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A FEW WORDS FROM THE AUTHOR'S FOREWORD:

For over three years inquiries have continued to come in asking for a new edition. The editors feel that regular editions are essential to keep up with changing prices which go along with changing times. All prices in the catalogue are net values of today.

This 8th Edition has been under revision ever since its predecessor came off the press. No catalogue is ever really complete. We have a much-enlarged editorial staff of wonderful co-workers, many of whom are Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society or members of the leading Philatelic Societies of North America. There have been many unnamed parties who have from time to time contributed items for our attention. To them, though not listed, I give my sincere thanks for their interest and helpful suggestions.

You will find many changes in the 8th Edition and you will also notice some new sections have been added. First you will notice the section on Early Covers and Cancellations. To many this will be most welcome. True, it is brief, but on close study, you will find it very interesting and helpful.

The section on Essays and Proofs of Canada has been completely revamped by a group of the Essay-Proof Society. This is now the last word up to the moment. The Postage issues required a thorough overhauling. Five years since the last edition has produced many changes in value. In that time, a small army of new collectors of Canadian items has come into being. Dealers everywhere are without adequate supplies of Canadian stamps. We predict steadily increasing prices on these issues, as the supply is so limited. A very broad study was made of prices from dealer lists, auction sales, and collectors' wants. We have tried to present what we call realistic prices, based on common sense supply. Several postage issues have been raised as a result while several revenue issues were lowered, and the reverse is also true. The Stationery section was given serious study by a specialist group of these issues, last year. Their findings are here presented, with several additions to bring it all up to date, when sent to press.

Plate block collecting has taken the country by storm. The prices herein are for the cheapest position and plate number. Only for the Silver Jubilee and Royal Visit of 1939 are the prices given for each position and plate number. Another new feature is the listing with number issued, for all imperforate issues.

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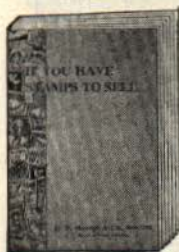
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The Editor's Mailbag

• The Editor regrets a large accumulation of letters in his "Mailbag", which have been left out of the magazine because of pressure on the available space. A group of letters is presented below, and it is hoped to clear out the sack in the March issue.

* * *

Help Wanted on Nova Scotia Cents

Being a member of BNAPS for the past three years, I have followed your wonderful magazine with much enthusiasm.

I have obtained through auctions several groups of the cents issues of Nova Scotia, and since I am a young collector I have had some difficulty in sorting them out as to white or yellow paper, as to color varieties, plate varieties and other differences. I have been wondering if you knew of some person well versed in this line who might be willing to look the stamps over for me and separate them out.

John T. Pratt (No. 1055)

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Perfin Articles Prove Interesting

Recent articles by the Perfin Study Group are extremely interesting, even to those who do not collect "perfins". While reading the article which appeared in the June issue of TOPICS, I came across something which proved to be most interesting in a personal way. I refer to the perfin illustrating the former Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway. In the interests of accuracy, I wish to submit certain facts concerning this railway which will prove that it never was "a privately-owned line".

My acquaintance with the T.&N.O. began approximately 45 years ago, when I railroaded between North Bay and Cochrane, Ontario. Then, as now, it was operated by a commission appointed by the Ontario Provincial Government with headquarters in North Bay. As I recall, a man named Lee was then chairman of the commission who reported to the Provincial Government at Queen's Park, Toronto.

The beginning of this provincially-owned property followed the discovery of silver at Cobalt. Later gold was found at Gowganda and Kirkland Lake, and finally gold in the Porcupine District. The main line, together with several branches, was built by the Ontario Government of that day to tap these mines.

In an attempt to bring names up-to-date, the name Temiskaming & Northern Ontario does not apply to the road today, it having been changed to "Ontario Northland Railway" some years ago. The reason for the change was due to the fact that an American road, the Texas & New Orleans (a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific) still carries similar initials, which led to confusion. So, the Canadian road carries a new name which does not conflict on passenger as well as freight equipment. And incidentally, on box-cars which I have seen in the Canadian Pacific yards here in Winnipeg, they carry insignia advertising the fact that this is "Ontario's Development Road".

I hope that this will be of interest to the group as well as other members of the Society who are interested in perfins. It seems that this might open up another avenue of investigation for all such, and if there is any way in which I can be useful, I will try to be helpful in any way open to me.

W. A. C. Warner (No. 952)

* * *

"Misplaced G" Overprint

Re TOPICS, page 336, Misplaced "G" Overprint—the writer says that it would appear that a plate-setting for the 50c Oil stamp has been used to produce this overprint.

My block of the Oil stamp shows the "G" smack in the middle of the stamp. My block of the 50c Textile shows the "G" off-centre to the left, similar to the block illustrated.

Could it be that the writer got his blocks mixed, or have I a block of Oil with a misplaced "G"?

L. P. Vienno-Michaud (No. 659)

* * *

3c Coronation, 1937

Re: the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Coronation Issue of Canada, denomination 3c of 1937. I have seen many stamps of this issue but have never heard or seen one on very thin paper, of which I have a used copy. Is it something unusual? It is not listed or mentioned in the Holmes' Handbook nor in Sissons' B.N.A. catalogue.

I would appreciate comments on this matter.

Herman Hesse

100 Arlington Ave.,
Clifton, N.J.

What Do You Know About This Overprint?



RECENTLY G. Ross Workman (BNAPS 845) sent us the stamps illustrated above, together with correspondence he had received from the Post Office Department concerning them.

Mr. Workman is treasurer of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club, and he says that, except for Dr. L. S. Holmes, none of the members can remember having seen any of these overprints before. He has shown them to Dr. Holmes, who states that he is sure that some 15 years ago someone sent him an exploded picture of one of the Ottawa types.

Following are replies received from the post office in answer to a query from Mr. Workman:

(1)

"Dear Mr. Workman,

"I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th November and the enclosure of 4 x 2c King George V postage stamps overprinted with words.

"Our first impression is that these stamps are overprinted to identify the office of sale. A more recent development of this practice was the use of Post Office numbers overprinted on low denomination postage stamps. Further research will be made, however, in an attempt to obtain more factual information."

(2)

"Dear Mr. Workman,

"Further to my acknowledgment of the 9th November, to your letter of the 4th November, I return herewith the four overprinted stamps.

"A search of our files has revealed that stamps precancelled with the name of the selling office have been issued since 1904. Details of the actual plates used for precancelling stamps are lacking. It has been found, however, that for the stamp precancelled 'Toronto Ontario 125', the latter number refers to the Sub-Post Office located on the premises of the Robert Simpson Co., Toronto. Stamps were precancelled with the name of the office selling the stamps and handling the mail prepaid with these stamps, in order to prevent misuse of precancelled stamps.

"Early in 1930, as the result of requests from large commercial firms that have nation-wide mailings of advertising matter, the names of offices was discontinued and the office numbers were introduced."

As can be seen from the above letters, available information regarding the overprints on these stamps is very sketchy. If other members of BNAPS have copies of these stamps, especially on cover, perhaps enough information can be brought to light to prove whether they are genuine, or otherwise. It is hoped that this problem will instigate a little research into the Admirals in the hope of turning up something concrete in the way of evidence.

Reading from left to right in the above illustration, Mr. Workman reports that he has the following number of copies: "Postage Paid at Ottawa", 3 copies; "Postage Paid at Ottawa, Canada", 2 copies; "Postage Paid at Ottawa" (with lines), 3 copies; "Toronto, Ontario, 125", 3 copies. What do other members have to report? ★

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Canada's C.O.D. Business Reply Impressions

IN EARLY 1930, after trials in Montreal and Toronto, Canada introduced a system of collecting postage on delivery of replies to advertising and the like. The first published reference to the new system is a note in the "Canada Gazette" of February 15, 1930.

