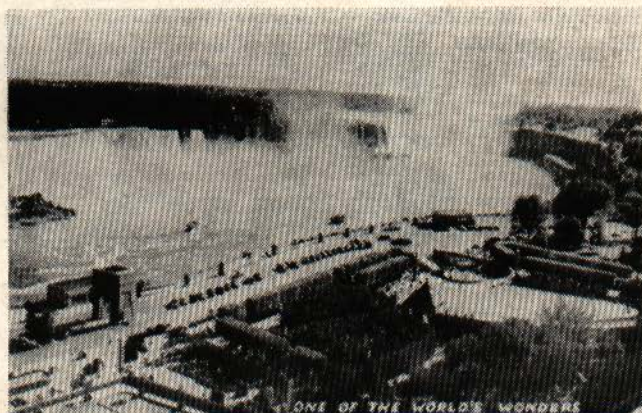


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It would be our suggestion that you make plans now to attend this show and convention—however, later this month, each member will receive full and complete information as to hotel accommodations, your entry information for the exhibit, details as to program, and all the other pertinent data you will require. Prior to that and at any time in the future, if you desire more information of any kind, the members of the committee will be glad to answer your questions. Names of committee members will be published next month.

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The New Look

NO DOUBT our readers will have noticed a change in the appearance of BNA TOPICS as they removed this issue from the mailing envelope, although what the change is may not have been immediately apparent to all. As students of stamps, we all have an interest in printing, although some members may, by the very nature of their occupations, be more likely than others to notice the major face-lifting which our magazine has undergone. Taking "first things first", we recently received a letter from a member which stated: "I having been having my file of BNA TOPICS bound for security, and find that a number of issues are difficult to bind in a really satisfactory manner. These are the ones that have the really stiff cardboard covers (as that on the Feb. '54 issue); those with the more flexible covers (as Jan. '54) do not give the same trouble. . . . The use of the more flexible covers would definitely be of advantage to those members who bind the issues with the covers intact."

The writer of this letter, and others who have voiced the same complaint in the past, should be pleased to hear that TOPICS will now be bound in a cover of lighter weight stock, as is this number. The colored band and nameplate on the front will vary in color from month to month.

Passing to the inside pages of the magazine, it will be seen that a much finer quality of paper stock is being used, which in addition to being tougher, has a finish which permits better reproduction of the illustrations which are such an important adjunct to the articles which appear from month to month.

A further improvement is the type faces being used for the body matter and for headings, as well as in the advertisements. Body matter is in Times Modern Roman, a face which was originally designed for one of the world's greatest newspapers, The London Times. The article you are reading is set in the 10 point size, while 8 point will be used for other material, except for the Official Section, which will be set in the smaller 6 point size. This latter size will also be used for some tables where space is at a premium. Headings are in members of the 20th Century and Bodoni families, while Sparton will be the mainstay of the advertising department.

This, then, is BNA TOPICS in its new spring outfit for 1954—we hope you like it!

We cannot conclude this announcement without mention of our former printer, H. W. Miller of Lawrence, Kansas. The Society owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Miller for his co-operation and interest in the magazine which went beyond the normal printer-customer relationship. The editor has been working under a handicap in having the printer located at such a distance from the "editorial offices", but Mr. Miller has always been ready and willing to correct any errors in copy-fitting, and change layouts where necessary. He has been responsible in large measure for the appearance of TOPICS in presentable form each month. Thank you, sir!

The Editor

King Edward 50c "On the Air"

BNAPSer DOUG PATRICK'S "CBC Stamp Club", which is heard on a Trans-Canada network each Saturday morning at 12:30, in its 213th weekly meeting featured as guest star BNAPSer Jim Sissons and the story of the recent find of four panes of the 1908 King Edward 50 cent. The story is interestingly told by means of the script of this radio show, which is reproduced below through courtesy of Mr. Patrick. In addition to Doug Patrick and Jim Sissons, taking part in the show were announcer Del Mott and junior vice-president of the club, Miss Jane Hutton. The script was as follows:

ANNCR: . . . But now we've got news about the Port Maitland find. Doug?

PATRICK: Last week members of a family in Port Maitland brought some Canadian stamps to Toronto and sold them. So today we have the gentleman who made the news. Welcome once again to our CBC Stamp Club, Mr. Sissons. What were the important stamps in the Port Maitland find?

SISSONS: They were four post office sheets of the 1908 King Edward VII stamps, in the 50 cent denomination, a purple color stamp.

JANE: Are these stamps really rare, Mr. Sissons?

SISSONS: In post office sheets they're unique.

JANE: You mean there are no other sheets of them?

SISSONS: There were none known until these were found.

PATRICK: Are these sheets of stamps or panes?

SISSONS: They're actually panes.

ANNCR: I understand, Mr. Sissons, that some of these panes of the 50 cent King Edward stamps you bought had been separated.

SISSONS: One pane of them had been broken up. Others were in various conditions. But one pane is in the most excellent condition. I'm going to keep it that way.

PATRICK: Up to this time, what was the largest unit of the 1908 50 cent King Edward stamps of Canada you ever handled?

SISSONS: A block of eight was the largest I've ever sold. I've had blocks of four in various auctions in the past years. But even these blocks of four are rare.

JANE: I didn't think the 50 cent King Edward stamps were especially rare. Are they?

SISSONS: They're quite rare. I list them at \$25 for single copies mint and \$3.40 for carefully-selected copies in fine condition used. Only 500,000 were printed.

PATRICK: Will you explain why this Port Maitland find was so important? The importance of having the stamps in large blocks or full panes, I mean.

SISSONS: Generally speaking, blocks of stamps are scarcer than singles. Everybody knows that. But the bigger the blocks are, the scarcer they are, most often.

PATRICK: I remember a large block of Newfoundland stamps in one of your auctions a few years ago—in the Norris sale, I believe it was. Nobody offered a bid on part of the block and you sold it complete, unsevered.

SISSONS: Those experienced buyers knew how precious some of the large blocks are. But the 50 cent King Edward stamps are exceptionally rare in large units, as I have said. Up to this time, the one beautiful pane I have is unique.

JANE: You mean there isn't another like it anywhere in the world?

SISSONS: There isn't another one that philatelists or dealers know about.

ANNCR: I understand there's a large block in a collection owned by Mr. Fred Jarrett?

SISSONS: Yes, Mr. Jarrett's block of 28 King Edward 50 cents was the biggest known block until we bought this Port Maitland find.

● Please turn to Page 140

Canadian R.P.O. Markings

» » » SOME NOTES ON THEIR INDICIA

NEARLY all Canadian R.P.O. markings are circular, and in the present article I shall confine myself to those of that shape.

Around the rim will be found lettering indicating the route. Within this outer lettering is the indicia or set-up, assembled from moveable type daily by the clerk, indicating the date (day, month, year) along with a direction mark or train number, or a combination of these two latter. The study of indicia by R.P.O. collectors will be immensely rewarding and should not be neglected. This article will deal with the date only.

A quick glance at the illustrations of R.P.O. types in Shaw, Jarrett and Boggs will show that there is a great variety in indicia and their arrangement. Generally the direction mark or train number is above the date, and in the vast majority of cases, certainly in later types, the date is in two lines, thus:

OCT. 4 or DE. 5
1857 99

The earliest types, characteristic of the '50s and '60s of the last century, and known as "cartwheels" because of their large size and double rims, give the year in full, as "1857", but in the later smaller markings space was rarely made for more than two figures, as "99" for 1899. This was even reduced to one figure by some clerks, as "9" for 1899. The three- or four-letter month of the cartwheels was reduced to a two-letter symbol in the later markings, almost invariably as follows:

JA, FE, MR, AP, MY, JU, JY, AU, SP, OC, NO, DE.

Among the rare exceptions is "JU" for July, used in 1899 by a mail clerk on the MONTREAL & WATERLOO run. See Fig. 1 for "JU. 31, 11". He used "JUN" for June.

Quaker dates may be found: JA 14, 15, being expressed by—

1 14 or 14 1
15 15

but these are not often seen. They are

known on UNION STATION, ST. JOHN, N.B., in 1906; HUMBOLDT & EDMONTON R.P.O. C.N.R., in 1910, and WINNIPEG & RIVERS G.T.P., in 1911. (Was the same clerk responsible for the two latter?) I have found others but they are very, very rare.

FIG. 1—Montreal & Waterloo R.P.O.

Ju. 31, 1911.

This railway clerk used "JU" for July.



FIG. 2—Levis & Sherbrooke R.P.O.

with no indicia whatsoever. This clerk was lazy!



FIG. 3—Two extraordinary errors. These clerks were careless!

(a) Camp. & Levis Express R.P.O. W, 1416, '07.

(b) Ott. & S.S. Marie R.P.O. E, 23 24, '09.



Three-line dates may be found on UNION STATION, ST. JOHN, N.B., thus:

10
14
6

This I take to be Oc. 14, 1906, as it is on the K.E. 2 cent stamp.

I should point out here that only those stations which are unlisted in the P.O. Guide rank as R.P.O. markings. They are few in number and Shaw's short list of Stations and Depots is almost complete. Other stations listed in the P.O. Guide are town names, such as Spanish River Station, Ont.; Revelstoke Station, B.C., etc. (their name is legion); they do not belong in an R.P.O. collection.

