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## From the Editor . . .

**WE TAKE** great pleasure in presenting the 1950 edition of the Yearbook of the British North America Philatelic Society, combined this year with the regular monthly issue of BNA TOPICS. It is hoped that the material contained herein will prove of interest to all members, and the Membership and Library Lists make this book a work of reference throughout the year. The geographical listing of the membership has had to be omitted in this edition because of lack of time to prepare it for publication. However, this extra space has been used to good advantage in the presentation of several fine articles. The Constitution and By-laws are still missing from the Yearbook, but these will be published in a separate volume in the near future, following the results of the balloting on the amendments proposed at the 1949 Convention.

Sincere thanks are extended to all those members and dealers who patronized this edition with advertising, and to all those who have helped in any way in the publication. Special mention should perhaps be made of R. J. Duncan, who combines his job as Librarian with an all-out effort at securing new members for BNAPS, and makes an outstanding contribution as an Associate Editor of BNA TOPICS.

The Society has experienced an upsurge of interest over the past year, mainly shown in the formation of two new study groups—the Small Queens Group and the Plate Block Group. Reports of these activities, together with the P. E. I. Study Group, are contained elsewhere in this issue. Plans are under way at the present time for the forming of still another group within BNAPS. This is a Varieties Group, and this activity too will likely get under way in the very near future.

The main problem in the publication of this magazine each month is the securing of material with which to fill its pages. Any member who has anything to say about any subject related to B. N. A. is cordially invited to submit it for publication in BNA TOPICS. No item is too unimportant—there is always some other member interested in what you have to tell. Although we can not hope to please everyone all the time, over a period of a year a reader must be a long way off the beaten path if there has been nothing written and published about his pet subject.

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# Canada 5c 1859

By MAJOR G. A. E. CHAPMAN, D. S. O.\*



Some observations upon the 5c Beaver are submitted herewith in the hope that they will be helpful to anyone contemplating study of this interesting stamp.

## COMMON PLATE IRREGULARITIES

In the search for and study of Re-entries and Flaws and other Plate varieties it should be realized that there are a number of features foreign to the original design, besides the split or Tangent at centre of the East outer frame which is universal, that are common in varying degree to a great number of copies. These should be readily recognized and discounted, except perhaps in a few cases, as very secondary aids to identification. Thirteen such features are shown upon the accompanying enlargement.

Feature:—	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N
11¼x11¼	90	35	95	70	85	65	90	40	95	55	25	90	60
11¼x12	85	45	85	60	40	65	80	10	75	35	20	65	25
12x12	90	15	85	75	60	75	60	20	65	40	20	55	25

Of 20 stamps of each perforation group (total 60) selected at random but with an eye to strength of impression, the following percentages were found to carry "features" as shown in the above table. It is to be borne in mind that "absence" in some cases may be due to poor inking or wear, etc., a fact that would tend towards the classification of such highly percentaged "features" such as A. C. as almost universal; in fact the figures for J and M are very much lower than would have been expected.

## THE C DOT

This dot is that which is to be found in the "C" of CENTS upon stamps from almost all plate positions other than those of the South row, where it is absent. It can, therefore, hardly be classed as a variety as is sometimes

\* This article by Major Chapman is reprinted from The American Philatelist, January 1949. It will be followed in succeeding issues of BNA TOPICS by further articles on this interesting stamp, dealing with Flaws and Re-entries.

claimed. As a means of identification the C dot is not infallible, for certain stamps of the same plate position are known with and without the C dot, and furthermore, study of various proof sheets of Plate 1 has shown that the C dots of stamps of corresponding positions do vary very considerably. Such absence or pronounced variation of the C dot does not, therefore, necessarily indicate a different plate origin, stamps with such C dot differences being found with multiple irrefutable evidence of origin from the same plate. However, in instances where stamps carrying apparently the same variety do have similar C dots, the C dot is undoubtedly an important factor towards clinching identification. Upon the assumption that a position dot was placed upon each one of the first ninety positions of the plate, it can be presumed that the original absence of a C dot was due to its having been plotted upon the plate before the die was rolled in, so as to have fallen outside the C and into the coloring where it became lost. The sudden appearance or altered position of the dot would indicate origin due to re-plotting necessitated by disappearance through wear.

### GUIDE DOTS

These dots, not infrequently considered by the uninitiated to be Flaws, occur about the top West and East corners of stamps from the North marginal plate positions and in the West margin in the Northern end and Southern half of each of the West marginal plate positions. Study of the Guide dots has produced data whereby the several plate positions of the North and West margins of Plate 1 and of the North margin of Plate 2 may be identified, although discrepancies due to wear, re-plotting and paper fluctuation are met with. Guide dots are not present in the East and South margins except on positions 10 and 91 which are also North and West respectively.

### RARITY

Flaws, with possibly one or two exceptions, are undoubtedly more scarce than Re-entries for the reason that while Re-entries, once created, persist throughout the use of the plate (although may be in waning strength), Flaws, owing to their accidental origin have "lives" of varying span (governed by correction or fading out)—hence, the shorter the life the rarer the Flaw. Rarity, however, in the case of the Major or more prominent Flaws is of secondary importance compared with the notoriety of and the ease with which they may be recognized.

### NUMBER OF PLATES

The following is a precis upon this matter. This study was first carried on (1940-41) by the Hon. J. A. Calder of Ottawa, Canada, in collaboration with Mr. Elliott Perry of Westfield, N. J., U. S. A., upon the conclusion of which the following facts were disclosed:

1. The existence of two plates was definitely determined.
2. A very small remnant of evidence remained that might indicate the possible existence of a third plate. This "small remnant" besides being composed of stamps of such indefinite nature as to render positive opinion that they did or did not originate from Plates 1 and 2 was so limited (13 copies as against a great number examined) that considerable doubt was felt in the possibility that they indicated the existence of another plate when, had there been such a plate, stamps from it by reason of their more recent issue might have been expected to present themselves far more frequently.

It would require a very long and intensive study to determine even approximately how many times the two plates were completely re-entered. It has been estimated that to produce the 39,800,000 stamps known to have been printed the two plates must have been re-entered at least five times, making seven plates in all. In 1946 in further endeavor towards solving the problem, a questionnaire addressed to the British-American Bank Note Co. and to the Canadian Bank

Note Co., elicited the fact that the plates might possibly have been re-entered as many as 12 times. Without stressing how unlikely it would seem that the plates were re-entered nearly as many as 12 times, there is abundant evidence provided by the frequency with which shockingly worn stamps are found that the plates must have been forced to produce sheets not only beyond their accepted limit of output, but long after they were fit to do so, and furthermore no allowance has been made for "retouching," a fact that would materially increase the life of the plate before complete re-entering was undertaken.

It seems admissable, therefore, to accept the estimate of a total of seven "plates" (57,000 impressions each) as advanced by Senator Calder and Mr. Elliott Perry.

