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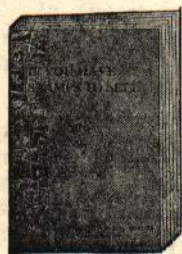
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tips his hat to BNAPSers, and a glad hello to those I used to trade with back in Toronto just 49 years ago.

My general collection was sold at auction in 1909, in Chicago, but last year L19 Sissons started me back in BNA Postage, tho lacking the 12d and a few others, which I would like to buy. Over the years I have stayed with Canadian Revenues. If you have any of these beautiful stamps to sell I'll send you my want-list. If you haven't started on these, I send an approval selection. Here's my introductory offer:

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A number of items worthy of review have been received during the past few weeks. A brief report of the contents is given below.

Weekly Philatelic Gossip — The sixth of the special Canada-B.N.A. Editions of this fine philatelic magazine was published October 3, with a second section appearing a week later to take care of the "overflow" from the main issue. Among the contents, the following should be of special interest to TOPICS readers: "Collect Canadian Revenues" by Fred Jarrett; "It's Later Than You Think" by E. L. Piggott; "Echoes of CAPEX—The Special Mails", by L. A. Davenport; "Canada 1937 and Today", by Mervyn V. Quarles; "The Holiest Spot on Canadian Soil", by Maryette Lane; "Forgeries and Fakes of Canada", by Peter J. Hurst; "Catalogue Publishing", by Dr. L. S. Holmes; "Collecting the Classics", by Harold Yost; "Control Numbers on Canadian Stamps", by H. G. Saxton; "Canada—Mixed Postage", by C. F. Thompson; "The Pembina—The Remarkable Story of the Famous Stamp Twins, 'Pem' and 'Bina,'" by Guy DesRivieres; "The Air Mail Labels of Canada", (The Official Post Office Issues) by John A. Bissett-Cormack; "Contemporary Postal Markings of Canada", by Rev. Laszlo Borsay; "A Visit With Mr. Norris", by Frank W. Campbell. (Weekly Philatelic Gossip, Holton, Kansas, U. S. A.)

Juliard's Classics of Quality Catalogue—Published by Alex S. Juliard, Narberth, Pa., U. S. A., a regular advertiser in BNA TOPICS, this price list features only the better quality material from all countries. From a look at this catalogue it is evident that Mr. Juliard deals only in the very best and the prices seem moderate for the class of material offered. A copy

of this list may be obtained from the above address for 10 cents. (24 pp.)

The Postmark Collector — This is Number One of a little magazine of interest to the postmark collector, and is published by G. F. Clements, 72 East Street, Colchester, Essex, England. The editor states that the policy of the magazine is "exchange—of information, services and material, to help the collector of covers, postal stationery and postmarks, particularly the latter." An interesting article in this first issue lists a number of "Name-sake" towns in England and other parts of the world, having the same name. In looking over this list one is struck with the number of names which are used by towns on both sides of the Atlantic, in many cases the town in Canada or the United States having been named after that in Great Britain. The first issue of this magazine is mimeographed, and we are sure that a sample copy will be sent to all interested if they contact Mr. Clements at the address mentioned. He will likely be more than pleased if your letter adds another "namesake" postmark to his collection.

Commonwealth of Australia Philatelic Bulletin—This publication is an example the Canada Post Office might follow with good results, as it contains a great deal of information on current stamps of the Commonwealth and the services offered by the Postmaster-General's Department for collectors desiring mint Australian stamps. No. 1 is dated August 1953, and it is intimated that the bulletin will be published at intervals of approximately two months. Subscription is apparently free, application to be made to Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs, Treasury Gardens, Melbourne C-2, Victoria, Australia.

Bringing News About People and Stamps

By Rev. J. S. Bain

A splendid article entitled "Forgeries and Fakes of Canada" by BNAPS-er Peter J. Hurst appearing in "Weekly Philatelic Gossip" for October 3, 1953, complete with illustrations, gives some wonderful information on the subject. There is, however, a statement that needs to be amended for future records. BNAPS-er Hurst says: "Surprisingly enough, no engraved forgery of the 12d has ever turned up, and a likely reason for this absence may have been the fact that the men who turned out most of the best engraved forgeries of the last century, were unable to obtain a genuine copy as a sample." Copies of an engraved forgery of the 12d black are known! They are actually rarer than the original! When BNAPS-er Bainbridge returned from Europe and came to CAPEX he showed me a copy of the 12d forgery. This was submitted to Sir John Wilson, keeper of the Royal Collection, for examination. He stated that he had never seen a copy before! After CAPEX closed I spent some days in Toronto visiting the various dealers I had known over the years. When going through the stock of one of these dealers my eye caught the corner of a peculiar looking item peeking out from behind other stamps. I pulled it out, and there was a copy of the 12d forgery, cancelled with blue bars. It does exist. One found in Paris, France, and the other in Toronto, Canada! From all checks it resembles the work of Angelo Panelli.

BNAPS

Spent some very happy hours with one of the old timers of philately. Dr. W. I. Mitchell, Berkeley, California, dean of postal stationery dealers. While he recently disposed of his stock, he has retained his collection intact. Think of a collection comprising 40,000 envelopes and covers! Then add 35,000 postal cards! What a time we had discussing some philatelic problems relating to this field. Naturally I took a keen interest in the Canada section of the collection. Among oth-

er things I saw used "Hechler" overprints, the only known copy of an 1897 Jubilee essay for a postal card in yellow, and many double, triple, etc., prints. Dr. Mitchell says that in the last ten years postal cards have shown a great upswing in collector's demands. Strange to say in all of his dealing he never ran across a Canadian forgery in postal stationery.

BNAPS

A booklet under the imposing title of "The Comprehensive Check List of all Philatelic Papers and Magazines published in the United States and Canada" from January 1864 to January 1, 1895, has come to my attention. It was published in Ruthven, Iowa, in 1895, by one E. B. Jones, and sold for 25 cents. In an advertisement in the booklet Mr. Jones states he has 1,100 complete volumes and files of philatelic papers and magazines with 1,500 single numbers. Among the listings in the book there appears S. Allan Taylor's magazine "The Stamp Collectors Record" with two numbers as being published in Montreal, Canada. No copy of number two is known to collectors today. However its listing in this check list could have been easily borrowed from other sources, as J. K. Tiffany's "Library Companion" and H. E. Deats' private catalogue was used in compilation as well as the author's own holdings. Nevertheless seeing it listed makes one wonder whether or not this elusive early philatelic paper will ever show up. Let us hope so, and above all else keep up the search.

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The Coil Postage Stamps Of Canada . . .

(Part 1)

By EDWARD J. WHITING (#61)

Around the turn of the century the Canadian Post Office Department seems to have had a policy of accommodating either itself or the public to the efficient sale of postage stamps. Up until the late 1890's it is doubtful that anyone even thought of stamps being sold other than from sheets over the post office counter. Then stamps began to appear in small booklets as a convenience to persons not near a post office. Thus a supply was assured at virtually any time. The next innovation was the development of machines for the dispensing of stamps—either simple vending machines or stamping machines to apply stamps to mail. Since these machines were not equipped to handle sheet stamps, they were supplied by sheets made up into strips of stamps. From this evolved the use of rolls or "coils" of stamps.

It is with these coiled stamps that we now concern ourselves.

KING EDWARD VII

Experimental Issues

The first Canadian Stamps to appear in coil form were the 2¢ King Edwards. These "coils" made their appearance in the 1910-1913 period and were strictly experimental in character.

The initial issue was prepared about 1910 by the American Bank Note Company from a surplus stock of the Quebec City Post Office for use in the new vending machines purchased from London, England. These were precancelled with the regular precancel device of bars or with the use of the Ottawa parcel post roller cancel. The only characteristic distinguishing these from regular used sheet stamps is the paste-up which occurs every ten stamps.

The second phase of these Edward VII coils is the group of private coils made experimentally by manufactur-



ers of stamp vending machines, with the blessing of the Canadian Post Office Department. These private coils progressed experimentally through three stages:

1. Perforated stamps in rolls, notched with scissors on both sides of the coil between each stamp.

2. Imperforate stamps with similar notches.

3. Imperforate stamps with a slit $14\frac{1}{2}$ mm. long added between the notches to allow easier separation of the stamps.

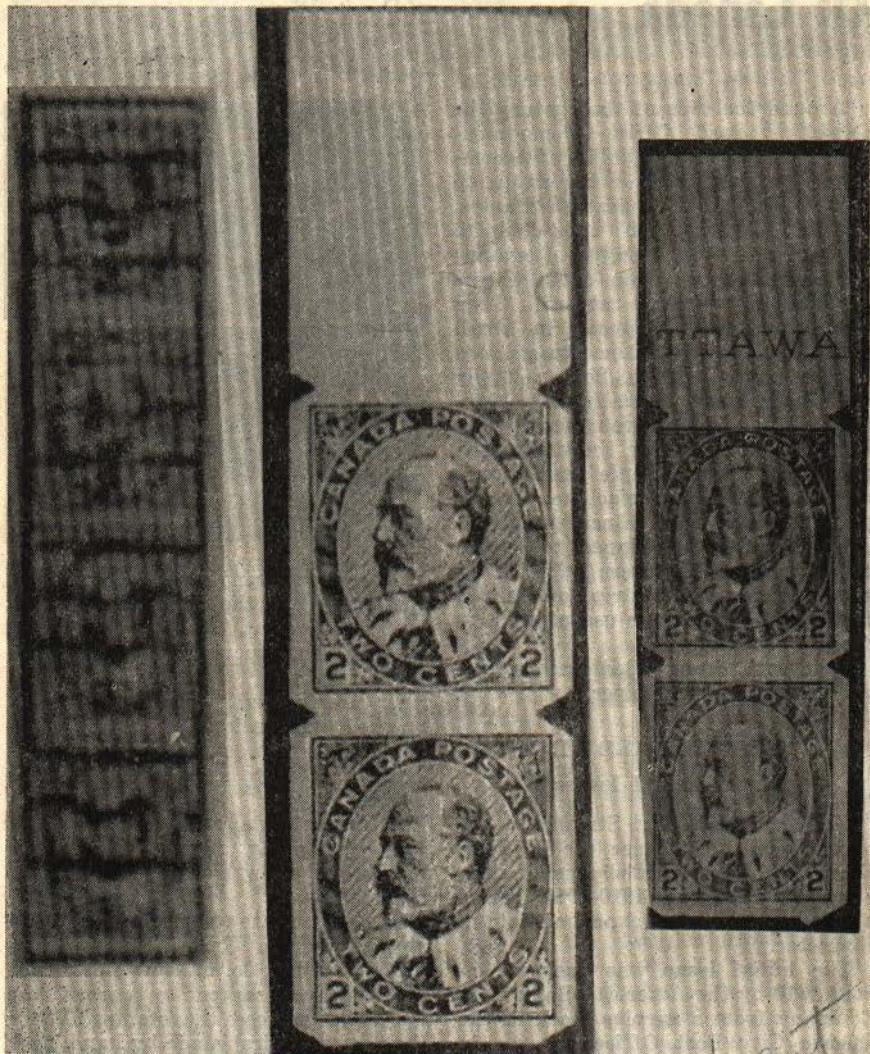
These private perforations were applied by the United States Automatic Vending Co. of New York City. The notches served to permit the machines to feed the stamps. While they were at first made by hand, they eventually were made by machine, as was the case with the cutting of the coil strips from the sheet stamps.