Special dates—Jan. 1, Feb. 29, and Dec. 25—are always interesting. The last is not really rare unless it falls on Sunday, but Jan. 1 is quite uncommon, especially as a Sunday date.

Inverted indicia, either complete or in part, are not rare, especially from Quebec. I am convinced that, as a group, the Quebec railway mail clerks are a law to themselves, delighting in the use of colored strikes (green, red, blue, violet, purple), inverted indicia, and a quite extensive use of types showing the name, initials or the number of the clerk. There is an extraordinary range of these latter, mostly rarities in the first class, none common, and I hope to deal with them in later articles. Also from Quebec may be found strikes which show no indicia whatever. I have the following:

LEVIS & MONTREAL R.P.O.

LEVIS & SHERBROOKE R.P.O. (see Fig. 2).

QUEBEC & MONTREAL M.C., C.P.R.
ST. GEORGE & BEAUCE JCT. R.P.O.
SHERBROOKE & LEVIS R.P.O.

Another departure from the norm is the year at top and the direction mark below the date, found in NICOLET & MONT. R.P.O. and NICOLET, SOREL & MONT. R.P.O. Other Quebec markings may be occasionally found with a similar arrangement, probably the work of the same clerk.

Partial indicia are not rare. The omission of one or more features was generally inadvertent, probably due to carelessness.



FIG. 4—This clerk was conscientious!
"Ap. 5" inverted "Ap. 5" corrected
Halifax & Campbellton R.P.O.
W. Ap. 5, '10

I have mounted many pages of error indicia. Here are two of the best examples:

CAMP. & LEVIS EXPRESS R.P.O. W.
1416
07

(See Fig. 3).

OTT. & S.S.MARIE R.P.O. E
23 24
09

(See Fig. 4).

The elucidation of the above is not difficult. I leave it to readers to work out. Here are some others, all on K.E. stamps:
UNION STATION, ST. JOHN, N.B.,
Jun 85, '11.

SHERBROOKE & LEVIS R.P.O., My 54, '60.

MONT. & DUNDEE R.P.O., No. 19, '93.

MONT. & SHER. C.P.R. M.C., Jun 92, '11.

In my study of very large quantities of R.P.O.'s, I have found only two examples of error indicia corrected by the clerk himself. I illustrate one of these (the other is similar but on LEVIS & MONTREAL R.P.O.)

HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON R.P.O.
W., Ap. 5, '10. (See Fig. 4).

The first specimen shows the "Ap. 5" inverted; in the second this is corrected. The hammer is the same, proved by four features: (1) The clean rim break just right of the base dot; (2) the angle of the strike is almost identical in both copies, a reliable means of proof; (3) "O" of R.P.O. broken; (4) "0" of 10 broken. ★ ★

Disgrace to Canada—I feel so indignant when I look at the pictures of the Queen on our Canadian stamps. It is time the Government got a real artist for such work.—Letter in Toronto Globe and Mail. ★ ★

Old Ideas Prove Out

A NEW PROVED VARIETY FOR CANADA'S CLASSIC

SOMETHING like 25 years ago, the late Lathrop Pack, in his studies of the 1868 Large Head 15 cent issues, found printings of this stamp which, though unquestionably of dates of issue of 1874 and later on account of the stamp shade, were printed on the same vertical mesh paper as the Clutha Mills watermark paper. Though Mr. Pack never did see such a stamp of any shade of a printing of later than 1874 with this watermark, he expected, as plainly shown by his writings, that such a late printing watermark copy would likely show up.

It has been the writer's experience to find such a watermarked copy, used, and of the very scarce shade as Jarrett's No. 107, perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$. The American Philatelic Foundation Expert Committee examined the stamp and issued Certificate of Genuineness No. 4585, dated December 7, 1953, at New York, and I quote "Expert Committee — We have examined the enclosed Canada 1868 15c Gray, No. 30a, Used, submitted by H. E. Canham, of which a photograph is attached below, and are of the opinion that it is perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$, with portion of Clutha Mills watermark, and Signed by Louise B. Dale as Chairman of the Expert Committee."

Distinct Olive Shade

Now a few particulars about the stamp. It unquestionably has a distinct olive shade to the gray; is cancelled with a fancy cancellation as Jarrett's No. 1395, which ties in nicely with the dating of this shade and Fred's dating of same, is off slightly to the right, with a slight crease about 8 mm. across the top right corner; there are five pulled or stubbed perforations; the watermark showing is approximately three-quarters of the "C" of Clutha. It is quite a presentable copy.

Therefore, we now have Scott No. 30 with what apparently is a very scarce Clutha Mills watermark for this $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ issue. According to the shade and perforations (checked with use of glass) showing as $11\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{3}{4}$, the stamp appears to be of issue between July 1875 and January 1877. While

the writer has seen some of the best Canadian collections of the 15 cent, he has only seen two other stamps of this shade, one in my own collection and one in the collection of J. W. Clarke of Regina, Sask. However, neither of these is on the watermark paper, recognized by its vertical mesh.

This stamp not being listed by Scott as yet, prevents me from being able to give a Scott catalogue number. However, I suggest you check your Clutha Mills watermark copies of the 15 cent and let's get an enumeration of all these $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ that show the Clutha Mills watermark, and, while at it, list the shades so we can arrive at a relative scarcity.

Old Sheets of Paper Used

There is probably no doubt that these later printings of this stamp on the watermark paper occur by reason of all the sheets of this paper not having been used up at the time of the early or first printings, leaving some unused sheets in the stock of the printers so that at the time of the 1874 printings these old sheets of paper were used. Hence, it might even occur that later printings may show up in the future with the Clutha Mills watermark — who knows?

In the collection of H. G. Bertram of Dundas, Ontario, there are two copies of the $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$, both watermarked with portions of the Clutha Mills watermark, but they are both of the early shade of faded or pale lilac, and purple printings of 1868 to 1869.

As a well known Canadian Doctor-Philatelist-Author is again about to publish a catalogue, if you get your information to me, and it is of unquestionable veracity, I shall be glad to pass it on. ★ ★

We are sorry to report that we have just received the news from Stanley Gibbons Ltd., of the death of their Chairman and Managing Director, Stanley Phillips, on March 29. ★ ★

Views and Reviews

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JANE: Is there some reason why these 50 cent stamps are scarcer than other stamps in large blocks or full panes?

SISSONS: If we examine the details of the issue, we'll find several reasons.

PATRICK: The stamps weren't used long—there's one reason.

SISSONS: You're right, Doug. The first King Edward stamps came into use in 1903. But the post office officials didn't issue the 50 cent stamps until November 1908 — five years and some months later. Then King Edward VII died in May 1910. About a year and a half later on the first of January, 1912, we had new Canadian stamps portraying King George V.

ANNCR: Now let me see. The stamps were in use from November 1908 until the end of 1911—that would be three years and two months.

SISSONS: There we have part of the answer. Another reason for the scarcity of the stamps in larger units, is the 50 cent denomination. We had no airmail service to use the 50 cent stamps in quantity. Therefore, business houses didn't have large supplies on hand.

PATRICK: I suppose people weren't storing away stamps in those days. A pane would cost \$50. That was a lot of money in 1908 and through to 1911.

SISSONS: It was certainly too big a sum for most people to spend on duplicate stamps in those days. But this Port Maitland find represents a \$200 investment.

PATRICK: Mr. Sissons, will you please explain why the Port Maitland find will be recorded as possibly the greatest stamp discovery of 1954?

SISSONS: Stamp finds are famous because of the individual great rarities in them—or because of a single item of outstanding rarity. Discoveries of ordinary stamps in the penny class would not be classified as a find. These turn up every day.

JANE: Thanks for the explanation, Mr. Sissons. Would you mind telling us how much you paid for the four panes of King Edward 50 cent stamps?

SISSONS: I don't mind, Jane. I paid \$7,500 for the four panes of stamps. If all the

stamps had been of equal condition but unsevered, they would have been worth \$8,000 or more.

PATRICK: And that's a typical example of why we cannot tell stamp values. Condition of postage stamps is so important.

SISSONS: I would suggest that early Canadian or British North American stamps be kept in their original panes. They should be stored in glassine paper if they are mint. Don't use wax paper because the wax may stick to the gum.

PATRICK: And do you have any other suggestions, Mr. Sissons?

SISSONS: Stamps on envelopes with unusual cancellations—way letter, paid, flag postmarks—should be left on covers.

JANE: While we're talking about it—where is Port Maitland?

SISSONS: Doug's been there.

PATRICK: It's a picturesque little village at the mouth of the Grand River. Port Maitland is located on Lake Erie about 30-some miles from Hamilton, Ontario. It's also about the same distance from Buffalo, New York—or about 50 miles from Niagara Falls, Ontario.

JANE: What's it like?

PATRICK: I found the population is 150 persons. In the summertime, when I used to go there, the fishermen went out in small boats to lay their fishing nets. Then, you could buy fresh-water fish from them when they returned. And there's a car ferry from Port Maitland to Ashtabula, Ohio. Now there's a village where rare stamps were found. Some great find is made every year. We never know where the next one will come from.