## Trail of the Caribou

By Freres Meyerson



G. Lewis

If our readers will refer back to the February issue of TOPICS and read the last paragraph of the TRAIL they will note that we discussed a shade variety of the 5c Labrador Air, #C13. Since that time we have had a further opportunity to check this stamp and we find that it differs from the usual stamp in perforation as well as in color. The stamps in the possession of Irwin Helman, prominent New York stamp dealer measure 14 by 14, whereas the regular and common shade measures 13 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The 1950 Gibbons is to hand from London and one of the first things we noticed was the fact that recognition has finally been given to the comb perforated long Coronation set. They differentiate between the line and comb perfed stamps, but make no distinction whatsoever about the two different sizes found in the line perfed stamps. Using our Instanta Gauge we get some of them as 13 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 13 $\frac{1}{4}$  and others as 14 $\frac{1}{4}$  by 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ . We imagine that this distinction may be forthcoming at a later date. The same edition of Gibbons clears up a question that we asked in the March TRAIL. At that time we were discussing Scott's #246 which had been listed in "Stamp Collecting" as existing in perf 14. We wondered at the time whether it was comb or line perfed. The new catalog makes it clear as it is

specifically listed as line perf whereas the balance of the set is comb. Still another variety listed in Gibbons is a line perf 14 copy of the 25c, Scott's #197. We had previously listed the 15c value in this set but knew nothing of the 25c value and this is the first note we have ever seen concerning this particular stamp.

Fred Jarrett was nice enough to let us see an old Newfoundland map the other day. There was a pencilled notation on the map that dated it back to 1758, and we can well believe it. The very center of the map had the notation "Interior of Island unknown." Some of the towns too were a bit strange, showing their French origin. Harbor Grace was Havre de Grace, Bonaventure was Bonaventura, Renews was Renous, and so on. It really was a delight and an education to examine the map. Thanks, Fred!

Stan Wood has sent along a block of the 48c, Scott #266, that he wished checked as it appeared to be comb perf 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  instead of line perf 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ . A careful check of this block as well as a considerable number of other blocks of the perf 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  issue reveals the fact that although they are all line perfed, some blocks in every sheet give the impression of being comb perfed. However such is not the case according to our findings and we would want to see

marginal blocks as conclusive proof.

The Victory Stamp Co. Ltd., of London, England, in an ad printed in the June 3rd issue of "Stamp Collecting," lists the 10c salmon and the 20c Transatlantic Beacon as existing with inverted watermark.

The July 19th sale of Robson Lowe in England had an interesting Newfoundland item. In the section under British Naval cancellations they listed an 8d. scarlet, #8, with an "A92" cancellation. We had only seen a picture of an item once before and we referred to Boggs for corroboration. Sure enough, on page 42 of his book we found the item we were looking for, a photograph of the 8d. scarlet, #8, with the "A92" cancellation. A further comparison of the stamp illustrated in Boggs with that of the one illustrated in the Robson Lowe catalog revealed the very interesting fact that they were one and the same stamp. We hope that some member of BNAPS was fortunate enough to bid in this showpiece.



"Postage." There were, however, two varieties of gum used—light (almost white) and dark yellow in color.

**The Two Cent** — Four nice ones found in this: (1) on foremost pillar of Monument, splitting top line of fourth stone from the bottom, a black vertical line looking like a split in the granite rock. (2) Just above top of granite of Monument, in line with feet of figure surmounting it, a large black spot in light-shaded cloud. (3) A long horizontal dash across middle of letter "T" in "cents." (4) On line below base of Monument, immediately above right numeral panel, a large dot of color.

**The Three Cent** — Nine turned up in this one: (1) Two short black lines in bottom margin below letter "T" of "Cents." (2) Large spot of color in white border enclosing word "Postage" close to top of letter "S." (3) Short vertical red line in bottom margin below "Cents" scroll, in direct line with letter "B" of "Elizabeth." (4) Dot in bottom tail of letter "S" in "Postage." (5) Two large red dots in top side margin alongside crown above "Postage." (6) Large red dot in top curl of letter "S" in "Postage." (7) Long curving red line on outer side margin, close to crown, alongside letters "PO" in "Postage." (8) Line on outside margin close to frame directly opposite letter "A" in "Postage." (9) Prize plum of the issue—On King George's right ear (distinctly seen without a glass) is a black mark on the lobe, looking like a jewelled ear-ring.

(Exact location of all these given in illustration.)

# VARIETY

## HUNTING

### in Canada

By Ron Tuckwell

((Note—This column will deal with a number of little-publicized items, with no attempt at chronological order as to date of issue; all authentic error-varieties, plate and position numbers of which can be furnished.)

#### Royal Visit Mishaps

Little has been seen in print about error-varieties in the Royal Visit issue—but there were a few "good" ones turned up by the keen hunter. I list them:

**The One Cent**—Only one known in this shows a vertical dash of color splitting top bar of letter "E" in



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 Wm. Smith—History of the Post Office in British North America.  
 R.P.S.L.—Postage Stamps, Envelopes, Wrappers and Post Cards of the North American Colonies of Great Britain.  
 Fred Jarrett—Standard British North America Catalogue, 1923, 1927, 1929.  
 Fred Jarrett—Canada and B. N. A., 1934 (Pocket Edition).  
 D. B. Armstrong—Edwardian Stamps of the British Empire, Part I.  
 Sen. J. A. Calder—Some Phases of the Canada '59 Issue.  
 Geo. A. Lowe & Son—Standard Catalogue of the Stamps of British North America (Two Editions).  
 W. S. Boggs—The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada.  
 B. W. H. Poole—Postage Stamps of Canada.  
 T. P. G. Shaw—Catalogue of Canadian Railroad Cancellations.  
 L. S. Holmes—Handbook and Catalogue of Canada and B. N. A.  
 Patrick Hamilton—Canadian Stamps.  
 A. L. McCready—Canadian Flag Cancellations.  
 R. A. Bond—Canadian Silver Jubilees.  
 Konwiser & Campbell—Canada and Newfoundland Stampless Cover Catalogue.  
 Robson Lowe—Handstruck Postage Stamps of the British Empire.

