., Norristown, Pa. (from Phila.)
 Garratt-Adams, H., Elmdon Grange, Elmdon, Birmingham, England
 Siverts, John S., 2212 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

- 429 Clem, Capt. W. A. Jr., 1343 Sedgwick St., Philadelphia 19, Pa.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

- Simon, Joseph, 1653 E. Mountain St., Pasadena 7, Calif.
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 Wildman, F. E., 12051 Ventura Place, Studio City, Calif.

An Itinerant Philatelist

Robson Lowe of London and Philadelphia is making another tour this spring. On April 6th he will show his collection of the early stamps of New South Wales at the **Collectors Club, New York**. The next day will find him in Cleveland in the morning en route to Cincinnati where he will give an address to the **Co-operative Stamp Collectors Club** on the London Exhibition. On April 8th he will address a meeting of the Collectors Club of **Chicago**.

Later stops are **San Francisco** and **Oakland** (12th and 13th), **Portland** (14th), **Seattle** (15th), **Victoria V. I.** (16th), **Toronto** (20th), **Ottawa** (22nd), and **Montreal** on the 23rd in time for the Annual Convention of the **Canadian Philatelic Society**.

On his return he will stop off at **Boston** for the 27th and 28th and then stay at **Philadelphia** for a week before sailing for England. Anyone wishing to contact Robson Lowe should write his office at 1320 Widener Bldg., Philadelphia 7, Pa., and appointments will be arranged as far as possible.

BUFFALA, N. Y. — SEPT. 16-17-18

Prince Edward Island Cover Valuations

By W. W. Chadbourne

The proposal that we have a British North American specialized catalog is an excellent idea. Every member should get behind the proposal. One can begin already to speculate on listings and valuations. In the case of many of the stamps of the Maritime provinces, there is the problem of proper pricing of covers, particularly for those stamps that were in great supply unused as remainders. Patently, the desirable way to collect these used is on covers, where cancellations can be more correctly judged as genuine. Inasmuch as all of the Prince Edward Island stamps except the first issue, perf. 9, fall in the remainder category, this province is a good one to start with, and for the sake of completeness, the first issue will also be included in the following description of rates, dates of use, and other pertinent remarks.

Cover collectors know that every piece is unique. Each must be valued on its own merits. All suggested valuations are for fine tied-on copies with reasonably light cancellations, genuinely used on envelopes that are not badly damaged. In the case of P. E. I., one's sights cannot be placed too high in the matter of condition, or his collection will grow slowly—exasperatingly so. For example, it is the opinion of the writer that for every thousand U. S. five-cent 1847 covers in existence there is only one two-cent P. E. I. cover; for every one hundred six pence Canada, there is only one four and one-half pence P. E. I. The moral, of course, is to get these scarce items, even in mediocre condition, whenever they come onto the market, replacing them with superior items whenever possible, and trading or selling the inferior ones.

In the following tabulation, bisects are not listed. Neither are several possible combinations to make up high rates, although there are listings of combinations that the writer has not seen recorded and consequently has no sale record. Values in such cases are hypothetical. No listing are attempted for combinations making up registration rates. All values are in line with the 1948 market. The first description indicates the destination of the letter; the second, the stamp and variations; the third, the market value; plus pertinent remarks.

Destination	Stamp & Variation	Market Value
#1, 2d Dull Rose		
Intraprovince	Single	\$17.50
U. S. via St. John, N. B.	Strip of 3	75.00
#2, 3d Blue		
B. N. A. Provinces	Single	40.00
U. S. via St. John, N. B.	Pair	100.00
United Kingdom, California, B. W. I., & Nfld.	Strip of 3	150.00
Same	Single with 6d, #3	100.00
Stamps of the first issue, perf. 9, may be found in combination with those of the second issue, perf. 11?11½-12 and compound. Such combinations are unusual. Earliest date of first issue, Jan. 1, 1861; latest date noted, Nov. 10, 1864 (6d) but could have been used until Jan. 1, 1872, when province changed to decimal system and stamps.		
#3, 6d Yellow Green		
U. S. via St. John, N. B.	Single	75.00
#4, 1d Yellow Orange 4a, 1d Brown Orange		
Intraprovince Advertising matter	Single	15.00
Soldier-Seamen letters to B.N.A. prov.	Single	30.00
Intraprovince	Pair	35.00
B. N. A. Provinces	Strips of 3	60.00
Same	Single with 2d, #5	20.00
Values are for the yellow-orange. Add 15% for the scarcer brown-orange. Earliest date noted, Feb. 11, 1862 (brown-orange).		
#5, 2d Rose		
Intraprovince	Single	2.50