SISSONS: You're quite right, Doug. We never know where or when some outstanding rarity may be discovered.

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Doug Patrick states that his CBC Stamp Club is now four years old and not one BNAPS member has come forward to suggest a show, while members of nearly all other groups have. He would like suggestions from our members, and may be reached c/o The Globe and Mail, Toronto.

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Meet your friends at the Niagara Convention, October 27-31 ★ ★

Reviews . . .



JULIARD "CLASSICS OF QUALITY" CATALOGUE. Published by Alex S. Juliard, "Green Acres", Narberth, Pa.

The latest edition of this catalogue of the better class stamps of all countries has been received. In addition to a very interesting listing of classic issues in conditions ranging from "Fine" through "Alex Juliard Quality" to "Superb", this list contains a "Pot Luck Section" which offers defective

and other stamps in clearance. Drop a card to Mr. Juliard for your free copy.

"STAMP MONEY IS BIG MONEY." By Gerald Waring in "Weekend" Picture Magazine, appearing in *The Standard*, Montreal, and daily newspapers coast to coast in Canada.

Stamp articles seem to be appearing in the lay press with more frequency these days than was the case in the past, for this same publication had a very interesting article on the production and printing of Canada's stamps last year, and material of varying degrees of completeness and accuracy has been printed by other newspapers and magazines in many countries. While specialists will likely find statements with which they disagree in this latest article, "Stamp Money is Big Money", on the whole it is very interesting and informative. It deals with Canadian stamps from many angles, and also deals with the working of the Philatelic Section at Ottawa. ★ ★

The Broken "E" on Cover



IN STAMP COLLECTING one comes across items valued at a hundred dollars or more, which are relatively easy to pick up—provided one has the money, of course. On the other hand, some material worth only five dollars or less may be hunt-

ed for high and low without success. Among the latter, obtaining varieties of normal stamps on cover may result in some frustrating searches.

One of these elusive stamp varieties on cover is illustrated here. This is a corner of a commercial envelope franked with the broken "E" variety of Canada Scott No. 132, the 3 cent red stamp of the Imperial Conference set, issued July 12, 1932. This variety occurs on stamp number 87, plate 2, lower right. It was the result of a nick in the letter "E". The word "POSTAGE", being in white, was in relief on the printing plate. However, this does not seem to be a "relief break", in which the curving of the plate causes minute cracks, as this flaw is seemingly too coarse-looking for that.

It is possible that an engraver dropped a sharp tool by chance on the projecting letter, but perhaps some readers can elucidate on this subject.

This cover was sent from Dundas, Ont., on August 1, 1932, to the Globe Indemnity Insurance Company of Canada, in Toronto. The writer would be pleased to hear from other members having the broken "E" stamp on cover, and in this way we may gain an idea of its relative scarcity.

Donald G. Hicks (No. 1158). ★ ★

"Addenda"

... TO DRESS UP YOUR COLLECTION

DRESSING UP your collection with material whose subject matter is related to the stamp is one of the interesting phases of this hobby of ours.

Back in years gone by, before I started collecting, I came by a few items which today are prized items for the addition they make to my collection, as well as for their own sake.

Away back in 1908, when Quebec was celebrating her 300th birthday, there was printed an "Official Souvenir Post Card", of which I have two. One shows the Wolfe monument and the other a view of Quebec as it is shown on Scott No. 174.

How many of you remember the very fancy postcards of 40 years ago, where the British flag was shown on a raised padded-silk panel with a photograph of the king. These were "Made in Germany" and George V was a young-looking man. This card is used to head up the Admiral issue in my collection.

Political Appeals

The political campaigns of years ago were also responsible for some material which ties in with the stamps of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. I have a couple, one put out by the Toronto Litho Co., shows Laurier as "The Old Pilot" standing on the bridge of the ship "Canada"—The New Nation.

The other card was a direct appeal for "Your vote and assistance in electing me as a supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and progressive government."

This card shows a likeness of Sir Wilfrid and Chas. A. McCool. By the way, while I was in Brampton, Ont., about the middle of October last, I located a similar item but the candidate on that card was the late A. J. Young. If my memory serves me right, he was very badly defeated in the early days of World War I on a platform of Conscription.

These Laurier cards I use with my used copies of Scott No. 144. To go with my mind copies I have Sir Wilfrid's personal card, on which he has written "avec remerciement". As this was addressed to my father, I prize it highly.

When King George VI was on tour in Canada back in 1939, his train stopped at

Foleyet, Ont., this being a sub-divisional point west of Capreol on the C.N.R. Their Majesties were strolling on the station platform and my sister-in-law sent me a snapshot of them which is the envy of my Yankee collector friends. This, together with another snapshot taken by my sister in Ottawa, add to the set which was issued to commemorate the visit.

A snapshot of the "Bluenose" under full sail, a gift to my sister-in-law, a Nova Scotian, from a sailor boy friend, now adds color to the page where I have my copy of the most beautiful stamp showing this famous ship.

These are a few of the items which I have "come by", "picked up" and "secured" and they do add a touch to a page.

While in Montreal last year at the BNAPS Convention, I saw a letter, mounted with Scotts Newfoundland No. 224, signed by Queen Elizabeth I. While we cannot all have such rarities, we can still add a lot of color and interest.

Where Do You Find It?

Where do we get this stuff? Well, most anywhere, any time, and often when and where least expected. Like the card I found in Brampton (it is still there, in the possession of a junior collector), while in Ottawa during this same trip, I was looking through a couple of antique family albums—you know the type—thick, heavy covers, and the pages open at the bottom so pictures, mostly tin-types, could be inserted. I saw a lot of faces that I did not know, and none of the family knew either, but one picture looked strangely familiar. I took it out of the album page and found that it was a photograph of D'Arcy McGee, and facing it was a picture of Whelan, the man who assassinated McGee. Needless to say, they now repose in one of my albums. As far as I ever knew, neither McGee nor Whelan were related to the family, and how they rated a place in the family album is beyond me. On the one card is written "Hon. T. D. McGee, assassinated the 7th April, 1868. At Mrs. Trotter's Boarding House, Ottawa", and on the other in a different handwriting: "Whelan asasin le McGee 7 avril 1868". ★★

Revenue Group News

SECRETARY: Prof. R. DeL. French, 7481 Upper Lachine Road, Montreal 28, Quebec

REVENUE business is rather dull and has been since the war years. Then we had a flood of overprints and surcharges, which it was hard to keep up with. The removal of taxes on many articles has also contributed to making the collecting of revenues and tax-paid a pretty static operation. However, if we can't lick new issues into our albums, there is plenty else we can do.

Our catalogue of the Federal issues from 1867 to date was finished some time ago and members of this group received its pages a few at a time as they were issued. Shortly it will be bound into a pamphlet for sale to the general public. Any BNAPS'er who wishes a copy has only to apply to the secretary of the group for it; the price unfortunately remains to be fixed.

However, we are still left with the problem of finding some members of our group who will volunteer to collate and edit a new catalogue of our provincial issues. We have among us several collectors who are experts in the revenues of a single province, but a coordinator is needed. Would anyone like to volunteer for the job?

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As for our tax-paid, we all know that the lists we are receiving a few pages at a time are probably far from complete and no doubt contain errors. There are really no very reliable sources of information about the stamps; one just has to pick up bits here and there. That is the way our tax-paid lists were compiled. To improve them, anybody who has new data should send them to the writer of these notes. In that way, we should in time develop a really good catalogue, which might induce others to take an interest in this fascinating branch of Canadian collecting.

Only those who have got into the revenue and tax-paid fields know how intriguing they are. Most of the stamps are common enough so that a pretty good collection can be built up at moderate cost, but there are enough elusive items to add spice to the search and a few real rarities, ranking with the 12d postage stamp.

If your postage stamp collection has reached what seems like an impasse for

the moment, why not branch out into revenue and tax-paid for a change?

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Mr. R. W. Larsen, 5540 North Glenwood Avenue, Chicago 40, Illinois, is the leader of a group of world-wide revenue collectors who have set themselves the task of trying to bring Forbin's 1915 general catalogue up to date. He has collaborators in many countries and reports that the work is going well, but there are gaps in his organization, so if you are an expert in the revenue stamps of Lower Slabodia, get in touch with him.

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This same Mr. Larsen has just sent us a copy of the "Vanderhoof Memorial Book." Mr. E. R. Vanderhoof was one of the original members of the old Canadian Revenue Society and its staunch supporter until his accidental death just about a year ago. "Van", as he was known to all of his friends, was without doubt one of the world's greatest fiscalists. Anything that looked like a revenue stamp was grist to his mill, but his two favourite countries, after the United States, were Canada and Mexico. And he was a prolific writer on revenue and tax-paid subjects, with a distinctive style which could easily be recognized on sight. He never had to search for a topic, his mind was a vast storehouse of fiscal lore.

In this book are reprinted by permission many of his articles which appeared in various philatelic magazines. All can be read with interest by any revenue collector, but perhaps the one of most lasting value is a priced check list of United States beer stamps up to 1933, which represents an enormous amount of work. Two pages of additions and corrections bring the list up to date.