The fourth type of private perforation still included the notches; but instead of the slit, which was patented, the stamps were perforated 12 horizontally. This was next modified to perforation $8\frac{1}{2}$. These last two private perforations were applied by Messrs. Heiman and Zorke for use in the U. S. Auto Vending machines

of which they were distributors.

It is apparently due at least in part to these experiments with coil stamps that the 2¢ Edward VII appeared in

imperforate form and quite possibly was the reason for the use of plates 13 and 14 to produce these imperforates.



**KING GEORGE V
ADMIRAL ISSUES**

1¢ Green and 2¢ Carmine
Rolls of 500 Perforated 8
Horizontally or Vertically

The first regularly issued coils were the 1¢ green and 2¢ carmine of the 1912-1915 King George V "Ad-

miral" issues, perforated 8 horizontally by imperforate vertically, and perforated 8 vertically by imperforate horizontally. The Post Office Department had the following to say to Postmasters concerning this new issue:

"The question of stamps in rolls for use in stamp-affixing machines

has been engaging the attention of the department for some time past, and, in answer to the numerous requests received, it has been decided to supply the public with the same.

"Until such time, however, as a general demand necessitates a change therein, or an addition thereto, the initial service will consist of and the following only be the standard issued:

"Stamps of the 1 cent and 2 cent denominations will be supplied to the public at a slight advance on their face value, the cost for the present to be \$5.06 per roll of the 1 cent denomination, and \$10.06 per roll of the 2 cent denomination.

"To differentiate in the name of stamps for use in Automatic Stamp Vending Machines in operation in certain cities and the stamps in rolls sold to the public for use in stamp-affixing machines it is proposed to name the latter 'Stamps in rolls' and the former 'Coiled stamps.'

"In making your requisitions you will, therefore, kindly indicate by name which kind you desire.

"The proposed new service will go into effect early in September and you will kindly notify patrons of your office to the above effect by poster or otherwise.

E. J. Lemaire,
Superintendent."



From this document and from the foregoing on the Edward VII coils, it seems that the horizontal coils were the ones referred to as "Stamps in rolls" and the vertical coils the "Coiled stamps."

These coils were printed only by the "wet process" and on vertical wove paper. The early printings of the 1¢ are generally a deep blue green or blue green. As later printings were made, the color changed to yellow green or deep yellow green. For the 2¢ the early color is dull reddish rose which later runs to shades of deep carmine.

Of the one cent green there were 180,005,000 issued in horizontal coils and 3,330,000 in vertical coils; and of the two cent carmine 171,742,500 were issued in horizontal coils and 4,005,000 in vertical coils.

The first of these coils probably was made before the specially designed plates for coils could be put into use. (See table of plates approved below.) This would mean that the earlier coils of this issue were made from regular sheets and would have paste-ups every 10 stamps while those made from the special plates have paste-ups every 20 stamps.

1¢ Special plates (Horiz.)

Pl. #	Date Approved	Die	Lathework
1	9/18/12		
2	1/11/12		
3	8/15/13		
4	9/5/13		
5 & 6	8/26/14		
7 & 8	8/3/15		
9 & 10	12/20/16		
11 & 12	6/21/19	I	B
13 & 14	11/15/24	I	D
15 - 17	7/21/25		II

2¢ Special plates (Horiz.)

Pl. #	Date Approved	Die	Lathework
1	9/21/12		
2	4/22/13		
3	8/15/13		
4	1/26/14		(not used)
5 & 6	8/7/14		
7 & 8	6/28/15		
9 & 10	11/9/15		
11 & 12	6/6/18		B
13 & 14	6/5/24		D
15 - 17	7/27/25		

The special plates referred to were laid down especially to produce stamps for coils. They consisted of two panes of 200 subjects separated by a wide gutter. The panes for horizontal coils were laid down 20 subjects across by 10 up and down with the gutter horizontal. The panes for vertical coils were laid down 10 subjects across by 20 up and down with the gutter vertical. This arrangement permitted 50% fewer paste-ups as stated above.

The plate numbers and marginal inscriptions normally were so placed that they would be trimmed off in making the coils. In the case of plate number 2 of both the vertical 1 and 2 cent (which may or may not have been used for this issue) the marginal markings were placed closer to the top row of stamps and may be found hidden in paste-ups. The one cent inscription reads: "OTTAWA - No A2" over the second and third row and "903" over the 9th row of each pane. The two cent inscription reads "OTTAWA - No A2" and "912C" placed as for the one cent.



1¢ Green and 2¢ Carmine

Rolls of 500

Perforated 12 Horizontally

The second regular issue of the "Admiral coils appeared subsequently to the perf 8 issue. (Jarrett says 1912. Boggs says 1915). This issue consisted of the 1¢ green and 2¢ carmine perforated 12 horizontally only. Of the one cent 18,050,000 were issued and of the two cent 14,290,000.

Made from sheets printed from the special plates for coil stamps they have paste-up pairs every 20 subjects, and as before they were printed by the wet process on vertical wove paper. Also this issue fits into the progressive changing of shades of color with each successive printing as stated for the perf 8 issue.

Marler lists two varieties of the 1¢ from plate 2, which plate appears to be the only one used for this issue. "In the first the vertical line of the left numeral box is unbroken, in the other there is a distinct gap at the bottom". There apparently are no re-touches or re-entries in the 1¢ of this issue. In some paste-ups of Plate 2 are hidden parts of the imprint as previously described.

The 2¢ of this issue was printed from the same plate or plates as were the 2¢ of the previous issue, with the unlikely possibility of some regular sheets being also used. Thus, there is a possibility of coils with paste-ups every 20 stamps (normal) and also with paste-ups every 10 stamps (abnormal and unlikely).

1915 Provisional 2¢ Carmine

Rolls of 500 Perforated 12x12

The next coil issue of the Admiral series is a provisional made from the then current 2¢ carmine perforated 12x12. Apparently to relieve a shortage of 2¢ coil stamps about 18,000 rolls of this issue were made. Some of the paste-ups are rubber-stamped in violet ink on the back "Postage Stamp Branch, May 11, 1915, P. O. D." in three lines in a rectangle. There are variations of the rubber-stamp imprint which are probably legitimate but are considered re-issues. One of the "re-issue" hand-stamps reads "Postage Stamp Division" instead of

"Postage Stamp Branch"; the year is also omitted from the date and the whole is in a circular oval frame rather than rectangular.

While this issue appeared with the handstamp on only a "few" paste-ups, it is the only difference between this issue and the regular sheet stamps from which these coils were made.

1918 Experimental 1¢ Green

In July 1918 an experiment with vending machines at the Toronto G. P. O. was carried out for two days until it was abandoned as a failure.

The stamp used in this experiment was the then current 1¢ green coil perforated 12 horizontally with two large holes added in the perforation to enable the machine to feed the stamps.



These large holes were mechanically very irregular, and it was doubtless this lack of uniformity that caused the failure of the experiment. The variances of the large holes are as follows:

- (1) Diameter of the holes varies from $3\frac{1}{4}$ mm to $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm or more.

- (2) Horizontal spacing of the holes varies from 6 mm to 7½ mm from edge to edge.
- (3) Vertical spacing of the holes varies from 20½ mm to 21½ mm edge to edge.

3c Brown

Rolls of 500 Perforated 8 Vertically

A need for coil stamps in 3¢ denomination apparently being felt by the P. O. D., the 3¢ brown made its debut in coil form in August 1918 perforated 8 vertically.

This issue was produced entirely from special plates for coils as previously described with paste-ups every 20 stamps. 126,300,000 were issued and, as previously, were printed by the wet process on vertical wove paper.

The special plates used were numbered 1 through 10. The imprint and the lathe-work were so placed as not to appear in any of the paste-ups. These plates were approved as follows: Plates 1 and 2, July 3, 1918; 3 and 4, May 16, 1919; 5 and 6, September 22, 1919; 7 and 8, April 14, 1920; 9 and 10, April 26, 1921.



Two types of this stamp may be distinguished as follows.

In **type I** the frame line is broken or marked by diagonal lines which run upwards from left to right in the upper half of the right frame line, the right half of the top frame line, and the left half of the bottom frame line, and which run downwards from left to right in the lower half of the left frame line and of the right frame

line, and there are two short lines cut into the centre of the right frame.

In **type II** the vertical line of the left numeral box is irregular, weak at the top, then strong, the lower half also weak.

Besides the above types Marler lists and describes varieties of this stamp he has found, as follows:

1. In one retouch a strong vertical line is added in the upper left from the top horizontal line to the frame junction line and in the lower left down to the numeral box.
2. Another shows a strong heavy vertical line in the upper left and lower left including the numeral box.
3. Three others show a vertical line in the upper left.
4. A single retouch was found with a strong vertical line in the upper right, with a strong retouching of the lower half of the right frame junction line.
5. The most outstanding shows heavy retouching of the top horizontal line in its whole length and of the left half of the top frame junction line from the "N" of "CANADA" to the top frame.
6. Another retouch (possibly a re-entry) shows an extra horizontal line in the upper left.

The single re-entry shows evidences of doubling in "ANA" of "CANADA" and "TAG" of "POSTAGE" and in the white oval band around the portrait opposite "ANA" and "TAG".

Rolls of 500

Perforated 12 Horizontally

In 1921 (/) the 3¢ brown was added to the series of coils perforated 12 horizontally.

It was made from regular sheet stamps, for no special plates were laid down for this issue. Thus paste-ups occur every 10 stamps. There were only 500,000 issued.

1¢ Yellow and 2¢ Green

Rolls of 500 Perforated 8 Vertically

The third set of coils consisted of the 1¢ and 2¢ stamps perforated 8 vertically and printed in the new changed colors: yellow and green respectively. They appeared in 1923.



Of the 1¢ yellow about 25,700,000 were issued in rolls of 500 with paste-ups occurring as in previous issues (every 20 stamps). Printed at first by the wet process, they were later printed on dry pre-gummed paper having an embossed appearance from the reverse. Plates 11 and 12, approved June 24, 1919 and plates 13 and 14, approved November 15, 1924 (all of Die I), were used for the wet printings while plates 15, 16, and 17, approved July 21, 1925, made from Die II, were used for the dry printings. The color of the wet printings varies from deep chrome yellow to chrome yellow, while the dry printings show less variation from the deep chrome yellow.

The 1¢ yellow was the first coil stamp to appear in precancelled condition other than the experimental Edward VII ones.

For the 1¢ yellow, Die I may be identified by diagonal and stubby serifs on the numerals and the "ONE" separated from the oval by a full line. The junction lines at top and both sides are weak. Die II has the serifs clearer and horizontal, the line separating "ONE" from the oval is very thin, and the junction lines at the top and sides are strong and clear.

The 2¢ green, of which 158,000,000 were issued, first appeared in August

1922 and, as the 1¢ yellow, was at first printed by the wet process and later by the dry process.

