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By The Editor

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It is certainly to the advantage of our members that they patronize those dealers using the columns of BNA TOPICS whenever possible, because the added revenue from this advertising helps defray the cost of producing our magazine, thus making it less a drain upon the general funds, and producing extra money for the production of a finer and more interesting periodical.

However, there is one point which should be taken notice of by present and prospective advertisers in BNA TOPICS, or for that matter, in any magazine catering to a specialized field. This point is the great interest in B.N.A. philately stirred up over the years by BNAPS and BNA TOPICS. Our Society and magazine have been responsible for attracting a great number of collectors to the stamps of British North America, and for increasing the knowledge and collecting pleasure of many collectors already interested in this field. This increase

in knowledge and interest must have had an indirect effect upon the business of these various dealers—hard to calculate, perhaps, but there nevertheless. To use one example, Perfins were not too long ago classed in most cases as damaged stamps, and were weeded out by dealers as undesirable. Today, partly through the efforts of our own Perfin Study Group, there has been a large increase in the number of persons interested in these stamps, thus opening a further source of revenue for the dealer catering to this branch of B.N.A. philately. The same could be said for many other once-despised or overlooked items, which have been brought to new heights of popularity through articles appearing in BNA TOPICS, and through the efforts of enthusiasts in our ranks.

The moral of this little "sermon" is: To collectors—patronize dealers who use the columns of this magazine. To dealers—when assessing the value you receive for your advertising dollar, take the long view, for by supporting this magazine and society, you are furthering the work of a group which has done a great deal to increase the demand for many of the items you have for sale. To those advertisers who have been loyal supporters for many years, we can only say "thank you", but you can be proud of the fact that you have been in large measure responsible for the growth of BNA TOPICS, and through it BNAPS has reached an enviable position in the specialist field.

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Reviews

Bileski Enters the Catalogue Field

WE HAVE RECEIVED a most interesting parcel of material from K. Bileski, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, which is mentioned in his advertisement in this issue. We will review these items as taken from the mailing envelope:

The Foursquare Plate Block Catalogue.

The format of this catalogue is an entirely new and novel departure in catalogue printing. The stamp is illustrated, followed by a small representation of the 4 panes of each plate. In each corner section, which represents the plate block, a value is listed for that particular position. In this way one can tell at a glance the relative scarcity of the various groups of four positions on any particular plate. This catalogue is concerned with imprinted four-corner position sets, so begins with the 1937 issue, when imprints and plate numbers were moved to the four corners of the sheet. This book is in the loose leaf system, and is priced at \$3.00.

The Canada Basic Postage Stamp Catalogue. Sample sheets have been received for this unusual catalogue, which, according to Mr. Bileski, will serve a three-fold purpose: (1) As a visual guide covering all Canadian postage stamps issued. For this purpose beautiful photographic prints of actual stamps will be used throughout, and every variety will be illustrated; (2) as a realistic price guide covering the five main collectible fields, namely, mint and used singles, mint and used blocks, and specimens on cover; (3) as a check list, by checking off each variety in the priced square as acquired. Each page of this catalogue, which is printed one side only on very fine coated card, will be cut into two sections. The top section will show numbered illustrations and will be more or less permanent. Bottom section of the sheets will have descriptions and current market prices, and this part will be replaced yearly or as often as required, thus keeping the catalogue up-to-date at a very small outlay.

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THE PENCE ISSUES OF NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK. By Nicolas Argenti, F.R.P.S.L. (BNAPS 206).

This interesting treatise is a reprint from the London Philatelist of a paper read by Mr. Argenti before the Royal Philatelic Society, London, on March 4, 1954. A copy is available in the Society library where it may be obtained by those interested in the stamps of these colonies. As no price is indicated, it is not known whether or not it is possible to purchase this booklet.

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STANLEY GIBBONS' TWO REIGNS CATALOGUE. Published by Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391 Strand, London, W.C.2. England. (232 pp.)

The fact that the publishers have had to order a large reprint of this catalogue even before the publication date demonstrates the popularity enjoyed by the first edition. The current edition contains several improvements which will make it more welcome to collectors interested in the stamps issued during the reign of King George VI and those now being issued for the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. The listing of George VI stamps remains the same as previously, but the Q.E. listings have been expanded. The publishers state that they intend to follow a more liberal policy in regard to shades, and the catalogue under review bears out this statement. Colonial printings are now given footnote mention, and sheet size, marginal imprints, plate numbers and quantities sold are noted as information which collectors like to have when writing up their collections. Finally, booklets as a sideline of great popularity, has persuaded the publishers to include complete booklets of various sizes.

Another innovation is the binding of this catalogue in three styles at various prices. The standard edition is bound in a limp

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TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES

PART ONE

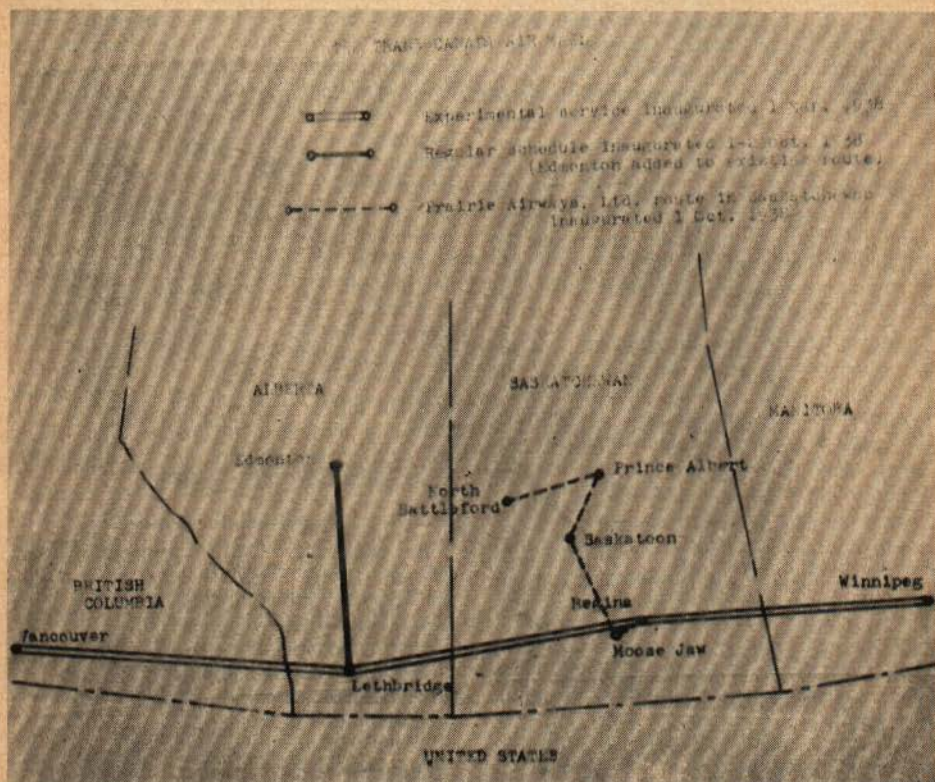
• These articles will present the events in the growth of Canada's main line air carrier, Trans-Canada Air Lines, with particular reference to aerophilately. Past treatment of TCA in the airmail cover catalogues has been inadequate, both in comprehensive listing of the covers and in background information. It is hoped this situation will be remedied by these articles.

The Author.

THE rapid development of Canadian aviation is nowhere better exemplified than by the birth and growth of Trans-Canada Air Lines. Founded by the "Trans-Canada Air Lines Act" in May 1937, TCA ranks among the largest of the world's international air carriers. The story begins in November 1936 with the formation of the Department of Transport, bringing under one head the old departments of Marine, Railways and Canals, and the Civil Aviation Branch

of the Department of National Defence. The new minister was a well known civil engineer, C. D. Howe.

It soon became evident that the new minister had strong views on aviation policy. In his view, Canada needed a trans-continental airline. The old prairie airmail services, which died in the depression days of 1932, had been the closest approach to this ideal, but Howe wanted more than a resumption of this route. Three days and



four nights was too long for a man in a hurry to spend between Montreal and Vancouver. A scheduled airline could make the trip in one day—what was everyone waiting for?

Flying of Bush Variety

Canadian flying in 1936 was predominantly of the bush variety—with aircraft and navigation aids completely inadequate for a scheduled passenger service. The operators had little or no cash; the depression was strong in their memories. New aircraft, at \$50,000 or more each, and lengthy training periods for both air and ground personnel, would be necessary. The Rocky Mountains and Northern Ontario remained to be made safe for regular flying. Even if the government were to pay for the entire undertaking, facilities on such a tremendous scale could not be erected overnight. The difficulties were such that only a firm with tremendous capital resources, and who could wait several years for a return on its investment, could entertain the idea of a transcontinental airline at all.

One possible source of capital was the railways. Canadian Pacific Railway had bought an interest in Canadian Airways Ltd. in 1933. If the Canadian National Railways could be persuaded to enter a partnership, perhaps the capital problem could be solved. A scheme was suggested whereby a new company would be formed with equal division of shares between the government, C.P.R. and C.N.R. This was unacceptable to the C.P.R., since the C.N.R. was government-owned, and government interests would hold the controlling votes. To divide the shares so that the C.P.R. would have a slight majority was unacceptable to the government.