The user may distribute as many envelopes or cards as he likes, generally as enclosures with advertising material, but he pays return postage only on those which come back to him in the mail. There is a fixed charge of one cent over the regular postage on each piece for this service. All postage, both regular and C.O.D., is collected in cash and postage due stamps are used. Originally, there were limitations on the size of the cards which might be used, although there were apparently none on the sizes of envelopes. The latest instructions to postmasters do not refer to any size limitations.

To employ this system a firm must first use at least 1,000 cards or envelopes, must provide them and do its own printing. It must submit a dummy for post office approval and make a deposit of \$10 for the standard electro, which is refunded when the electro is returned in good condition. It may supply its own electro, with post office approval; probably most of the odd-sized electros and variations in numbers and styles of chevrons indicate the use of such private electros.

Must Be Inscribed

In addition to the official or approved electro impressions, each card or envelope must be inscribed "Business reply card (or envelope); no postage stamp necessary if mailed in Canada. —c postage will be paid by", followed by the user's printed address, or the equivalent of this inscription in French. Sometimes the inscription is in both English and French, and it may



TYPE I



TYPE III



TYPE IV



One chevron with flat bottom



TYPE V



8½ Chevrons

be in any appropriate size and style of type and color of ink. The denomination and permit number, the latter assigned by the postmaster, must be inserted in the electro by the user and consequently appear in a great variety of styles.

As shown in the illustrations, the electro impression is a circular one, surmounting a vertical row of chevrons, used to "flag" these cards and envelopes so that they may be segregated when sorting mail for delivery. There are six types of these impressions known to the writer, as listed below. Types I and II seem to have disappeared, but Types III and IV are still in use. The general practice is to use the electros so long as they are in good condition, even though their design may be an old one.

System a Financial Success

While this system may have cut into the sales of stamped envelopes and postcards for prepaid replies and did away with the ½c business reply cards and the double cards with ½c reply half, it has undoubtedly been a financial success for the post office. When an advertiser had to prepay replies, he was likely to think twice before making the venture, knowing that inevitably

only a small proportion of his cards or envelopes would be returned and that those unreturned would be a dead loss to him. Now he pays an extra cent per piece in postage, but he pays only for what he gets, so the C.O.D. system is widely used; I received 28 reply cards and envelopes in a recent month, merely as a private citizen, not as a business man.

The only article I can find dealing with this stationery is one by Nelson S. Bond (BNAPS L84) in *Popular Stamps* for April 1948, accompanied by a priced check list, which I have tried to bring up to date, but without prices. I have made no distinction between cards and envelopes—the list is one of impressions—nor among the innumerable varieties of imprints, denominations and permit numbers. Reference to color of impression is also omitted; black, blue, brown, green, lilac, red and vermillion are known, and there are probably others.

I do not believe that these impressions are worth much, but they ought to be included in a collection of Canadian stationery. Twenty-five cents at the most should buy the older ones and the current types are worth perhaps five or ten cents each.



TYPE VI

Any BNAPS members who have varieties not included in my list are invited to send them to me for recording.

I have to thank Mr. A. Gagnon, Director of Administration, Post Office Department, Ottawa, for much of the information included in this short article; he has been most courteous and helpful.

(Engraving on page 38 courtesy Popular Stamps)

Check List

	Denomination					
	cents					
	3	4	5	6	7	8
Type I: 31 mm. circle; 8 chevrons						
Standard type	x	x				x
a. 6 chevrons	x					
b. 9 chevrons	x					
c. 27 mm. circle				x		
d. 20 mm. circle				x		
Type II: Similar but inscription in French						
Standard type				x		
Type III: 31 mm. circle; 8 chevrons						
Standard type				x	x	
a. 20 mm. circle				x		
Type IV: 31 mm. circle; 9 chevrons, 2 types, 1 with flat bottom						
Standard type	x	x	x	x		
a. 6 chevrons				x		
b. 8 chevrons		x		x		
c. 8½ chevrons				x		
d. 11 chevrons						x
e. 29 mm. circle						x
i. 7 chevrons						x
ii. 12 chevrons						x
f. 27 mm. circle	x	x	x			
i. 7 chevrons						x
g. 25 mm. circle						
i. 7 chevrons at right						x
h. 21 mm. circle						
i. 7 chevrons						x
j. 18 mm. circle						x
Type V: 30 mm. circle; 9 chevrons, 2 types, 1 with flat bottom						
Standard type				x	x	x
a. 7 chevrons						x
b. 8 chevrons				x		x
c. 8½ chevrons						x
d. 29 mm. circle						x
i. 8 chevrons						x
e. 27 mm. circle				x		
f. 22 mm. circle						x
Type VI: 30 mm. circle; varying number of light chevrons						
a. 11 narrow chevrons						x
b. 53 wide chevrons						x

Bringing News About People and Stamps

By REV. JOHN S. BAIN (BNAPS 19)

AN INTERESTING sidelight on Dard Hunter, the world's foremost authority on paper and paper-making, appears in the January issue of "Friends". Mr. Hunter did some of the research work on the paper of the Canada 3d Beaver and is cited in the appendices of Winthrop S. Boggs' monumental work, "The Postage Stamps and Postal History of Canada". The book, "Paper-making by Hand in America" by Dard Hunter, is unique in that "he wrote it, designed, cast and set the type for it, printed it on a

hand press, and assembled and bound the pages. He also made the paper on which it is printed." Only 150 copies of the book were published and sold originally for \$175. Today they bring a price of \$350.

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In a recent discussion with a prominent Canadian dealer I was very much surprised to have him tell me that he had seen forgeries of 10c and 20c Canada 1897 Jubilees. He further stated that he believed that the

15c also existed but could not vouch for it. This is the first time that I have had such information coming from such a reliable source. I am anxious to learn if this can be verified, and if at all possible copies loaned for purposes of reproduction in BNA TOPICS. Such items to my knowledge have never been recorded. Incidentally, there is a question raised as to whether the dollar values of the 1897 Jubilee forgeries were ever used to defraud the post office department. This is something some keen students of Canada can follow through on.

B N A P S

Many thanks for all those Christmas cards. When one writes a column for over 8 years an intimacy is built up among philatelic friends, some of whom I have never met. The little notes on the cards about the

family and other doings add that close touch. BNAPSer Charlie Armstrong brought a touch of nostalgia with his card by enclosing a transfer from the new Toronto subway. BNAPSer Alex MacMaster still kept a philatelic theme with his card by using a photographic enlargement of Newfoundland (of course!) Scott No. 30. BNAPSer Arnold Gabbittas chose a traditional English mail coach scene for his card and enclosed some lovely multi-colored Christmas seals and a booklet of Great Britain stamps. The vote for the most outstanding philatelic Christmas card must go again to Walter S. Bayley. He keeps turning up these old Christmas cards used by the Toronto letter carriers, and then reproduces the design for his own card. This year's (1954) was a reproduction of the card for 1886-87. These originals will certainly make a nice collection. ★

THE YEAR IS 1839

HAVING uncovered a stampless cover of 1839 with an interesting message therein, reminded me that the story behind such covers makes them interesting. This old folded letter was addressed as under-noted:

Mrs. Elizabeth Shaw,
Iron Town, Haste
Clements, N.S.

Pr. Schooner
"Robinhood"
Capt. Anthony

While the writer's philatelic interests have not leaned towards stampless covers, this one did arouse interest by reason of the fact that it was addressed to Nova Scotia, my native province, and that the schooner "Robinhood" was built at Annapolis, now Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, where as a child I resided for a period. Below is the message which appears in this folded stampless cover:

"We arrived in Boston last evening, had it pretty rough in the gale. Standing jib blown to attoms. When furled to the bowsprit lost some more off deck. Capt. Anthony's brother sails today and will have this letter obingly. It is now raining and I am sorry for I intended to go to church. A great number of vessels wrecked on the coast.