- Wilfred Sprung—Three Penny Beaver.  
 E. E. Goodchild—Postage Stamps of Canada.  
 W. M. Sprung—An Introduction to Canadian Postage Stamps and the Penny Beaver 1851.  
 Capitol Stamp Co.—Georgian Postage Stamps of Canada.  
 Vincent—B. N. A. Catalogues (various editions).  
 Holmes—Catalogue of Canada and B. N. A. (several editions).  
 A. Stanley Deaville — Canadian Geography and Stamps (Canadian Geographical Journal).  
 Ketcheson — Standard Catalogue of Canada Stamps.  
 H. L. Lindquist — Stamp Specialist (Red, Brown, Gray).  
 Rev. E. A. Butler—Catalogue of Newfoundland (various editions).  
 Canadian Philatelic Association Year Book 1922 (W. R. Patton).  
 Canadian Philatelic Society Year Book 1925, 1928.  
 Canadian Philatelic Year Book 1925 (Wm. Butler).  
 North American Philatelic Year Book 1927, 1928 (Wm. Butler).  
 Handbook and Catalogue of Third Canadian Philatelic Exhibition, Montreal, 1925.  
 Various Post Office Guides.  
 Northern Ontario Post Offices (J. W. Campbell).  
 A. D. Smith — The Development of Rates of Postage.  
 M. J. van Heerdt-Kolff—Canada op Postzegels.  
 Saskatchewan History (three numbers).  
 Fourteenth American Philatelic Congress Book.  
 Corbisier de Meaultsart—Canada.  
 T. W. Campbell's Listing of Early B. N. A. Post Offices.  
 Various copies Lovell's Gazetteers of Canada.  
 Geo. C. Marler—Canada 1911-1925.  
 Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society, Vol. XVIII. (Contains "Nova Scotia" by King.)  
 Billig's Handbook.  
 Sprung—Ten Penny, 1853.  
 Philatelic Museum.  
 Philatelic Handbook of Jamaica.  
 Maroon Book Stamp Specialist.
- British Columbia**  
 A. Stanley Deaville—Colonial Postal System and Postage Stamps of Vancouver Island and British Columbia.  
 B. W. H. Poole—The Postage Stamps of British Columbia and Vancouver Island.  
 A. Begg—History of British Columbia.
- Nova Scotia**  
 B. W. H. Poole—Nova Scotia.
- New Brunswick**  
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 P. O. Guide, 1859.
- Prince Edward Island**  
 B. W. H. Poole—Prince Edward Island.  
 R. E. R. Dalwigk—Prince Edward Island.  
 G. Brunel—Les Timbres de l'Île du Prince Edouard.
- Newfoundland**  
 W. S. Boggs—Postage Stamps and Postal History of Newfoundland.  
 Poole and Huber—Newfoundland.  
 D. W. Prowse—History of Newfoundland.
- Revenues**  
 W. K. Hall—Standard Catalogue of the Revenue Society of Canada.  
 Marks Stamp Co.—Catalogue of Revenue Stamps of B. N. A. (3 editions).  
 Canadian Revenue Society—Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Canada.  
 K. Bileski — 1st Issue Alberta Law Stamps.  
 R. A. Odell—Retail Cigar, Cigarette and Tobacco Stamps of Canada.  
 E. W. and S. N. Oughtred—Standard Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Canada.  
 McLean—Standard Catalogue of the Revenue Stamps of Canada, 1921.  
 Fred Jarrett—Canada Bill Stamps.
- Air Mail**  
 D. E. Dickason — Standard Air Post Catalogue.  
 Smith, Crouch and Jarrett—Air Mail Catalogue of Canada and Newfoundland.  
 Ian C. Morgan—Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Air Mails.  
 Air Letter Sheet Catalogue.  
 And many other Air Mail Catalogues which include sections on B. N. A.
- Precancels**  
 B. G. Bushnell — Canadian Precancel Catalogue.  
 Rotnem Stamp Co.—Standard Precancel

cel Stamp Catalogue, Canadian Section.

Hoover Bros.—Official Catalogue of Canadian Precancels (latest edition).  
S. M. Shoeman—Check List of Precancelled Postage Stamps of Canada  
Various clippings.

#### Philatelic Magazines

Many, including Halifax Philatelist (bound), Canadian Philatelic Magazine, Canadian Philatelic Weekly, Canadian Philatelist, International Philatelist, Montreal Philatelist, Ontario Philatelist, Philatelic Advocate, Toronto Philatelic Journal, Western Collector, B. N. A. Record, Stamp Review (bound), Collectors Magazine, Essay Proof Journal, London Philatelist, Gossip, Collectors Club Philatelist, Stamp News, and a great many others. If interested drop a line to the Librarian and let him know what you wish to see. Also a complete back file of BNA TOPICS is available for any recent members who would care to inspect them.

#### Various Books

There are quite a number of these available, such as:

E. D. Bacon—Reprints of Postal Adhesive Stamps.  
Robson Lowe—Bishop Mark.  
D. B. Armstrong—Coronation Stamps.  
Arthur Hind—British Empire Catalogue, American Sale (with plates).  
Dorn—Forged Stamps of All Countries  
D. B. Armstrong—Silver Jubilee Stamps.  
Marks—British Colonial Handbook.  
H. and A. Wallace—Silver Jubilees.  
Robson Lowe—Masterpieces of Engraving.

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Half Cent Maple Leaf of Canada 1897 (Whitehead).  
Notes on the Two Cent Numeral of 1899 (Whitehead).  
Canada—1898-1902 Issue (Argus).  
Canada—1898-1900 Issue (Aretz).  
Newfoundland (Perlin).  
Canada, N. S., N. B., P. E. I., etc. (King).  
Three Cent Small Queen (Shoemaker).  
Meter Slogans for Canada's War Effort (Pollock).  
Watermarks on Canadian Stamps (Richardson).

College Stamps of Canada (Pollock).  
10 Cent Retouches—1859 Issue (Calder)  
2c and 4c Provisionals of Newfoundland (Sloane).

Samuel Allan Taylor (Jamison).  
Canadian Part-Perforates of 1923 (Richardson).

Imprint Positions on Nova Scotia Cents (Richardson).

Canadian Stamps that Might Have Been (Deaville).

Canada 1932 Medallion, Scott's No. 195 (Kirkpatrick).

Canadian Soldiers' Letters—2 cent Rate (Morgan).

Bahamas 5d Special Delivery 1916 (Pierce).

Postage Meter Impressions of Canada (Simon).

Inland Postal History of Newfoundland (Kirby).

Northwest Territory Cancellations (Pollock).

Canadian War Markings.

Canadian Patriotic Slogans (Harvey).

Canadian Railway Pictorial Post Cards (Bond and Pollock).

Pre-Confederation Reminders (Pollock).

Canadian Issues 1912-1923 (Pollock, Campbell, Sonne).

The Three Cent Small Queen Issue of Canada (Shoemaker).

The National Cash Register Postage Machines of Canada (Simon).

Some Early Canadian Cancellations (Hibbs).

Pantographed Newfoundland Issue (Rang).

Canadian Air Rarities.

Canada—Scratched Plate, etc. (Rang).

Canada—Early Issues (Phillips).

Canada 1898-1902 Issue (Argus and Aretz).

Reciprocal Cachets of U. S. and Canada (Bernstein).

Canada—Port Hood Bisect (Miller).

Bisects of Dominion of Canada (Miller)

Canadian Imperforate-between Coil Stamps of 1926 (Shoemaker).

Stamps of New Brunswick (King).

Reprints of New Brunswick (Bartels).

Stamps of Prince Edward Island (King)

Stamps of British Columbia and Vancouver Island (King).

The Stamps of Canada (King).

Random Notes on Prince Edward Island (Crosby).

Stamps of Nova Scotia (King).