The first plates used for this stamp were plates 11 and 12 laid down for the 2¢ carmine, approved June 6, 1918, and made from the retouched die (Type 1). These plates were used only with the wet process. Plates 13 and 14, approved June 5, 1924, were laid down from the "re-retouched" die (Type 2) and were used with both wet and dry printings as were plates 15, 16, and 17 which were laid down from the re-engraved die (Type 3) and approved July 25, 1925.

The wet process printings are generally 17½ mm wide while the dry process printings are 18 mm wide. The difference is due to the shrinkage of the paper in drying.

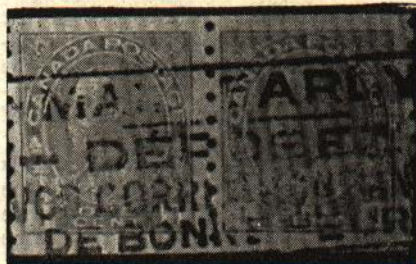
Paste-ups occur in the 2¢ coils as in the 1¢ coils of this issue.

The three types of the 2¢ are distinguished as follows:

Type 1: The vertical lines of the numeral boxes are fine, Junction lines are faint, and a short horizontal line appears immediately to the right of the lower right corner.

Type 2: The vertical line in the upper right spandrel and the junction lines and vertical lines of the numeral boxes are all strong.

Type 3: There is a light dot opposite the left numeral box in the margin, a spur from the lower right corner and a dot in the upper right corner.



Another Instalment of . . .

"The Coil Postage Stamps of Canada"

. . . will appear next month

TO THE EDITOR . . .

Jim Goodwin Sorely Missed

Dear Editor: It was with great regret that I read of the passing of Dr. J. C. Goodwin. His call, as you report, was sudden and his value to B. N. A. history will be sadly missed. His was such a facile pen!

I wonder was it just coincidence that the last words he had printed in BNA TOPICS were: ". . . And so to bed. . . ." (P. 212, July-August issue). No last words could be more fitting to the work of this really great contributor to your splendid magazine.

I write these words on the eve of my leaving for the 7th Annual Convention of the C. P. S. of G. B. I feel sure that mention of the loss B. N. A. philately has sustained by Jim Goodwin's death will be suitably made at our meeting, for I happen to know that his writings were very popular here, as over with you good folks.

As an officer of C. P. S. of G. B. I send you best wishes from our society to all members of your society. Long may both continue to flourish and help one another.

O. A. Fraser (#471)

A Precancel Query

Dear Editor: I have a 1 cent War Effort with selvedge attached, precancelled in modern type with the numeral 5850, but it bears other markings which I have not seen or heard of before.

On the selvedge appears in capitals slightly larger than the "5850" the letters "Y AS SP", being part of some inscription in apparently the same kind of printing as the number.

I expect it is a simple query for a precancel specialist but I have collected these for some years and it is new to me.

May I congratulate you on your Year Book issue of BNA TOPICS, which is well up to your usual high

standard.

J. Millar Allen (#996)

● To the two members above we say "Glad you like TOPICS, and we will try and make the next volume even better."

The Proposed Handbook

Dear Editor: Collectors are discussing a proposed handbook that will be the last word in covering B. N. A. postal affairs. What I would like to know is, what subjects additional to the problems covered by Howes, Jarrett, Holmes, and Boggs, are desired. So far, I have heard of no additional chapters on original research that are requested, or offered.

I have a line on many subjects and know who would be able to elucidate on them, and if collectors will write me about their wishes, I could act as a clearing-house to get the matter attended to. I am not offering to publish the book, as printing costs are soaring skyward so fast that someone else will have to assume that worry.

Some subjects are endless, such as re-entries and hand retouches. In the Edwards and Geo. V, 1912, issues probably 400 different items could be found—so that group of information will be very expensive to print.

Illustrations are so desirable to cover almost any subject that writers should go a long way toward furnishing clear copies of anything proposed, because dim or poorly prepared copies are undesirable. Some things do not make a good photo-engraving, any tendency to buff or browning, or yellowing showing much darker in the engraving than it does to the human eye.

Frank W. Campbell (#143)

B. N. A. Abstracts

Dear Editor: Members of the B. N.

A. P. S. and of the C. P. S. of G. B. will no doubt be wondering about the outcome of a proposal I made a year ago to gather and publish short notes on articles of B. N. A. interest, wherever originally published. The number of stamp periodicals is now very large and much valuable information is lost or not made full use of, for it is impossible for one collector to subscribe to, let alone read, every publication. "B. N. A. Abstracts" was to try to fill the gap by serving as a central index, with summaries, of the articles of interest. The information was to be collected on a co-operative basis, correlated, and published periodically.

Although the response to the proposal was limited, enough members showed interest so that I felt it was desirable to start the proposed program. It now appears that interest in the program has dropped off, and it would be undesirable, in view of the limited coverage, to continue. The information that has been gathered will be collected together and shortly submitted to the journals of the two societies. An outstanding contribution from R. J. Duncan, the librarian of the B. N. A. P. S., in the form of a complete index of B. N. A. in "The London Philatelist," will be submitted separately.

H. M. Daggett, Jr. (#50)

Bahamas Special Delivery

Dear Editor: I would like to add to the various reports which have been made regarding the Bahamas Special Delivery Covers, the three described below are in my collection.

Bahamas Special Delivery. E1 lower left of envelope tied by Nassau, Bahamas date stamp 30 October 16 plus Canadian MR 3 tied by date and wavy roller cancellation Toronto October 1? 2-P.M. 1916. Addressed to Dr. Walter Hess, Colonial Surgeon, Nassau N.P. B.W.I. in four lines. Back stamped Nassau as on front.

Bahamas Special Delivery. E2 stamps in line upper right evenly spaced with E2 on right, Canadian MR 1 on left and MR 2 in centre cancelled with Toronto date Oc ? 17 plus

C well placed on each of the Canadian stamps. E2 is tied with Nassau, Bahamas 29 Oct. 17 also backstamped Nassau same date. Upper left corner card on front shows Marsden House, Alexandria Bay, N. Y., 1000 Islands—F. L. Raymond, Prop. in four lines and addressed to J. A. Galbraith, Nassau, Bahamas, B. W. I.

Bahamas Special Delivery. E3 upper right Canadian MR 4 tied Toronto month not readable. 11 shows with cancellation on stamp, below is Bahamas E3 tied with Nassau, Bahamas 17 July 1918 backstamped Nassau, Bahamas same date addressed to J. A. Galbraith, Nassau, Bahamas, B.W.I. in four lines.

In addition to these Mr. Harold Dilworth, Vancouver has reported one in his possession:

Bahamas Special Delivery. E1 dated Toronto October 24 1916 Station D, 2 cent MR 4 backstamped Nassau Oct 30 1916 and addressed to Dr. Walter Hess, Colonial Surgeon, Nassau, B.W.I.

It would be most interesting if someone could give the date on which the Canadian Post Office Department cancelled the arrangement with the Bahamas Post Office.

R. M. Bryan (#450)

Bell Homestead Historical Site

New honors have come to the little Canadian farmhouse where a young man once dreamed and worked on an invention that was to benefit the world. The Bell Homestead, where Alexander Graham Bell (Canada Scott #274) first disclosed his conception of the principle of the telephone to his father on July 26, 1874, has been named a National Historic Site by the Canadian Government. It is a tribute not only to the inventor, who died in 1922, but also to the telephone's role in the world of today. From a young man's dream, it has grown in less than 80 years to one of our great industries—employing thousands, serving millions—an essential part of our everyday life.—Bell Telephone News.

Trail of the Caribou

By Freres Meyerson



Recently we came across a rather odd and interesting item. It was a post card issued by the General Post Office at St. John's and though not dated, it was sent through the mails to the United States on May 25, 1896. The back of the card had the list of all the stamps on sale at the General Post Office. The adhesives on sale were the ½¢ black #58, the 1¢ green #44, the 2¢ red, #48, the 3¢ slate #60, the 5¢ blue #55, the 6¢ rose #36, the 10¢ black #59, the 12¢ brown #29 and the 24¢ blue #31. In every case the colors listed are exactly as listed on the card, the catalog numbers are supplied by us. The Post Office also had in stock 3 postcards—the 1¢ green, the 2¢ vermilion and the 4¢ (reply) rose. Both the 3¢ and 5¢ envelopes were in stock as were the 1¢, 2¢ and 3¢ wrappers. One of each of the envelopes and wrappers came to 19¢, whereas 5 of each came to 85¢ and 10 of each to \$1.59. Postage and registration were extra. There was a manuscript notation at the bottom "U. S. Bills accepted at ½% discount." We wouldn't mind getting sheets of Nos. 29 and 31 now, we sure would put aside plenty of blocks with the reentries, three of them in #29 and just the one in #31.

Then in browsing through some covers we noted that one of them contained a circular which we promptly started to read. We were delighted to see that it was a printed list from the General Post Office with a hand-stamped date of Sept. 6, 1917. Again we list the stamps available over the counter. The 2¢ Coronation #105, the 3¢ Queen Alexandra, 1898-99. Royal Issue #83, the 4¢ Princess of Wales, 1901 Royal Issue #85, the 5¢ Coronation Issue #108, and the 6¢, 8¢, 12¢, 15¢, 24¢, 30¢, 35¢ and 60¢ Cabot stamps were all on sale. The 1¢ Coro-

nation Issue #104, and the 4¢ Cabot #64 had originally been on the list but they had been pencilled out. It is to be noted that there were no 1¢ stamps available at that time at the post office (the war may have been a reason for being out of stock) and that the 10¢ Cabot as well as all of the low values below the 6¢ had been sold out. There were still three postcards on sale at the post office, a 1¢ card, a 2¢ card and a 4¢ card, though which cards they were we can't say as there is no further description. Both of the stamped envelopes, namely the 3¢ and 5¢ were still on sale. However, in the case of the newspaper wrappers only the 2¢ and 3¢ values were still on sale, the 1¢ value having evidently been exhausted. We would be interested in hearing from any of our readers who might have earlier lists, or lists that fall between the two that we have just described.

Do you want a Gold Medal collection of Newfoundland Airmails? We can tell you how to build one up in a hurry—just buy what you need from the Sir Lindsay Everard collection being auctioned by H. R. Harmer Ltd., London, on Oct. 19 and 20. Keep in mind that a few rarities had been sold by private treaty, but just look at what is left for we ordinary collectors. A magnificent "Hawker" on cover as well as the even rarer "MS. Martinsyde" on full flown cover, an Alcock and a Handley-Page flown cover, a complete pane of 25 of the Halifax overprint showing the complete setting of the overprint, the three 1923 Essays in blocks of four, a flown "De Pinedo" cover, as well as a mint "Columbia" and another on a flown cover. The 1931 unwatermarked set is present in Die Proofs in black and in issued color. A horizontal pair of the 50¢, imperforate between is

there in mint and used condition. The collection also contains a vertical pair of the same stamp imperf between as well as a horizontal pair of the \$1 imperf between. The entire set is also present in strips of 3 or 4 with the large "SPECIMEN" perforation. In the Labrador Issue there are Progressive Die Proofs of all of the values

but the 60¢. There is a full set of the final Die Proofs in black and a complete set in imperforate blocks. Last but not least there is a complete imperf sheet of 50 of the 5¢ value as well as two sheets of 50 in slightly different shades of the 10¢. Not a bad collection to be left with after the rarities were sold off privately.