"No conveniences for writing. A Toothpick & rincings of an old ink bottle.

"Remain Dear E, your devoted husband,
"M. Shaw, Jr.

"Boston, Sunday 8th Sept. 1839."

I have been unable to ascertain the name of the schooner that weathered the storm on its voyage to Boston, but from the contents of the quoted letter we must conclude the craft was commanded by a Captain Anthony, a brother of the master of the "Robinhood", which brought the letter to Nova Scotia, as the writer mentions . . . "Captain Anthony's brother sails today and will have this letter obingly".

From the Public Archives of Canada at Ottawa I have ascertained the schooner "Robinhood" was built at Annapolis and launched on October 1, 1831. She was a two master, schooner rigged, one deck, square stern, no galleries, billet head. Length 46 feet, breadth 13 feet, 6 inches; burthen 33 78/94 tons. From annotated indexes kept by registrar she was lost apparently in 1843.

We have been told not to look mournfully at the past for it cometh not again, yet it is from the deeds and accomplishments of those who went before us that we draw inspiration for the tasks of the present. My task for the present is to ascertain the name of the schooner on which the writer of the letter sailed to Boston in 1839 and follow in his safe arrival wrote his beloved wife with "A Tooth-pick & rincings of an old ink bottle".—E. L. Piggott (No. 629). ★

An Adventure :**56 Years... 2 Months...****20 Days Later...**

HAVING in my collection of squared circles, for some two-and-a-half years, two strikes from the same city, London, Ontario (the earlier one on a cover dated February 22, 1896; the other being an impression made and given to me by the London postmaster on April 19, 1952) I recently began to wonder if the two strikes came from the same hammer.

Upon the first few casual glances, they certainly appeared to be from different hammers. In the 1896 strike the bars look very similar to the 1952 one, except in the following places:

- (a) The open space between some of the bars in the 1952 strike look to be narrower.
- (b) Also the four outside corners are rounded, instead of being square.
- (c) The outside of the bottom bar is not straight.
- (d) The letters of LONDON and ONT. appear to be smaller and thicker.



RETURN, IF NO. CALLED FOR IN
TEN DAYS, TO
W. WHEATON,
361 RICHMOND ST.,
LONDON, ONTARIO.



*Mr. Wm. Rennie
Cor. Adelaide & Jarvis Streets
Toronto
Ont.*

- (e) The two bars across the centre of the circle look longer and heavier and the one at the top is certainly closer to letters "L" and "N" of LONDON.

So, how can they be from the same hammer? Now let us take a closer look at these two strikes—out comes the scale and magnifying glass, and here are some of the results of closer investigation:

- (a) The outside measurements of both strikes are the same, 18 mm. high and 26 mm. wide.
- (b) Both have the bottom bar arced on the inside.
- (c) In both, the right-hand dots are below the lower crossline, while the left-hand dots are just about centred on the crossline.
- (d) The top of the "T" in ONT. measures from the upright stroke to the right 2.0 mm. and to the left 1.5 mm., and with a glass you can see the right stroke is a little heavier than the left one in both strikes, giving the "T" an off-centre appearance.
- (e) While the letters in the 1952 strike appear to be heavier, they both measure the same in height—3 mm.

So, therefore, they must be from the same hammer (good old Euclid). There are three other items of similarity I have found by scale and glass, but do not like to have all the fun. Who can find the other three or more? I will be pleased to send to any or all members (except Dr. Whitehead and Messrs. Campbell, Dilworth, McLellan, etc., as they are masters at this game) one squared circle on cover for each similarity found, proven and not given above. This offer is open until the appearance of the March issue of BNA TOPICS, when the answers will be given.

An interesting item in regard to the London hammers has just come to hand from Dr. A. Whitehead. He kindly reports that London, Ont., was the first post office in Canada to use the squared circle hammer, this being Type 1 (thin lines)*, the earliest date recorded being May 2, 1893, and that this hammer was in use until July 14, 1899. This tends to show that London used hammers of Type 1 and Type 2 concurrently. ★

* See "THE SQUARED CIRCLE POSTMARKS OF CANADA", by Dr. Alfred Whitehead. Advertised in this issue, price \$1.50.

KINLOUGH

• An 1868 two cent Bill stamp, paying postage on a letter to London, Ont., was reported by E. L. Piggott in November TOPICS, with "LOUGH" as the clue to the postmark, the dating making it near London.

Kinlough, in Kinloss Township, Bruce County, 15 miles from Kincardine, is probably this post office. It was established on November 1, 1863, by my records, with Simon Corrigan as postmaster. In 1895 it had a population of 165.

I have a complete list of all post offices established in Ontario and Quebec, with postmaster's name, 1860-1874.

The two-cent rate on this letter is a problem. If a sealed letter, it should have been three cents.—Frank W. Campbell (No. 143).

EXHIBITION

• The 32nd annual dinner meeting, auction and exhibition of the Calgary (Alberta) Philatelic Society will be held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m., in the West Room, Palliser Hotel, Calgary. Guest speaker will be F. J. Billings, whose subject will be "The Stamps of the Union of South Africa". Tickets may be obtained from the secretary, G. M. Hill, 1932 29th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta. Auction chairman is Jack Bennigen; exhibition chairman is Cec. Rosette. All collectors in that district are welcome to attend. ★

\$20,000 EMPIRE COLLECTION

• A. H. Ward (BNAPS 620) recently honored the RA Stamp Club (Ottawa) at a meeting in the Confederation Building, by addressing the gathering and showing the famous collection left to Queen's University (Kingston, Ont.) by the late L. J. Austin, lecturer.

Hans Reiche (BNAPS 783), a past president of the RA Club, introduced Mr. Ward, who explained that the collection had been rearranged and consolidated, by himself, into ten large albums. The collection, extremely strong in British West Indies, Cape of Good Hope, Canada and Canadian Provinces, has been returned to the library of the university. ★

• You are expected to take the MYSTERY RIDE with the "Nutmeggers Group", in Hartford, Conn., Sept. 29, 1955, at 6:30 p.m. We'll be expecting you! ★

Lethbridge-Vancouver

VIA AIR MAIL



Mr. H.A. Dutton,
P. O. Box 1204,
Winnipeg, Man.



FIRST FLIGHT - EXPERIMENTAL AIRMAIL

VANCOUVER, B. C. to MONTREAL, QUE.

On Wednesday, November 30, 1938.

George Fackes,
X Postmaster,
MONTREAL., Que.

C. B. LINDSAY
DEC 2 1938
REGINA, SASK.



VIA AIR MAIL

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

R. B. Lindsay
General Delivery,
Regina, Sask.

Trans-Canada Airmail
Toronto to Regina.
Experimental Flight.

The Prairie Air Mail was discontinued in 1932. In October 1938, the newly-formed Canadian Government air line, Trans-Canada Air Lines, resumed mail service over much the same route, using Lockheed Lodestars. No publicity was given by the Post Office for these flights. Above are shown three covers from early flights of Trans-Canada Air Lines after the establishment of regular schedules.

TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES

PART THREE (Continued from Page 17)

A condensed listing of the TCA first flight covers follows:

1. 1937, Sept. 1—Vancouver-Seattle. No cachet; no covers known.
2. 1938, Mar. 1—Vancouver-Lethbridge-Regina-Winnipeg. Daily experimental service; 3c letter rate. Mail from Vancouver postmarked Mar. 1 or 2; flight delayed until 3rd by weather. Winnipeg mail to Regina and Lethbridge postmarked Mar. 1, 8 a.m. Covers are hard to identify because of lack of backstamping. Only mail addressed to these four points was carried. No cachets.
 - a. Mar. 1—Winnipeg-Regina. Pilot, R. M. Smith. No covers known.
 - b. Winnipeg-Lethbridge. Pilot, Smith. No covers known.
 - c. Winnipeg-Vancouver. Delivered 1 a.m., Mar. 3. Covers are scarce.
 - d. Regina to Lethbridge or Vancouver. No covers known. (Co-pilot on the westbound flight was H. Seagrim.)
 - e. Mar. 3—Vancouver-Regina or Lethbridge. Left Vancouver at 7:45 a.m.. Pilot, B. Middleton. No covers known.
 - f. Vancouver-Winnipeg. Covers scarce.
 - g. Lethbridge-Regina or Winnipeg. No covers known.
 - h. Regina-Winnipeg. No covers known.
3. 1938, Oct. 1—Daily regular schedule, Vancouver-Lethbridge-Regina-Winnipeg and Edmonton. 6c rate, no cachets.
 - a. Oct. 1—Vancouver-Lethbridge, postmarked Vancouver 12:30 p.m., Lethbridge 11:30 p.m.. Pilot, D. L. Imbrie.
 - b. Vancouver-Regina, arrived 3 a.m., Oct. 2.
 - c. Vancouver-Winnipeg, arrived 8 a.m., Oct. 2.
 - d. Vancouver-Edmonton, arrived 6:30 a.m., Oct. 2.
 - e. Lethbridge-Regina, postmarked 11:30 p.m.
 - f. Lethbridge-Winnipeg. Pilot, Imbrie.
 - g. Lethbridge-Edmonton, postmarked 3 a.m., arrived 7 a.m., Oct. 1. Pilot, A. Rankin.
 - h. Edmonton-Lethbridge, left 9 p.m., arrived 11:30 p.m.
 - i. Edmonton-Regina, arrived 3 a.m., Oct. 2.
 - j. Edmonton-Winnipeg. Pilot, Rankin to Lethbridge.
 - k. Edmonton-Vancouver, arrived 3 p.m., Oct. 2.
 - l. Winnipeg-Regina, postmarked 3:30 p.m., arrived 3 a.m., Oct. 2. Pilot, J. L. Rood.
 - m. Winnipeg-Lethbridge, arrived 3:30 a.m., Oct. 2.
 - n. Winnipeg-Vancouver, arrived 3 p.m., Oct. 2.
 - o. Winnipeg-Edmonton, arrived 6:30 p.m., Oct. 2.
 - p. Regina-Lethbridge, postmarked 11 p.m., arrived 3:30 p.m., Oct. 2. Pilot, Rood.
 - q. Regina-Edmonton, arrived 6:30 a.m., Oct. 2.
 - r. Regina-Vancouver, arrived 3 p.m., Oct. 2.
 - s. Oct. 2—Regina-Winnipeg, postmarked 11 p.m., Oct. 1; arrived 8 a.m., Oct. 2. Pilot, Imbrie.
 - t. Lethbridge-Vancouver, postmarked 2:30 a.m.

This is the complete TCA listing, 20 point-to-point covers. If the Prairie Airways covers are included, a total of 72 different point-to-point dispatches is possible.

4. 1938, Dec. 1—Winnipeg-North Bay-Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal extension. Eastbound plane left Winnipeg at 6:58 a.m. No cachets. Eastbound mail from Vancouver is postmarked 4 p.m., Nov. 30; Edmonton, 9 a.m., Nov. 30.
- a. Dec. 1—Montreal-Ottawa. No covers known.
 - b. Montreal-Toronto. No covers known.
 - c. Montreal-North Bay. No covers known.
 - d. Montreal-Winnipeg. No covers known.
 - e. Montreal-Regina, Lethbridge, Edmonton or Vancouver. No covers known.
 - f. Ottawa-Montreal. Postmarked 8 a.m., arrived 8 p.m.
 - g. Ottawa-Toronto. Postmarked 8 a.m.
 - h. Ottawa-North Bay. Arrived 3 p.m.
 - i. Ottawa-Winnipeg. Arrived about 5 a.m., Dec. 2.
 - j. Ottawa-Regina, Lethbridge, Edmonton or Vancouver. Arrived Lethbridge, 7 a.m., Dec. 2.
 - k. North Bay-Ottawa. Postmarked 12 a.m., arrived 6 p.m.
 - l. North Bay-Montreal. Arrived 10 p.m.
 - m. North Bay-Toronto. Arrived 10 p.m.
 - n. North Bay-Winnipeg. Arrived 5 a.m., Dec. 2.
 - o. North Bay-Regina, Lethbridge, Edmonton or Vancouver.
 - p. Toronto-Montreal. Postmarked 11 a.m.
 - q. Toronto-North Bay. Postmarked 11 a.m., arrived 3 p.m.
 - r. Toronto-Winnipeg. Postmarked 11 a.m.
 - s. Toronto-Ottawa. No covers known.
 - t. Toronto-Regina, Lethbridge, Edmonton or Vancouver.
 - u. Winnipeg-Montreal. No covers known.
 - v. Winnipeg-Toronto. No covers known.
 - w. Winnipeg-Ottawa. No covers known.
 - x. Winnipeg-North Bay. No covers known.
 - y. Vancouver to North Bay, Ottawa, Montreal or Toronto.
 - z. Edmonton to these four points.
 - aa. Regina to these four points.
 - bb. Lethbridge to these four points.

A total of 52 point-to-point dispatches are possible on this date, since 20 were already flown on October 1.

5. 1939, Feb. 1—Calgary added between Edmonton and Lethbridge. No cachets. Westbound plane arrived at Calgary at 7:57 a.m. after being delayed 3½ hours by heavy snow east of Winnipeg, and left for Edmonton at 8:10 a.m.. Eastbound plane arrived from Edmonton at 9:40 p.m. and left at 9:55. Westbound pilot, A. Rankin; co-pilot, J. Bradley; eastbound pilot, F. Young.
- a. Feb. 1—Calgary-Edmonton. Postmarked 2 a.m.
 - b. Edmonton-Calgary. Backstamped 10 p.m.
 - c. To Calgary from any other point, arrived 9 a.m.
 - d. Calgary to any other point. Postmarked 1 p.m.

A total of 18 point-to-point dispatches is possible. The eastbound plane arrived Montreal at 11 a.m., Feb. 2. Covers are known addressed to Kapuskasing and Wagaming, but these are backstamped Feb. 3 and were probably trained from Winnipeg. As pointed out before, the first air mail service to Wagaming and Kapuskasing is still undated.

(To Be Continued)

PLATES OF Q.E. PORTRAIT ISSUE

• The current issue Queen Elizabeth II 1954 design portrait stamp has been received by the post office department from the manufacturers printed from Plates Nos. 1 and 2 for the denominations 1c, 3c and 6c. The 2c denomination has been received printed from plates Nos. 1-3 inclusive; the 4c, Nos. 1-4 inclusive, and the 5c from Plates Nos. 1-5 inclusive. The same design

is also available in the Philatelic Section, Ottawa, assembled in books, 25 cents each, stitched with thread for vending machines, rather than stitched with a metal staple. Because of the comparatively small quantity of vending books ordered, the Agency states there is not sufficient to select books of well-centered stamps for sale to philatelists. ★

CENTENARY OF "ROSS HOUSE", WINNIPEG

THE FIRST POST OFFICE in what is now known as Western Canada celebrates its one hundredth anniversary this month. On February 28, 1855, the Council of Assiniboia, the governing body at Red River (now Winnipeg, Manitoba) appointed William Ross as postmaster. In a letter written at this time and now in the Public Archives of Manitoba, Ross states: "I am now postmaster and in a great hurry to get the mail off." Ross died at the age of 31 after having been postmaster for only one year, but left detailed records of his brief tenure in office, for which he received ten pounds! Three of his successors resigned in quick order because of the inadequacy of the salary.