Since 1931 Mr. Vanderhoof had lived in California. Probably would have been considered as retired, but he was far from idle. He had a houseful of collections of his own and was always buying and selling, but he would certainly not have liked to have been classed as a professional dealer only,

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Canada No. 1 Still Climbing

REV. JOHN S. BAIN (BNAPS 19)

CANADA'S NO. 1 STAMP, the 3d beaver on laid paper, continues to climb in price. The latest edition of BNAPSer Jim Sisson's B.N.A. catalogue shows a rise of \$3.50 for good and \$5.00 for fine. Another item that took a jump is the 10c United Empire Loyalists (Scott No. 209) in used blocks of four. It moved from \$2.00 to \$3.50! This has always been scarce in this condition. The second edition of the 1954 catalogue shows revision downward of certain later stamps. The price is 10c for the catalogue and is a must for reference among BNA collectors.

BNAPS

A letter from BNAPSer Leo Goldman, an old philatelic friend, tells of the coming Windsor (Ontario) Centennial, and also the Windsor Y Stamp Club 9th Annual Exhibition to be held May 13-14-15, 1954. His letter was written on an old style letter sheet of the pre-adhesive era, and bears on the address side a reproduction of a view of early Windsor and the Detroit River. These "stampless letter sheets" will be sold by the Club at 25c each or 6 for \$1.00. They will be mailed from the floor of the exhibition with no charge for servicing if Canadian stamps for return postage are enclosed with the order. Address all inquiries to Leo Goldman, 2264 Gladstone Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, Canada. It is an attractive philatelic item with the reproduction printed in soft grey on light yellow paper, with text in brown. The exhibition is an exclusively invitational affair of much of the best material on the continent. All collectors of the area are invited to attend.

BNAPS

My recent remarks and inquiry about the purple cancelled "Royal Train" covers brought replies from BNAPSers R. A. Jamieson and T. P. G. Shaw, both well known to collectors of B.N.A. First, let me point out that by purple cancellations I do not mean registration or other similar hand-stamps, but the official dater in use on the Royal Train in 1939. BNAPSer Jamieson

has tried to keep track of these very rare items, and reports two in his personal collection and two others apart from mine. This gives a total of five known. These covers are registered and unregistered. Mine has a special delivery stamp (Canada Scott No. E9) together with the 1c, 2c, and 3c Royal Visit Stamps. It is the French cancel showing 3 a.m. 15 May, 1939, and is addressed to the United States. Mr. Jamieson informs me that he has an article about the entire subject coming up in the next issue of "Maple Leaves," the official organ of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain.

BNAPS

My sincere thanks again to BNAPSer K. C. Vizzard for a first day cover of the new Canada 15c and the block of four new 5c beaver enclosed! My correspondents are certainly generous. Also to C. W. Davey for a first day cover with all the stamps. It is nice to be remembered and also to remember philatelic friendship of past days. ★ ★

Revenue Group News

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though his operations did net him enough to support himself and Mrs. Vanderhoof in the modest way of life they preferred.

The Vanderhoof book is well worth its price of \$3.00, which does not cover its entire cost; the rest was met by some of his friends. Better buy it and enjoy a few hours of quiet chuckles as well as improve your mind.

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On looking over the names of those applying for membership in BNAPS, as published in TOPICS each month, we note one every now and then of a collector who says he is interested in revenues. We do hope these collectors will join our group. Every additional member we get will make it more likely that we shall be able to carry out plans which will benefit all those interested in our colorful revenues and tax-pays. ★ ★

The Connell Stamp

A PHILATELIC CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

THIS STAMP has probably been discussed more than any other stamp or series of stamps that have ever been issued, and still a decision has never been arrived at as to whether they are essays or whether they have ever done postal duty. The general opinion seems to be that they were in use but only for a day. The way the stamp originated was this. Mr. Connell, then the Postmaster-General of New Brunswick, was authorized by a Minute of Council in December 1859, to procure a new set of postage stamps, which the change in currency rendered necessary. Believing that this Minute gave him full power and discretion as to design, etc., he ordered the plates for the values wanted: 1, 5, 10 and 12½ cents, and for the 5 cents had his own portrait.

The stamps came to hand in due time, and Mr. Connell, not probably making any secret of the design of the 5 cent, spoke to some of his friends about them, and of his intention of going down to posterity thereon. This came to the knowledge of the Council, who, knowing that they had not been approved by them, decided to see the issue before it was sent out to postmasters for public use. As a matter of course they disapproved of Mr. Connell's design for the 5 cent, and he was instructed by the Council to destroy them, and order a new lot with the effigy of the Queen. This Mr. Connell would not do, and therefore resigned. The 5 cent brown stamps were destroyed, and only the three other values issued.

After Mr. Connell's resignation, he wrote a letter to the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, the Lieut.-Governor of the Province, giving his reasons for resigning his office. He, however, says that he did not resign on account of the stamp affair, but because he could not agree with the Government expenditure of public monies, and because he said that his colleagues did not have confidence enough in him to back him up on a small matter—that is, the issuing of the 5 cent brown. Through the kindness of a friend, I have been enabled to see the complete official correspondence, etc., between Connell, the Governor and Council, in reference to this business, and I am giving them here. Several of the letters contain a large amount of matter irrelevant to the subject in question, and dealing only with the political reasons of Mr. Connell's resignation, these parts not being interesting to the philatelic reader, are left out.

The correspondence starts with the letter

To the Editor:

Here is the story on the Connell Stamp. This is taken from The Halifax Philatelist of June 1888, plus copies of all letters and telegrams with regard to the stamp.

I believe this article is excellent and think that it settles the entire matter.

CHAS. P. deVOLPLI.

of the Council to the Lieut.-Governor after they had the designs submitted to them.

(Copy No. 1)

Memorandum of the Executive Council in Committee

To His Excellency the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lieut.-Gov., etc., etc.

We advise your Excellency to approve of, and order to be distributed, the 1c, 10c and 12½c postage stamps procured by the Postmaster-General and we further advise Your Excellency to order a five cent postage stamp to be struck, bearing the likeness of the Queen, instead of the 5 cent stamp already procured by the Postmaster-General.

(Signed) S. L. Tilley P. Mitchell
A. T. Smith Charles Watters
W. H. Steeves Davis Wark

Approved May 12, 1860.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. Manners-Sutton.

(Copy No. 2)

Letter from Mr. C. Connell to the Lieut.-Governor

Sir—Various circumstances have occurred with reference to the administration of the Government of this Province during the short time that I have had the honour of being one of Your Excellency's advisers, induce me to address Your Excellency.

Having felt this and other matters for some time past, and at the same time feeling reluctant to take a step that I saw pressing on me, I delayed action, but the recent act of my colleagues in the Department, has brought matters to a crisis, the want of that support on their part on a subject which I believed I was authorized in the action I had taken, as will appear by the following minutes of Council (Dec. 1858) and correspondence:

"Postmaster-General to obtain new Postage Stamps in one, five, ten and twelve-and-a-half cents."

No. 1—Telegraphic Despatch

The Hon. Charles Connell, Woodstock.

Just received notice from the Governor that new decimal Stamp cannot be issued until approved by Governor in Council. Have seen Hale. Telegraph him. He can put all right.

(Signed) S. L. Tilley.

Fredericton, 27th April 1860.

No. 2—Telegraphic Despatch

The Hon. S. L. Tilley.

If that is required you can procure the order, as any delay now will make trouble all over the country, as instructions have gone out and all stamps called in.

(Signed) Charles Connell.

Woodstock, 28th April, 1860.

No. 3—Telegraphic Despatch

Hon. Charles Connell, Woodstock.
Cannot get order before Wednesday. Only Attorney-General here. Hale can arrange so as not to cause confusion of instructions.

(Signed) S. L. Tilley.

No. 4—Telegraphic Despatch

James Hale, Esq., Fredericton.
See Mr. Tilley. Let issue of stamps be stayed till Wednesday, next.

(Signed) Charles Connell.

Woodstock, 28th April, 1860.

No. 5—Telegraphic Despatch

Hon. S. L. Tilley, Fredericton.
Have telegraphed Hale to see you—defer issue until Wednesday. I may not be able to leave for St. John before this day week. Telegraph me as soon as order is made. Thought order was made at time I was authorized to procure new stamps.

(Signed) Charles Connell.

Woodstock, 28th April, 1860.

No. 6—Telegraphic Despatch

The Hon. Charles Connell.
All right. Desirable that all should be at St. John by Thursday next if possible.

(Signed) S. L. Tilley.

Fredericton, 28th April, 1860.

No. 7—Telegraphic Despatch

The Hon. Charles Connell, Woodstock.
Shall postage stamps be detained and Deputies ordered to retain old ones until further orders.

(Signed) James Hale.

Fredericton, 28th April, 1860.

No. 8—Telegraphic Despatch

(See below)

The council met as was agreed upon, and disapproves of Mr. Connell's 5c brown—and the following is their recommendation to the Lt.-Governor.

(Copy)

To His Exc'y. The Hon. J. A. T. Manners-Sutton, Lt.-Gov.

We advise Your Excellency to approve of and order to be distributed the one cent, ten cent, and twelve-and-a-half cent Postage Stamps, procured by the Postmaster-General; and we further advise Your Excellency to order a five cent Postage Stamp to be struck bearing the likeness of the Queen, instead of the five cent Stamp already procured by the Postmaster-General.