B. N. A. REVENUES AND TAX PAIDS

By E. L. PIGGOTT (#629)

In my first article on B. N. A. Revenues and Tax Pairs I pointed out the opportunity for acquiring a colorful sideline collection featuring "Royalty Heads" found among these emissions. If you found it convenient to peruse my previous article and found it of interest, you may possibly have concluded there were only three Newfoundland stamps featuring "Royalty Heads" since I mentioned only Customs Duty emissions. However, you probably noted a Newfoundland 1904 cigarette stamp of Edward VII was illustrated. It seems politic therefore in this article to illustrate additional "Newfoundland Royalty Heads" and I would point out there were 1907 and 1913 cigarette stamps. The 1907 being the same design as the 1904 previously illustrated, while the 1913 emission featured George V. In the illustration which accompanies this preamble you will observe three types of Newfoundland Inland Revenue stamps showing "Royalty Heads". These are found in several denominations and varied colors. It is pertinent to mention you are likely to have some difficulty in acquiring the higher values showing the head of Queen Victoria and Edward VII and possibly two of the George V items.

Also illustrated are examples of To-

bacco and Cigar stamps featuring "Royalty Heads". Other colorful types exist including Excise Tobacco, Snuff and Customs and the 1883 series of Tobacco stamps of attractive design and varied colors. The 1897 series is outstanding for beauty, found in Green, Blue, Carmine and Black with variations in design.

Having a fondness for emissions featuring "Royalty Heads" I find it



disappointing that Canada itself issued no Cigarette stamps with the head of Queen Victoria or Edward VII. While this makes it somewhat easier to complete a "Royalty Heads" collection of B. N. A. Revenues and Tax Paid, the fact that some emissions

are most elusive, particularly among the Newfoundland items, adds zest to the paper chase. All items in this category are most colorful and when shown either to collectors or non-collectors they command marked attention.

Various and Sundry *By G. E. Foster*

An English correspondent asks about forged New Brunswick stamps used on cover. I do not believe that any such exist that actually passed through postal channels.

From what can be learned from the record, forgeries and fac-similes began to make their appearance after the stamps of this province became obsolete. Of all of this spurious material, none of it, with the exception of the 17 cent, would stand much of a chance of escaping detection of even a casually observant postal clerk.

Any such cover would probably prove to be the work of a faker.

After a long wait, have finally received a copy of Gibbon's Part I for 1953, and find the 2 cent deep orange listed as imperforate between pairs. Wonder if Scott will get around to listing this variety this year?

In the Halifax Philatelist of the issue of April 1889, a correspondent in Port Jervis, N. Y. says that he has a cover in his collection mailed from St. John to Kingston, N. B., franked with a vertical half of the 10¢ vermilion. Does this indicate that at this late date, St. John still had no 5¢ stamps?

Editor Wm. W. Wylie in an editorial in the Western Stamp Collector says: "But most collectors don't seem able to develop much interest in issues of a country which is no longer issuing stamps and it would seem that they are overlooking a wonderful opportunity to escape the burden of keeping up with new issues."

Philatelists to Help Westminster Abbey Appeal

The Canadian Philatelic Society has suggested to its Chapters throughout Canada that it would be most appropriate in this the Coronation Year that philatelists should let their stamps help the Church of the Coronation in response to the Dean of Westminster's Appeal for the sum of one million pounds to make the Abbey secure for the future.

They recommend that their Chapters hold auctions of stamps and other philatelic material for the benefit of this appeal during "Canada's National Stamp Week" November 8-14, which is being celebrated for the first time this year in Canada.

Collectors are urged to get in touch with their local clubs and give their fullest co-operation and support to this urgent appeal for funds for Westminster Abbey, which stands as the center and Symbol of the way of life of the English speaking peoples.

The Westmount Stamp Club, Montreal, has announced that it will hold an auction for the benefit of this appeal at Victoria Hall, Westmount, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 12th.

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THE POST HORN and SADDLE BAG

JIM GOODWIN'S

B.N.A. Postal History Column . . .

By H. W. L.

COLUMN NO. 17

In this month's column we are breaking away from the old classic postmarks and will devote a little space to a few interesting items in the 1829-1839 period. Before proceeding further it might be well to observe that material from this period is by no means common but it does suffer when placed in direct contrast with covers bearing postmarks in the 1700's.

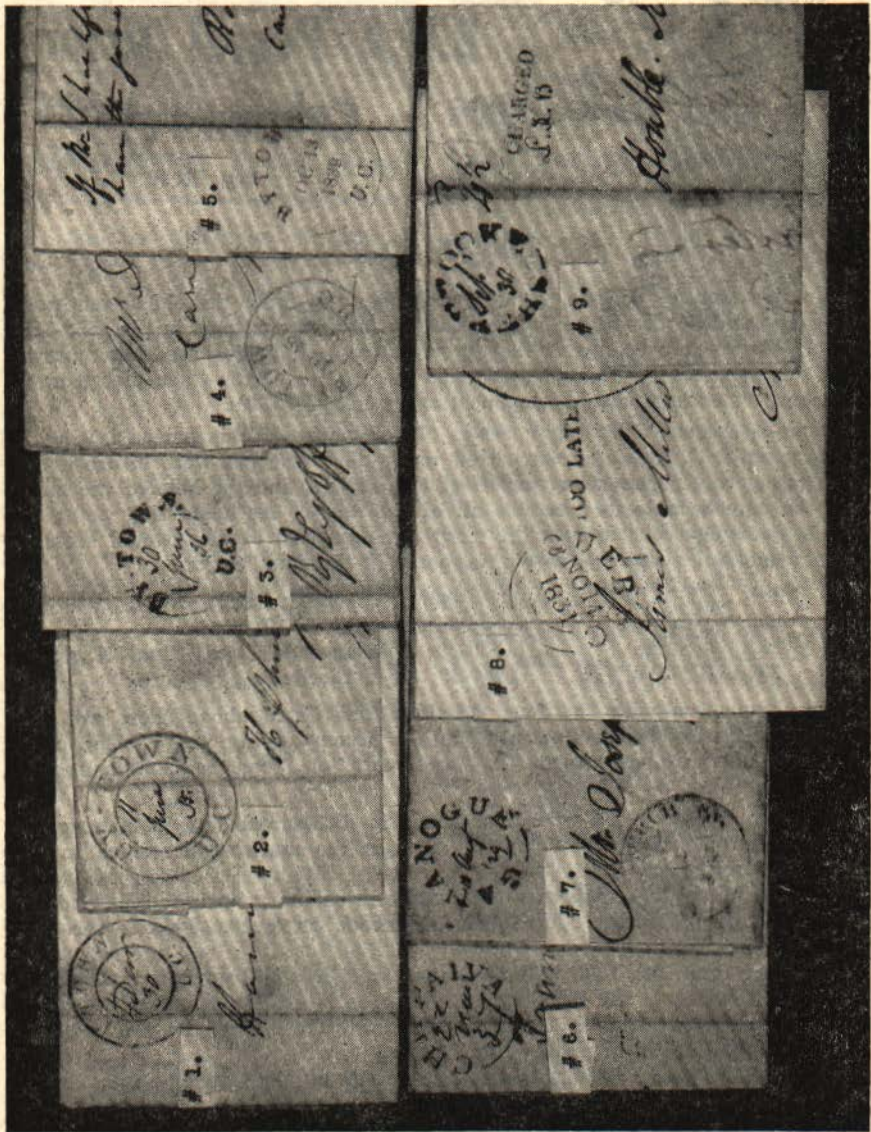
One of the most intriguing series of postmarks in this period is that of the Bytown U. C. double circles. How many distinct types were in use is difficult to say and perhaps as a result of this article, and the help of the members, we may be able to assemble all of the story. As a starting point the various markings described in the Konwiser-Campbell catalog would seem to be a logical choice and this is what appears in that publication.

- #291. BY-TOWN U. C. (1829-32Ms; 27 & 16; italics; Red).
- 292. Same (1836-36Ms; 30½ & 19; Red).
- 293. Same (1836-39; 26½ & 16½; Red) final N slopes.
- 293A BYTOWN U.C. (1836-39; 29 & 16; Red).

In comparison with the four classifications listed above there are five distinctly different types illustrated in the accompanying photo. The characteristics of these, as regards measurements, etc., can be summarized as follows.

- #1. Dated Dec 4th 1830 with town name in italics and date in manuscript. Measurements about 27 & 16. This is the marking described in the K-C catalog as #291.
2. Dated June 11th 1835 with town name in ordinary upright type and the date in manuscript. Measurements about 31 & 19. This is the K-C marking #292.
3. Dated June 30th 1836 with the town name in small upright type except the N which is the italic type. The date is still in manuscript. Measurements about 27 & 16. This marking differs from the K-C #293 in that the date is in manuscript.
4. Dated June 18th 1839 with the town name in small upright type except the italic N. The date is typeset and the marking measures about 27 & 16. This marking is the K-C #293.
5. Dated June 18th 1839 with town name spelled without a hyphen and the date typeset. Measurements about 29 & 16. The N does not seem to be in italics but due to the crease in the cover some doubt exists. This would seem to be the K-C marking #293A.

There is still room for more possible major types and any comment from



There is still room for more possible water and any comment from
 would require the R-C testing data.
 to be taken but there is the cross in the cover, some about exist. This
 data report. Measurements about 1/2 in. The X does not seem to
 be found (unless) test with four units (with) a system and the

collectors would be appreciated. For example does #3 exist with letters other than the N in italics? Since the K-C catalog shows an overlap in dates for their #293 and #293A were two devices used simultaneously reading BY-TOWN and BYTOWN and if not what is the approximate date when the hyphen was dropped?

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The second phase to be covered in this issue is that of "errors" in postmarks. One of the best known is that which came out of the Chippawa post office and it is illustrated as #6. In this instance the letters "I V" were substituted, or used in error for a "W". The post master frequently drew a line from the base of the I to the top of the left part of the V thus improvising a W. Covers showing this error are not too common but are frequently seen in collections and the item can hardly be termed rare.

The companion piece to the Chippawa error is illustrated as #7 and it would seem to be far scarcer. This cover is postmarked GANANOQUE with the date, Aug 10th 1829, in manuscript. The letter inside shows the name of the town to be spelled Gananoque, as is the case today. As a matter of fact there is no evidence to the effect that the town name ever was spelled with a G in the place of the Q. The strike of the postmark is perfectly clear and there is no possibility of the G being anything but that.

In all probability it will turn out that when the handstamp was prepared a G was substituted in error for the Q and when it was delivered the postmaster decided to use it until a corrected instrument could be obtained. The date of the cover, Aug. 10 1829, is very early for the circular marking and the earliest shown in the K-C catalog is 1841. The latter has no doubt been superseded but it is nevertheless probable that this error was in use for a limited amount of time, merely until a new device was obtained. It would be very interesting to hear from collectors regarding dates of postmarks on covers which they may have showing either spelling.