While he was postmaster, Ross applied a circular manuscript postmark to some of the letters and eight such are known today, most of them in the possession of the Provincial Library of Manitoba. The postmark in three lines in the circle reads "Red River—B.N.A." (British North America)—and the date, and on those letters on which the postage had been prepaid a handstruck PAID was added. The mails at this time were sent largely via Pembina and St. Paul in Minnesota to Canada and England.

The home of Ross, part of which was set aside for the post office, is in an excellent state of preservation and has been operated during the past two summers as a museum and sub-post office by the Manitoba Historical Society in conjunction with the Post Office Department and the City of Winnipeg, with considerable assistance from the Canadian Pacific Railway, on whose land the house is now situated. All mail posted at the "Ross House", as it is known, bears a cachet indicating its historical significance. Visitors from all over the world have been conducted through the house by the curator and have signed the guest book. In June 1949, when Winnipeg celebrated its 75th anniversary, the house was used as a post office for that event.

Because of weather conditions, the Ross House is normally only in operation during the summer months, but it is to be opened on February 28 this year for one day only. At that time a special centenary cachet will be applied to all letters posted from there on that occasion. Those desiring such "Centenary" covers may obtain them by sending self-addressed envelopes (any number) in an outer envelope addressed to The Postmaster, Winnipeg, Canada, and marked "Ross House". All covers should have fillers

and Canadian postage stamps must be affixed to the covers. If Canadian stamps are not available, remittance is to be made in the amount of five cents for each cover—the first class postage rate in Canada.

Two years ago the Manitoba Historical Society and other interested organizations and individuals made a concerted effort to have the Post Office Department issue a special stamp to commemorate this important centennial, but the request was rejected on the grounds that it was not an event of national historical importance.

At a later date in 1955, when the weather is suitable and the house is once more in operation as a museum and post office, special celebrations will be held in honor of the 100th anniversary of this significant event in Canadian postal history. Further details will be announced later.—**Murray Campbell, M.D. (BNAPS 577). ★**

EASTER SEALS FOR COLLECTORS

• **Canadian Easter Seals** are of a design entirely different from those of the National Society of the United States. The 1955 issue is particularly attractive in color and design and the size and perforations conform to those of Canadian postage stamps.

Whether because of the unique design or the worthy cause which they help to support through national distribution throughout Canada, collectors have shown an ever-increasing interest in these seals.

Bert L. Baulch (BNAPS 1213), well known to many members, is conducting the collectors' service and announces special offers as follows: Complete set of English perf. blocks, all issues, \$1.00; complete set of English perf. blocks, all issues, including bilingual issues and sheet of seals, \$2.00; sheet of 1955 seals, English, with block of bilingual, \$1.00.

Requests for these seals should be addressed to Canadian Council for Crippled Children and Adults, 46 Carlton St., Toronto 2, Ontario. ★

FROM PHILADELPHIA

• **BNAPSer Chas. McDonough** recently addressed and showed his well-known Canadian collection to the Philadelphia Electric Stamp Club, at their headquarters in Philadelphia.

BNAPSer Al Kessler recently journeyed to the Elizabeth Stamp Club in New Jersey, where he had been invited to address the club and show his collection of Canada. ★

Canadian Stamps With Perforated Initials

PART TWO (Continued from Page 12)

OFFICIAL USE

THERE ARE two well-known types of perforated initial stamps used by the Canadian Government offices, and usually referred to as the five hole (Type I) and four hole (Type II) O.H.M.S.

As the result of an enquiry, the manufacturer of the machines has supplied the following information. An order for a five-hole machine was received by them on June 23, 1923, so it is reasonable to suppose that it was available for use within approximately one month of this date. Whether another machine was used prior to this date at Victoria, B.C., is not known.

This machine was supplied for the use of the Department of Finance at Ottawa and stamps perforated Type I were used by the offices of the Assistant Receiver General in the various provinces across Canada until March 11, 1935, at which time these offices were taken over by the Bank of Canada.

It is reported by other writers that during 1936 to 1938 stamps so perforated were used by the Customs Department.

It would appear that during this period, Type I would rightly be regarded as being issued for Departmental use.

Correct official use of O.H.M.S. perforated stamps is covered by a Treasury Board minute No. T1790926 dated March 28, 1939, ordering the system of perforating stamps to be put into effect for Government Departments on July 1, 1939. The system was placed under the administration of the Post Office Department, who supplied the stamps, perforated them, and attended to their distribution.

As the Post Office Department had no perforating machine at this time, the old style Type I machine was borrowed until such time as a new machine could be delivered. Thus, the stamps with the five-hole design, distributed from July 1, 1939, until the placing in use of the Type II machine would be correctly considered as official usage.

A new machine with Type II design was ordered early in August 1939, and was probably placed in use towards the end of September 1939.

The collection of OH/MS perforated stamps is of sufficient general interest to B.N.A. collectors to warrant a complete listing of all stamps recorded as perforated by both the Type I (05) and the Type II (06) machines.

Type I O.H.M.S. Perforated

1912-25—Scott No. 104, 105, 106, 107, 107a, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 112a, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 122.

1917—Scott No. 135.

1927—Scott No. 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148.

1928—Scott No. 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159.

1930—Scott No. 162, 163, 163b, 164, 165, 165a, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177.

1931—Scott No. 184, 190.

1932—Scott No. 191, 191a, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201.

1933-34—Scott No. 202, 203, 204, 208, 209, 210.

1935—Scott No. 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227.

1937—Scott No. 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237. Coil, 240.

1938—Scott No. 241, 241a, 242, 243, 245, 246, 247, 248.

Air—Scott No. C1, C5, C6.

In comment on the above, the writer has seen two copies of Scott 135, both of which appear to be good, one of the copies having the typical blind perf. No responsibility is taken for the reported copy of Scott 256 which hardly fits in with the above notes.

Type II O.H.M.S. Perforated

Scott No. 223, 10c Mountie; 224, 13c Charlottetown; 225, 50c Victoria; 237, 3c Coronation; 246-7-8, Royal Visit; 231-6, 1937 Portraits; 241 and 241a to 245; 249-262, War Issues; 268-273, Peace Issues; 285-6, 2c and 3c Revised; C1 and C-5-9; CE1-CE4; E7 and E9-11.

Three departments of the Dominion Government also used stamp perforating machines—M D by the Militia Department, N D by the Department of National Defence, and I R referred to have been issued by the Department of Internal Revenue.

There are also two Crown companies using Perfins, which should be mentioned. C B C is used by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and the five types of C N R in diagonal form are used by various offices of the Canadian National Railways, one of these being originally supplied to the Canadian Northern Railway, and continued in use under the Canadian National System.

Three Provincial Legislatures and two departments of Provincial Governments complete the listing of official and semi-official agencies.

L A—Legislative Assembly, Province of Ontario; P E I—Province of Prince Edward Island; P S—Province of Saskatchewan; Q/QLC/C—Quebec Liquor Commission, Province of Quebec; W C/B—Workmen's Compensation Board, Province of British Columbia; TN/OR—Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railroad. The last-named has been included as it is now owned by the Province of Ontario, although at the time their machine was in use it was a privately-owned line.

REVENUES

In looking over an accumulation of revenues for possible material, it was surprising to find how many revenue stamps had been "damaged" by punching.

Because of the types of perforators used, the question immediately arose as to where one should draw the line in the study of perforated revenue stamps. Most of the Quebec law stamps, for example, appear to have been punched, and in addition many of them have been cancelled by rubber stamp bearing the name of the law firm affixing them to the document. It would appear that they are required to be cancelled when attached to legal documents.

The perforating device used on these Quebec law stamps would appear to be a single unit perforator, probably a type similar to a railway or streetcar conductor's punch. Of the designs seen, several are single letters—J, S, P, T and U. They are not a series of perforated holes forming a letter in accordance with the Post Office regulations, but a single hole in the shape of the letter.