(Signed) S. L. Tilley P. Mitchell
A. J. Smith Charles Watters
W. H. Steeves David Wark

May 8, 1860.

(Copy)

Letter to Hon. Charles Connell from the Provincial Secretary

Sir: I am directed by His Excellency the Lt.-Governor, to request you to distribute the one, ten, and twelve-and-a-half cent Postage Stamps procured by you, and to direct you to take the necessary steps to have struck off a five cent stamp, bearing the likeness of the Queen, for future distribution.

I have, &c., &c.,
(Signed) S. L. Tilley.

The Hon. C. Connell, &c.

(Copy)

**POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
15th May, 1860**

Sir: I am in receipt of your favour informing me that you have been desired by His Excellency the Lt.-Governor, to request that I would distribute the one, ten, and twelve-and-a-half cent Postage Stamps procured by me, and to take steps to procure a five cent Stamp for future distribution. You will inform His Excellency that I was authorized by Minutes of Council in Dec. 1st, to procure a one, five, ten and twelve-and-a-half cent Postage Stamp,

and that all these denominations are now in the office of this Department ready for distribution.

I have, &c., &c.,
(Signed) Charles Connell.

The Hon. S. L. Tilley.

**(Copy)
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,**

17th May, 1860.

Sir: I have laid before His Excellency the Lt.-Governor, your letter of the 15th inst., relative to the distribution of Postage Stamps, and I am directed to inform you that he has referred it for the consideration of His Council.

I have, &c., &c.,
(Signed) S. L. Tilley

The Hon. C. Connell, &c., &c.

I have felt it my duty to lay before Your Excellency this correspondence, together with the Minute of Council, and have no desire to make any comment thereon, as I think it will speak for itself.

I may remark, however, that I cannot discover by that correspondence, No. 1 to 8, that it was the intention to withdraw from me that support in the action I had taken in procuring the Postage Stamps as authorized by the Minute in Council referred to.

My administration of the Post Office Department whether it is satisfactory or not.

I think I may state with certainty that the revenues of the Department will be reduced by the recent action of the Government, as I made arrangements for the delivery and sales of Postage Stamps at every Post Office and Way Office throughout the Province, on the 1st of May. I do not intend that the legitimate authority belonging to the Chief of that Department shall be limited or circumscribed while I have the honour of being at its head.

After a very careful and deliberate review of the whole matter, under all the circumstances, I believe that my continuance in office would not be beneficial to the Dept.

Holding the opinions that I have submitted to Your Excellency, I feel that I cannot consistently with the duty I owe to my constituents, continue longer to hold an office and position as one of Your Excellency's advisers in opposition to my views on public duty. I therefore respectfully beg to submit to Your Excellency, my resignation of the office of Postmaster-General and as one of Your Excellency's advisers, and further request Your Excellency's permission to publish and give my reasons for so doing, and the correspondence connected therewith.

I have, &c., &c.,
(Signed) Charles Connell.

His Exc'y. The Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, &c., &c.

(Copy No. 3)

Memorandum of the Lieut.-Governor to Mr. Connell

**GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
FREDERICTON,
May 19th, 1860**

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor accepts Mr. Connell's resignation of the office of Postmaster-General and Executive Councillor, and he accedes to Mr. Connell's request to be so far relieved from the obligations of his oath of office, as will enable him to explain the grounds on which he has tendered his resignation to His Excellency.

His Excellency will of course deem it right to communicate to his Council the contents of Mr. Connell's letter to His Excellency of this day's date.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. Manners-Sutton.
Mr. Charles Connell, M.P.P., etc.

(Copy No. 4)

Memorandum of the Executive Council

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor thinks it right without delay to lay before his council the accompanying letter addressed to His Excellency by Mr. Connell.

His Excellency has accepted Mr. Connell's resignation of the offices of Postmaster-General and

¹ The Hon. Charles Connell, Woodstock.
Contractors here promised full council to consider claims. Your presence necessary Thursday evening at furthest.

(Signed) S. L. Tilley.

St. John, May 2nd, 1860.

Executive Councillor, tendered to him this morning by Mr. Connell.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. Manners-Sutton,
May 19th, 1860.

(Copy No. 5)

**Memorandum of the Executive Council
in Committee**

To His Exc'y. the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton,
Lt.-Gov., &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We have under consideration the memorandum of Your Excellency of the 19th inst., accompanied by the letter from the Postmaster-General, resigning his office and his seat in the Council, with the reasons he has assigned for.

Knowing from the discussions with Mr. Connell that he has prepared to retain his office and seat in the Council, if an order was made to issue the stamps procured by him, including the stamp bearing the likeness of the head of the department, we are therefore justified in concluding that the Minute of Council of the 8th inst. in which Your Excellency was advised to approve of, and order to be distributed the 1, 10 and 12½ cent Postage Stamps procured by the Postmaster-General, and to order a new 5 cent Postage Stamp to be struck, bearing the likeness of the Queen, instead of the 5 cent stamp already procured by the Postmaster-General, is, notwithstanding the other reasons assigned by him, the real ground for his resignation.

Without entering into the discussion of the powers of the different heads of departments, we observe that we have no desire to limit or circumscribe the legitimate authority of the Postmaster-General, or of the head of any other public department, and in advising Your Excellency upon this question, we have not desired nor attempted to do so, as by the Act relating to the Post Office the approval of the Governor-in-Council is required to the issue of Postage Stamps.

Your Excellency is aware that no such order was made by Your Excellency in Council, authorizing the obtaining or issuing of the stamps. We admit the Postmaster-General had the consent of his colleagues to obtain decimal stamps, but they were procured and being distributed before they were submitted to Your Excellency in Council for approval, or before the impress they bore was known to the Council, and when submitted, it was the opinion of the Council that the 5 cent stamp should bear the likeness of Her Majesty.

We cannot discern how the Revenue of the Post Office Department will be affected by the action of the Government, that must depend upon the extent of individual correspondence, and we do not believe that there will be a single letter less written in consequence of such action.

As Mr. Connell has obtained Your Excellency's permission to publish his letter to Your Excellency, we respectfully request Your Excellency will authorize the publication of this reply.

(Sgd.) Charles Fisher	James Brown
S. L. Tilley	W. H. Steeves
A. T. Smith	D. Wark
Chas. Watters	P. Mitchell

(Copy No. 6)

Memorandum for the Executive Council

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor has received the memorandum of the Executive Council in Committee, in which they submit to His Excellency their observations on Mr. Connell's letter to His Excellency of the 19th inst.

The Lieut.-Governor accedes to the request of his Council to be permitted to publish this document.

(Signed) J. H. T. Manners-Sutton,
May 22nd, 1860.

(Copy No. 7)

Memorandum for the Executive Council

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor lays before the Executive Council a copy of a communication dated May 30th, 1860, which His Excellency has received from Mr. Chas. Connell, respecting his recent resignation of his seat at the Council Board, and the office of the Postmaster-General.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. Manners-Sutton,
June 2nd, 1860.

(Copy No. 8)

**Letter from Mr. C. Connell to the
Lieut.-Governor**

To His Excellency the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lieut.-Gov., etc., etc.

Sir—In the Royal Gazette of the 23rd instant, appears a memorandum without date, signed by Your Excellency's advisors, and addressed to Your Excellency, in which is reviewed a correspondence, which I had the honour to submit to Your Excellency on the 19th inst. The subject matter of that correspondence must be discussed at the proper time in another place, but as there are several points urged in the memoranda of your advisors calculated to create a false impression with reference to my reasons for resigning my place at the Council Board, I am induced to trouble Your Excellency with this rejoinder.

1. In the memorandum under notice, it is intimated that the real reason of my resignation was the refusal of my colleagues in the Government to advise Your Excellency to issue the 5 cent Postage Stamp. This statement I must unhesitatingly declare to be incorrect, and if evidence is wanting to prove the contrary I can refer to the Attorney-General, Provincial Secretary, and the Hon. Mr. Wark who were present at a meeting of Council on Tuesday the 10th April, on which occasion on account of circumstances which then and there took place, I stated that "I could not sit with men who acted as they did."

I am well aware that the Law reads: "The Governor-in-Council may cause stamps with their value thereon to be sold and issued as postage." The Minute of Council made in December last, if not perfected by the Attorney-General, whose duty it was to do so, cannot be regarded as my fault. I have fulfilled my duty, and did what I supposed I was fully authorized to do. At all events I have violated no law, and in the memorandum under consideration, it is admitted that I had the consent of my colleagues to obtain the Decimal Stamps.

7. As to the revenues of the Postal Department, at the end of the year when the returns are made up, the public will be able to arrive at a correct judgment.

I have, etc., etc.,

(Signed) Charles Connell,
Woodstock, 30th May, 1860.

(Copy No. 9)

**Memorandum of the Executive Council
in Committee**

To His Exc'y. the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton,
Lt.-Gov., &c.

May it please Your Excellency:

The Committee of Council have had under consideration Your Excellency's memorandum of the 2nd instant, accompanied with a second letter from the late Postmaster-General, intended as a reply to our communication to Your Excellency of the 23rd ult.