- Canadian Locals—Labrador Company of U. S. A. (Hale).
- Background of Newfoundland Stamps (Fox).
- The Half Cent Maple Leaves of Canada 1897 (Whitehead).
- Royal William Transatlantic Voyage (Ravenscroft).
- Design of Six Pence Prince Albert, etc. (Wellburn).
- Post Office Reports, Canada, 1851-1852 (Campbell).
- Express Stamps of British Columbia (Wellburn and Neirne).
- Beginning of Postal Service in British Columbia (Wellburn).
- Hand and Machine Made Papers of the Canadian Pence Issues (Wellburn and Sullivan).
- Notes on Certain Canadian Ship Markings (Whitehead).
- The Diamond Jubilee Issue of 1897 (Jamieson).
- Newfoundland 2 Cent Map 1908 (Huber).
- Newfoundland Guy Tercentenary 1910-11 (Huber).
- Newfoundland Provisionals 1920 (Huber).
- Newfoundland Coronation Series 1911 (Huber).
- Relative Rarity of Early Canadian Stamps (Phillips).
- The 2 cent Canadian Surcharges.
- Canadian Issue George V—Its Freaks and Errors (Hale).
- Canadian Locals—Bancroft City Express (Hale).
- Canadian Locals — Baldwin Railroad Post (Hale).
- Kerr's City Post.
- Royal Visit Plate Blocks (Grimmer).
- Ribbed One Cent of 1859 (Sullivan).
- Twelve Penny Black of Canada (Ward).
- Large Cent Issue of Canada (Jarrett).
- Regular Issue of 1935 (Bond).
- Canada 1911-1925 Issues (Marler).
- New Brunswick Cents 1860-68.
- One Cent Guy of Newfoundland (Strange).
- Alberta Law Stamps (Calder).
- Joint Paper on 1898 Numeral Issue, etc.
- First Printing of Canada Six Pence 1851 (Wellburn and Sullivan).
- Canadian Porcel Post Local (Sharpe).
- Canadian Six Pence on Thin Wove 1851-55 (Wellburn and Sullivan).
- Prince Edward Island Lot Number Cancellations (Grimmer).
- The Northern Ontario Post Offices to 1895 (Campbell).
- Canada 17 Cents 1859 (Calder) 64 pp.
- Chasing the Large Head Phantom (Stephenson).
- Large and Small Cents of Canada (Dickson).
- Alberta First Issue Law Stamps (Biliski).
- Collecting the Stamps of Canada 1870 Issue (Greenhow).
- Investigation into the Supposed Die II of the One Cent Yellow 1922 (Rothwell).
- Check List of Canadian Philatelic Publications (Collectors Club).
- Stamps of Newfoundland (King).
- Stamps of Newfoundland (Perlin).
- Precancel Stamps of British Columbia (Sonne).
- Precancels of Alberta (Sonne).
- Canada ½ cent Four Leaf 1897 (Jarrett).
- Caribou Issue of Newfoundland (Boggs).
- Two Cent Canada Purple Envelope (Wurtele).
- Jubilee Issue of Canada (King).
- Proofs and Essays of Canada (Studd).
- 11¾ Perforations of Canada 1858 to 1880 (Ricardson).
- Fifty Cent Blue Evangeline (Forman).
- Posts and Postmarks of Newfoundland (Calder).
- Early Postal History of Newfoundland (Kirby).
- Connell Stamp (Pollock).
- Canadian Geography and Stamps (Deaville).
- Retail Cigar, Cigarette and Tobacco Stamps of Canada (Bond).
- Canada Bill Stamps (Jarrett).
- The Stamps of P. E. I. (from The Philatelist 1893, Graves).
- P. E. I. Cancellations (Hitt).
- P. E. I. (R. S. Mason).
- P. E. I. 1801-1870 (Tomlinson).
- P. E. I. Reference List (Tomlinson).
- Stamps of P. E. I. (A. J. Craig).
- P. E. I. Forgeries (Earee).
- Stamps of P. E. I. (Bishop).
- New Brunswick Forgeries (Earee).
- Nova Scotia Forgeries (Earee).
- Canadian Match Tax Impressions (Garrett).
- Sir Humphrey Gilbert (Holladay).
- Notes on the Stamps of P. E. I. (Toppan).
- The Stamps of P. E. I. (Langworthy).
- The Fair Island of the Gulf (Baker).
- Notes on the Postal History of Canada (Halliday).

- Six Pence 1851 (Sprung).  
 12 Pence 1851 (Sprung).  
 Presentation Booklets of Canada (Barclough).  
 Canadian Cigarette Stamps (French).  
 Newfoundland (Kemp).  
 P. E. Is. Cancellations 1817-1873 (Tomlinson).  
 Cigarette & Tobacco Stamps (C. R. S.)  
 Gas Inspection Stamps (C. R. S.)  
 Quebec Law & Registration Stamps (C. R. S.)  
 Ontario Law Stamps (C. R. S.)  
 Electric Light Inspection Stamps (C. R. S.)  
 Custom Duty Stamps (C. R. S.)  
 Strip Tobacco Stamps (C. R. S.)  
 Labrador-U. S. A. Local Stamp (Jamieson).  
 Three Cent Brown Confederation (Deauville).  
 Bancroft City Express Local (Hale)  
 The Riel Essay (Jamieson).  
 Canada's 2 cent Registered (Crosby).  
 Canadian Heraldry (Falconer & Poole)  
 Canadian Proofs (Studd).  
 Postmarks of Canada (Stephenson).  
 An Introduction to the Large Cents (Harper).  
 Canada-B. W. Indies Sea Routes (Stephenson).  
 Check List of O. H. M. S. Perf. (Cheavin).  
 X-Ray in BNA Philately—The Jubilees.  
 Small Cents Varieties (Lees-Jones).  
 The First Four Issues of Canada (Studd).  
 Notes on the Postal History of Canada (Halliday).  
 Canadian Plate Nos. (Scott).  
 Royal Train Covers (Jamieson).  
 Notes on the 1897 Cabot Issue of Newfoundland.  
 Canadian Coil Stamps.  
 Canadian Locals—Upper Canada (Hale).  
 1868 Issue of Canada (Reinhard).  
 Geo. V. Admiral Issue (Goodger).  
 Canadian Metered Mail (French), 4 pages.  
 Early Postal Relations Between Canada and U. S. A. (Hedley), 6 pages.  
 Canada 5c 1859 (Chapman), 2 pages.  
 P. E. I.—A New Variety (Pemberton), 1 page.  
 The Rouletted P. E. I.'s (Pemberton), 1 page.  
 Newfoundland 2c on 4c Provisionals (Sloane), 1 page.  
 Port Hood Mutilateds (Pollock), 1 p.  
 Canadian Philatelic Cancellations (La-pointe and others), 3 pages.  
 Notes on Early Canadian Rarities (Hewey), 2 pages.  
 Prince Edward Island Secondary Dies (Tomlinson), 3 pages.  
 Canada Air Letter (Belanger), 1 page  
 Golden Anniversary of Great Lakes Postal Service (Wilsdon & Watmough), 2 pages.  
 Canadian Stamp Issues, 1869-97 (Jarrett), 2 pages.  
 Pence Issues of Canada (Jarrett), 2 p.  
 Canada 1912-1925 (Huber), 3 pages.  
 Canada 1912-1928 (Aretz), 3 pages.  
 Re-entries and Other True Varieties on the Stamps of Canada (Studd), 2 pages.  
 Canada 3 Cent Small Queen (Jarrett), 1 page.  
 Canada's First Stamp (Fairbanks), 2 pages.  
 Queen Victoria Small Cents, 1870-1897 1 page.  
 Royal Visit Flag Cancels (Jamieson), 2 pages.  
 Newfoundland Guy Issue—Notes on the 2c Value (Elliott), 6 pages.  
 New Brunswick Postal Markings (Chadbourne), 2 pages.  
 Ten Penny 1855 (Sprung), 6 pages.  
 First Issue Alberta Laws (McCall), 1 page.  
 1898 Numeral Issue (Nicholson), 1 p.  
 Canadian Postal Cancellations (Seaman), 4 pages.  
 Canadian Papers, 1863-1897 (Macaskie), 2 pages.  
 Introduction to Map Stamps (Macaskie), 3 pages.  
 P. E. I. Bibliography (P. E. I. Group), 5 pages.