In addition to the letters, there are many geometrical designs, such as crown, circle, oblong pointed at both ends, maltese cross, crescent, arrow, key, chess pawn, club and shamrock. Also perforated PAID and numeral "½" have been seen, and no doubt there are many others.

Many of the Ontario law stamps have been cancelled by cutting a feather design in the paper without removing any of the stamp.

The writer is of the opinion that these and other law stamp perforations are cancellations, required by the regulations governing the use of the stamps, and are therefore not in the nature of "perfins", which are perforated for the purpose of identifying stamps as the property of the user of the initials or design.

However, Perfins do appear on several revenue issues; in fact there are a number of designs which appear on revenue stamps only. The issues which we generally find to have been perforated are the 1915 regular issues War Tax, the 1915 Excise Tax, the 1915-23 two-leaf design Excise Tax, and the 1934-48 three-leaf Excise Tax.

A number of firms who used perforating machines for their postage stamps, also used the same device on the tax stamps which they were required to use in the course of their business. The ones most often seen are the railways, CNR and CPR; some insurance companies, SUN LIFE, NYL, GWL, MLI/Co, and MET LIFE; and of the other commercial users, IHC (both straight and monogram), BR, CCC, CFF, CTCo, CIL, CXL, BT, G (script), G/LD, E, L/BB/L, ML/C, MT/C, NE/Co, PD/Co, P/Co, S, and WW/Jr.

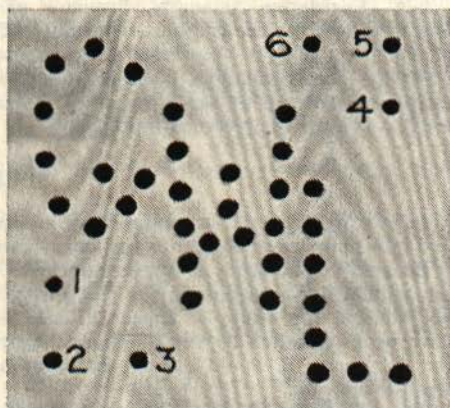
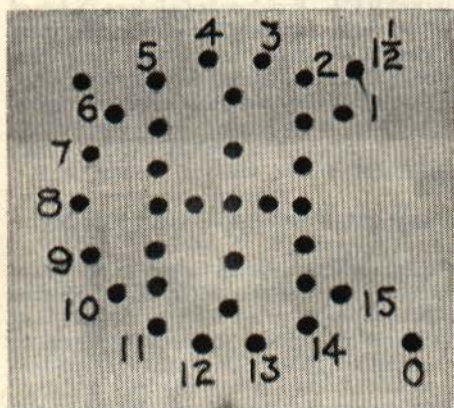
The revenue issues which have provided the study group with the most interest are the 1912 and 1935 issues of Customs Duty stamps. The general usage of these stamps is to prepay the customs duty on advertising matter entering Canada. In order to facilitate the

delivery of such mail, a company located in the United States would purchase these stamps and affix them to mail in order that such mail would not be held in customs awaiting payment of a few cents of customs duty by the addressee. It is conceivable, too, that an addressee called to a customs office to pay a few cents duty on advertising matter they may not have requested, might possibly in a few short and carefully selected phrases, refuse to accept delivery.

As most of these are used on mail originating in the U.S.A., the Perfins found on them are of American companies, although some of these companies such as New York Life and International Harvester Company have Canadian offices and use similar designs on the stamps from their Canadian offices.

None of the customs duty Perfins are common. The following companies who have used perforated customs duty stamps are listed as types A7, B7, C28, C29, C30, C32, E6, G7, G8, I2, L3, and N11.

CODE HOLE TYPES



C12—"CHI" International Harvester Co.

For identification, each hole of the letter "C" is numbered from the top, one to fifteen. All types on Canadian stamps have the extra perforation lettered "O" and in addition have an extra hole opposite one of the numbered holes of the letter "C", or half-way between two of the holes, in which case the code hole is numbered plus one-half. For examples see 1½ and 6 of the illustration.

Type 0 —Belleville, Ont.

1½—North Battleford, Sask.

2 —Yorkton, Sask.

2½—Estevan, Sask.

2 —Brandon, Man.

3½—Lethbridge, Alberta.

4 —Calgary, Alberta.

4½—Minneapolis, Minn.

5 —Edmonton, Alberta.

5½—Quebec, P.Q.

6 —Hamilton, Ont.

Type 6½—Weyburn, Sask.

7 —London, Ont.

8 —Montreal, P.Q.

9 —Ottawa, Ont.

10 —Regina, Sask.

11 —St. John, N.B.

12 —Saskatoon, Sask.

12½—Lethbridge, Alberta.

13 —Winnipeg, Man.

02—15—Vancouver, B.C.

G13—"GWL" Great West Life Ins. Co.

There are seven combinations. One has no code hole, the other six having one code hole in the position as numbered in the illustration.

Type 0—Winnipeg, Man.

1—Toronto, Ont.

2—Halifax, N.S.

3—Montreal, P.Q.

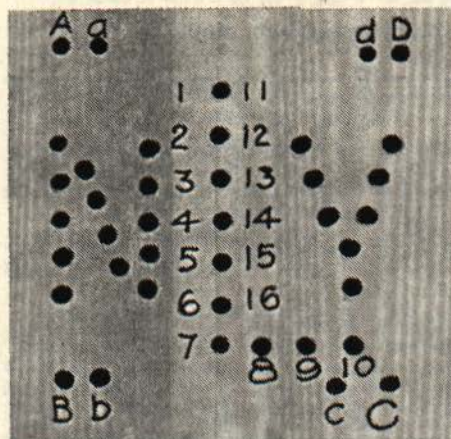
Type 4—Vancouver, B.C.

5—St. John, N.B.

6— Alberta.

N12—"NYL" New York Life Ass. Co.

This company uses a system which is integrated with their offices in the U.S.A. Code holes appear around the letter "L". Those between the "L" and "N" are numbered down, one to seven; below the letter "L" eight to ten, and between the "L" and "Y" are eleven to sixteen.



In addition, double hole codes are found away from the design at the four corners which are lettered for identification.

- Type 0—Not identified.
 B5—Montreal, P.Q.
 B6—Halifax, N.S.
 B15—Quebec, P.Q.
 C—Vancouver, B.C.
 C15—Vancouver, B.C.
 C16—Not identified.
 Cc4—Toronto, Ont.
 Dd4—Toronto, Ont.
 Dd5—Winnipeg, Man.
 6—Not identified.
 11— B.C.



- C10 —C/GE Canadian General Electric Co., Toronto, Ont.
 C10a —C/GE Distributed from Toronto.
 C26 —CPR Canadian Pacific Railway, Montreal and Eastern Canada.
 C26a —CPR Canadian Pacific Railway, Winnipeg and Prairie Provinces.
 M3 —McC McClary Manufacturing Co., London, Ont.
 M3a —McC McClary Manufacturing Co., Winnipeg, Man.
 M3b —McC McClary Manufacturing Co., Montreal, P.Q.



- O4 —OFM/Co Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Montreal, P.Q.
 O4a —OFM/Co Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Winnipeg, Man.
 O4b —OFM/Co Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Fort William, Ont.
 P2a —PD Parke Davis Co., Toronto, Ont.
 P2b —PD Parke Davis Co., Montreal, P.Q.
 P2c —PD Parke Davis Co., Winnipeg, Man.

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REVIEWS . . .

Books, Pamphlets, and other material for review should be sent to the Editor

By GORDON P. LEWIS

29th ANNUAL RESUME OF H. R. HARMER ORGANISATION. Season 1953-1954. H. R. Harmer Ltd., 39-42 New Bond St., London W.1; 32 East 57th St., New York 22, N.Y.