B. N. A. Provinces	Pair	10.00
U. S. via St. John, N. B.	Strips of 3	15.00
Earliest probable date, late 1862 or early 1863.		
#6, 3d Blue		
B. N. A. Provinces	Single	5.00
U. S. via St. John, N. B.	Pair	25.90
United Kingdom, etc.	Strip of 3	40.00
Same	Single with 6d, #7	
Dates, same as for #5.		
#7, 6d Yellow Green		
U. S. via St. John, N. B.	Single	25.00
Same as #5 as to dates. Add 20% for blue green #7a. This rate was reduced to 4d Nov. 1, 1868.		
#8, 9d Violet		
United Kingdom, etc.	Single	60.00
Same, double rate	Pair	150.00
Earliest date, early 1862. A very scarce value.		
#9, 4d Black		
United States	Single	35.00
Earliest date, probably late March or early April 1869, although the rate was reduced from 6d November 1, 1868.		
#10, 4½d Brown		
United Kingdom	Single	50.00
Rate was reduced from 9d to 4½d (currency) or 3d (sterling) on June 1, 1870		
#11, 1c Brown Orange		
Intraprovince, advertising matter	Single	15.00
Local 1st class rate	Single with 2c ultramarine	75.00
Same	Strip of 3	60.00
B. N. A. Provinces	Single with 3c rose	30.00
Decimal stamps became valid on Jan. 1, 1872.		
#12, 2c Ultramarine		
B. N. A. Provinces	Pair	125.00
United States	Strip of 3	250.00
Apparently there was no rate for the 2c as a single. This is the rarest of all P. E. I. stamps (see remarks on 12c below).		
#13, 3c Rose		
Local 1st class rate	Single	7.50
United States	Pair	20.00
#14, 4c Green		
B. N. A. Provinces	Single	50.00
Should be more plentiful than appears to be the case.		
#15, 6c Black		
United States	Single	35.00
#16, 12c Violet		

This stamp, genuinely used, is a treasure, if any exist. It is in the same class as the New Brunswick 17c black (vide "Letters to the Editor," Feb. 1949 BNA TOPICS).

From the standpoint of supply, P. E. I. covers, with the exception of #5 and #6, are rare. Demand, however, has never been very great, partly because the stamps are not as attractive as engraved issues, and also the difficulty in forming a large and imposing collection in any short space of time. A great many covers bear pen-cancelled stamps or are damaged because of the inferior quality of the paper. However, pen-cancelled copies on attractive envelopes are not "junk." A specialized listing of these, and other B. N. A. covers will stimulate demand and improve marketability. As potential buyers or sellers, as well as students of B. N. A. collecting, we have everything to gain from the stimulation such a catalog would produce.

Criticism of this article would be most welcome, either to the author directly, or through BNA TOPICS. If its reception seem to be favourable, companion articles on New Brunswick and Nova Scotia may follow.

Looking Here . . .

Looking There . . .

with

Russell Allison

The prospectus of the **London International Stamp Exhibition** has arrived. This 80 page booklet provides a detailed description of eligible exhibits and the rules for entering an exhibit. There can only be 1,100 frames available (16 standard album pages to a frame) and under the circumstances not more than five frames will be allotted any single collection. The Exhibit is sponsored by the **Royal Philatelic Society, London**, in co-operation with the **British Philatelic Association**. Provisional Entry Forms are available on request to 41 Devonshire Place, London W. 1, England.