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The final phase of this column will have to do with some seldom seen regulation or control markings. Illustration #8 shows a TOO LATE marking applied at Quebec on Nov 14 1831. There is nothing rare about Too Late markings in general but this small type is seldom seen. It is known that a WAY marking of similar size was also in use at the same time at Quebec.

The other cover bearing a control marking is illustration #9 and this shows a very scarce strike of CHARGED. It will be noted that this is in the same size as the Quebec Too Late marking and was applied at Stanstead in Sept 1834. Numerous other covers from the Baxter correspondence have been examined and many of them bear a "ch'g'd" manuscript marking with the same initials L.R.B. appearing next the marking. There is ample evidence therefore that Baxter did have an arrangement whereby his collect postage was charged to him for settlement periodically. Under these circumstances it is probable that the postmaster had similar arrangements with other residents of the area and had the handstamp prepared as a matter of convenience. One other cover bearing this marking is known in the Goodwin collection and that too is dated in Sept. 1834.

Next month we shall attempt to illustrate and discuss some of the really scarce items that occur in the 1840's just to prove that it is not necessary to go way back in the dark ages of the 1700's to find interesting material for a collection. These items will be various types of markings and will not be confined to town postmarks alone.

Sketches of BNAPSers by V. G. Greene

No. 50 — CHARLES P. deVOLPI

The BNAPS Convention just concluded in Montreal was one of the most successful yet held and the BNAPSer mainly responsible for this success was our dynamic vice-president, Charles P. deVolpi. The Convention Committee, of which "Charlie" was chairman, did a grand job and all members are to be congratulated on the result, particularly the exhibits, which were the finest shown at any of our conventions.

Born in Montreal on July 16, 1911, and a life-long resident of that city, Charlie is in the paper business and is Vice-President and General Manager of Perkins Paper Products Ltd., with which company he has been since 1930. On his frequent visits to New York, Toronto and other philatelic centers he seldom fails to attend stamp auctions and dealers' stores and generally manages to return home with some addition to his fine collection.

Charlie started collecting stamps as a boy and has never completely lost interest in the hobby. Although he did break away to several other hobbies, he always returned to philatelic matters. Starting with a general collection, he gradually limited its scope to Canada and now only collects those issues up to the end of the "Small Cents". His collection of pre-stamp and postal history covers is one of the best in Canada and is mounted in no less than sixty-six volumes. A portion of it was shown at our Montreal convention and won a gold award. He also has important collections of the issues of Canada from 1851-1897 which contain many choice stamps, proofs and covers. One of Charlie's "sideline" collections is an album devoted entirely to foreign stamps on cover before 1875, addressed to Canada, showing the rates to this country in those days, and also the interesting "transit" markings.

Charlie was the founder and first



president of the B. N. A. Collectors Club of Montreal, and is a member of the Royal Philatelic Society, London; American Philatelic Society; Essay-Proof Society and the C. P. S. of Great Britain. Hunting, fishing, bridge (ask Jim Sissons) and photography are his other hobbies and he has another claim to fame, with which all of our members who were in Montreal will agree—that of being a perfect host!

The Barclay Loose-leaf Album of Canada—A sample sheet from this album has been received, printed in brown over a light green tint in the shape of a maple leaf. There are spaces for all issues and from the appearance of the sample page sent us this album should provide a handsome setting for a collection of Canadian stamps. Extra pages in plain or quadrilled style are available; binders are multi-ring type. Published by Barclay Press Co., 3451 Masson St., Montreal 36, Canada.

From the President...

Dear Fellow BNAPSers:

The Montreal Convention is now a matter of history and in my humble opinion it will long be remembered as one of the very best, if not the best, which has been held to date. We owe a great deal to the Montreal boys who put on the show under the leadership of Charlie deVolpi. It is the success of one convention which leads to the next one being bigger and better and the Host Group for 1954 will certainly benefit from the interest created at Montreal.

The attendance at the Convention was excellent but for various reasons only a fraction of the membership was on hand and in this message I want to try to bring to those that were not with us some idea of what our conventions are like. Those who were there are requested to overlook any omissions on my part. Anyway this is the way the Convention unfolded for me.

It was about nine o'clock Wednesday evening when I climbed out from behind the wheel in front of the Mount Royal and I no sooner enter the lobby when greetings from fellow BNAPSers began to fall on my ears. There is something warm in seeing and chatting with fellows you know so well from correspondence, or via the medium of TOPICS, when you may be meeting them face to face for the first time. After getting settled in my room I went down to the parlors where the exhibit was to be held and found the Montreal boys with plenty of volunteers busy readying the frames for the exhibits. Even while the members were hard at work you would hear on every hand hearty greetings as the new arrivals poured in and it is that spirit of friendliness that has made BNAPS what it is today. Some of the members had a little difficulty about rooms but by the next day when the Convention was in full swing all the little problems were forgotten.

There was only time for a few short informal meetings or discussions here and there about the schedule for the next few days before it was time for a midnight snack. However, even with so few hours at my disposal the first evening I was able to see and chat with enough old and new friends to make the trip well worth while. Thursday morning was devoted very largely to getting the exhibit set up, a few brief informal meetings, and meeting more of the members and their wives as the Convention really got under way. Thursday evening I was privileged to attend a meeting of the Westmount Stamp Club and tell them of the activities of BNAPS and invite them to attend the Convention. Many did and we now have some new applicants for membership.

Where the time goes no one knows. However, you find time somehow or other to look over the choice material that the dealers have available—and this is one of the features of our Conventions—picking up an item here and another there that you have been looking for. Then there are the semi-professionals who also support the Convention by taking tables in the bourse. A beginner going to any of these fellows will get the most courteous and fair treatment but if you are a specialist and you tangle with a couple of these boys you will end up going through almost unbelievable mental gymnastics trying to buy for \$1 something you think might be worth \$5 when the price is \$3. After parrying and thrusting with the Jarrett, Bayley, Purdy and Greene combine for an hour



or so and after doing your best to return the insults that are heaped upon you, you will stagger off wondering if it was really worth while. Frankly I don't know but I'll guarantee that I will be back for another round with them at Niagara and this time I won't be taken—I hope. Folks it's worth the price of admission to see and hear those boys in action.

At any convention there are always interesting local restaurants to be visited by impromptu dinner groups and shops where the ladies will put a dent in the old bankroll, and Montreal was no exception. Then too there are the many informal get-togethers held by the various groups of members and between these activities and looking at the material on exhibition Thursday went by and we were into Friday before I knew it. What was in the frames? Well you name it and it was there. I don't care whether you want to gaze at 12d blacks, old historic covers, 19th or 20th Century mint, used or on cover. It was there in quantity and quality that could not be duplicated in any other exhibition—a truly amazing display and indicative of the wealth of material owned by BNAPSers.

Friday evening after the exhibition closed down there was the usual President's informal cocktail party and I enjoyed having so many of my friends drop around. With the able assistance of the Jamieson solo ensemble the party was a terrific success in the customary BNAPS manner—everyone had a lot of fun and there was not the slightest sign of rowdiness—a tribute to the type of individual attending our Conventions and a good reason why YOU should come to the next one.

Saturday was marked by the annual banquet which was very well attended and the much coveted awards were presented by Vinnie Greene to the winners of the exhibition. Details of this will appear elsewhere. One of the surprises of the Convention was highlighted at the dinner in the turnout of a group of almost thirty from the State of Connecticut, an area in which we did not think we had too much strength. It looks as if we may soon have a Nutmeg Group to go along with the others. The spirit of informality and good fellowship carried through the banquet and as we broke up one could not help but be impressed by the spontaneous desire of so many to rush here and there to say "so-long and hope to see you next year" to new found friends and old convention acquaintances.

From a serious philatelic viewpoint I was able to get together with Charlie deVolpi on our pet subject of stampless covers and our only regret was that our friend Jim Goodwin could no longer be with us. A very enjoyable time was also spent with Arnold Banfield on the 10c 1859, another of my favorites. Then too, I met George Marler for the first time and time flew as we talked about our mutual specialty, the Admiral issue. I could go on for pages mentioning those who helped me enjoy the few days in Montreal—the New Yorkers, the Philadelphians, the Toronto Stamp Club Gang, the Montrealers, many of whom I had not met, and others from Coast to Coast but I think you will get the idea—if it is humanly possible for you to get to the next BNAPS Convention which is scheduled for Niagara Falls, N. Y., don't miss it, there is no Convention like a BNAPS Convention and you owe it to yourself to go to one and LIVE.

OFFICIAL NOTICE—NOMINATIONS

The following members' names have been placed in nomination for the office of Board of Governors. The Secretary, not hearing to the contrary before December 15, 1953, will cause these names to be entered on the Official Ballot for the Election of Board of Governors for 1954-1957.

Richard P. Hedley, Buffalo, N. Y.	Richard P. Hedley, Buffalo, N. Y.
Vincent G. Greene, Toronto, Canada	Vincent G. Greene, Toronto, Canada
James N. Sissons, Toronto, Canada	Alfred Whitehead, Amherst, N.S., Can.
Submitted by: Nominating Comm.	Submitted by: Five memb. N.Y. Group

From the Sales Manager...

WELL DONE

For months we have been telling you about the excellent results this Department has been showing to buyers and vendors. Our Annual Report at Montreal certainly provides visual evidence to prove these boasts. We are very pleased to have been able to make such a fine report and we do sincerely thank everyone who has helped make it possible. We hope and trust that next year's report will show even better results and we solicit your continued co-operation without which it won't be possible.

Large "Heads"—Small "Heads" are a sure-fire way to increase our sales. We're trying desperately to have those in our circuit books because we know what they will do in sales and satisfied customers. We feel that ours is certainly the membership that would have this type of material so, we continue to ask you for them. We guaranteed you sales of this type of material and that guarantee still goes. You just can't miss!!! Sure, other kinds of material is selling but Large and Small "heads"—guaranteed.

We were especially pleased to hear the many expressions of satisfaction with the different services we provide in the Department to both buyer and seller and we hope to be able to offer even more conveniences. We won't stop thinking of things to do for you and we'd sure like to know from you anything you feel should be done to that end. Your suggestions will be very welcome and you can be sure will receive our fullest attention.

James T. Culhane, Sales Manager
119 Montgomery Avenue
Coleston, Norristown, Pa.

(Blank books 10c each—2 for 25c)

Report of the Secretary...