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**MARITIME NEWSLETTER**

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The Prince Edward Island Study Group sends its best wishes to BNAPS on its second annual convention at Philadelphia.

**CHAIRMAN**—Leslie G. Tomlinson, Betley Nr. Crewe, Cheshire, England

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To acquaint the general membership of BNAPS with the work of the PEI Study Group I am outlining our accomplishments during the year 1949-50 and the projects we have planned for 1950-51. Our group began functioning September, 1949 when Group Letter #1 was published.

**1949-50**

1. Monthly Group Letter, renamed Maritime Newsletter for the year 1950-51. A complete file of these letters is now in the Society's Library.
2. Organization of the study of Prince Edward Island postal history and stamps as follows:
  - Part I—Postal History until 1861.
  - Part II—Postage Stamps 1861-73.
  - Part III—Post-Confederation Postal History 1873-1950.
3. Completion of the Bibliography as originally published in the BNAPS Yearbook 1949 with additions by Tomlinson in November 1949 BNA TOPICS.
4. International publicity for the group has appeared in the following periodicals: BNA TOPICS, AMERICAN PHILATELIST, MAPLE LEAVES, and POPULAR STAMPS.
5. Publishing of BNAPSer Nelson S. Bond's unfinished manuscript on PEI.

**Projects for 1950-51**

1. Publishing of elementary articles on Prince Edward Island in a number of periodicals devoid of B. N. A. items during the past decade in an effort to stimulate interest in P. E. I. in particular and B. N. A. in general. In this we hope to attract new members into our society. Chairman Tomlinson has already written one article; "Introduction to Prince Edward Island" which appeared in Maple Leaves July 1950.
2. Work out details for a monthly column in BNA TOPICS.
3. Publish our Reference List of PEI Postage Stamps in BNA TOPICS.
4. Publish Part I Postal History until 1861 in BNA TOPICS. This part is now nearing completion, but we have recently hit some snags and will call upon fellow BNAPSers to assist us in the conclusion.
5. Support BNAPS.

MERVYN V. QUARLES

Secretary, PEI Study Group

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11. These rules may be amended or added to at any time.

## THE SMALL QUEEN GROUP

The Small Queen head stamps of Canada have always been most fascinating and have attracted the attention of countless philatelists. Available in adequate quantities, they offer the specialist innumerable opportunities for study and research, whether one be interested in shades, perforations, plate and printing varieties or cancellations. The Small Queens have all of these and many more.

Much has already been written about these stamps and the contributions of such philatelists as Fred Jarrett, R. W. Lees-Jones, Lieut.-Col. M. A. Studd, Dr. E. G. Mason and Lawrence Shoemaker, to mention only a few, have been monumental. However, here and there problems remain unsolved and gaps in our knowledge are to be found. It was with these thoughts in mind that I suggested the formation of a Small Queen Study Group in February 1950.

The group was organized in April 1950 and since then it has progressed rapidly. It now counts fifteen active members in its ranks with such stalwarts as R. W. Lees-Jones, A. K. Grimmer, R. Duncan, leading the list. However, a perusal of BNAPS membership lists reveals that there are about fifteen more members who are seriously interested. Since these are potential members for the group, they have been contacted and many should join up soon.

Since the three cent value was the first to be issued in January 1870, it seemed most logical that this stamp be studied first. A proposed outline of study was drawn up and distributed to all members for comment. Next the work was divided into sections and members were assigned according to their interests. A survey of all Small Queen material on hand is being conducted and work will start about September 1.

To date, the bibliography section has worked out a list of thirty-five references. Foreign literature will soon be searched for possible additional important articles. Such research will make available the most complete bibliography ever compiled on the subject.

### Group in England

At present, a similar Small Queen Study Group is being formed in Great Britain and problems, data and views will be exchanged with them. This will no doubt bring out conflicting opinions and provide answers to questions still unanswered as well as determine the relative scarcity of varieties and cancellations.

To keep all members of the group in relation with each other, the secretary will publish a mimeographed sheet of "Odds and Ends" each month. Therein will be summarized the progress of the sections as well as news and inquiries relative to the group.

To date, the group is still without a chairman. This is due to the fact that it was felt that the services of an outstanding Small Queen student were desirable. Several have been contacted and a chairman will be appointed soon.

For the future, the Small Queen Group has many plans, i.e. to publish a complete and accurate study of all Small Queen stamps. This will be written up in the BNAPS monthly journal first, in serial form, then will appear as a handbook. Several fine photographers grace the ranks of the group and for this reason, multiple pieces as well as rarities will be photographed for reference purposes. Later these will be made available to various chapters and other interested groups.

These brief notes have been written to acquaint the general membership of our Society with the Small Queen Study Group, its aims and progress. All members who might be interested in taking part may do so by writing the Secretary.

J. ARMAND GELINAS, M.D., Sec.  
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## CANADIAN PLATE BLOCK STUDY GROUP

In the spring of the year 1950, several articles appeared in TOPICS from members of the Society urging the formation of a group within that organization for the study of Canadian Plate Blocks. As the result of much correspondence between members of the Society, it was felt that this was desirable, and the individual members then got together to form such a group.

The first officers of this group were then chosen, and consisted of:

Chairman: Major K. H. White, 3564 S. W. Marine Drive, Vancouver, B. C.

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Earl B. Forney, 1932 Princeton Ave., St. Paul 5, Minn.

Secretary: Mr. Arch Millar, P. O. Box 920, New Westminster, B. C.

Committee Members: Mr. F. B. Higginson, Finch, Ontario; Mr. R. J. Duncan, Box 118, Armstrong, B. C.; Mr. F. C. Bricker, Listowel, Ontario.

After much consideration and correspondence, it was decided to plan the activities of the group along certain well defined lines, as follows:

1. To compile a complete and accurate listing of all plate numbers issued from their commencement in 1897 to date, and to supply each member with such a listing.
2. It was considered advisable to divide the whole group in two sections:
  - (a) Those who have material and are primarily interested in the issues of 1897 to 1927;
  - (b) Those who have material and are primarily interested in the issues of 1927 to date.
3. To find out which plate numbers and positions each member does NOT have.
4. To find out which plate numbers and positions each member has duplicates of, and which they may be willing or anxious to sell or exchange with other members of the group.
5. To get both of these parties together by way of correspondence for their mutual benefit.
6. To assemble all of the above information and make it available to all members of the group,

whether they be interested in the earlier issues or the later issues, and also to publish this information in TOPICS as it becomes finalized.

7. Have each group make a detailed study of the section in which they are most interested.

With these objectives clearly in mind, on July 16th, the study group proceeded to carry out the first part of their studies. On that date the Secretary mailed to each of the members who had signified their willingness to join, a rather complete listing of the plate numbers used from 1897 to date, with the injunction that these were to be returned to the Secretary not later than the 15th of August. In this initial listing of plate numbers used we were primarily interested in compiling an accurate check list for the guidance of the members. When each return has been carefully checked, a corrected list is then to be supplied to each member of the group.

From the above starting point, we then intend to carry out the other objectives of the group in their proper order.

For the information of those who are interested in this study, we invite readers to write to the Secretary, and they would be made most welcome. To date of writing this article, no fees have been considered for the joining of the group, and the only requisite for membership is an earnest desire for the furtherance of this study.

ARCH. MILLAR, Secy.