We are convinced that in the preparation of both the papers submitted to Your Excellency by Mr. Connell, he has been influenced more by a desire to avoid the discussion of the real ground of his resignation than to represent accurately the policy and acts of his late colleagues in the Government.

In our former memorandum we stated to Your Excellency that Mr. Connell had the consent of his colleagues to procure Decimal Postal Stamps; and we again assert that the Council were kept in total ignorance of the design upon the five cent stamps until after they were struck off and put in circulation.

Mr. Connell having published his second letter to Your Excellency, we respectfully request Your Excellency will authorize the publication of this our reply.

(Sgd.) Charles Fisher	A. T. Smith
James Brown	David Wark
S. L. Tilley	Charles Watters
W. H. Stevens	Peter Mitchell

Council Chamber, 5th June, 1860.

(Copy No. 10)

Memorandum for the Executive Council

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor has received the memorandum dated the 5th inst., of the Executive Council in Committee, and in accordance with their request he sanctions the publication of this document.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. Manners-Sutton.

June 6th, 1860.

(Copy No. 11)

Memorandum for the Executive Council

His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor lays before the Executive Council a copy of a further communication, dated June 15th, 1860, which His Excellency has received from Mr. C. Connell, respecting his recent resignation of his seat at the Council Board, and of the office of Postmaster-General.

(Sgd.) J. H. T. Manners-Sutton.

June 15th, 1860.

(Copy No. 12)

Letter from Mr. C. Connell to the Lt.-Governor
To His Excellency the Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, Lt.-Governor, &c., &c.

Sir: The Royal Gazette of the 6th inst. contains a memorandum intended as a reply to my letter of the 30th ult. to Your Excellency, in which your advisers exhibit a great anxiety to impress on the mind of Your Excellency that the only cause of my resignation of the office of Postmaster-General was the refusal of the Council to advise Your Excellency to order the issue of the 5 cent stamps. I have in my previous letters to Your Excellency, stated some of the many reasons forming the basis of my conclusion to resign, and to repeat that I was not influenced in my course altogether by the stamp question, I consider unnecessary that matter merely having had the effect of bringing my previous intention to its fulfilment, for sooner or later my resignation must have been tendered. I will, however, say that the usage I did receive in the hands of my colleagues, in reference to the stamps, would have been sufficient to cause such action as I took upon the premises.

The correspondence between myself and the Provincial Secretary, with reference to the issue of Postage Stamps, laid before Your Excellency, either has not had a careful perusal or else they are in ignorance of the meaning conveyed by such correspondence.

I was first authorized to procure the stamps and stated on the floor of the House in March last that "I had ordered and would receive on time for distribution on the 1st of May, stamps of the denomination of 1, 5, 10 and 12½ cents, in view of the introduction of the decimal system of currency." They arrived, and preparations for their issue at the appointed time were made by the De-

partment, supposing that any further orders were unnecessary, until I received the telegram from the Provincial Secretary, and subsequent interference on the parts of your advisers, in what was a mere matter of detail, became apparent. An order to issue all but five cent stamps was made, thus setting aside my right to conduct even a minor arrangement of the Department. After having procured, by the knowledge and consent of the Government, stamps of various denominations, my position as head of a department was ignored. Even if this was the only circumstance influencing me, my course was the only honourable one to pursue.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,
Charles Connell.

This finishes the most remarkable correspondence and chapter in the postal history of New Brunswick.

A careful reading and consideration of the letters here given will show the impossibility of there ever having been any of the Connell stamps used to pay the postage of a letter, although an inference to the contrary may be drawn from Nos. 5 and 9, being the letters of the Executive Council. But this is due, I think, to loose writing, or probably meaning that they were in the hands of the Post Office Department for distribution.

Against this we see the telegrams to Connell forbidding the issue, three days before they were to start sending them to postmasters, and his telegram to Hale, the Secretary of the P.O. Department of N.B., at Fredericton, forbidding him to send out any of the stamps. In my opinion, the Connell is undoubtedly not a postage stamp, but a rare essay only. As a fitting end to this I may add the official account of the money paid for the making of the Cent issue of New Brunswick. This was for the first lot sent. There were, however, several other supplies got before the Confederation of the British North American Provinces.

Donald A. King.

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PERFIN STUDY GROUP

SECRETARY: R. J. Woolley, 359 Ellis Pl. Rd., Toronto 3

THIS MONTH your secretary hopes to share with our readers some of the more interesting items resulting from these studies. Thirty of the group's check lists have been sent out to members and at the time of writing about half of these have been returned for recording. So far no new major design has been uncovered and no one has reported owning a copy, not included in our check list, of any of the several companies known to have P.O. permits, or known to have bought Cummins machines.

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Mr. C. C. Sonne of Weyburn, Sask., turned up an interesting variety which could have been very misleading. It would appear to be an "I H" monogram, the "I" being across the horizontal bar of the "H". As this came from a source of International Harvester Company's correspondence, we agreed with his suggestion that it is from a damaged die of that company, the pins which form the enclosing "C" having been fully removed, either by design or accident.

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The same correspondent also reports a perforated coil stamp, Scott's No. 128, perforated G/LD. Coil stamps in perforated condition are scarce enough to be worth mentioning. They must be broken or folded into strips of five or ten to be fed into the machine. The trick then is to hold the strip in place under the perforating dies without perforating a finger!

The March issue, in which we reviewed the Canadian Post Office Department regulations, resulted in two interesting items coming to light. Mention was made of official permission being granted in 1928 for the perforation of post cards. No one has yet reported a privately perforated post card, but Dr. Jephcott has recently acquired, from a prominent Toronto dealer's auction, a newspaper wrapper—1c Green Geo. VI issue, with the 4 hole O.H.M.S. perforation across the entire wrapper. This item, so far as we know has not previously been reported. (See photo below.)

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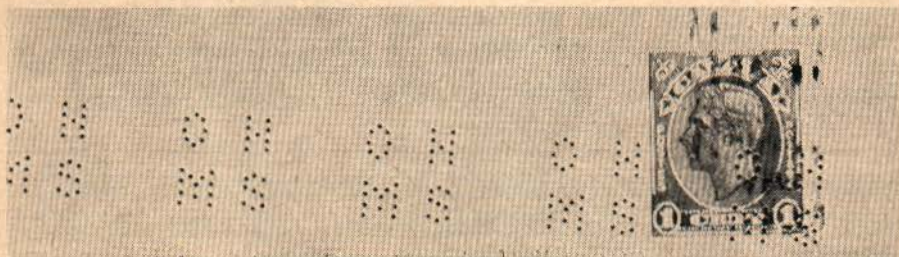
The illustrated cover of the W. J. Gage Company, whom we believe to be the first Canadian users of a perforating device, received some interest from the Small Queen students. The cover shown was dated 11 January, 1895.

Our old friend, "The Hollow Tree", turned up with a similar cover dated March, 1892, and from Mr. I. J. DeLisle, of Windsor, came two earlier dates—the 7th January, 1890, and 17th October, 1889. The latter cover is a different type and does not carry the illustration of the Gage Company's plant and offices, but does give us the earliest known date of the use of Perfins in Canada.

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Side lines *to a side line! Perforated initial stamps used on cover with steamship cancellation.

Mr. A. G. Anderson of Heriot Bay, B.C.,



sends in a cover with No. 221 perforated WHM. The cover confirms the use of the design by the W. H. Malkin Company, Limited, wholesale grocers of Vancouver, B.C. The stamp is tied by an oblong box cancel in violet reading,

UNION STEAMSHIPS

Feb. 27, 1937

S.S. LADY CECILIA

The right side of the cancellation is a little indistinct and could read "Union Steamships Line." ★ ★

VARIOUS and SUNDRY

GEO. E. FOSTER (BNAPS 293)

A PAGE FROM HISTORY

THE ST. JOHN, N.B., Gazette, Jan. 29, 1889, contained the following news item:

"The New Brunswick Philatelic Association held their first meeting January 24th, and started with 15 members, the following officers being elected

"A. N. Hanson, president; O. Watson, vice-president; F. Alwood, librarian; J. H. Pattison, treasurer; H. R. Donahue, secretary; T. Barker, auctioneer; A. W. D. Knapp, counterfeit detector.

"After the meeting an exhibition of rare and curious stamps was made. Among the number shown was the O'Connell head, which is one of the rarest stamps in existence; the one shilling N.B. and N.S., many rare Canadian stamps of the first issue; the Mulready envelopes of England, and several other rare stamps, ranging in price from \$5 to \$30 each. President Hanson was called on, and briefly addressed the meeting. He referred to the pleasure and profit to be derived from stamp collecting, and trusted that the Association of New Brunswick would soon be amalgamated with that of Canada.

"Every stamp collector in the city and province is invited to join this association, which meets once a fortnight."

January 24 occurred on Thursday in 1889. ★ ★

H. G. WALBURN (BNAPS 243)

CANADA PRECANCELS

ACCORDING to reports, Queen Elizabeth precancels are going to be fewer in variety than has been the case with earlier issues. This is continuing a trend that has been noticeable in recent years—the gradual replacement of precancels by metered mail. A check of the catalogue (and additional listings as set forth below) reveals the following totals (all values) of the last four postage issues, in Numeral style No. 215 only:

George V 1935 issue, period of use 2 years—71 varieties.