The Jan.-Feb. issue of the **SEAPOSTER**, official organ of the **Mari-Time Postmark Society**, appears with a sparkling cover, a reproduction of the "Nascopie," a ship formerly used in the Canadian Arctic, and then relates the story and history of this ship. You may secure a copy from Mr. G. J. Lund, 136 Highland Blvd., Berkeley 8, Calif.

Linn's Weekly Stamp News for March 14th states that the Canadian Post Office Department reported that for the ninth year it was able to show a profit from its operations. Total revenues of \$91,613,618 were \$5,212,667 higher than the previous year, and the Department turned over a balance of \$9,827,491. U. S. Post Office Department take note.

This same issue of **Linn's** also states that some pressure is being brought on the Canadian Post Office Department to issue a stamp for the 75th Anniversary of the City of Winnipeg. The Mayor and local stamp Societies are asking for support.

Weekly Philatelic Gossip provides lots of B. N. A. reading. Almost every week a column of questions and answers appears. **BNAPS'er** William J. Scott's column, "Canada Calling," is offered once a month for your enjoyment and enlightenment. "The Canadian Roundtable" asks the question about the 1 cent green coils, perf. 12 x imperf, with the additional two large-hole perforations,—did the Canadian Government do this extra perforating? If so, how? And what Vending Machine Company was it? Can we help with the answers?

In the Feb. 19th issue of the **WPG**, Mr. J. Earl Harlow gives a list of Newfoundland imperforates. He lists 25 part perf stamps that are known with what he considers a reasonable price for each. He also lists airmails followed with the notation that they might have come from the debris of the Perkins, Bacon & Co. printing plant when it was destroyed by the blitz.

New Post Offices:

Lower Post, B. C. — opened January 21st.

Parc St. Leonard, Que. — opened February 21st.

Winthrop S. Boggs, famous author, has just published another book. This is a study of the work of Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, and Edson, printers of the first Canadian and U. S. postage stamps. He gives a remarkable insight into the firm and the methods used in their print shop. A copy of the book can be secured from H. Clay Musser, Executive Secretary A. P. S., Box 800, State College, Pa., for \$2.00.

Word also reaches us from our Librarian that Col. Kimble, Editor of the

American Philatelist, states that the very fine article by George C. Marler on Canada King George 1911-12 series will be published in book form by the American Philatelic Society very shortly. However, orders should **not** be sent in as yet until a full announcement will inform when the book will be ready.

Help Wanted! Since my mention of the two new varieties of the 1868 issues reported in the **Philatelic Journal of Great Britain**, I have heard from the discoverer of those varieties, BNAPSer George R. C. Searles, #423. He mentions that since the 15c (doubling of the line over POS of POSTAGE) comes in one of the earlier shades, and since only one plate was used for this value, he is anxious to hear of any more re-entries turning up on the later shades.

He also requests any information on the new watermark on the ½c value that he has turned up. He asks you to look over your copies of this stamp; perhaps other copies of this watermark may be found and it will be deciphered. Report any finding on either of these new discoveries to Mr. G. R. C. Searles, 25 Derby Road, Belper, Derbyshire, England.

BNAPS newest Group, The Niagara Frontier Group, is going ahead full blast. The next meeting will be held at the home of our Prexy, Dick Hedley, on April 13th. At our last meeting, a very interesting discussion was held on plate varieties and re-entries. You won't know what you're missing until you start one of your own in your locality. Plans are being formulated for the Niagara Frontier Group to visit neighboring clubs and present "Canada Night" for them.

The March 17th meeting of the New York Group was a real treat. As reported last issue, members from Philadelphia Group provided the evening's pleasures. Charlie McDonough, Jim Culhane, Wilmer Rockett, Alf Kessler, Kirk Liggett came from Philly; W. Chadbourne journeyed from Wilmington, Dela.; George Foster travelled from Trenton; H. Thurston and "Doc" Weeks stayed over before going home to Montrose, N. Y.; and Jim Sissons from Toronto, made it his business to come over. Of course many of the regular N. Y. boys were there.