As usual, this annual resumé is handsomely presented, with the cover bearing stamps in full color. Many important sales were held throughout the period under review, the one receiving the most publicity being without a doubt the sale of the Palace Collection in Cairo. Including this sale, the total turnover at auction and private treaty for this organization reached the world record figure of over two-and-a-quarter million dollars.

H. R. Harmer took a leading part in the preparation of the article on stamp collecting which appeared in the various International editions of "Life" Magazine last spring. This article, containing as it did many pages of philatelic gems in full color, gave a great boost to stamp collecting throughout the world. This resumé reports that following the publication of this article, Harmer experienced an unexpected upsurge in auction, buying and this trend has been continued throughout the year.

The highlights of the year in the Newfoundland section are dealt with in "Trail of the Caribou" in this issue of BNA TOPICS. High prices realized for some Canadian items included \$1500 for an 1851 laid paper 12d black, lightly cancelled, and with margins on all sides; 1852-57 6d greenish-grey, fine used, \$115; 1856 10d blue, two copies tied to neat entire, \$230; 1858-59 perf. 12, ½d rose, strips of four, a pair and three singles on entire, \$530; 1942-43 large die proofs of 1942 issue, 11 values, 1c to \$1, in normal colors on India paper mounted on card (ex Roosevelt collection), \$812. A fine used copy of the 1851 1/- reddish brown of New Brunswick brought \$392.

This resumé is a fine reference book, and a useful addition to any philatelic library.

1955 CATALOGUE OF UNITED STATES, U.S. POSSESSIONS AND BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. Conquistador Stamp Co., 2627P Troy Road, Schenectady 9, N.Y. Price 10 cents.

This is the first edition we have seen of the above catalogue, and readers will find it a very interesting publication, which will easily fit into the coat pocket for travelling to club meetings, etc. The catalogue consists of over 100 pages, is profusely illustrated, and features up-to-date prices. As the publishers state, it makes an excellent reference list for philatelists who do not wish to buy an expensive catalogue. Collectors may receive a copy postpaid for only 10 cents.

"THE VANGUARD" — New Gibbons' Shilling Stamp Album. Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391 Strand, London W.C.2, England. Price one shilling.

This attractive little junior album revives a pre-war Gibbons' album title—"The Vanguard"—but it is a completely new production, right up-to-date to cater for the latest stamp-issuing countries with plenty of full-size clear illustrations. Ideal for the beginner, and real value at the price.

THE STAMP COLLECTORS' ANNUAL. Edited by Tom Morgan. Harris Publications Ltd., 29 Buckingham St., Strand, London W.C.2, England. Price 2/6 (plus postage).

For the first time on record the authoritative "Stamp Collectors' Annual" places a United States stamp at the head of the best designs for 1954. Unfortunately, no Canadian stamp placed in this list, but there is much in this annual volume of interest to all collectors, whatever their particular interests. The 1955 edition contains over 100 pages. Centre-piece of the publication is an 8-page art supplement of Queen Elizabeth's world-wide tour in which pictures of various incidents are tied in with illustrations of the Royal Visit stamps and badges of the countries visited. This book is a welcome arrival each year, and the current volume is as good as ever.

STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES, U.S. POSSESSIONS AND BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. 1955 Edition. H. E. Harris & Co., 810 Transit Bldg, Boston 17, Mass. 128 pages, price 25 cents.

As might be expected in a catalogue that undergoes two or three revisions a year, the price changes in this new edition are not spectacular. However, the 1750 price changes recorded do reflect a boom in the market for U.S. and B.N.A.

The B.N.A. section shows a smaller proportion of price revisions than the U.S. pages. Among the more common issues of Canada, only a few insignificant changes occur, but in the better grade material there is plenty of evidence that the strong demand of recent years still continues unabated. The most spectacular price hikes in the entire catalogue, as a matter of fact, are in the prices of 1950-52 Canadian "Officials". The 1951 \$1.00 Fisheries stamp with "G" overprint (No. O27), for example, priced a year ago at \$2.00, now lists at \$5.50, and the \$1.00 Ferry with "O.H.M.S." overprint (O10) is up from \$1.95 to \$3.00.

More than 1,000,000 copies of H. E. Harris & Co.'s U.S./B.N.A. Catalogues have been distributed to the firm's clients to the end of 1954, and this new, completely revised 1955 edition seems destined for even better acceptance among both collectors and dealers.

SCOTT'S DOLLAR BRITISH AMERICA STAMP CATALOGUE. Scott Publications Inc., 580 Fifth Avenue, New York 36, N.Y. 1955 Edition. Price \$1.00 in U.S.

This is a reprint of the British America section of the big Scott Standard Catalogue, and provides a handy reference work for those collectors interested only in these issues. It contains all British America, as distinguished from British North America, and the many words of praise which can be heaped upon the full-sized Scott catalogue, can be repeated for this reproduction. Well worth \$1.00, or even \$1.25, which is the price at which it seems to be selling in Canada.

Revenue Group News

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

IN POPULAR STAMPS for October 1954, E. A. Richardson (No. 168) mentions a Yukon Territorial Court stamp, 25c on 10c, surcharged in silver, much like the 25c on 10c Supreme Court stamp of 1938. This must be a scarce item; have any of the group members copies in their collections?

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Not long ago this editor had the privilege of inspecting a collection of our cigarette stamps. It was pretty nearly complete and made a brave showing. Unless one has tried it, it is hard to realize how difficult it is to get together a respectable lot of these stamps. The older issues frequently come easily as compared to the more recent ones; there must have been a good many remainders. The 1939-49 provisional war issues are the real stickers. There are a number of these items of which only a single copy is known and there are a lot of minor varieties, which is not to be wondered at, since they were made in hurry. Of course, like all tax-pays, cigarette stamps are not too common; most of them are destroyed in opening the packages on which they are used.

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As all collectors of Quebec revenue stamps know, there are two types of overprint on the "Honoraires-Fees" issue of 1924 law stamps, which are not hard to distinguish. In the first type, "HONORAIRES" is 18½ mm. long, the "O's" are nearly circular and the "R's" have curved tails. This overprint was made from separate slugs (Linotype?) and not too much care was exercised in centering the two words, with the result that they occur in varying relation to each other.

When it became apparent that this overprint was not merely a temporary expedient, but was likely to be permanent, the British American Bank Note Co., which not only made the basic stamps, but also did the overprinting, prepared a 25-subject electrotype plate for use in lieu of the separate slugs. On this plate the overprint is 17½ mm. long, the "O's" are flattened and the "R's" have straight tails. In the plate in use the "F" always falls under the second "O", but there may have been an earlier electrotype, for copies of these stamps exist with

the second overprint, but with the "F" falling midway between the "N" and the second "O".

Similarly, there are two types of the "Bankruptcy Act-Loi de Faillite" overprints, the first made from slugs and the second from an electrotype plate of 25 subjects, but in this case one cannot be distinguished from the other, unless there are as yet undiscovered differences in the relationship of the two lines of the overprint. These stamps are not common and so far nobody has accumulated enough of them to make a critical study of the overprints. We do know, however, that stamps on which the lines of the overprints are reversed come from the first printing.

Most of this information was supplied to us by the bank note company, through Mr. Burroughs Pelletier of Quebec, one of the keenest collectors of this province's revenue stamps and an ex-president of the old Canadian Revenue Society.

Incidentally, if any member of this group would like to embellish his collection with impressions on plain paper of the latest of these overprints, the secretary-treasurer of the group will be glad to send them to him on receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope.

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This item is a bit delayed, but space has been at a premium in the last two issues of BNA TOPICS. Apparently, everybody had a good time at Niagara Falls. The program was so full that it was not possible to get those from this group together, even for a luncheon, but we are promised that at future conventions there will be a room set apart for group meetings. Let's hope there will be some time for them, too.