Ottawa argued that, in addition to capital subscribed by them or by C.N.R., the government would have to make additional vast outlays for airports and navigational aids—and to lose voting control of the proposed airline was unthinkable. So the plan to mix public and private capital failed.

No Private Capital

That no private capital was forthcoming is understandable—the transcontinental line would be on a scale never before attempted, with unfamiliar equipment and techniques. The possible financial rewards were far in the future, and the present headaches very real. The government position was different: provided the enterprise eventually became self-supporting and economically sound, the money could be found. Nor did

they doubt the social dividends in bringing all Canadians within one day's journey of each other.

The 1937 Act authorized \$5 million in capital, to be taken up by the C.N.R.—the capital was increased to \$25 million in 1945. In the words of the Act, the national operating company was to provide main line air service throughout Canada, and "to establish, operate and maintain air lines or regular services of aircraft of all kinds, to carry on the business of transporting mails, passengers and goods by air, and to enter into contracts for the transport of mails, passengers and goods by any means, and either by the Corporation's own aircraft and conveyances or by means of the aircraft and conveyances of others, and to enter into contracts with any person or company for the interchange of traffic and, in connection with any of the objects aforesaid, to carry on the business of warehousing goods, wares and merchandise of any kind or description whatsoever." This is big business!

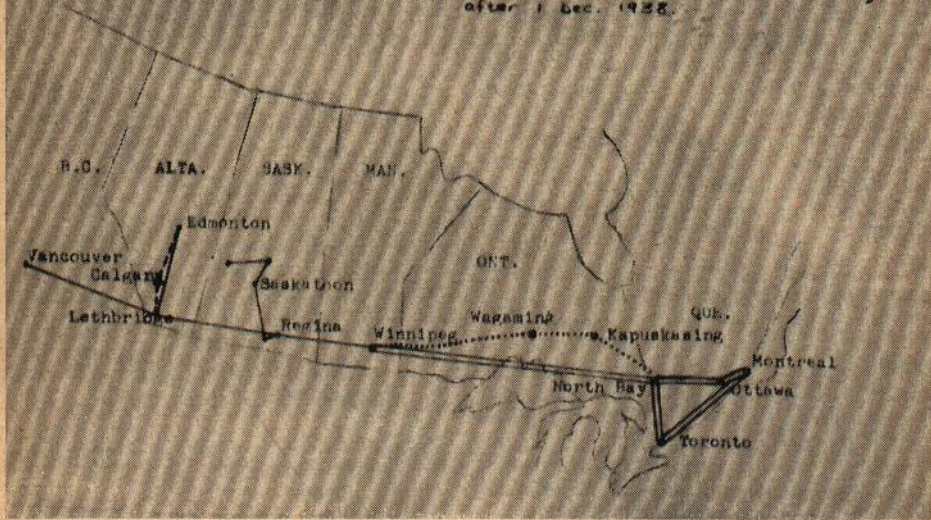
A joint survey was made by company staff and Department of Transport personnel to decide on the air navigation facilities needed to complete the airway across the Rockies and Northern Ontario, to complement the facilities in the Prairies and Western Ontario which had been in "mothballs" since 1932. The survey, and experiences in the United States, showed that the installation of radio ranges along the main airways was desirable. The range transmitter emits a directional signal along the airway, and the pilot can determine by the signals in his earphones whether he is on course, or to which side of the course he has strayed. The pilot can also tell when he is directly over the range, which enables him to work out a blind-letdown procedure on a nearby landing field. Ranges thus increase the operational safety and regularity of airline service, and reduce the handicaps of darkness and bad weather. They are now spaced at intervals of about 100 miles across the TCA main line.

Construction Begins

By September 1937, construction work was under way. In addition to radio ranges the airports, which had been adequate for slower and smaller aircraft, had to be extended, their surfaces improved and longer approaches cleared. Approach lighting was also installed. It was not that Canadian flying was particularly unsafe—the safety record of the bush operators had been excellent. However, it was well understood by

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- Existing schedule before 1 Dec. 1938
- ▬ Eastern extension inaugurated 1 Dec. 1938
- - - - Calgary added 1 Feb. 1939
- ⋯ First mail flights into Kapuskasing and Wapamung were _____ shortly after 1 Dec. 1938.



the TCA founders that their work would be justified only by widespread acceptance of air transportation by the public, and that large-scale traffic would not be forthcoming until the public could use the airplane as confidently as train or bus. This meant a safety record of 100 per cent, a regularity of almost 100 per cent, and services that were on time most of the time.

The new airline was busy training both air and ground crews. With technical advice from experienced operators in the United States, it was possible to set up maintenance and flight procedures that were the safest ingenuity could devise. Aircraft were standardized, parts interchangeable, hangars and tools similar from station to station. Complete maintenance schedules were laid down, in accord with experience and the manufacturers' recommendations, and strictly followed. This is the modern principle of preventive maintenance, by which parts are replaced at regular intervals, far short of their life expectancy. This was one of the premiums experience showed to be necessary to provide safety and regularity; well worth the price.

Flight crews were trained until they were not only thoroughly familiar with the route, its mountains and rivers, light beacons and radio ranges, weather and alternate landing fields, but until each conformed to strict and standard procedure, leaving nothing to chance. Safe visibility limits for take-offs and landings were set—should visibility be poorer, the pilot's decision was made for him: if landing, he must go elsewhere; if ready to take off, he must sit right where he was. Ample fuel allowances were made, even at the expense of payload, to carry the aircraft to a suitable alternate field if his destination was "socked in". The need for careful planning of each leg of the route to determine fuel allowances and alternate fields, and therefore allowable payloads, was to create a new airline trade—Flight Dispatcher. Also new in Canada was the passenger reservations system with its telephone and teletype circuits between stations.

The development pattern was to fly the route first with purely training flights, then with airmail and express on a scheduled basis, and finally with passengers. The first TCA passenger route, the old Canadian Air-

ways route between Vancouver and Seattle, commenced on September 1, 1937, with Lockheed Electras—length 122 miles. The first survey flight had left Vancouver on July 7. On the main transcontinental route it was decided to complete the western Vancouver-Winnipeg segment first, as the Winnipeg-Edmonton route had been farthest advanced in 1932. Lethbridge was made the junction of the Mountain and Prairie Divisions, as a 1930 survey had shown the lowest altitude route across the Rockies to be toward the south, through Crow'snest Pass, about 5,000 feet elevation. It is interesting to note that in 1947, when pressurized DC-6B North Stars were added to the TCA fleet, this altitude limitation was removed and Lethbridge, of 15,000 population, was displaced by Calgary, population 90,000, as the principal TCA junction in Alberta.

The western section of the airway was soon ready for experimental training flights, starting January 1, 1938. The TCA staff at this time numbered less than 100 persons, with 10-passenger Lockheed Electras as equipment. Daily experimental mail and express flights were to start March 1, 1938, between Vancouver - Lethbridge - Regina - Winnipeg, with first class letters being selected at each point from post office sacks for delivery at three other points. Weather turned back the eastbound plane twice; it finally made Lethbridge on the third. The westbound plane made Lethbridge easily, but its mail was held over until the third. During this period, Cranbrook, B.C., was used on a number of flights as a refueling stop.

Progress was rapid. The Department of Transport completed the spotting of radio ranges between Montreal and Vancouver, and established meteorological services linked by teletype lines. Airport enlargement was well along, and approach lighting installed. On October 1, 1938, the experimental service became regularly scheduled—Edmonton was added on a spur service from Lethbridge, and Prairie Airways Ltd. started mail service in Saskatchewan between Regina-Moose Jaw-Saskatoon-Prince Albert-North Battleford. The 6 cent airmail rate was required on letters, for the first time.

Busy in Wilderness

Meanwhile, the Department of Transport was busy in the wilderness north of the Great Lakes with the completion of air-

ports and lighting. The scheduled airmail service was extended to North Bay-Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal on December 1, 1938. Kapuskasing and Wagaming (Armstrong Station P.O.) were used as refuelling points, but the airmail situation at these two places is confused. These points were designated flag stops starting December 1, but the first airmail may not have arrived here until several days or weeks later. At this time the TCA fleet numbered nine Lockheed 14's (14 passengers) and five Electras, the original equipment.

Improved airport facilities at Calgary were not ready until February 1, 1939; the first airmail service began on this date. By now the rapidly expanding TCA services had excited public enthusiasm to fever pitch and each new development was front page news. Cover collectors had a field day, and postal officials were co-operative to a degree that has not been equalled since. Postal records state the outbound Calgary mail on February 1 was only two pounds—this must be an understatement.