George VI 1937 issue, period of use 5 years—80 varieties.

George VI 1942 issue, period of use 7 years—59 varieties.

George VI 1949 issue, period of use 4 years—44 varieties.

To bring the 1947 Precancel Catalogue up to date, the following additional items have to be recorded: Windsor 5-203, Brandon 4-211, Moncton 5-211, Peterboro 3-211, also V-220 1c green (coil P. 9½ vert.), X-214 and -216. Only one precancel appeared on the Unrevised George VI issue: 1c (green) coil. All others here listed are on the Revised issue.

Coils

1c green, 2c brown, 2c olive.

Sheet Stamps

Bar Type X: 1c, 2c brown, 2c olive, 3c violet.

Numerals

2310 Brantford, Ont. 1c.
 8160 Calgary, Alta. 1c, 2c brown, 2c olive.
 8360 Edmonton, Alta. 1c, 2c brown, 2c olive.
 X-275 Halifax, N.S. 1c.
 3100 Hamilton, Ont. 1c.
 3366 Kitchener, Ont. 1c.
 3470 London, Ont. 1c, 2c brown, 2c olive, 3c.
 0700 Montreal, P.Q. 1c, 2c brown, 2c olive, 3c.
 7120 Moose Jaw, Sask. 1c.
 3800 Niagara Falls, Ont. 1c.
 3893 Oshawa, Ont. 1c.
 3900 Oshawa, Ont., 1c, 2c brown, 2c olive.
 4035 Peterboro, Ont., 1c.
 1050 Quebec, P.Q., 1c, 2c brown, 2c olive.
 7420 Regina, Sask., 1c, 2c brown.
 4260 St. Thomas, Ont., 1c.
 7550 Saskatoon, Sask., 1c.
 4530 Toronto, Ont., 1c, 2c brown, 2c olive, 3c.
 9780 Vancouver, B.C., 1c, 2c brown, 2c olive.
 4940 Windsor, Ont., 1c, 2c brown.
 5850 Winnipeg, Man., 1c, 2c brown, 2c olive. ★ ★

WHEN WRITING TO THE EDITOR, NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS:
 NOW . . . P.O. BOX 74, BRAMPTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

Trail of the Caribou

By Freres Meyerson



IT'S SURPRISING how often multiples of fairly common stamps are much undervalued. We had occasion to see this fact brought to light once again. The March 13 sale of Bruce G. Daniels, Boston, listed as lot No. 574, "Id. violet brown (15a) fine block, o.g." It seemed to us that we had never seen this block offered before and we remarked that Jim Sissons had once commented on the scarcity of this stamp in block form. We decided to check further and went to our library of auction catalogs that go back to 1940, and lucky we were that we went that far back. We checked all the famous Newfoundland collections, the "Moody", "Pack", "Green" and several others, with no results and it was not until we examined the catalog of the S. A. Brown collection that was offered for sale in 1940, that we found one example of what we were looking for. We had felt that it was scarce, but we didn't think it was that scarce. At any rate we are happy to report that the block now graces our collection, so keep an eye peeled for a block—it is a tough one!

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Mr. J. J. Morrison of Worcester, Mass., sends along a rather interesting variety. It consists of a block of four of the 5c. Scott No. 167. The upper right stamp has a broken strand of wire at the lower part on the right. It is the bottom strand and there is a distinct break between the post and the edge of the stamp. The background lines go through the break and show no indication of a break. We checked through about 10 blocks in our collection and we found one that had a partial break but nothing as complete as that shown on the block that Mr. Morrison sent us. Our horseback opinion is that it was issued this way and is not the result of a plate break as the background lines would not have been intact. If they were repaired then the lower strand of wire would also have been repaired. Do any of our readers have this interesting variety?

We've just had word from Bob Woolley, Secretary of the BNAPS Perfin Study Group, relative to our article in the March issue of TOPICS. Bob adds an entirely new variety and sends along a 5c Caribou, Scott No. 120. The initials in question are K G K G in a continuous line of letters with a perforated dot between the G and the K. The letters are 12mms high and we would appreciate any help that we can get on the subject. Bob reports that he has the same perforated initials on the 3c Caribou No. 118. We are perfectly willing to act as the clearing house for the Newfoundland perfins, so send along a record of what you have and we will compile the list and publish it from time to time.

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At the March meeting of the New York Group those in attendance, and we were numbered among them, were favored by a talk on Newfoundland perforation varieties by Marshall Kay. Two of the sets that he discussed were the Caribou and the Pictorial Issues, both the subject of an article by him in the February issue of TOPICS. After the talk we took the first opportunity to check our plate number blocks and sure enough we found that we had plate No. 2 L.L. on Scott No. 133 in the comb perf and the line perf 14.1 x 13.7. We then turned to the Caribou issue and can report that our example of plate No. 2 R. C. on Scott 115 is line, plate No. 1 L. C. on Scott No. 116 was found both comb. and line, while plate No. 2 R. C. on the same stamp was found in the comb perf. Plate No. 1 L. C. on Scott No. 117 was comb perf. We are relatively certain that all varieties of the Caribou issue will be found both comb and line and we will report them as we examine them. ★ ★

Plan to attend BNAPEX-54 at Niagara Falls, Oct. 27-31. Entertainment for the whole family.

THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT

THE LAST POSTAL HISTORY column by Mr. Lussey about the early Manitoba Post Offices of Pembina, West-Lynne and Emerson, recalls an exciting international incident which took place in Pembina not long before the name was changed to West-Lynne. It will be necessary to give some background. A man who called himself "Lord" Gordon-Gordon registered at a Minneapolis Hotel in August or September, 1871, and created considerable excitement when he deposited \$20,000 in English currency in the bank. He became a social lion and intimated that there were many people on his estates in England and Scotland who wished to settle in America. The Land Commissioner of the Northern Pacific Railway took Gordon on a lavish tour of parts of Minnesota and several places were picked as town sites for the new settlers. The trip took two months and cost the Railway \$15,000. Armed with introductions Gordon went to New York where he swindled (temporarily) no less a person than Jay Gould—his American counterpart. He was brought to trial, jumped his bail and went to Canada. One of his lawyers was Elihu Root. Gordon arrived in Fort Garry in October, 1872 and lived there quietly until the fall of 1873 when he was recognized by someone from Minneapolis. On the advice of New York attorneys, the Mayor of Minneapolis issued a warrant for the arrest of Gordon and was apparently under the impression it would be valid in Manitoba. Two policemen went to Fort Garry, conferred with Minneapolis citizens there and kidnapped Gordon who at the time was alone in the home of the Hon. James McKay. One of the conspirators, thinking the job was complete, "let the cat out of the bag." Word got to the Attorney-General of Manitoba and he telegraphed the justice of peace at Pembina—Gordon and his party were stopped and the America policemen were arrested and put in jail at Fort Garry. It is reasonably certain that Gould was behind this remarkable attempt. This arrest was made very close to the border and some people claim it was actually made on United

States territory. In addition the three Minnesota citizens in Fort Garry who had assisted the policemen were also arrested. For two months the wires were "hot" between Fort Garry and Minneapolis, Ottawa and Washington. The atmosphere became charged—the "St. Paul Pioneer" denounced the crime committed by the corrupt and venial Canadian authorities. The Minneapolis Mayor went to Washington to see President Grant. Finally the matter was settled by having the prisoners plead guilty and having already spent forty days in jail were given a 24 hour sentence.

Gould, however, was not through. Gordon had a record of swindling in Scotland and a warrant was issued in Toronto by Thomas Smith of Edinburgh. A Toronto party set out, accompanied by an American with a fictitious name, for Fort Garry via the Dawson trail. Gordon shot himself on August 1, 1874, at the home of Mrs. Abigail Corbett at Headingly, another early Manitoba post office. Gordon submitted to arrest but returned to his room on the pretense of getting his coat.

A few comments on Mr. Lussey's article—the Pembina concerned was properly called North Pembina, the site of a Hudson's Bay Fort built in 1850. As is stated the name was changed to West-Lynne in 1874, but it was on the west side of the Red River while Emerson was on the east side of the river. In 1879 a post office was established in Emerson, but West-Lynne continued to have its own post office until 1889 when it became part of Emerson. The names of the West-Lynne postmasters are given from 1874 until 1889 in a history of Emerson, and it is shown on a postal map of Manitoba issued by the postmaster-general in April, 1884. The name West-Lynne lingered on until 1939 when a school house of that name was finally abandoned.

Mr. Lussey mentions that Fort Garry markings are the earliest government markings from the Northwest. I have a Fort Garry, Manitoba, cancellation September 11, 1871, and St. Andrews, Manitoba, on

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Sketches of BNAPSers . . .