OCTOBER 15, 1953

NEW MEMBERS

- 1088 Adams, William T., Box 1104, San Jose 8, Calif.
1089 Adsit, Douglas, 2315 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver, B. C., Canada
1090 Brown, Mrs. G. E., 219 Wedgewood Avenue, Riverview Hgts. (via Moncton), N. B., Canada
1091 Burton, Dr. Blendin L., P. O. Box 889, Los Alamos, New Mexico
1092 Carroll, Dr. John J., 1070 West 33rd Avenue, Vancouver 13, B. C., Canada
1093 Christensen, E. J., 11612 - 94 Street, Edmonton, Alta., Canada
1094 Gillmore, Donald E., 1435 Parkview Terrace, Hillside 5, N. J.
1095 Hill, Gordon M., 1932 - 29th Street S. W., Calgary, Alta., Canada
1096 Lee, J. Chang, 220 Union Blvd., St. Lambert, Que., Canada
1097 Levine, Irving, 435 Webster Avenue, New Rochelle, N. Y.
1098 Mason, A. F., 491 Windsor Avenue, Penticton, B. C., Canada
1099 McLeod, J. M. H., 10041 - 118 Street, Edmonton, Alta., Canada
1100 Netherton, Dr. W. J., 657 Winnipeg Street, Penticton, B. C., Canada
1101 Penny, D. G., Ste. 2, Erickson Block, 249 Main St., Penticton, B. C., Canada
1102 Prescott, John C., 100 - 17th Avenue N., St. Petersburg 2, Fla.
1103 Rock, Patricia Margaret Collins, 254 Maitland Rd., Islington, Newcastle 2N, N. S. W., Australia
1104 Rosenthal, Max, 354 Queen Street E., Toronto, Ont., Canada
1105 Sault, Earl E., Ormstown, Que., Canada
1106 Schroth, J. Donald, P. O. Box 91, Blue Island, Ill.
1107 Spung, Richard B., 161 Madera Street, Watsonville, Calif.
1108 Wener, Henry, 11151 - 88 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta., Canada

APPLICATIONS PENDING

- Burns, Dr. O. G., Maple Creek, Sask., Canada
Calhoun, Richard S., c/o The Arctic Philatelist, P. O. Box 75, Sitka, Alaska
Day, Arthur D., 878 Weston Road, Toronto 9, Ont., Canada

Hendee, Homer W., N. Freeman Road, Orchard Park, N. Y.
Hill, Albert, 736 - 17th Avenue W., Calgary, Alta., Canada
Horne, Brien, 2709 Montcalm Crescent, Calgary, Alta., Canada
Morell, Major Harry, Maple Street, Sutton, Que., Canada
Mallett, Frank McL., 3188 Summit Street, Columbus 2, Ohio
Richardson, Sidney T., 410 - 11th Avenue N. W., Calgary, Alta., Canada

RESIGNATION RECALLED

23 Brophy, Allard F., 4179 Hampton Avenue, Montreal, Que., Canada

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Objections must be filed within 15 days after month of publication)

- April, Georges, 15 Roberval St., Quebec, Que., Canada (CC) Proposed by P. J. Hurst, No. 533. Seconded by F. G. Atkinson, No. 936.
- Brewster, Leslie W., 1254 Kings Ave., Hollyburn P. O., B. C., Canada (C) CAN, NFD, B.C., V.I.—19th century mint and used postage. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Western Express and Town Covers B.C., V.I. Literature. Proofs and Essays. R.R., territorial, 2 and 4-ring numeral cancellations. Fancy Cancellations. SPECIALTY—3d and 5c Beaver. Proposed by B. C. Binks, No. 74. Seconded by G. P. Bainbridge, No. 806.
- Cooke, Anna K., 35 Cote St. Antoine Rd., Westmount, Que., Canada (CX) CAN, NFD, N.S., N.B., P.E.I.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Colls. O.H.M.S. Mint booklet panes. Seals. Mint and used airmails. Proofs and Essays. Proposed by C. P. deVolpi, No. 266. Seconded by A. Sadler, No. 642.
- Cross, S. M., 191 Magog St., Sherbrooke, Que., Canada (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate Blocks. Colls. O.H.M.S. Mint and used booklet panes. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by F. L. Wilson, No. 928. Seconded by J. W. McCubbin, No. 1052.
- Davidson, Edgar, 32 Thurlow Rd., Hampstead, Que., Canada (CX) CAN, NFD—Mint and used postage. 1st Flight covers. Proposed by W. S. Meyerson, No. 11. Seconded by D. C. Meyerson, No. 3.
- deVolpi, Margaret, 4720 Grosvenor Ave., Montreal, Que., Canada (C) Proposed by R. C. Meyerson, No. 1004. Seconded by D. C. Meyerson, No. 3.
- Dolbec, Paul H., P. O. Box 505, Quebec, Que., Canada (DC) Proposed by D. C. Meyerson, No. 3. Seconded by A. H. Christensen, No. 515.
- Engelhardt, G. J., 139 Cutting St., Coaticook, Que., Canada (C) CAN—used postage. Literature. Proposed by J. Levine, No. 1.
- Fillion, George E., 451 - 23rd Street, Quebec, Que., Canada (C) CAN, NFD, N.S.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Proposed by G. des Rivieres, No. 1077. Seconded by J. Levine, No. 1.
- Glassco, J. G., 15 Wellington St. W., Toronto, Ont., Canada (CC) Proposed by R. W. Lyman, No. 959. Seconded by D. C. Meyerson, No. 3.
- Horne, H. H., 97 Lecavalier St., St. Laurent, Que., Canada (C) Proposed by C. G. Kemp, No. 85. Seconded by D. C. Meyerson, No. 3.
- Howard, Lionel D., Ardmore Rd., Papakura, Auckland, New Zealand (CX) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. 1st Day and 1st Flight covers. Plate blocks. Colls. O.H.M.S. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint, used and semi-official airmails. R.P.O. and slogan cancellations. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37.
- Kennedy, A. D., 9823 - 107 Street, Edmonton, Alta., Canada (C) CAN, NFD—Plate blocks. Colls. Proposed by E. A. Harris, No. 729. Seconded by M. C. Adamson, No. 527.
- Kropke, Lester R., 9029 S. Claremont, Chicago 20, Ill. (CX) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate Blocks. Colls. O.H.M.S. Mint and used booklet panes. Mint and used airmails. Cut-squares. Literature. SPECIALTY—Plate Blocks Canada. Proposed by A. H. Kessler, No. 334.
- Matte, Raymond, 3558 Addington, Montreal 28, Que., Canada (CX) CAN—19th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Plate blocks. O.H.M.S. Used airmails. R.R. cancellations. Proposed by J. P. Rouleau, No. 744.
- Pugh, Wilfred G., 5675 Gatineau Ave., Apt. 13, Montreal, Que., Canada (CX) CAN—Plate Blocks. Proposed by C. G. Kemp, No. 85. Seconded by W. C. Peterman, No. 8.

- Razouk, Jimmy, Railway Quarters, Margil, Basra, Iraq (DCX) B.N.A. Proposed by J. Levine, No. 1.
- Todd, Norman, Happingsburgh, Norfolk, England (D) B.N.A. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37. Seconded by H. Sanders, No. 475.
- Trabant, George G., St. Petersburg Times, St. Petersburg, Fla. (CX) CAN—Mint postage. Plate Blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S. Mint airmails. SPECIALTY—Plate Blocks and O.H.M.S. Proposed by H. A. MacMaster, No. 484. Seconded by F. B. Eaton, No. 608.
- Wellburn, Ethel May, Box 427, Duncan, B. C., Canada (C) CAN—Plate Blocks. Proposed by C. P. deVolpi, No. 266. Seconded by R. C. Meyerson, No. 1904.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- Brisley, Charles L., 310 South "J" St., Lake Worth, Fla. (from Bloomingdale, Mich.)
- Clark, S. H., 1696 - 6th Avenue, Prince George, B.C., Canada
- Doner, Elmer G., 135 Orchard Avenue, Penticton, B. C., Canada
- Gnadinger, John F., 121 South May Street, Joliet, Ill.
- Greenhill, Major R. S. B., 27 Lordsbury Field, Wallington, Surrey, England
- Hurst, Peter J., Apt. 407, 5488 Avonmore Ave., Montreal 29, Quebec, Canada
- Lanigan, J. Leo, Box 462, Armdale P. O., Halifax, N. S., Canada
- Shoemaker, L. D., 408 Coconut Ave., Sarasota, Fla. (from Lakewood, Ohio)
- Siverts, John, 802 - 3rd St., Bismarck, N. D.

RESIGNATION RECEIVED

680 Guylee, Mrs. Edith W., 403 Whirlowdale Rd., Sheffield 11, England

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, September 15, 1953	779
NEW MEMBERS, October 15, 1953	21
RESIGNATION RECALLED, October 15, 1953	1
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, October 15, 1953	801 801

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Held on Saturday, October 3rd, 1953, at the Sheraton-Mt. Royal Hotel, Montreal

A quorum being present, Mr. Harry W. Lussey, President, took the Chair and officially declared the meeting open for the consideration of such business as might come before it. Mr. Lussey designated Mr. Richard P. Hedley as Sergeant-at-Arms for the meeting.

The Chair recognized a motion by Mr. Daniel C. Meyerson, seconded by Mr. Vincent G. Greene, that this meeting dispense with the reading of the Minutes for the preceding Fourth Annual Convention as published in BNA TOPICS for December 1952 and that these published Minutes be accepted as having been read. The motion was voted affirmed.

The President called for the reading of any correspondence to and for the meeting and the Secretary, Mr. Jack Levine, read letters of regrets at not being able to attend and expressions of best wishes for a successful meeting and convention from Messrs. Bury C. Binks and Lawrence D. Shoemaker. Also, a letter of appreciation from Mrs. James C. Goodwin for the condolences and sympathies of the Society, particularly—"for the written expressions of sympathy and the editorial in the Journal and for the thought and work in the proposed continuation of the column—"Post Horn and Saddle Bag"—as a memorial to my husband."

Mr. Lussey formally welcomed all those present and expressed his pleasure to be able to report the overall progress of the Society in all its undertakings and activities. Membership has been showing steady increase and without any drives or promotional campaigns. The quality of makeup and contents of BNA TOPICS, while already at a high level, even improved due in no small way to the continued efforts of the Editor, Mr. Gordon P. Lewis, Mr. Lussey expressed his extreme pleasure with the formation of additional geographic and Study Groups and with the fine progress these groups are making. Mr. Lussey re-

frained from discussing in detail the activities of the various Departments during the year and explained that reports would be read from each such Department to the meeting. In closing, Mr. Lussey commended the Montreal Convention Committee for their excellent show and offered their efforts as an example of what the members will do to co-operate for the benefit and pleasure of the others. He expressed his sincere appreciation for the fine co-operation he is receiving from the various officers and appointees and especially from the membership.

Mr. Charles P. deVolpi, Vice-President, reported to the meeting that he was especially pleased with the excellent showing in membership enrollment and, without benefit of any intense drive or campaign; a very gratifying example of the fine status our Society has in the philatelic field. Mr. deVolpi expressed his appreciation for the fine co-operation he had received in preparing and presenting this convention and exhibition. He reported that public attendance had far exceeded his hopes and that final figures might even show a public attendance of well over 600.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

In reference to the Treasurer's Report for 1952, which has just been published in the Yearbook, I merely wish to make a few remarks. I am happy to say that the surplus from last year's operations was \$227.80.

As late as the time of our Convention at Ithaca, last year, it appeared that the surplus would be about \$35.00, as reported at that time, but it grew to the figure quoted above by a combination of happy circumstances, namely: the profit from BNAPEX-52, smaller expenses than expected for the balance of the year and a greater number of new members than we had dared to anticipate. The latter is especially gratifying as it reflects credit on our most excellent magazine and through it on our loyal members who are so generous with their information and the time and effort it takes to prepare it for publication and further credit on the skillful editing of the magazine.