First Trans-Canada Service

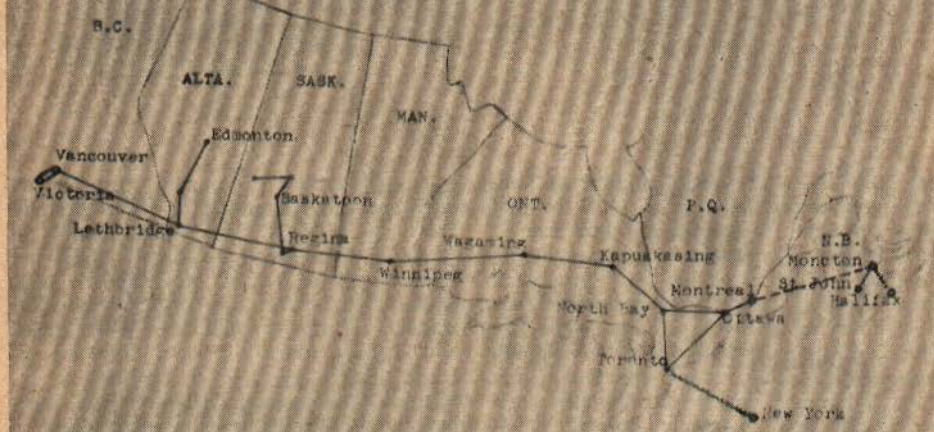
March 1, 1939, saw the beginning of overnight mail service on a more frequent schedule throughout the route. The Winnipeg-Lethbridge segment had included overnight flights since October 1938. The main line was extended from Vancouver to Victoria on this date. The P.O. Department chose this opportunity to prepare a series of 40 different "first official flight" cachets covering the Vancouver-Montreal route, which had been operating in its entirety since December. The Department's choice seems, in retrospect, unfortunate—but thousands of collectors know TCA best in connection with these cachets.

April 1, 1939, was the first date for passenger service, across the Montreal-Vancouver route. As our interest is primarily in the airmail services, only the airmail inaugural dates will be considered in the rest of this article. The TCA schedule for March 1, 1939, is of interest:

	Daily	Daily
21:00	Lv Montreal (EST)	Ar 12:50
21:50	Ar Ottawa	Lv 12:00
22:00	Lv Ottawa	Ar 11:50
23:35	Ar North Bay	Lv 10:30
23:40	Lv North Bay	Ar 10:15
24:50	Ar Toronto	Lv 8:55

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- TCA took over Canadian Airways, Ltd. route to Victoria, 1 Mar. 1939
- Moncton extension, 1 Nov. 1939
- Halifax and Saint John extensions, 15 Jan. 1940
- TCA flights to New York began 30 Apr. 1941



Trip No. 1
Daily

22:30	Lv Toronto (EST)
23:50	Ar North Bay
24:05	Lv North Bay
5:20	Ar Winnipeg (CST)
5:40	Lv Winnipeg
6:45	Ar Regina (MST)
7:00	Lv Regina
9:20	Ar Lethbridge (MST)
9:35	Lv Lethbridge
11:35	Ar Vancouver (PST)

Trip No. 2
Daily

Ar 11:50
Lv 10:35
Ar 10:20
Lv 3:55
Ar 3:40
Lv 24:50
Ar 24:40
Lv 22:35
Ar 22:20
Lv 18:45

ton-Saint John legs, which were inaugurated January 15, 1940. TCA Halifax service started April 15, 1941.

TCA next inaugurated service from Toronto-London-Windsor on July 15, 1940, at which time, London's new airport facilities were finished. Flights from Toronto to New York began April 30, 1941. ★ ★

(To be continued)

Trip 9, Trip 7
Daily

22:40	9:45 Lv Lethbridge	Ar 9:10	22:10
23:35	10:40 Ar Calgary	Lv 8:20	21:20
23:45	10:50 Lv Calgary	Ar 8:10	21:10
1:05	12:10 Ar Edmonton	Lv 7:00	20:00

Trip 8, Trip 10
Daily

**BOGGS PUBLISHES NEW
EARLY PERF. INFORMATION**

According to articles appearing in the Collectors' Club Philatelist of New York, Winthrop Boggs is publishing the results of extensive research work on the early perforations of Canada. It will likely be impossible for us to reprint this article as we understand that Mr. Boggs is issuing it in booklet form. However, Mr. Boggs states that his investigations show that the first three perforating machines give the following results: 11.60, 11.85 and 11.95. This is in contrast to the Calder classification of 11¼ x 11¼, 12 x 11¼ and 12 x 12. ★ ★

The stretch from Montreal, across the State of Maine to the Maritimes, remained the last to be conquered—this was done on November 1, 1939, with the Montreal-Moncton extension. Maritime Central Airways, a new company, was given the contract for the Moncton-Halifax and Monc-

Forwarder Stamps

ON LETTERS OF A NEW BRUNSWICK SHIPPING FIRM

1822-1844

AN ACCUMULATION of several thousand letters dated from 1806 to 1844 came to light recently in the Province of New Brunswick and now form a part of the Archives collection of the New Brunswick Museum. They comprise the correspondence of John Ward & Sons, of Saint John. The firm was engaged principally in the shipping business, exporting lumber and fish to the West Indies and England in their brigs and schooners, and importing general cargo from the British Isles; rum and molasses from the West Indies, and cotton from Savannah. At the head was Major Ward, the "Father of Saint John", who had made arrangements for the Loyalist migration to the future site of the city in 1783, and with him were associated his sons, Caleb, who was the first Loyalist baby to be born in the city after the landing, and John Jr., a member of the New Brunswick Legislature.

Many of the letters are from Ward's overseas agents. Such letters are almost invariably in duplicate with one copy conveyed by private carriers, often Ward's own ships. The duplicate was transmitted by a combination of unofficial and official post in which the correspondents consigned letters to captains of private vessels (with their names indicated in some cases on the covers), and the captains then handing the letters to the Ward firm's agent at the port of call nearest Saint John. These agents stamped the letters with their own names and then consigned them to the regular post.

A group of three agent stamps are of particular local interest and appear only

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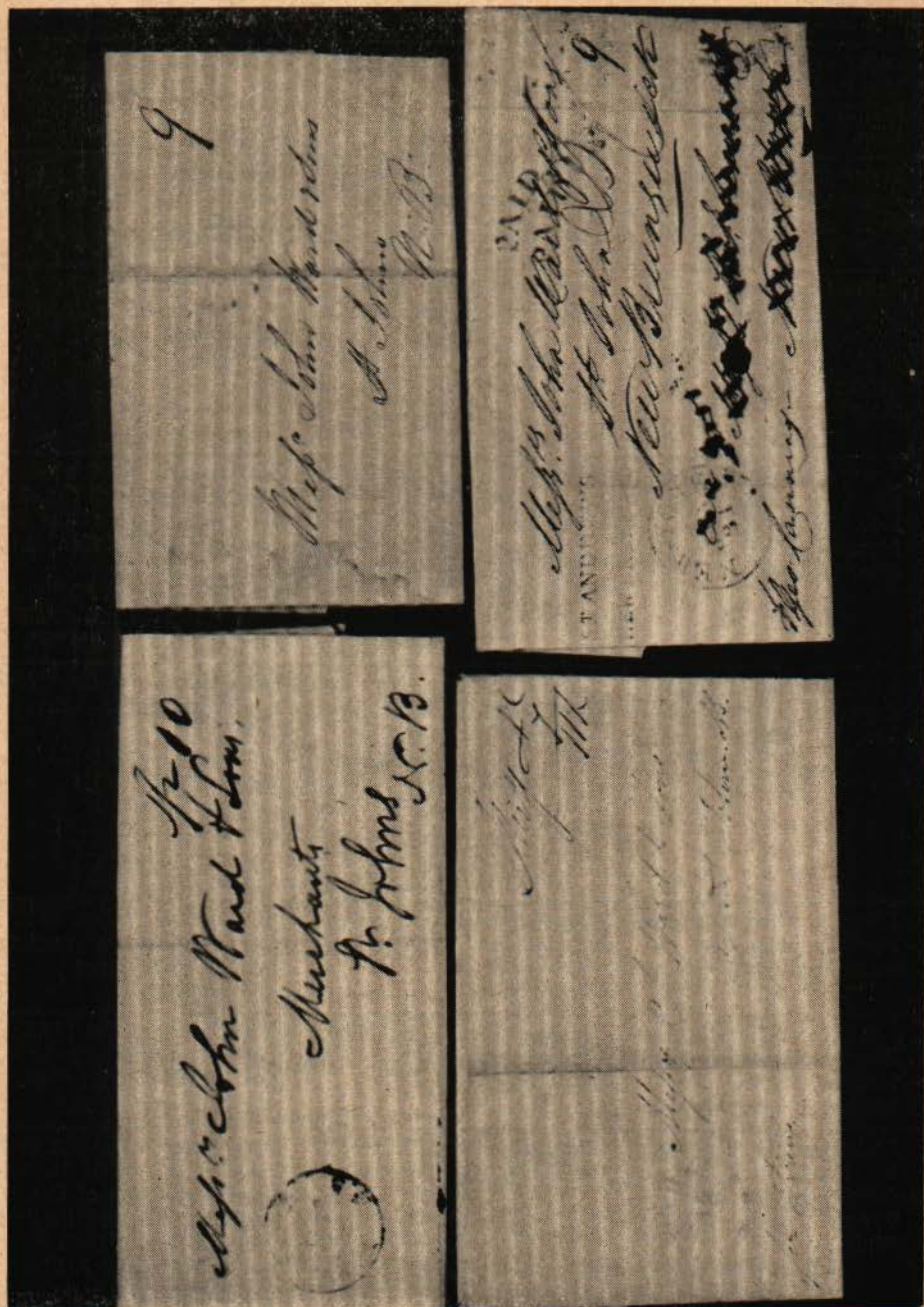
once each among the papers. They are all on letters originating in the West Indies and are those of W. J. Starr of Halifax, N.S.; E. W. B. Moody of Yarmouth, N.S.; and W. Babcock & Son of St. Andrews, N.B. Starr was the owner of a large fleet of ships trading principally with the West Indies and Africa; Moody was a ship owner, Lloyd's agent, director of the Marine Insurance Company of Yarmouth, and, curiously, a leading figure in a subscription to raise funds for the purchase of Abbotsford as a national memorial to Sir Walter Scott after it had been sold to a private party. Babcock was a merchant and importer of St. Andrews, although his enemies referred to him rather derisively as a "Tavern Keeper". Each of these agents turned over the letters to the post office in their town, leaving the recipient of the letter to pay.