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The Canada Post Office has announced that a newly-designed 10c air letter form was to have been issued last month.

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Why don't you sit down now and start an article on your favorite B. N. A. topic for publication in this magazine? We are on the lookout for articles to be published during the coming fall and winter.

## Sketches of BNAPS'ers

By V. G. Green



CHARLES F. FOSTER

BNAPS'er Charles F. Foster was born in Guelph, Ontario, on March 23, 1880, and after attending school there he joined the Bank of Montreal as a junior clerk and rose to become manager of one of their larger branches in Toronto. Retiring from the bank a few years ago, after forty years service, he has devoted himself to his family and hobbies.

Known to his family and early friends as "Fred," he is "Charlie" to all philatelists, and is one of the most popular and best known stamp collectors in Canada.

Charlie has been collecting stamps all his life and over the years has never lost interest in the hobby. Although the stamps of British North America claim his major interest, he has fine collections of Great Britain, early Europe and British West Indies. He has had his share of "finds" and more than his share of "near finds." Back in 1908 when the 50c Ed-

ward stamp came out he thought it would be a good one to keep so he purchased a perfectly centred sheet from the Post Office and put it away. A year or two later, needing all the spare cash he could get on account of illness in the family, he turned the sheet in to the bank stamp-box!

Mr. Foster has been secretary of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club for many years and has been in communication with hundreds of collectors in Canada and the United States, as he handles the mail bids of the club's spring and autumn auctions. The writer believes one of the reasons these auctions are so successful is the care given by Mr. Foster in executing bids on behalf of mail bidders.

In addition to his philatelic activities, he is a keen horticulturist and an outstanding authority on birds and moths. In case the reader wonders what he finds of interest in moths, a half hour spent with Mr. Foster, and an inspection of his beautiful collection of butterflies, will soon arouse his interest!

Most of us look forward to the time when we can retire and take life easy, enjoying our hobbies and friendships. Mr. Foster informed the writer the finest friendships in life he has made were stamp collectors, and he has never regretted the day, over fifty years ago, when he first started collecting stamps. All members of the British North America Philatelic Society will wish many more years of happy stamp collecting to one of the finest BNAPS'ers, Charlie Foster.

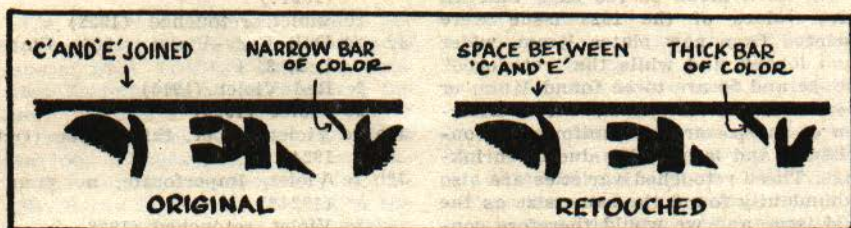
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## CANADA: THE POSTAGE DUES OF 1906

By W. H. METCALFE



For the B. N. A. Specialist there is considerable of interest to be found in our first issue of Postage Dues, the 1c, 2c and 5c of 1906. They were in use until 1930, a period of 24 years and it is only natural that some variation of process and plates should occur within that time.

The date of issue for these first stamps is stated to be June 1st, 1906, by some authorities; others say July 1st, so pick your own authority. However Boggs appears to have much reliable data and he says July 1st.

The stamps were printed from plates of 200 (10x20), but issued in panes or sheets of 100 (10x10), perforated 12.

Boggs also notes in his addenda that these first three stamps were printed on damp paper and then gummed, until late 1924. Subsequent printings were on dry pre-gummed paper. This latter process resulted in the design being somewhat embossed on the gum.

A first point of interest to the specialist is that three distinct shades are to be noted in all three values, and as these shades appeared during definite periods they are worthy of recognition.

The first printings of 1906 were of dull violet, and they are listed thus by Jarrett and Gibbons, although a truer description of the shade is deep grey-violet, as it is not nearly so rich a color as true violet.

Later printings, around 1915, were distinctly red-violet and this scarcer shade occurred only during a year or two of that particular period. It is the most elusive of the three shades.

All later printings from approximately 1920 on, are of the more familiar true violet shade which has a reddish tinge, but considerably darker than the red-violet shade of 1915.

There are, of course, many in-be-

tween shades which would interest those who specialize extensively.

### The Imperforates

The year 1924 was one of experimenting and change. As noted above the printing process was changed from a damp paper one to a dry process. Then there was the thin experimental paper issue. And also the imperforates. The latter were unheard of (to the general public) until almost ten years later but the fact they are un-gummed definitely places the printing of them before the change to dry gummed paper—if they are of genuine origin, and we do not appear to have any proof to the contrary. When we stop to consider the imperforates, the very existence of them arouses a bad odor as they could not come about by way of error or lack of inspection. They must have been "misplaced" or intentionally "lifted" before reaching the normal gumming and perforating stage.

In 1928 the new 4c and 10c values, of same design, were added to the old 1c, 2c and 5c values. The size of the new 4c and 10c appears to be a fairly uniform  $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. wider and longer than the old issue.

Also during 1928 it appears that the plates of the 1c, 2c and 5c were given an overhaul, and from here on we have the interesting re-touched issue. In the original 1c die there is only a thin line of color representing the space in the top of the letter "N" in "CENT," while in the retouched die this space has been noticeably widened or enlarged (see sketch). The same difference occurs in the 2c and 5c but these two values have an additional retouch: The original die has the top of the "C" in "CENTS" connected with the

top serif of the "E" following, while in the retouched dies the two letters are separated (as in sketch).

An anonymous source says that all five values of the 1928 issue were printed from new plates  $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. wider and longer, and while the "retouched" 1c 2c and 5c are to be found  $\frac{1}{4}$ mm or  $\frac{1}{2}$ mm longer or wider, these differences in size are not uniform or consistent, and is probably due to shrinkage. These retouched varieties are also abundantly found the same size as the old issue and we would therefore consider the new dies as retouched rather than re-engraved—until an official source declares otherwise.

A check list of the varieties mentioned, follows:

**Canada Postage Dues, 1906-29 Issue**  
Scott's No.

J1 1c Dull Grey-violet (1906) Plates  
1 and 2  
1c Red Violet (1915)  
1c Violet (1920)

J1a 1c Violet Exper. thin paper (Oct.  
1924)  
J1b 1c Violet, Imperforate, no gum  
(1924?)  
1c Violet, retouched (1928)  
J2 2c Dull Grey-Violet (1906) Plates  
1, 2, 3, 4  
2c Red Violet (1915)  
2c Violet (1920)  
J2a 2c Violet Exper. thin paper (Oct.  
1924)  
J2b 2c Violet, Imperforate, no gum  
(1924?)  
2c Violet, retouched (1928)  
J3 5c Dull Grey Violet (1906), Plates  
1 and 2  
5c Red Violet (1915)  
5c Violet (1920)  
J3a 5c Violet Exper. thin paper (Oct.  
1924)  
J3b 5c Violet, Imperforate, no gum  
(1924?)  
5c Violet, retouched (1928)  
J4 4c Violet (1928)  
J5 10c Violet (1928)

## SALESMEN'S SAMPLES . . . ?

By B. C. BINKS

This is the name I have given to a group of stamps which were included in a collection acquired a few years ago. I wonder if more information can be supplied by members.