Kirk Liggett opened many eyes with his showing of Canadian Revenues. Wilmer Rockett treated the guests with a showing of Canadian Cigar, Cigarette and Tobacco Revenue Stamps—a beautiful exhibition of the fine engraving of Canadian stamps. Wilmer's specially built album stopped the show; about 36 inches long—no more folding and creasing.

Mr. Chadbourne provided the "piece de resistance"—Maritime Provinces of and on cover. New Brunswick Numeral Cancellations, on and off cover, also bisects in profusion. Mr. Chadbourne's knowledge of rates and postal history of these Provinces may be equalled but not likely surpassed.

What a night! Anyone in this vicinity who misses these meetings should never forgive himself.

Your reporter has received lists of prices realized at auctions held by Earl Appelbaum of Philadelphia, Robson Lowe and Harmer, Rooke but not in time to be included in this month's column. Maybe next month.

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Index to Canadian Philatelic Literature

By R. J. Duncan

An Index of Handbooks, Catalogs, etc., compiled
and published by Fred Jarrett, Toronto, Ontario

Postage Stamps of Canada by Fred Jarrett, with a complete check list of the Postal Stationery of Canada by T. Derwent Kinton M. A. Coloured, stiff paper wrapper. 103 pages, 5½x7¾ inches. Published in 1923 by the author and sold by Canadian Stamp Collector, Brockville, Ont. 500 copies printed.

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Stamps of British North America (Jarrett's B. N. A. Book) by Fred Jarrett with section and complete check list of the Postal Stationery of Canada by T. Derwent Kinton M. A. Limp leather binding. 261 pages, 5½x7¾ inches. Published and sold by the author, Toronto, Ont., 1927. 750 copies printed.

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Dominion of Canada

1868 Issue (2 pages). Minor Varieties (2½ pages). Notes on King Edward Issue (2½ pages). Queen Victoria 4 Leaf & Numeral Issues (1½ pages). Jubilee Issue (1½ pages). Notes on Georgian Issues (4½ pages). Air Mail (7 pages). British Columbia & Vancouver Island (6 pages). Notes on Prince Edward Island (7½ pages).

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Province of Canada (4 pages). Dominion of Canada Large Cents (3 pages). Small Cents (2 pages). Registered Letter Stamps (2 pages). Balance of Queen Victoria Issue (2 pages). King Edward Issue (1 page). Quebec Tercentenary (1 page). King George Issues (4 pages). Air Mail (5 pages). Revenue Stamps (23 pages). Canadian Postal Stationery (11 pages). Proofs, Essays & Color Trials (8 pages). Vancouver Island (1 page). British Columbia (2 pages). Province of New Brunswick (3 pages). Notes on New Brunswick (4 pages). Province of Nova Scotia (3 pages). Notes on Nova Scotia (3½ pages). Prince Edward Island with notes (3½ pages).

Postmarks & Cancellations

Of Canada (53 pages). The Railway Post Office. By S. Tanner Green (3 pages). Railway Cancellations (15 pages). Cancellation Values (10 pages). Cancellations—British Columbia & Vancouver Island (2½ pages). New Brunswick Postmarks & Cancellations (3 pages). Nova Scotia Postmarks & Cancellations (2½ pages). Prince Edward Island Postmarks & Cancellations (4½ pages).

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The Postage Stamps of Canada

Plate Varieties of the Pence Issues, etc.

By FRED AITCHISON

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1859 ISSUE

It is generally accepted that the "dies" used for this issue were adapted from those of the Pence issues, but there are alterations which may be mentioned, some of which I have not seen previously noted.

The 1 cent seems to have been retouched; the lines have been strengthened round the lower part of the inner oval, giving a smudgy appearance.

In the 2 cents the hair behind the Crown and in front of the chignon seems heavily retouched.

The 10 cents shows oblique lines covering the inner oval and there are perpendicular lines over the right shoulder, both of which do not appear on the 6d.

The 7½d. shows only crossed lines above the shoulders; in the 12½ cents the retouching is shown by perpendicular lines reaching as high as the ear over the left shoulder.