As I have mentioned on previous occasions, a budget is prepared each year based on the estimate of income from all sources and on the spending of as much of this as possible on TOPICS, without going into the red. This is based on the feeling that the magazine is the one feature by which the majority of our members benefit. A surplus is not sought but one has resulted in each of the past few years due largely to the steady, substantial growth in membership. Last year, 80½% of our income was spent on TOPICS, 10.3% on General Expenses which are itemized in the Report of the Treasurer, and 1.7% on the Library which left a surplus of 7.5%.

As to our financial situation so far this year, I have prepared interim reports of the "Income and Disbursement Account" and the account of "Operations for the year to September 21st" which I have handed to the Board of Governors and which will be available for inspection by anyone interested in these. With your kind permission I will give you a summary of these now.

Payments for the advertising in the 1953 Yearbook have just begun to come in so I will leave out of this summary any income or expenses in connection with this Yearbook. On this basis, the income to September 21st for this year's operations has been \$2705.80 and expenses \$1962.42, leaving a balance of \$743.38. This balance together with an estimated income of about \$195.00 for the balance of the year will pay our estimated further expenses of \$860.00 and leave a surplus of about \$50.00. These further expenses include an estimated cost of \$125.00 for incorporation. If this expense is not incurred, the surplus should be about \$175.00.

This report is respectfully submitted for your consideration and approval. I formally move its approval.

W. C. Peterman, Treasurer

The motion was seconded by Mr. Greene and voted approved.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

To the Officers and Members of the British North America Philatelic Society assembled in convention at Montreal, Canada, this 3rd day of October, 1953 for the Fifth Annual Convention and Exhibition (BNAPEX '54).

**Monthly Analysis of Membership Enrollment
from October 15, 1952 to September 15, 1953**

	New Members	Replaced	Dropped	Resigned	Deceased
10/15/52	11 (43)				
11/15/52	11 (43)		23		
12/15/52	18 (18)	1	1		
1/15/53	(15)	1	1	4	1
2/15/53	12 (10)			3	3
3/15/53	8 (14)		2	5	1
4/15/53	13 (4)			3	1
5/15/53	12 (13)			4	
6/15/53	26 (8)			2	
8/15/53	21 (7)			1	1
9/15/53	(17)			1	
TOTALS	135	2	29	23	7

(Numbers in parenthesis are those for the previous year)

Several of the figures reported above require and deserve further comment and explanation. For 11/15/52, New Members enrolled was 11 as against 43 for 11/15/51. The figure 43 for 11/15/51 represents new members enrolled in Toronto during the CAPEX Exhibition and is, of course, far above the usual. No new members are reported for 1/15/53 due to the fact that the new ruling of the Board of Governors required that applications should first appear as "Applications for Membership" for 30 days and then for a similar period as "Applications Pending" and then as "New Members", except for the August issue which is for July and August and thus allows the required 60 days before admission as a new member. Applications for membership listed in an August issue appear as "Applications Pending" in a September issue, explaining the reporting of no new members for 9/15/53.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

September 15, 1952 to September 15, 1953

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP as of September 15, 1952	701	
NEW MEMBERS 10/15/52-9/15/53	135	
REPLACED ON ROLLS 10/15/52-9/15/53	2	838
DROPPED FROM ROLLS 10/15/52-9/15/53	29	
RESIGNATIONS 10/15/52-9/15/53	23	
DECEASED 10/15/52-9/15/53	7	59
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP as of September 15, 1953	779	

Comparative Analysis

	1953	1952	1951
New Members	135	167	125
Replaced on Rolls	2	4	4
Dropped from Rolls	29	17	18
Resignations	23	21	24
Deceased	7	8	11
Total Membership	779	701	577
Membership Increase	78	124	72

The above analysis shows an increase of 78 members in 1953 as against 124 for last year. This variation in membership increases for the two years is not as great as the figures would indicate. Seventeen new members were listed for September in last year's report while none appear for the same month in this year's report due, of course, to our new method of processing applications. Following last year's procedure, the 22 applications which appeared in the August issue would have been listed as new members in September and the total increase would have been 100 instead of the 78. Also, bear in mind the 43 members enrolled at CAPEX which number is not duplicated every year.

Total losses in 1953 membership for reasons of resignations, dropped or decrease were 59 as against 46 for last year—7½% compared to 6½%. Here again the September figure, rather the lack of it, affects the percentage figure whereby

it would be 7% compared to 6½%. Losses from resignations and deaths were about the same for both years. The increase in losses is due entirely to the number of dropped members—29 against 17. I wish to point out to the members that every effort is made, even to personal approach or contact, before a member is finally dropped. While our losses in membership was a ½% greater this year, the fact remains that they still were very small. An encouraging aspect is provided in the figures reported in the monthly analysis which show enrollments in the last few months much higher than for last year.

Membership Recruiting — Jan. 1952 to Dec. 1952

MacMaster, H. A. 23	Kay, M. 2	Kemp, C. G. 1
Richardson, E. A. . . . 19	Meyerson, D. C. 2	Marsden, P. 1
Duncan, R. J. 17	McDonough, C. 2	Minuse, K. 1
Baresh, L. 8	Bertram, H. G. 1	Nadon, E. 1
Hedley, R. P. 3	Bowie, L. G. 1	Quarles, M. V. 1
Llewellyn, G. B. 3	Canham, H. E. 1	Roberts, J. S. 1
Shoemaker, L. D. . . . 3	deVolpi, C. P. 1	Siverts, J. S. 1
Smith, T. C. 3	Hanselman, M. 1	Young, H. M. 1
Allen, E. K. 2	Higginson, T. B. 1	Young, J. M. 1
Anderson, C. A. 2	Hurst, P. J. 1	Levine, J. 12
Carter, W. P. 2	Jennings, C. 1	Lewis, G. P. 3
Holmes, Dr. L. S. 2		

For the purpose of determining the winner of the PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR 1952 for the enrollment of the most members during January to December 1952, the foregoing recruiting analysis shows the winner to be:

Harris A. MacMaster

For the purpose of determining the winner of the VINCENT G. GREENE TROPHY FOR 1952, awarded to the author or authors who contributed the best original article or column to BNA TOPICS during 1952, I have canvassed the vote of the nine (9) members of the Board of Governors, the four (4) elected officers and the Donor of the Trophy to the following results, based on the system of 3 for 1st choice, 2 for 2nd choice and 1 for 3rd choice:

Dr. James C. Goodwin	34
Lloyd W. Sharpe	14
P. E. I. Study Group	11
W. S. and D. C. Meyerson	7

From the foregoing report of the voting, it is noted that the winner is:

Dr. James C. Goodwin

This is our 10th anniversary year and I must express my sincere happiness and gratification with the remarkable progress our Society has made in those years. Our membership is the nicest, warmest, friendliest any Society could hope to have; our officers, elected and appointed, are tireless in their efforts on behalf of the Society; our magazine may well be the finest offered by a specialist Society; our Library contains perhaps a complete representation of reference material on our field of study and collecting; our Sales Department is fast becoming that source for material and sales that you could hope for. BNAPS has made remarkable progress in its first 10 years and to each member goes credit for that success. So, with great pride and much pleasure, I say to such a membership, "A very hearty welcome to BNAPEX '54."

I respectfully submit this report for your consideration and formally move it be approved.

Jack Levine, Secretary

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kemp and forthwith voted accepted.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

(Read by Jack Levine)

To the Officers and Members of
the British North America Philatelic Society:

B. N. A. Topics has enjoyed another successful year of publishing, keeping pace with the growth of our Society on this, its 10th anniversary. The calibre of the articles submitted by the members has maintained the high standard set in previous volumes, and they have covered in a most capable manner the many fields of interest to our readers. The 100th issue of Topics was celebrated with a special edition in March of this year, which was well-supported by advertisers.

and contained a number of interesting and informative articles. In fact, one member remarked that this was one of the best-balanced issues which we have produced.

The choice of an Advertising Manager in the person of "Bert" Llewellyn was a most happy one, as he has been of great assistance to the Editor during the short period he has held this position. Mr. Llewellyn's work in securing advertising for the 1953 Yearbook was outstanding, and he has also been able to persuade a number of dealers to take regular space in Topics on a contract basis.

With the October issue Topics will be experimenting on a new policy with regards to the publication of long articles. In the past it has been thought that articles which are published in instalments over several months tend to lose their impact on the reader and perhaps failed to hold his interest, in addition to making it difficult to refer back to text and illustrations appearing in previous instalments. In an attempt to correct this inconvenience to our readers, the October issue will include in its entirety W. E. Lea's article on the 5c Beaver. Following this we will be publishing a very complete treatise on Canadian Coll Stamps by Edward J. Whiting, which will likely run to three instalments, and it will be our aim to keep other articles in following issues to a maximum of three parts published in successive issues.

We will, of course, still continue to print the short features which have always been so popular, and some issues will of necessity be made up almost entirely of the shorter type of article.

The Editor is very gratified that arrangements have been made to continue "The Post Horn and Saddle Bag" column so ably conducted by the late Dr. James Goodwin. Since its inception, this column has always been a very popular feature of Topics.

In conclusion, the Editor would like to express his thanks to the officers and members of the Society who have been so helpful in submitting material for TOPICS, and also to the loyal group of regular "columnists" who contribute so much to our publication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Gordon P. Lewis, Editor

It was moved by Mr. Levine, seconded by Mr. D. C. Meyerson that the Report of the Editor be accepted as read. The motion was affirmed.

REPORT OF THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

Mr. George B. Llewellyn, Advertising Manager, explained that he hadn't prepared a written report but he could tell the meeting that advertising in this Yearbook for 1953 showed an increase of 12% over that for last year. He expressed his appreciation to the members, dealers, and others who so loyally supported this year's edition. He hoped that advertising in the magazine would similarly show such remarkable advances.

REPORT OF THE SALES MANAGER

British North America Philatelic Society — Sales Department
Profit and Loss Statement
From October 1, 1952 thru August 31, 1953 — 11 Months

Income			
Commissions Earned		\$299.54	
Total Income			\$299.54
Expenses			
Postage and Registration	\$83.31		
Less Postage on Hand	1.56		
Less Reimbursed—Postage and Registration	9.89		
Net Postage and Registration Expense		\$71.86	
Stationery and Printing		43.34	
Misc. Expenses			
Bank Charges	\$2.35		
Telephone Charges	5.05		
Total Misc. Expenses		7.40	
Total Expenses			122.60
Net Profit			176.94

Insurance Fund

Cash on Hand	\$351.06
Accounts Receivable	301.63
Total Insurance Fund	* \$652.69

* There were no losses of any kind during this period

Total Cash on Hand in the Peoples National Bank of Norristown	
Due Owners & Uncollected Insurance Fees	\$2,008.95
Insurance Fund	351.06
Due Treasurer (Blank Book Sales)	6.00
General Expense Fund	196.22
Total Cash on Hand	\$2,557.23

Pertinent Facts about the Sales Department

Sales Books on Hand 10/1/52	148
Sales Books Received 10/1/52 thru 8/31/53	263
Total Books	411
Less Books Retired	91
Books on Hand	320
Sales 10/1/52 thru 12/31/52	\$ 750.12
Sales 1/1/53 thru 8/31/53	2,846.99
Total Sales	\$3,597.11

Advances to owners against sales from their books before retirement \$1,085.00

The \$50.00 which was transferred from the Insurance Fund to the General Expense Fund as working capital has been returned to the Insurance Fund.