The group comprises the following: Large Cents  $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Small Cents 1c (2); 2c; 3c (2); 5c; 10c. Note that the small  $\frac{1}{2}$ c and the 6c values are not included. These items are alike in the following respects—they are mint (with full gum), they have been trimmed so that only traces of the original perforations remain, and they are perforated gauge 12 (Instanta) either horizontally or vertically through the middle of the stamp. Two of them have a small piece of very soft yellowish paper adhering to the back, which seems to indicate that they have been at one time or another, stuck down to a card or sheet.

The Large Half Cent is printed on white paper and is a greyish black shade. There are no original perforations left. One of the 1c is on the early fine quality paper and is the true rich orange shade although not

as dark as some of the first printings. The other 1c shows enough of the old perforations to indicate that it belongs in the perf.  $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$  group, and the shade confirms this. The 2c, from the paper and shade, also belongs in the early period. One 3c appears to be the 1870 copper red with enough of the old perforations left to measure perf. 12. The other 3c is a real orange red, with vertical mesh.

The 5c has perforations which measure  $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$  and is the shade for this period (1876-79).

The 10c is a horizontal mesh stamp of a deeper shade which places it in the 80's.

These are not simply freak perforation items, that is to say, misplaced perfs, as are quite often found in the later issues. Is it possible that the B. A. B. N. Company used such material as examples of their workmanship? If so, then they may be correctly described as "Salesmen's Samples." Perhaps our Essay Proof Society members can supply the answer.

## ★ FURTHER NOTES ON CANADIAN VARIETIES ★

By MAJOR K. H. WHITE

The excellent and painstaking article by R. M. Bryan in the June 1950 issue of BNA TOPICS, outlining Canadian Varieties he has noted, from the Queen Victoria 4-leaf issue of 1897, to the late 20th Century, has caused at least one advanced collector to ponder the subject over very deeply.

Mr. Bryan is partially correct in the second paragraph of his article when he states it would be a tremendous undertaking to tie in the variety with plate number and position. Granted, it would be for one collector, however all-embracing was his knowledge of the facts, but with the wealth of material held by members of the British North America Philatelic Society, how ridiculously easy it would prove if co-operation was brought into play.

One cannot pick up a stamp magazine without seeing some reference to a variety discovered on some Canadian stamp. This information would not be printed and presumably avidly read by collectors unless it was of real interest.

Assuming this pertinent fact established, what a golden opportunity is presented to the members of our society to gain not only wonderful publicity by publishing a standard detailed list of Canadian Varieties that would interest all advanced B. N. A. collectors, but also to possibly assist TOPICS from the financial view-point by sale in booklet form to non-members. A sub-committee would have to be appointed to pass on all varieties before inclusion in this standard list, and their imperative duty would be to cull, prune and trim to manageable proportions. A pen-and-ink sketch could show all notable defects in rough detail for easy identification, such as re-entries, retouches, etc.

Two examples picked at random from Mr. Bryan's article are now given in some detail to prove how co-operation by all interested members could make preparation of this standard list a job well and truly done.

### #225—Niagara Falls

Position: Plate No. 1, LL, stamp No. 16—Broken Leaf Variety.

(a) Heavy color mark opposite "T"

of "POSTES."

- (b) Outer line of leaf top R. corner worn and broken.
- (c) A diagonal line crosses horizontal lines of background below R. leaf.
- (d) A diagonal H/L crosses water below falls and through "R" of "NIAGARA" and "N" of "CENTS."

Four defects in one stamp, and believe discovered by a well-known Calgary collector in 1935.

### Air Mails—C-1 and C-3

Position correct as given by Mr. Bryan. Discovered about 1935 and position of variety given to several big Eastern dealers. As the panes of both denominations were still on sale at that time at the Philatelic Bureau, the writer apparently skidded into the "Halls of Fame" on the wings of a "Swollen Breast."

Mention can be made of re-entries on No. 97 1c green; No. 99 5c blue; the major re-entry on No. 103 20c brown; broken frame line on No. 176 50c Grand Pre, etc., etc.—all our members can dig out information like this from their collections.

When we have emptied the well of information from the Plate Block Group there is the Small Queens Study Group (yes, they have got "bags" of information on the new as well as the old), and all our general members—why, it's so easy, let's get started!

The June issue of TOPICS portrayed very vividly the logical man to start the wheels moving—how about it, Mr. Bryan?

### CANADIAN POSTAL FIRSTS

The money order system was introduced into Canada in 1855. Nova Scotia introduced the registration of letters in 1852 and in 1854 the first railway mail clerk was used in Canada, between Niagara Falls and London. Parcel post was introduced in 1859, and street letter collection began in Toronto in the same year. This system proved so satisfactory that in the next few years letter boxes were put in operation in Quebec City and Montreal.

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## A FEW CANADIAN PLATE BLOCK VARIETIES

By PAUL L. BROWN

Although the plate block collector who is interested also in varieties does not have too much good fortune, there is a variety to be found in the new 4c Unrevised Issue, Plate 2, UR pane. On many blocks a scratch or hair-line can be seen running diagonally through the "O" of OTTAWA. This mark varies from a mere speck to a line  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch in length. In the writer's most outstanding example the line extends almost from the edge of the selvage to the centre of the left frame line of stamp No. 10. In this particular block a faint line may be seen slightly to the left. Of 30 blocks examined, only three fail to show the line.

There are two other plate block varieties that I have not seen mentioned. One is to be found on stamp No. 1, Plate 1, UL pane of the 5c War Issue.

To the right of the king's cap a dark blue dot can be seen. No glass is needed for this one. Of a dozen examined only one (purchased recently) fails to show the dot.

Another plate block variety will be found on the 20c Brown of the 1937 issue. On stamp No. 46, Plate 1, LL pane, there is a hairline in the "0" of the left 20, and another just below it, outside the frame line. The writer has a dozen blocks with the variety. One block, purchased towards the end of the life of this issue, does not show it.

In his interesting article on "Canadian Varieties" in the June number of BNA TOPICS, R. M. Bryan mentioned the bent bar over the right "2" in the 1932 surcharge as being probably from the LR pane. I have this variety in a large plate block—it is stamp No. 54, Plate 4, UL pane.

## Hold Exhibition And Window Display

During the week of June 15-22 the Foothills Philatelic Exchange of Calgary held an exhibition and display of members collections. The frames were displayed in the window of the Hudson's Bay Company, Calgary. Trophies were awarded for the best exhibits in each class.

A magnificent display of Canadian stamps was on loan from the Calgary Post Office and drew a great deal of comment from both the collecting and non-collecting public. Winner of the Birks Trophy for the best display was Mr. A. M. (Alex) Mitchell for his collection; each stamp related to a quotation from one of Shakespear's plays. Alex also won the Foothills Stamp Service Trophy awarded for the best topical collection with his page of "flower" stamps.

Winner in the Junior Section was Richard Ranaghan who was awarded the N. A. Shortt, Jewellers, Trophy. A fountain pen from Lewis Stationery, Calgary, was won by Dale Wilson, second in the Junior Section.