The second group of forwarder's stamps are those of the two New York firms of Irvin & Co. and Hay & Wood. The former firm paid postage from New York to the New Brunswick border, probably recovering it from Ward in periodic settlements of accounts of the two firms. Hay & Wood did not follow this practice, and on letters forwarded by them the United States postage was collected apparently by the Saint John postmaster at the rate of 1/3 as the equivalent of 25 cents American.

The third group of forwarder's stamps originate in the West Indies. They are those of the Commercial Room and later the Commercial Building of Kingston, Jamaica, and of the firm of I. F. Peniston & Co. of St. Thomas. Postal rates from the landing ports of Boston, St. Andrews and Halifax are indicated, and were paid on delivery.

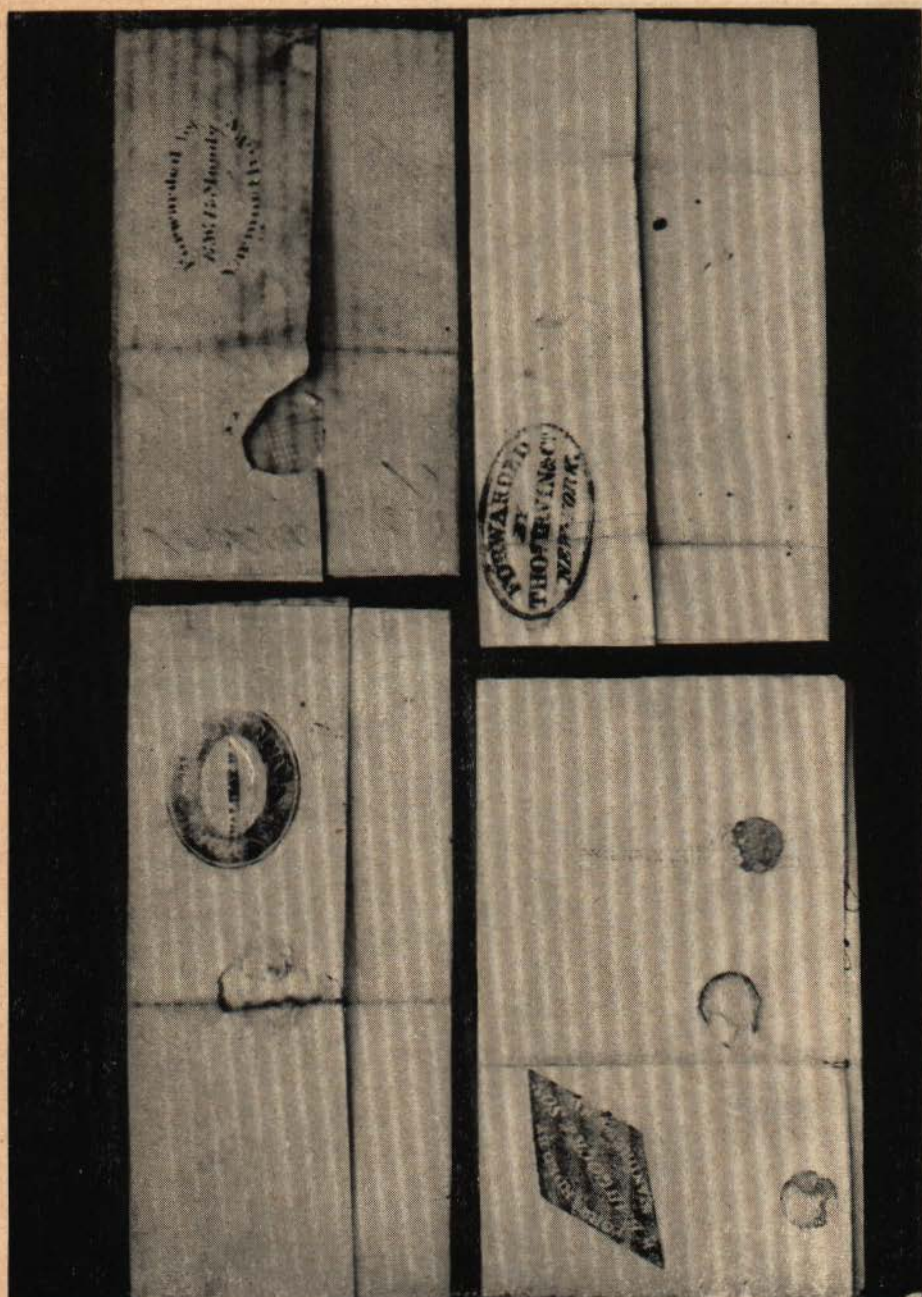
The following are particulars of markings on the covers illustrated on the four following pages, and represent the eight different types of forwarding stamps found in the accumulation:

1. Letter from Webb & Maynard, Nevis, West Indies, dated Nov. 1, 1834.	"Forwarded by W. J. Starr, Halifax, N.S."	Cancellation of the Halifax Post Office of Dec. 1st, 1834. Rate in black script "10".
2. Letter from C. Congers, Demerary, West Indies, dated April 10, 1837.	"Forwarded by E. W. B. Moody, Yarmouth, N.S."	Cancellation of the Yarmouth, N.S. Post Office undated. Rate in black script "9".
3. Letter from Capt. Albert Betts, Demerary, West Indies, dated Aug. 18, 1841. Marked in script "Per Siren"	"Forwarded by W. Babcock & Son, St. Andrews, N.B."	Cancellation of the St. Andrews Post Office Undated. Rate in black script "Ship 4½ 7 ----- 11½
4. Letter from Richard Addison, Liverpool, dated Nov. 1e, 1828. Marked in script "Per Geo. Canning".	"Forwarded by Thos. Irvin & Co., New York".	Cancellation of the New York Post Office of Jan. 21, and cancellation of the St. Andrews Post Office, undated. Rate in red script "25" Type stamp in red "Paid". Rate in black script "9".
5. Letter from George Brown, Liverpool, dated Jan. 16, 1827.	"Forwarded by Hay & Wood, New York".	Cancellation of the New York Post Office, date illegible. Rate in red script "25" Rate in black script "Am 1 N 3 7 ----- 1 N 10"
6. Letter from James Franklin, Kingston, Jamaica, dated Aug. 22, 1822.	"Commercial Rooms, Kingston, Jamaica".	"St. Andrews, 1 Oct. 1822". Script inscription reading Rate in black script "Ship 8".
7. Letter from H. Mitchell, Kingston, Jamaica, dated May 13, 1834. Marked in script "President"	"Commercial Buildings, Kingston, Jamaica".	Cancellation of the Halifax Post Office of Ju. 13, 1834. Rate in black script "10".
8. Letter from W. Thurston, St. Kitts, West Indies, dated Aug. 12, 1844. Typeset stamp in red "Ship".	"Forwarded by I. F. Peniston & Co., St. Thomas".	Cancellation of Boston Post Office of Oct. 3, of St. Andrews Post Office of Oct. 6, 1844, and of Saint John Post Office of Oct. 7, 1844. Rate in red script "20" Rate in black script "1 N ½ 7 ----- 1 N 7½