From the foregoing you can readily see that the Department is in a good financial position even though our commission and insurance fees are so surprisingly low. Sales have been good and I expect that they could be much better if the Department had a better selection and representation of earlier material. Many members ask for this type of material and I ask their indulgence and understanding. I would gladly send it to them if and when I have it and I do hope to have it. I do wish to publicly express my sincere appreciation to the members who have helped the Department to show whatever progress it has made by sending in material for sale. I do sincerely solicit their continued help and hope others will similarly help me to make this Department a top service to those who use it.

I respectfully submit this report and move its approval.

James T. Culhane, Sales Manager

In seconding Mr. Culhane's motion, Mr. D. C. Meyerson expressed his opinion of the very fine work Mr. Culhane has done as Sales Manager with his inception of many new services, benefits and comforts for participants in the Department. Mr. Lussey thanked Mr. Meyerson for his expression and felt he could presume to say that it was the opinion of everybody. The motion was accepted.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

To the Officers and Members of the
British North America Philatelic Society
in Convention at Montreal, Canada

When appointed Director of Publicity by the President, Mr. Harry W. Lussey, on April 25, 1953, the undersigned immediately began preparations of laying the groundwork for greater coverage of publicity for the Society, and we are happy to be able to report five months later that all necessary ground work has been established and tangible results are already evident in the many inquiries received from various individuals and clubs wanting to know about BNAPS. Questions about requirements for membership have been answered immediately by forwarding a copy of our brochure, "An Introduction to the British North America Philatelic Society", which explains the many benefits offered by membership in our Society. Other inquiries have been forwarded, as received, to the proper offices of the Society.

We now have listed 23 philatelic publications and newspaper columns which to date have acknowledged and/or printed our first four releases. The co-operation and willingness of the various editors of these publications to accept and print these news items is greatly appreciated.

It is the sincere hope and belief of this committee that, in the coming year,

lineage granted by the various publications will increase the prestige of a Society which, in ten years, has become one of the recognized leaders in the specialist field not only in Canada and the United States, but throughout the world where the philatelic interests are B.N.A.

We close this our first, short report with a request that each and every member help their committee by forwarding, either to the Director or the committee member nearest them, any news item which in their opinion would be of interest or concerns the British North America Philatelic Society.

Respectfully submitted:

Alfred H. Kessler, for the Committee

Mr. Lussey called on Mr. Levine to read a committee report prepared for this meeting, and Mr. Levine read the following:

To the Officers and Members of the British North America Philatelic Society assembled in convention at Montreal, Canada, for the Fifth Annual Convention (BNAPEX 1953)

On July 3, 1953, Mr. Lussey, President, wrote the Messrs. Levine, Meyerson and Schuman advising each that he had been appointed to a Committee for the purpose of studying the By-Laws for any corrections or revisions which, in their opinion, were in order and, that they prepare any such corrections or revisions for consideration of this Annual Meeting in Montreal.

To the performance of the duties and obligations of their appointment, the Committee conferred and exchanged opinions to the following recommendations for the consideration and acceptance of the meeting. Only affected portions of an Article or Section of the By-Laws are quoted.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

reads: It shall be the purpose of the Society to encourage and to aid the collecting and the study of the Postage Stamps and Postal History of the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland and of the Pre-Confederation Colonies... (Etc.).

to read: It shall be the purpose of the Society to encourage and to aid the collecting and the study of the Postage Stamps and Postal History of the Dominion of Canada, Newfoundland and of the Pre-Confederation Colonies... (etc.).

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP Section 4. Fees and Dues

reads: The annual dues shall be \$3.00 payable in advance, and the membership year shall commence the first day of January.

to read: The annual dues shall be \$3.00 payable in advance of approval of membership, and the membership year shall commence the first day of January of the year in which application is made.

Section 7. Resignation

reads: A Member shall submit a written resignation to the Secretary who shall cause notice thereof to be published in BNA TOPICS for a period of thirty (30) days. After such publication, with the acceptance of the Board of Governors, it shall become effective.

to read: A Member shall submit a written resignation to the Secretary who shall cause notice thereof to be published in BNA TOPICS for a period of thirty (30) days. After such publication, it shall become effective.

Section 9. Expulsion

reads: Definite and specific charges of misconduct must be in writing and notice, including a copy of the charges, shall be served upon the Member so charged, not less than ten (10) days prior to the date set by the Board of Governors for the hearing thereof. After due hearing and investigation, the findings of the Board and the penalty, if the charges are sustained, shall be entered upon the Journal of the Board of Governors and notice thereof immediately forwarded to the Secretary to be entered upon the minutes of the Society and published in BNA TOPICS. All data pertaining thereto shall be permanently preserved.

to read: Definite and specific charges of misconduct must be in writing and notice, including a copy of the charges, shall be served upon the member so charged. After due investigation by the Board of Governors, notice of the findings and the penalty, if the charges are sustained, shall immediately be forwarded to the Secretary for publication in BNA TOPICS. All data pertaining thereto should be preserved.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS Section 3. Election.

reads: A President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be so elected by ballot in the odd-numbered years, during January. Three (3) members to the Board of Governors shall be so elected by ballot each year during January for a term of three (3) years.

to read: A President, Vice-President, and Treasurer shall be so elected by ballot in the even-numbered years, during December. Three (3) members to the Board of Governors shall be so elected each year by ballot during December for a term of three (3) years. All elected officers shall serve as such officers until their respective successors are elected and shall qualify.

reads: An official ballot shall be prepared by the Secretary, containing all nominations, spaces for marking against each name, and space for the signature and number of the Member casting the ballot. The Committee on Elections shall canvass the vote and report the results at the election meeting and refer a similar report to the Secretary for filing and notice in BNA TOPICS. If no one candidate shall receive a plurality of the votes cast for such office, the Committee on Elections shall issue new ballots for the election to this office.

to read: An official ballot shall be prepared by the Secretary, containing all nominations, spaces for marking against each name, and space for the signature and number of the Member casting the ballot, if he so elects. The Committee on Elections shall canvass the vote and report the results to the Secretary for filing and notice in BNA TOPICS. If no one candidate shall receive a plurality of the votes cast for such office, the Committee on Elections shall issue new ballots for the election to this office containing only the names of the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the last previous balloting.

Section 5. Removal from Office.

reads: Any appointed official may for like cause be removed or suspended for a definite period by the President. When such charges are preferred by Members, the President or Board, as the case may be, shall cause written notice of charges to be served upon the official not less than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed by them for the hearing thereof.

to read: Any appointed official may for like cause be removed or suspended for a definite period by the President or Board of Governors. When such charges are preferred by Members, the President or Board, as the case may be, shall cause written notice to be served upon the official. After due investigation, the findings and penalty, if the charges are sustained, shall immediately be forwarded to the Secretary for publication in BNA TOPICS. All data pertaining thereto should be preserved.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS Section 2. President

reads: He shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Governors, the various Permanent Committees and such Administrative Officials as he may deem necessary.

to read: He shall appoint the various Permanent Committees and Administrative Officials and may appoint such other Committees as he shall from time to time deem necessary.

Section 4. Board of Governors.

reads: It shall prescribe the amounts of bonds to be executed for officials as required.

to read: It shall prescribe the amounts of bonds to be executed for officials as required. Where such bond is required, premiums therefor shall be paid by the Society.

reads: It shall be convened in session at least once every month, and in order to expedite the transaction of its business, may take votes on an issue by mail.

to read: It shall hold meetings by mail or in open session on such matters or at such times as its Chairman shall, in his discretion, direct. All matters required to be discussed or voted upon by mail may be presented to each or any member of the Board by either the Chairman or a member or members designated by him but each member of the Board shall cast his own vote by mail where a vote is required. A majority vote

of all members of the Board shall be necessary to pass any resolution or take any action.

Section 7. Regional Directors.

reads: It shall be the duty of the Regional Directors, under the direction and supervision of the Board of Governors....

to read: It shall be the duty of the Regional Directors, under the direction of the Vice-President....

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS Section 1. Annual Meeting.

reads: The Order of Business at each Annual Meeting shall be as follows:

5. President's Address.
6. Reports of Permanent Committees.
7. Reports of Officers.
11. Elections.

to read: The Order of Business at each Annual Meeting shall be as follows:

5. President's Address.
6. Reports of Officers.
7. Reports of Permanent Committees and Appointed Officials.
11. Nominations.

ARTICLE VII PERMANENT COMMITTEES Section 1. Appointment.

reads: Subject to the approval of the Board of Governors, the President shall appoint the following Permanent Committees:

to read: The President shall appoint the following Permanent Committees.

Respectfully submitted,
Messrs Levine, Meyerson, Schuman

Mr. Lussey explained to the meeting that, should they vote to accept the foregoing suggested changes to the By-Laws, they would thereby be voting to offer them as amendments to the membership for their vote. There was considerable discussion about the suggested change whereby applying of signature to ballot would be optional. It was moved by Mr. Wellburn, seconded by Mr. Greene that this particular suggested change to the By-Laws be accepted as read and that the right of option of signing be specifically noted on the ballot. Mr. Lussey asked for a show of hands for and the count was 20 and against showed a count of 16, thus carrying the motion. It was then moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Peterman that the suggested changes be accepted in entirety and proposed as amendments for a vote of the membership. The motion was affirmed.

It was moved by Mr. D. C. Meyerson, seconded by Mr. Davenport that the President shall appoint a Committee whose purpose it shall be to prepare for approval of the Board of Governors a set of Rules and Regulations to govern future BNAPEX exhibitions. The motion was affirmed and so ordered.

Mr. Hedley asked for the floor to enter a bid for the Niagara Frontier Group whereby the Annual Convention and Exhibition for 1954 (BNAPEX-54) shall be held at Niagara Falls. It was moved by Mr. D. C. Meyerson, seconded by Mr. Kemp, that the meeting recognize and honor the bid of Mr. Hedley for the Niagara Frontier Group. The motion was accepted and so ordered.

Mr. Lussey reported to the meeting that he had received many replies about a Catalogue and the consensus of opinion was that the Society should proceed with such a Catalogue in such a manner whereby it should be presented section by section, offered to special committees for each such section as readied, then published in BNA TOPICS before a final separate printing for each such section. It was moved by Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Wellburn that the meeting accept the proposed plan of procedure for the Catalogue. The motion was affirmed.

It was moved by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. D. C. Meyerson, that the meeting rise in vote of appreciation for the wonderful convention and exhibition arranged and provided by Mr. deVolpi and his Committees. The meeting rose in acceptance of the motion.

There being no further business offered for consideration of the meeting, it was forthwith voted adjourned on a motion by Mr. Wellburn, seconded by Mr. Greene.

Respectfully submitted:
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