Presentation of the awards were

made by Mr. Fred Peat, President of the Association, which was followed by movies depicting "Canada—Stamp by Stamp," "Business in the Mail Bag" and "How a Stamp is Made" showed through the courtesy of Mr. W. Botting, Public Relations Office of the Calgary Post Office, and Mr. Kirkby of the Postmaster's Office, Calgary.

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## To the Editor

### The Shoemaker Article

Dear Sir: I was delighted to see in TOPICS the reprint of the greater part of the Shoemaker article on the 3c Small Queen which appeared in "Stamps" March 8, 1941. Could you not complete the good work by reprinting the original page 343? (It would, of course, have to be re-cast in order to suit the smaller format of TOPICS). For students of the 3c plate varieties, especially the re-entries, this was a very important section of the article and its reprinting would have been a boon to those who are not fortunate enough to possess the original, and to those whose copy, like mine, has become ragged by too much use.

May I venture to add a few notes on two of the re-entries described on this important page 343 of "Stamps"?

Dr. Day's No. 13, with three copies reported, dated 1894, is one of the best. I can report ten dated copies covering the period from March '93 to June '96. An important feature of this variety, not mentioned by Mr. Shoemaker, is a strong dot of color in the bottom margin, in line with the right side of the left "3." This is of great assistance in identification, since, although the distinctness of the marks of re-entry varies considerably, the dot is very clear on all my copies.

I am of the opinion that Dr. Day's No. 8 is identical with Mr. Shoemaker's No. 15. This conclusion was forced upon me long ago. The very slight differences shown in the original illustrations are no more than the variations in distinctness I have alluded to in writing of No. 13 above. I have eight dated copies, ranging from October 5, '93, to April 6, '95.

The finest plate variety found by me on this stamp has not, I believe, been recorded. It is an all-over re-entry (on a Montreal printing of the 1880's) boldly centred in the top and right side of the design. Most of the lettering, especially "Postage," the upper right ornament, the face, especially the eye and chin (in my copy the postmark obliterates the lips,

which would, I think, also show the re-entry), the right oval and the right "3", are all boldly doubled. Alas, I have one undated copy only and so cannot vouch for the constancy of the variety. On the strength of 30 years of close study of line-engraved stamps, I firmly believe it to be an unusually fine re-entry and not a double strike.

In closing I should like to say that this fine old stamp, rewarding as it is in plate varieties, cannot begin to compare in this respect with the 2c Numerals. The latter, surely the happiest hunting ground for plate varieties of all Canadian issues, offers, too, such unsolved puzzles as the change-over from Die 1 to Die 2 with regard to Plates 11 and 12. The only possible competitor to the 2c Numerals is its sister stamp, the 1c Numerals. Someday Canadian collectors will begin to discover the rich feast—with its many major re-entries—which awaits them in the study of these two successors of the 3c Small Queen.

ALFRED WHITEHEAD.

(Editor's Note—It was not practical to reprint the page [343] referred to by Mr. Whitehead because of the impossibility of obtaining a clear reproduction from the engraving as it appeared in "Stamps." If we can obtain the original photograph, we would be pleased to reproduce it for the information of Small Queen enthusiasts.)

Dear Sir: The other day, I was looking at a nice little lot of the rose shades of the 3c Small Queen in the shop of a local dealer. Among his stock was a few copies of the copper red, Scott's 37b.

I had picked out a nice copy of Shoemaker's class #3 (TOPICS, Vol. 7, No. 5, page 99) with a very interesting cancellation. I noticed one of the copper reds had a rather nice dated cancellation, and in addition it was a railway cancellation. It was definitely a beautiful copy of Shoemaker's Class #1. The cancellation in black reads



at the top breaking the single line circle "G. W. R. - H. & T.," and in the circle or centre in two lines "J. L. I. 30, 70."

A day or so later I thought I would look up the cancellation. Holmes or Jarrett did not show it. Boggs likewise did not show it. However, Boggs at page 651, illustration type 4, had a note of reference to it. This note reference appendix G-2 would infer that type 4 illustrated is what they got, though they asked for the type I have.

Looking up appendix G-2, it is an order for a cancellation such as I have so I would say they did get it. The note "This is an order for type 4," I think is an error. It could be, of course, the cancellation I have is a later order, but I doubt it. Though the one I have does not show "East" or "West" as spoken of in the order, there is room for it in the centre. At the bottom below 70 of the date, though the full cancellation does not show, there is indication of the circle being broken and it could have No. 1 or No. 2 in it.

LLOYD W. SHARPE

#### Hairlines

Dear Sir: The hairlines on the 1c Quebec Tercentenary are not uncom-

mon, but I have never seen listed the hairlined 2c of the same issue. Recently I have seen three of these, one single and a vertical pair.

GEO. S. JOHNSON

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# Bringing News About People and Stamps

By Rev. John S. Bain

One year from this month and CAPEX will be on! The great Canadian Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition will be a reality, we trust, provided the war clouds will not continue to gather and then break in the fury of a storm. It is to be hoped that the Committee on Arrangements with the Post Office Department, Ottawa, Canada, will endeavor to have them include in the official government exhibit the model of the unissued stamps for King Edward VIII. These stamps never progressed beyond the die proof stage. The model for them however, is preserved in Ottawa.

## BNAPS

Having had a little time to peruse BNAPS'er Jim Sissons new edition of his 1950 B. N. A. catalogue, I believe a few observations are in order. Contrasting the prices with that of his 1949 catalogue, we find that British Columbia #14-18, have taken a drop of as much as \$27.50 for a single stamp! In Canada, the elusive 50c gray black, George V, #120c is back at \$45.00 for a mint block. Other items in Canada show a drop such as 50c Grand Pre, #176 from \$65.00 for a plate block to \$45.00, the \$1.00 Mt. Cavell, #177 from \$25.00 for a plate block to \$20.00, and the \$1.00 Parliament, #159 from \$100.00 for a plate block to \$75.00. Other items show a rise in price. The \$1.00 orange, George V, #122 (remember when you could not get rid of them at face?) has come up to \$1.75. Then #160, 1c orange coil, moves up to 70c a pair, with the 8c orange, #172, selling at \$1.25 for a plate block, and the lowly 10c Library #173 reaching a \$1.50 for a plate block. All the earlier issues of Canada remain about the same. This catalogue shows that an attempt is being made to quote B. N. A. at correct prices.

## BNAPS

There is one item that I would like to make a philatelic prognostication about, and that is Canada's No. 1, the three pence beaver, on laid paper.

Since 1951 will celebrate the centenary of this stamp, prices for copies in superb and very fine condition will advance away up. Remember the penny blacks? Even already the Sisson catalogue shows an advance of \$2.50 for just good copies. If you are going to get that nice copy of Canada No. 1 now is the time, next year it will cost you more. Usually when a country celebrates its philatelic centenary interest quickens in the first issue, copies become hard to obtain, and then new price records are established for the first stamp.

## BNAPS

Ever have the philatelic jitters? Well let me tell you of the experience of BNAPS'er Harry Lussy. Going over some auction lots of Canada he came across a lot having some mixed stamps. Among them he spotted a very fine copy of 3c small queens, perf. 12½, Scott #37d. He put in his bid, but had to go on vacation two days before the sale. Those days of suspense are hard to take. That is what produces philatelic jitters. However, no one else noticed it and it was knocked down to him. The moral of this story is do not bid on stamps before you go on your vacation, or is it?

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