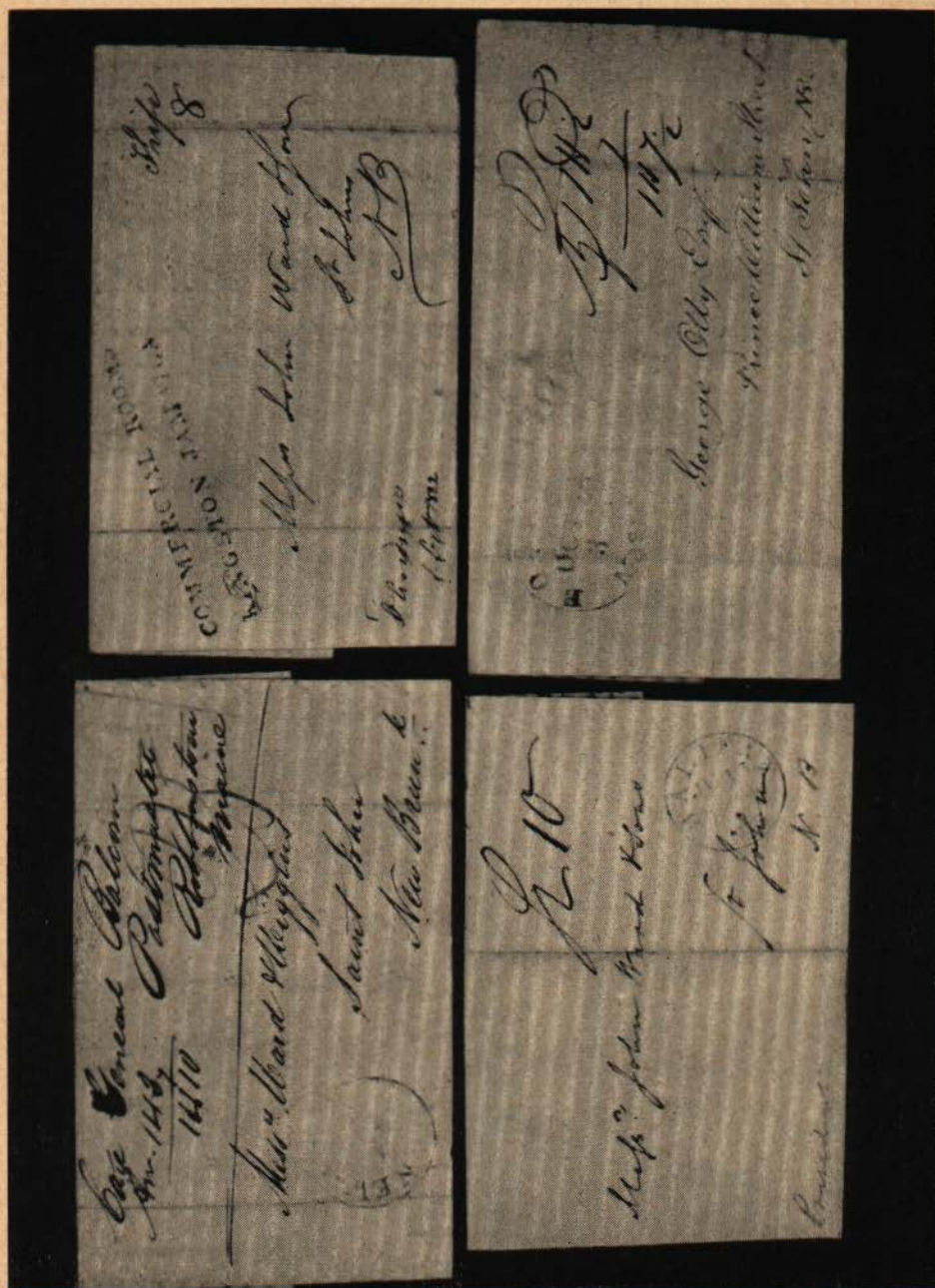
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FORWARDER STAMPS



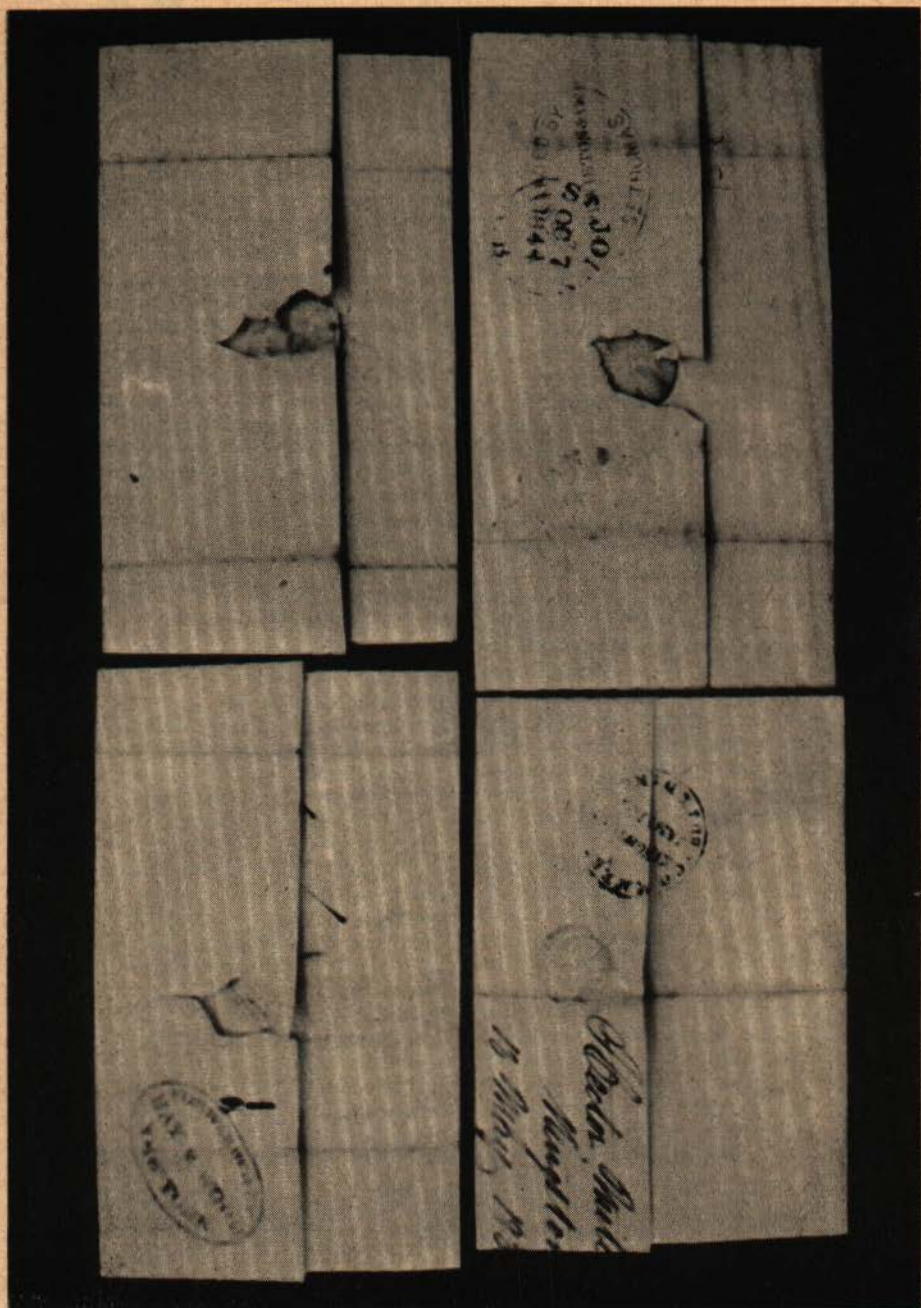
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Trail of the Caribou

By Freres Meyerson



BILL LEA, the Manchester and London dealer (BNAPS 687) is in with considerable new information concerning Newfoundland 20th century imperforates and part-perforates. Bill takes us back to our column of Jan. '53, at which time we reported the 7c, Scott No. 208, in a mint block consisting of two pairs imperforate between vertically. Bill reports a similar item with the added information that the block in question is perforate line 14.1. This is the first indication we have had that this stamp might possibly be found in the line perf so that it behooves all the readers of this column to check their copies of this stamp most carefully and let us see who will be the first to report the existence of this variety since it seems most logical to assume that if it exists in a part perforate condition it should exist in a completely perforate condition. Bill also reports the 2c green, Scott No. 186, in a block imperforate between but he doesn't specify whether it is imperforate vertically or horizontally, whether it is Die I or Die II, or whether it is comb perf or line, though we presume the latter. We are sending a query off to Bill and will pass on the complete information when we have received a reply. Last and certainly not least Bill Lea also records the existence of the entire 1938 set Scott's No. 244-247, in mint imperforate condition, The 4c value, Scott No. 246, had previously been recorded but the other three values are all completely new and we have never seen them recorded previously in the philatelic press. Thank you very much, Bill Lea, for adding so materially to our store of information concerning 20th century varieties.

In "Stamp Collecting" for Sept. 3, 1954, there is a review of the new Gibbons. There isn't much about changes in Newfoundland material and what there is deals only with twentieth century. Some of the imperf and imperf between pairs of the 1932-38 set have dropped a bit, the Labrador Airs are down both mint and used, and the imperf

pairs of the Gilberts have also dropped. However, reflecting the interest in George VI material, the varieties of the 1937 long Coronation are up as well as the perforation and watermark varieties of the 1938 issue.

Mr. N. W. Scales, BNAPS No. 1058, of Evansville, Ind., is in with a question that I'm certain Major Ian Morgan among others can answer. Mr. Scales wants to know the origin of the 6 CAPO cancellations found on letters emanating from Newfoundland. The offices are CAPO 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 respectively. Will some kind reader please oblige and let us know so that we can pass the information on to Mr. Scales, through the medium of this column.