By V. G. GREENE (BNAPS L40)

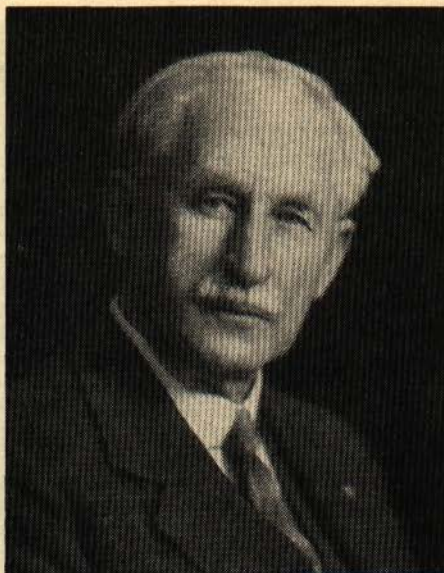
No. 56: E. L. Hill

THE OLDEST BNAPSer is Mr. E. L. Hill of Victoria, B. C., who was born in Oxford County, Ontario, Sept. 29, 1863, and therefore will be 91 on his next birthday. After receiving his B.A. degree from the University of Toronto in 1888, he was science master at Clinton Collegiate and at Guelph Collegiate and in the latter town was a member of the public library board. In 1907 he moved to Calgary to take charge of the science department of the new high school and in 1909 was appointed a school inspector for the Alberta government. Always interested in libraries, Mr. Hill was appointed librarian in Edmonton, at which post he remained until his retirement in 1936. He then moved to Victoria with his daughter, Miss E. Marjorie Hill, who is a practising architect, the first woman to graduate in Architecture from the University of Toronto.

Mr. Hill started collecting as a boy and at one time came across a large accumulation of 5 cent beavers on cover; these he took off the envelopes and gave or traded them to his friends. His collecting has always centred around Canada but he has formed collections of various portions of the Commonwealth, notably New Zealand and Great Britain. His interests in Canada have centred mainly in the King Edward VII issues and many of our readers will remember the article he wrote in the December, 1949, TOPICS entitled "A Portrait Collection of King Edward VII."

A man of many talents, Mr. Hill has made experiments with peach trees which he has grown from seed and now has peaches of very choice quality. He also has a small printing press on which he does his own printing. His daughter is an expert weaver and Mr. Hill constructed several good looms on which she is able to weave almost any useful thing such as woollen cloth for suits and fine dress material, as well as fine table linen, all to original designs of her own.

Mr. Hill is a member of the A.P.S., C.P.S. of Great Britain, Vancouver Island Philatelic Society, and an honorary life member of the Edmonton Stamp Club. His doctor tells him he is in excellent health



E. L. HILL

and he is looking ahead characteristically to a new horizon. "I can't get to be 100 without being 91," he declared optimistically.

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the same cover. If anyone has an earlier date I should like to hear about it. It must be remembered that from the fall of 1870 until the late summer of 1871 the post office was under provincial, not federal, control.

I should like to congratulate President Lussey for carrying on the Postal History Column.

Murray Campbell, M.D. (No. 577.)

★ STOP PRESS NEWS ★

New Canadian postage stamps in denominations of 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c and 6c, displaying the same portrait of the Queen as appeared on the 5c stamp issued April 1, will be available in post offices throughout the country on June 10. Colors will be the same as those of the current Queen Elizabeth portrait stamps.

FROM A B.N.A. SCRAPBOOK

Gathered and Clipped by R. J. Duncan and G. P. Lewis

ITEM 19:

The London Philatelist,

Vol. I, No. 4, page 100 (1892).

"PRECANCELS"—Mr. L. Gibb writes as below from Montreal under date of March 9, 1892, enclosing a specimen used on a letter but with the obliteration on the stamp only, and also portions of sheets, gummed and unsevered, but neatly postmarked with horizontal wavy lines. "Some time back I received the enclosed stamp paying postage on an open envelope carrying a circular from Toronto. It had not been moved from the original place, and one could see that it had not been obliterated on the envelope. After some little trouble I found the post office would, upon receiving whole sheets of stamps, cancel them and then hand them back to any known firm to be placed on letters in quantity. These letters are then taken to a private part of the office in bulk and are allowed to pass through the post without any further marking. The only thing I can see they gain by this is saving themselves the trouble of postmarking each letter, and I think they lay themselves open to being taken in, for stamps marked thus would do duty any amount of times should one care to collect them from old circulars."



ITEM 20:

Postman's Knock,

Vol. I, No. 6, Sept. 1866.

POSTAL MATTERS (OF NEW BRUNSWICK)—The postal arrangements of this province have never, to our knowledge, met with any notice in any of the stamp magazines, and thinking it might be interesting to our readers, we have picked up a little general information which we hasten to lay before them.

There are between 40 and 50 regular post offices each having under their control a bunch of way offices, these latter numbering between 350 and 400. Some of them have very similar names, which we imagine must be very confusing to the post office clerks. For instance, there are two Salmon Rivers, a Salmon Creek, and a Salmon Beach. There are three Little Rivers, two South Branches,

two Bloomfields, two North Lakes, two Oak Points, to say nothing of such resemblances as Smith's Creek and Smith Town; Rockland, Rockport and Rockville; Nashwaak, Nashwaaksis and Nathwaak Village; Hopewell Cape, Hopewell Hill and Hopewell Corner; Hampstead, Hampton and Hamtown; Blackville, Blackbrook, Black River and Black River Bridge. Some of the names will sound curious to untutored ears, for instance who ever heard of Beckaguimic, Aboushagin Road, Chockfish, Chamcook, Goshen, Jemseg, Kouchilbouguac, Mactaquack or Midgie? And if you were presented at court as Mr. So-and-So of either Tedish, Munquart Rusagornis, Tabacintac, Otnabog or Waweig, wouldn't the surrounding officials stare? We cannot imagine how the amount received as salary by some of these way office keepers can at all remunerate them for their trouble. We perceive that the postmaster at Lower Queensborough is paid the enormous amount of 75 cents, while Her Majesty's official at pper Hainsbille receives the princely sum of 60 cents. It is to be hoped that these gentlemen have some other occupation besides their official capacity.

This much for the way offices. We should have commenced at the beginning with the General Post Office over which the Postmaster-General presides, assisted by a secretary, an accountant, three clerks and a messenger. The General Post Office is the centre of the system, the post offices are the planets, and the way offices the stars. Everything works harmoniously. The way offices are responsible to the post offices, and they in turn to the General Post Office.

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Report of the Secretary . . .

By JACK LEVINE, Secretary, 74 Arlington Ave., Brooklyn 7, New York

April 15, 1954

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- Ristein, 122 Smythe Street, Fredericton, New Brunswick.
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- Brandli, E., Hilltop Road, Mendham, N.J. (C) (CAN—Federal and Provincial Revenues. Proposed by C. MacR. Makepeace, No. 107. Seconded by W. C. Rockett, No. 249.
- Champ, W. Harold, 138 Gloucester, Ottawa (C) CAN, NFD, PROV.—19th and 20th century (Can.) mint postage and blocks and (Can., Nfd., Prov.) used postage. Plate Blocks. Coils, O.H.M.S. Mint booklet panes. Seals. Federal, Provincial and Tax-Paid Revenues. Mint and used airmails. Canada used straight-edges (not coils or booklet stamps). SPECIALTY—Federal and Provincial Revenues. Proposed by W. C. Rockett, No. 249. Seconded by C. MacR. Makepeace, No. 107.
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RESIGNATION RECEIVED

- 557 Weeks, William A., Montrose, N.Y.

DECEASED

- 697 Neville, C. S., 719 Seymour St., Vancouver, British Columbia

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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, March 15, 1954	807
NEW MEMBERS, April 15th, 1954	11
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DECEASED, April 15, 1954	1
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Rules and Regulations . . .

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BNAPEX EXHIBITIONS

1. **ENTRY.** The right to enter an exhibit is the privilege of all members in good standing except that a **GRAND AWARD WINNER** shall not exhibit again in the Group in which such Grand Award was received but may exhibit in another Group with and under the same limitations and restrictions.

Entries shall be limited to **ONE (1)** exhibit in each Classification and each such entry shall not exceed five (5) frames. All entries shall be the **bona fide** property of the exhibitor and his application shall attest to that fact.

2. **CLASSIFICATIONS.** An exhibit may be accepted as qualifying for the purposes of competition within one of two classifications—19th Century or 20th Century. Each such accepted entry shall similarly qualify within one of the following Groups:

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C. N.S., N.B., P.E.I., B.C. and V.I. Any **ONE** in entirety (may include stampless).

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E. Decimal Issues of Newfoundland.

F. "Large Queens" of Canada.

G. "Small Queens" of Canada.

H. Canada Jubilee, Leaf, Numeral, Surcharges and Map.

I. 19th Century Proofs and Essays of Canada or Newfoundland.

2. 20th CENTURY.

Group A. Canada Edwards and Quebecs.

B. "Admiral" Issue of Canada.

C. Balance of Postal Issues of Canada.

D. 20th Century Postal Issues of Newfoundland.

E. 19th and 20th Century Revenues of Canada and Newfoundland.

F. Airmails of Canada or Newfoundland.

G. 20th Century Proofs and Essays of Canada or Newfoundland.

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The Host Group may invite former Grand Award Winners to exhibit such Grand Award exhibits on a non-competitive basis and without cost to them.

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Prizes shall be awarded to the best exhibit in each Group and the winning of a prize in a Group shall not in any way effect or prevent the winning of any other award in the same Exhibition.

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