The 5 cents stamp has been left until the last, as it presents further difficulty. The 3d. stamp shows three flaws which occur consistently on all stamps and on all variety of papers.

- (1) A break occurs on the top corner where the outer oval line joins the frame line immediately to the right of A in postage.
- (2) The single "arc" line in front of postage is broken.
- (3) There is a streak on every stamp—sometimes colourless—evidently a flaw in the original "die," coming from below the P in postage, cutting through the upper part of the perpendicular stroke of R, running through the shamrock and the back of the beaver.

None of these flaws occur in the 5 cents. The other portion connecting the "dies" of the 3d. and 5 cents is identical.

After examining a number of the 5c, including many "proofs," it would ap-

pear as though the "streak" has been carefully retouched. The only other alternative would be the re-drawing of a new "die" altogether, but this seems out of the question owing to the almost impossible task of engraving an exact facsimile.

The plate variety of the 5 cents with the "extra line in outer oval on left" is well known and catalogued, but there seems another plate variety and although it has not been seen in a pair the writer has two single copies, the stamp is very clearly printed and the chief characteristics are:

- (a) Figures 5 are affected.
- (b) Extra pearls on each side of Crown
- (c) V. R. affected.
- (d) Extra lines shown slightly below the rose and shamrock.

The transfer roller has been lightly put on the plate on the first entry.

On the 17 cents, occasionally a "hair" line is seen on the right side of the stamp; if this has been used as a guide line it has got out of position.

1868 ISSUE

It would appear as though a primary "die" was used for the whole series, and only with horizontal lines of shading, as shown in the 6 cents; the other values show oblique lines above the head or above and around the back of the head, the original shading was either defective or considered insufficient in the 1c, 2c, 3c and 12½c. The lines at the left side of the circle in the 6 cents show signs of being strengthened both on early and late shades, as this does not appear on all stamps it would suggest the addition was made on the "plate" and not on the "die."

The paper for this series varies from very thin almost pelure to very thick, the latter being quite scarce, in the 15 cents a special printing in a distinct shade of violet black seems to

have been made upon a very thick soft paper, the shade and thickness of paper is quite distinct from any of the other printings, unfortunately the stamps I have are not dated, perhaps some of my readers may be able to give the approximate date of issue.

SCARCE POSTMARKS

(1) The **Postage Stamp** of the 1st October, 1910, recorded a rare postmark, with a full explanation of its meaning, the obliteration was a small thick lined circle in which appeared the words "Way letter" in large type. Another type of this obliteration on entire is found dated Windsor, Ont., May 7th, 1877, the usual duplicate mark is over a 5 cents stamp but a single circle 20 mm. diameter, containing "Way" is twice marked on the envelope. The same ink appears to have been used for both postmarks so the "Way" obliteration has been evidently stamped on the letter at Windsor. The envelope is addressed to London. It would be interesting to know what other style, if any, of this undoubtedly scarce postmark exists.

(2) An entire showing a 3d. stamp with the usual circular obliteration has on the envelope a "dater" showing two concentric circles, St. George U. C. is printed between the circles, the inner circle, contains the date 15th, April, 1854, written in ink. An enquiry addressed to the postal authorities elicited the reply "at that time a wooden head was used to stamp the letters and the date afterwards filled in with pen and ink." I have been unable to obtain any further particulars, but the style of the postmark suggests a "temporary dater." Can any of my readers give any information?

(3) Another entire addressed to the District of Three Rivers bears a postmark in red "Steamboat letter Quebec" in circular form and the date inside Sp. 2, 1854.

(4) An entire showing a shield surmounted by a crown, the shield contains "Legislative Assembly 11 May, 1864, Canada" in red, the letter is postmarked at Quebec. No postage stamp appears as the Legislative Assembly covered internal postage. The envelope is addressed to Gateshead, England, and surcharged 1/. This should be a rare obliteration.



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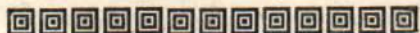
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