Fortunately an early and speedy reply by Bill Lea will enable us to give fuller information concerning the 2c green, Scott No. 186 mentioned at the beginning of this article. We were slightly mistaken as the item in question was not a block but rather a horizontal pair of the Die I in the line perf 14.1, imperf between vertically. Bill also reports the existence of a Newfoundland-Nova Scotia correspondence that is new to us. We've known of the Ross correspondence during pre-stamp days and the Archibald correspondence during the days of the early pence issues. Now Bill reports two covers from what will be known as the R. B. Dicky correspondence. The two covers in question addressed to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, are franked with the 3d. triangular and two 1d's in one case and the 3d. triangular and the 2d. in the other. The former is dated Oct. 21, 1861 and the latter May 9, 1862. The rates are correct as the rate from St. John's to Nova Scotia was 5d., if posted from any point other than St. John's, the rate was 6½d. We assume that the above is the case as that was the rate definitely in effect during the use of the First Cents issue. We would appreciate any information to this effect in the hands of our readers and Bill Lea would also like to hear from any collectors with covers from the Dicky correspondence in their collection. ★ ★

The Early Dates of Squared Circles

ALL PHILATELISTS are interested in early dates of any kind which concern stamp production and postal use, and very properly so. It follows, then, that in my extensive correspondence with collectors of the Squared Circles of 1893 I have found frequent evidence of great interest in early dates; in fact, all those of the year 1893. Accordingly I give herewith the story of these dates as it is known at the present time. Reporting and chronicling began immediately after my first Squared Circle article appeared in BNA TOPICS, December 1951—an article which aroused such a response, such eager hunting, as still to amaze me.

Let us consider first the thin-lined type, Type One, as all collectors now call it. On page 625 of Vol. I of Boggs' fine work on Canadian stamps and postal history, he says:

"Late in April 1893 (this type) was tried. Twenty-five post offices used these as follows:

Aldergrove, B.C.—My. 16/93
 Beaverton, Ont. Ap. 26
 Beeton, Ont.—My. 18
 Brockville, Ont.—Ap. 26
 Byng Inlet North, Ont.—My. 6
 Coleman, Ont.—Ap. 26
 Cumberland, Ont.—Ap. 26
 Dutton, Ont.—Ap. 26
 Grimsby, Ont.—My. 18
 London, Ont.—Ap. 28
 London East, Ont.—My. 31
 Mansonville, Que.—Ju. 9
 Montreal, Canada—My. 19
 Mount Forest, Ont.—My 16
 New Germany, Ont.—My. 20
 Ottawa, Canada—My. 5
 Point St. Charles, Que.—My. 3
 Rat Portage, Ont.—Ap. 28
 St. Ann's, Ont.—My. 31
 St. Hillarion, Que.—Ap. 26
 Shannonville, Ont.—My. 31
 Springhill Mines, N.S.—Ap. 26
 Terrebonne, Que.—Ap. 26
 Three Rivers, Que.—My. 18
 Westville, N.S.—Ap. 26

Mr. Boggs nowhere says where this list of towns and dates was obtained. Several correspondents question two towns on the list — **Montreal, Canada** and **Springhill Mines, N.S.** I have not seen them, nor have they been reported to me. It is possible, of course that they could have been issued and never used; this could be the explanation if the list was of official origin. If the list was of philatelic origin, these two may have been confused with their counterparts of Type Two (but the dates seem to suggest that this is not the solution).

When we look at the Boggs dates for Type One, we can only rub our eyes in amazement, for only one—Ottawa—is reasonably close to the first date yet reported. I cannot believe that my many correspondents, some of whom have thousands upon thousands of these postmarks, in certain cases the accumulation of 20 to 30 years' keen search, can be so very far out.

Compare the reported 1893 dates of Type One with the Boggs dates (all 1893) given above:

Beaverton—My 11/93
 Brockville—Ju. 14
 Cumberland—Oc. 24
 Dutton—My. 5
 Grimsby—Ju. 16
 *London—My. 2
 London East—Ju. 22
 Mount Forest—Ju. 3
 †Ottawa—My 3
 Point St. Charles—Jy. 3
 Rat Portage—Ju. 10
 Shannonville—Au. 7
 Terrebonne—Dec. 9
 Three Rivers—My. 30

*—The earliest of all Squared Circles.

†—This is two days earlier than Boggs' date.

Mr. Boggs goes on to say: "The lines were too thin and in June of the same year this type was superseded by a similar type but with heavy bars. This . . . was widely distributed until about 1903 or 1904. We have seen this from about 250 post offices, as well as four railway routes."

Type Two is known now from 288 different offices, but only from three railway runs. It is our belief that a partial strike of a Type Two marking was taken for a fourth R.P.O. Sq. Circle. Could it have been "INTERNATIONAL . . ."? (International Bridge, Ont.) This might have been taken for "INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY", listed by both Jarrett and Shaw, but not in Squared Circle type.

Of the towns for Type Two, a goodly number have been found with 1893 dates. I append the list, as at present known, and shall be glad to be notified of any others.

N.S.: Antigonish; Halifax (Ju. 25/93, the earliest known from the Maritimes, Type Two); Kentville; Port Williams; Truro; Windsor.

N.B.: Newcastle Creek; Peticodiac; Rothesay (all rarities, be it noted).

P.E.I.: Charlottetown; Summerside.

Quebec: Eastman; Hull; Montreal; Ste. Cunegonde; St. Hyacinthe; St. Polycarpe; Sherbrooke (Ju. 22/83, the earliest from this province); Waterloo.

Ontario: Almonte; *Belleville (June 15/93, the earliest Type Two yet found); †Berlin; Brantford; Cheltenham; Comber; Galt; Glencoe; Gravenhurst; Ingersoll; Kingston;

Lindsay; Listowel; Markdale; Mitchell; North Bay; †Orangeville; Oshawa; Paris; Peterborough; Picton; Prescott; Rockton, Roseneath; Sault Ste. Marie; Smiths Falls; Tilsonburg (error for "Tillsonburg"); Toronto; Strachan Ave., Toronto; Waterford; Waterloo; Weston; Williamstown; Windsor.

*—Belleville used three hammers, all introduced in 1893 (Belleville is unique in this respect) and used concurrently with apparent freedom. With more material, a chronology might be constructed; as far as my knowledge goes, it has not yet been attempted.

†—**Berlin**—Earliest: Sp. 15/93
Latest: No. 16/93

Orangeville—Earliest: Au. 28/93
Latest: Oc. 16/93

These two remarkable 1893 records stand alone as at present.

Manitoba: Brandon; Portage la Prairie; Selkirk; Winnipeg (Jy. 11/93, the earliest western Squared Circle).

Assiniboia: Moose Jaw; Regina.

B.C.: Nanaimo; Vancouver; Victoria (Jy. 4/93; an earlier date could easily place it ahead of Winnipeg.) ★ ★

Collectors Discover Misplaced 'G' Overprint

Here is an item which should be of interest to BNAPS members. The misplaced "G" overprint on the 10c Fur stamp has been known in Ottawa for some time, and although a frantic search has been made to locate copies of this unusual item, so far very few have turned up.

Stanley B. Sim, a member of Ottawa's largest stamp club (the RA Stamp Club) has located a number of copies in mint condition, and others have been lucky enough to find a few used stamps. From investigations carried out so far by members of the above club, it would appear that a plate setting for the 50c Oil stamp has been used to produce this overprint. The location of the "G" is exactly the same as that found on the 50c stamp, and the Bank Note Company must have been using the wrong setting for the "G" in order to produce this item. How



many were printed this way is unknown. The Philatelic Agency has never seen this and has none in stock. If any of our members can add information to this, and should any further clues be found in Ottawa, I will report to you again.—Hans Reiche (783)



PERFIN

SECRETARY: R. J. Woolley,
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STUDY GROUP

ALTHOUGH the perforation of post-cards was authorized by post office regulations in 1928, no privately perforated stationary has yet been reported. BNAPster E. P. Warren of Winnipeg has added to the available information on the 1c green wrapper 1939-40 perforated OHMS—4 hole and illustrated in May issue of Topics.

He reports that these wrappers were used by the Meteorological Division, Dominion Weather Bureau, and he has these wrappers addressed to:—

R.C.M.P., Winnipeg.

City Engineer, 223 James Street, Winnipeg.

Swift Canadian Co. Winnipeg.

He also mentions that he has a similar wrapper perforated Type 1, 5 hole. This is the first report of this item, and is presumably from the same office.

The September notes on perforated revenue stamps has so far failed to add anything new to our studies. The list of perforated revenues in October Topics by No. 538, H. G. Wellburn is a good start to which can be added:

C12-CIL—Candn. Industries Ltd. 3c Excise.

C24-CPR—Both Montreal & Vancouver dies. 6c Excise.

I2-IHC—Int. Harvester Co. (horizontal die) ¼ Excise.

S3-S—Swift Canadian Co. 2c War Tax.

BNAPser J. S. Gordon (No. 1030) submitted an interesting cover this month. A first flight, Winnipeg to Medicine Hat, with official cachet and dated May 3, 1930. The stamp is the 5c air mail, Sc. C1, and has a double perforation. The corner card is the Hudson Bay Insurance Co., but the perforation is that of the Royal and Queens Insurance Companies, R&Q/Cos. The Hudson Bay Ins. Co. could have been agents of the R&Q, or perhaps the cover was mailed by courtesy for some collector. In any event this is the only C1 we have seen punched other than OHMS.

It has been the intention of the writer to

devote an article to perforated pre-cancels. Unfortunately it has not been possible to get anything like a composite listing, so to start the ball rolling, the following is a listing from the writers' collection. Our check list number and the company initials are followed by the Hoover catalogue number of the stamp.

C6-CCo—Brandon, 1-131.

C11-CHI—Montreal, 2-86a.

Winnipeg, 8-201.

C23-CPR—Winnipeg, 8-211.

(E) E1-E—Montreal, 10-201.

J2-JBF/Co.—Windsor, 3-151, 3-171, 5-191, 5-201.

N3-NB—Ottawa, 3-93.

P3-PD/Co—Walkerville, 2-104.

—Windsor, 4-191, 5-191, 5-201.

W10-WR/Co—Vancouver, 2-85.

We would be pleased to have any additions to this listing.

There seems to be quite an interest developed in privately punched stamps among collectors with specialised collections. We have had enquiries from collectors of Newfoundland (guess who?), Air mails, Silver Jubilees, small queens, Revenues, and single stamp studies of the 2c Edward and 1898 Map. The only perfin so far noted on the Map is that of the Sun Life Assurance Co. SL/ACo.

Time is running out for the deadline for publication of the hand book, so if any reader has been delaying writing to the secretary, please do it now. ★ ★

CORRECTION

In Harold R. Meyers' advertisement in the Yearbook issue of TOPICS, a typographical error occurred which made the ad. rather meaningless. The copy should have read as follows: "Postal Stationery of Canada and Newfoundland gladly sent to BNAPS members on 10 days approval. Harold R. Meyers, 42 W. 35th St., New York 1, N.Y." Sorry, Harold!

Bringing News About People and Stamps

By REV. JOHN S. BAIN (BNAPS 19)

A REPORT from BNAPSer E. P. Warren tells of a constant variety appearing on the current 7c Canada Goose (Scott No. 329). It consists of a hairline across the breast of the goose, and is found on Plate 1, lower right, stamp No. 2. Mr. Warren says he has both mint and used copies.

BNAPS

For those who will never see a copy of the fabulous book, "The Work of Jean de Sperati", and are interested in his fabrications because of the B.N.A. items, I draw attention to the "Catalogue of the Exhibition of Reproductions Made by Jean de Sperati" as sponsored by the British Philatelic Association. The front page contains plates in color, and among other stamps there is shown the 4d and 1/- Newfoundland which was reproduced in the scarlet-vermillion and orange-vermillion shades. The text is very informative and also deals with and shows in black and white, cancellations of Newfoundland. The price is given as 1/6 for the catalogue. An interesting statement is made in the catalogue. I quote it: "If the genuine stamp is plateable, then so is the Sperati reproduction." Quite a fellow, this Sperati!

BNAPS

BNAPSer Jim Sissons sends along the third edition of his B.N.A. Catalogue, still priced at 10 cents a copy. I notice price increases in the following Canadian items: Scott Nos. 101, 102, 103, 178, 228 (narrow "1"), and the No. 1 Canada stamped envelope has jumped to \$20 for a mint entire. Canadian stamps keep marching on, and up!

BNAPS

I report a postcard which is new to me. It is printed in red and blue and is entitled "Canadian Historical Exhibition" across the top, and below "June, 1899". At the left side is an engraving of "Victoria College, Toronto". The card is franked with a 1c Queen Victoria numeral, and tied with a Toronto machine flag cancellation dated June 13, 1899. Evidently the Canadian Historical Society was meeting there as the

message mentions a paper to be read by Lady Edgar on "Quebec". Any other types of this card known?

BNAPS

While attending the APS Convention in San Francisco I came across a curiosity item which I have heard of but never seen. It consists of the official CAPEX envelope with the seal in black, the 7c CAPEX stamp cancelled by the specimen meter stamp with cancellation. I understand that several of these were run through the machine, but I do not know if they were all the same or the other slogans were used. While at the convention we met quite a number of BNAPSers, and all expressed what a great society and magazine we have. Confidentially, we wished it could have been BNAPEX we were at instead of the APS convention.

BNAPS

The best Yearbook yet! Congratulations and a 12d black to our editor, BNAPSer Gordon P. Lewis. ★ ★

LATE DR. JIM GOODWIN TO APS 'HALL OF FAME'

The "Hall of Fame" Committee of the American Philatelic Society, of which L. D. Shoemaker (BNAPS 204) is chairman, has named the following to that society's Hall of Fame:

Mrs. Theresa M. Clark, "for her untiring efforts and work over the many years in the publication of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue";

The late Dr. James C. Goodwin, "because of his work as an eminent philatelist and a specialist in the postal history of Canada."

The Hall of Fame Committee also voted that:

"Al Van Dahl be recognized as one of the leading philatelic publishers of this century." Mr. Van Dahl was publisher of Western Stamp Collector and Covers prior to his death some months ago. ★ ★

REVENUE GROUP NEWS

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

NOT LONG AGO we published some notes about revenue perfins, which stirred Roy Wrigley (1065) to come up with a more elaborate and useful article in the September TOPICS.

Now E. L. Piggott (629) sends us a 2c Ontario Stock Transfer stamp, red, punched "N.T.C.", but we think this is a cancellation, not a perfin, as the letters are large and not all the design falls on the stamp. He also reports several varieties of Newfoundland postage stamps fiscally used and with AYRE perfins.

Mr. Piggott also reports a postal cover bearing a 2c 1868 bill stamp nicely tied. The postmark is "... lough, Ont., Jan. 9, 1895", and it is backstamped "London, Canada, Jan. 10, '95". This cover apparently passed through the mail undetected. Can anyone make a guess at the missing letters in the postmark? The place of mailing was probably not far from London, as the letter was only one day in transit.

A few revenues on documents or pieces in the collection of Mr. Piggott are:

A promisory note dated October 20, 1872, from the Commercial Bank of Windsor, N.S., bearing two 9c and four \$1 bill stamps and a 50c with the "N.S." overprint.

A portion of a 1916 New Brunswick probate document bearing \$46 in probate stamps of that province.

Part of a Manitoba document bearing three 25c law stamps overprinted "C.F." and one 50c overprinted "L.S."

A letterhead of National Revenue, Canada, Customs and Excise Division, dated August 13, 1931, and addressed to a Montreal brokerage firm, bearing excise tax stamps to the amount of \$1,796.12, including 17 of the King George V \$100 denomination. The document reads "In payment of advances determined by excise tax auditor."

We see that our fellow member and well-known Toronto dealer, L. A. Davenport (51) has bought the magnificent collection of Canadian revenues formed by the late Goodwin R. Harris. The writer knows this collection pretty well, having been the guest of Mr. Harris on several occasions de-

voted to looking it over. It is without doubt the most extensive collection of our revenues ever formed, replete with uncatalogued and odd items, all in exemplary condition.

If this collection is sold en bloc, the buyer may be sure he is purchasing something absolutely unique. Perhaps Mr. Davenport can be persuaded to give us a list of the outstanding items—we shall be glad to publish it to arouse the envy of our readers.

Among the names of new members, we notice from time to time those of collectors who profess to be interested in revenues and other fiscals, but only two or three of these have joined our group. Perhaps they do not realize that the group can and does give its members some services not available to the general BNAPS member. We would be pleased indeed if our group included all who have any interest in its particular areas of collecting. Write the secretary and join us.

Roy Wrigley (1065) writes to say that he, with the assistance of C. A. Ayre (712) and Nelson Bond (L84), has made a third revision of his notes on Saskatchewan telegraph franks. If you can contribute any information on these, we are sure Mr. Wrigley would welcome it. Perhaps later, when he finds there is nothing further he can add to them, he will let us publish these notes.

In J. N. Sisson's (L17) Toronto auction of September 15, 1954, the following revenue and telegraph lots were sold at the prices noted (catalogue value in parenthesis):

Lot No. 102, British Columbia, 37 varieties (Cat. Value \$44.30), price \$9; 107, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, 17 varieties of each (\$43.66) \$17; 377, Canada, 122 stamps on 11 documents (E, \$10-\$12), \$11; 378, 1865 3c bill stamp, Goodall die proof with ABN imprint, very fine (\$25), \$8.50; 379, Similar, but 5c (\$25), \$8.50; 380, 1897 \$5 Supreme Court, block of 6, mint and fine (\$19), \$7.25; 381, Similar, 21 copies, incl. 2 blocks of 6 (\$63), \$15; 382, British Columbia, hospital tax, 4c-\$1 complete, used blocks of 4, very fine (\$27), \$4.50; 383, Similar, 3c-10c, used blocks of 25, fine (\$106.25), \$15; 384, Manitoba, 1897-1901, \$1 deep blue-green, block of 6, mint and superb (\$9), \$7.50; 385, Telegraph Franks, C.P.R., 1897-1912, 1915-1925, 1928-1931., 1933 and 1935-1936, mint and fine to very fine (\$24.80), \$9.50; 386, G.N.W., 1890-1920, complete, mint and fine to very fine (\$41.30), \$11.50; 387, G.T.P., 1911-1914, 1916, 1918-1920, rare, mint and very fine (\$18), \$6.25. Total cat. value, \$557; total price, \$131.00. ★★

Sketches of BNAPSers ...

By V. G. GREENE (BNAPS L40)

No. 61: Earl P. L. Apfelbaum

EARL P. L. APFELBAUM was born in Philadelphia, Jan. 22, 1905, and was educated in, and has been a citizen of, the "Quaker City" all his life. He became interested in stamps in 1917 and in 1930 decided to enter the business on a full time basis. He has a large retail business in Philadelphia and conducts mail and public auction sales ten or twelve times a year. He also, under the name of the Cheltenham Stamp Company, operates twenty stamp department concessions in various cities in the eastern part of the United States.

As a collector, Earl enjoys the unusual things that exemplify historical interests or the economic development of the world. He also collects some United States Revenues and the stamps of Columbia Republic.

At the present time, Earl is the secretary of the American Philatelic Society and has been a tower of strength to that organization for several years. He was also chairman of the Board of Vice-Presidents previous to the present term.

Mr. Apfelbaum has written several philatelic articles, some of which have appeared in the American Philatelic Congress books and others in various magazines. He also writes the editorials at the bottom of the pages of his auction catalogues. This feature is a most interesting one and makes his catalogues unique in this regard.

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CPS of Great Britain Holds Eighth Annual Convention

ABOUT 50 DELEGATES and their ladies were arriving at the Palace Hotel, Buxton, England on Tuesday, September 21, and were greeted by our genial president, Wm. C. Hinde, who made us feel welcome and at home in an ideal conference hotel. Canadian philately inspires a friendly atmosphere and we were away to a flying start at 8:00 p.m. with a magnificent display of the collection of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick belonging to our member, H. C. V. Adams, R.D.P., F.R.P.S.L. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Adams, this was introduced by Mr. W. E. Lea and nobody can make an evening more interesting than Bill.

Wednesday morning, September 22, saw the committee hard at work in preparation for the Annual General Meeting which was in full session at 11:00 a.m. The reports from the various officers showed a most satisfactory position; more members, more study groups and, most important—a sound financial position enabling us to increase the yearly issues of our journal, "Maple Leaves", from four to six. The election resulted in the unanimous choice of our senior vice-president, Leo Baresch, R.P.S.L., as the new president, with Major G. B. Harper, taking his place as vice-president. All the other officers who had done their work so well in the past year were re-elected.

Fellowships of the Society were conferred on H. C. V. Adams of Great Britain and George C. Marler of Canada for original research, and on R. J. Duncan of Canada for outstanding services to the Society. To honor our founder and first president, A. E. Stephenson, members had subscribed to provide a new trophy to be called "The Founder's Trophy" which was duly presented to him. It is his wish that this should be awarded annually to the member who has done the most original or intensive research at a high level. R. W. T. Lees-Jones, F.R.P.S.L., was its most worthy first recipient.

On Wednesday evening an enthusiastic gathering saw a fine display of Canadian

Postmarks on the early issues from our new president, Leo Baresch.

Study Circles were very well attended and excellently led by W. E. Lea on Canada 1851-1869; by J. J. Bonar on Canada 1870-1902; by A. E. Stephenson on the George V issues, and by Dr. R. Willan on Newfoundland. The members take the Study Circles very seriously and they are most helpful for those who wish to learn but often have to plough a lonely furrow.

Throughout the four days, whenever we had a spot of leisure, we were able to view the exhibition of British North American philatelic gems. Some 250 pages were on show, resulting in one of the best convention exhibitions we have ever had. ★ ★

AND WE QUOTE . . .

The quote, below, is copied from LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS, Monday July 19, 1954, from Bentham's Canadian Column, and is passed on to fellow BNAPS'ers, without further comment:—

"One prominent Washingtonian dealer told me that the plates of stamps for the provinces of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island are in the hands of a large concern dealing in stamps for collectors in Boston. Seems that the Canadian authorities sold to the dealer the remaining plates for these provinces when they joined together to form what is now known as Canada. This dealer also told me that this Boston dealer, who is well known throughout the world is still running them off for his firm. So, the moral of this story, readers, is to concentrate on collecting postally used copies.

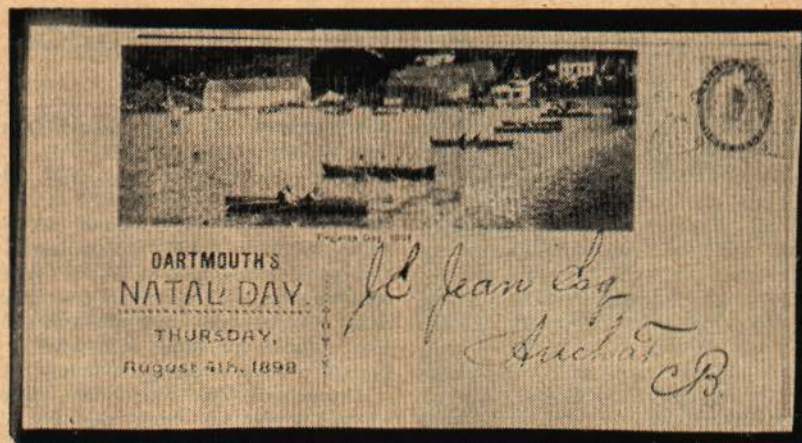
"Probably this accounts for the fact that these stamps are being sold with full gum. In other words, be careful of those mint copies of these provinces."

Remember, fellows the above is in QUOTATION MARKS, as it appears in afore-said publication.

Al Kessler (334)

Canadian Illustrated Covers . . .

By E. L. PIGGOTT (BNAPS 629)



No. 11

FOR THE COLLECTOR of anniversary covers this one of the Victorian era advertising "Dartmouth's Natal Day" celebration of August 4th, 1898 is pleasing. The illustration done in blue is a scene taken on Regatta Day 1897. The cover is not only a colorful illustrated item but it can be classed also as a "Propaganda" cover, in view of what appears on the reverse side. There is a lengthy list drawing attention to many items of interest relating to the town at that time, some of which have a touch of humour. To cite a few one notes:

"It is the most sociable Town on earth"

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"It has 7000 population, only Three policemen and No Lawyers"

Included also is an invitation to attend the Natal Day celebration and this reads, "The Town is yours while here—but return it to us before you leave."

Historians record that Dartmouth, Nova Scotia had its beginning when 350 settlers arrived in 1750 and in December that year the first ferry to Halifax was established. It is of interest to mention that the long awaited Halifax-Dartmouth bridge which will span the harbour is now under construction. ★ ★

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Canada-B.N.A. Edition. This year the occasion was the number dated October 2, with the usual overflow of material into the following week's issue.

Much of the material was written by members of our Society, including an interesting publicity release on BNAPS by Al Kessler. Other articles included: An Unrecorded U.S. Variety, by Fred Jarrett; "Stampless" Covers, by Dr. L. S. Holmes; Canada Calling, by W. J. Scott; Canadian Topics, by Peter J. Hurst; Early Bush Pilots in Canada, by C. F. Thompson; The Diamond Jubilee Issue Under the X-Rays, by W. H. S. Cheavin; A Canadian Revenue and Sidelines, by E. L. Piggott. ★ ★

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

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The following members' names have been placed in nomination for the designated offices. The Secretary, not hearing to the contrary before December 15, 1954, will cause these names to be entered on the Official Ballot for the Election of Officers for 1955-57 and three (3) members to the Board of Governors for 1955-58.

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Possibly you will have noted the discussions currently in some Canadian publications relating to the desirability of collecting foreign stamps. I have been noted as definitely in favour of the trend to advanced foreign collecting, and will do nothing to discourage this opinion.

Most emphatically I am not against the collecting of Canada and B.N.A., the dealing in which constitutes a significant portion of my business. I do feel that more collectors should collect foreign for the following reasons:

(1) The market on B.N.A. is so firm, and generally understood by professionals that there are few opportunities for a collector to buy cheaply. Quite true, many collectors do not insist on doing this. However, for a person of limited funds for stamps, price is of much greater importance. Foreign, particularly when buying on the North American market, offers many opportunities to buy very reasonably for a specialized collector.

(2) Fine B.N.A. is so hard to acquire:

(a) No professional can maintain a truly comprehensive stock. For a dealer to limit himself to B.N.A. is rapidly proving to be a dangerous decision. No large and important holdings are coming on the market as they used to do. When a good collection is sold directly to a dealer, it is usually disposed of in about a month, leaving him still short of material.

(b) A collector beginning to collect B.N.A. cannot, regardless of finances, have the selectivity he has with other countries, even United States.

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