There were six frames of revenues shown among the 72 in the exhibit, so we made some display. The general opinion seemed to be that the exhibition was the best yet.

The Society's business got done, but it is not for business that collectors attend stamp society conventions. They go to meet the other fellow, to talk stamps to him, to see some kind of show, to hobnob with the dealers present, and, of course, to get a few days' holiday, spent in thoroughly enjoyable fashion. Also, of course, there is always

the chance that one may pick up a few worth-while items for one's collection, preferably at rock-bottom prices.

It's rather too bad that so few of any stamp society's members attend its meetings, but there are good reasons why this should be so. Except for the professionals, perhaps, one's expenses have to come out of one's own pocket; they can't be charged to the firm. And we have always suspected, based on our own experience, that the feminine halves of our families were not nearly so keen about attending stamp conventions as we were. After all, why should they be? Most of them don't know a hinge from a cover and don't care to; they would naturally rather put convention expenses towards a new fur coat!

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A LETTER . . .

Ontario Law Stamps, 1871 or 1870?

I have twenty-three (23) copies of the Ontario Law stamps of 1871, red cancelled in manuscript and rubber stamped in the year 1870. This leads me to believe that the various catalogues listing this stamp as issued in 1871 should be changed to 1870 in succeeding issues. The stamps are listed as follows as to value, date, manuscript or rubber stamp cancel, viz:

	Cancel	Date
10c red	Rubber stamp	Jan. 7, 1870
40c red	Manuscript	Jan. 2, 1870
\$1.00 red	Rubber stamp	Jan. 21, 1870
10c red	Manuscript	Feb. 12, 1870
40c red	Manuscript	Feb. 1, 1870
50c red	Manuscript	Feb. 1, 1870
10c red	Rubber stamp	Mar. 31, 1870
30c red	Manuscript	Mar. 17, 1870
10c red	Rubber stamp	May 29, 1870
\$1.00 red	Manuscript	June 21, 1870
20c red	Manuscript	Sept. 29, 1870
30c red	Manuscript	Sept. 12, 1870
30c red	Rubber stamp	Sept. 10, 1870
40c red	Manuscript	Sept. 30, 1870
60c red	Manuscript	Sept. 7, 1870
10c red	Manuscript	Oct. 12, 1870
10c red	Manuscript	Oct. 26, 1870
50c red	Manuscript	Oct. 7, 1870
10c red	Manuscript	Nov. 21, 1870
\$1.00 red	Manuscript	Nov. 1, 1870
\$1.00 red	Manuscript	Nov. 21, 1870
\$1.00 red	Manuscript	Nov. 8, 1870
10c red	Manuscript	Dec. 1, 1870

I would be pleased to hear of others who have copies of this stamp cancelled in 1870.

Victor E. Howes (No. 771)

OFF CENTRE

• **Canadian stamps** have been noted in the past few years for their poor centering. Not only the coil stamps, which one can hardly find in any centered condition, but the stamps printed in sheet form have come out with perforations often cut into the design. Although the Philatelic Agency is trying its best to deliver to the collector the best-centered stamps, many of them are not in finely-centered condition.

The cause of the poor centering lies undoubtedly in the machinery which the Canadian Bank Note Co. is using, which is old and not capable of doing a perfect job. That it is possible with modern machines to centre a stamp, even if large quantities are involved, can be seen by the efforts of countries such as Switzerland.

Besides these off-centre stamps, many recent issues have been seen with perforations running through the centre of the stamp design. These, although of interest to collectors, are oddities, but not constant varieties. The Red Cross stamp has been seen in a sheet perforated through the centre. A sheet of the new 5c Queen from plate 3, UR pane, has been found by A. E. Kirby of Toronto, perforated through one-third of the design, leaving a wide margin on the left side.

The 10c Fur overprinted "G" was so badly perforated in one sheet that a pair in the writer's collection shows an imperforated margin almost as wide as half a stamp. If you have more to report, please get in touch with the writer.—**Hans Reiche (No. 783).** ★

New 10c 'Eskimo Hunter' To Appear February 21

• **On February 21** the new 10c "Eskimo Hunter" stamp shown on our cover will make its appearance in post offices. Designed by Harold Beament of Montreal, the new stamp will be red-brown in color and is being printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Ottawa.

Regular first day cover service will be offered on this stamp, but because of the high value the normal service fee will be suspended for this issue.

The new 10c stamp will be overprinted with the letter "G" as are other stamps of the current issue.

The new stamp will be printed from two plates, Nos. 1 and 2. ★

From the Library . . .

R. J. DUNCAN, Librarian, P.O. Box 118, Armstrong, B.C., Canada

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(To be continued)

Trail of the Caribou

By Freres Meyerson



ARNOLD BANFIELD (BNAPS 765), of Oakville, Ont., is a dedicated man. His main interest is confined to the study of the Prince Consort as represented by Canada Nos. 2, 5, 10, 16 and 17, and Newfoundland No. 27. Arnold's principal study concerns itself with the various printings of Canada #17, but along the way he has developed a very active interest in anything concerning the Prince Consort — essays, proofs, etc. Just the other day he sent down two Newfoundland items dealing with his favorite subject. The first was an essay of Scott #27 complete in all respects except that the figure in the value tablet was FIVE CENTS instead of the issued TEN CENTS. The essay is the same as Boggs' E7, except that this one seems to be printed on India and mounted on white card instead of on white wove paper, as described by Boggs. The second item submitted is unlisted by Boggs and consists of a plate proof of the same stamp in blue and also, seemingly, on India paper mounted on white card. Thanks, Arnold, for letting us examine these items and we'll just ask any of our readers who think they have any information or odd items concerning the Prince Consort to get in touch with you.

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Alec MacMaster (BNAPS 484), our indefatigable correspondent from Vancouver, has just picked up a nice item. It is an early map and we will let Alec describe it for you: "It is hand done on hand-made paper with all the towns, bays, capes, etc., named in Italian. The island itself is named 'Isola di Terra Nova' and the straits in the north are named 'Stretto di Bell Isola'. In the bottom right-hand corner is an etching of a number of cod hanging, drying on a tree, and the imprint 'Le Isole di Terra Nova e Capo Breton—Di Nuova Projezione—Venezia 1778—Presso Antonio Zatta—Con Privilegio del Eccmo Senato'. The map also shows a small portion of the coast of Labrador."

The map must really be a work of art

because Alec ends with the statement that the map is so nice that he has even been allowed to hang it on the living room wall. It must really be nice!

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G. Scott Brooks (BNAPS 1041) of Montreal, is in with a large addition to our list of perfins as published in the December '54 issue of TRAIL. The additions cover all three perfins and are as follows. The G.K. perfin is reported on #119 in the inverted condition. Twelve new varieties are added to the AND perfin list. In normal form the additions are to be found on #'s 131, 133 and 165. In normal reverse, the new examples are to be seen on #'s 131, 134 and 148. The inverted perfin should be added to #134 and 148. The read-up form is now recorded on #'s 131 and 213; the read-up reverse was seen on #148 and the same stamp was also seen in the read-down condition. The AYRE perfin has six additions and all are welcomed. In the normal form we can add #'s 187, 191a to the list. In the inverted condition the new addition is on #189 and in the read-up form we find that the new varieties are on #'s 148, 184 and 240. Thank you, Mr. Brooks, for your very welcome addition.

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We are in receipt of the "29th Resumé of the H. R. Harmer Organization", and in going through their activities in the field of Newfoundland, we find that they sold a superb Newfoundland 1/- on laid paper, Scott #10, for £700 at private treaty. In the same Resumé, they list the sale of an unused Di Pinedo stuck on the Marchese's visiting card at £694. This last is rather interesting as we have record of this same card and stamp changing hands more than 10 years ago. At that time it was offered for sale at auction by the firm of Vahan Mozian of New York and it realized \$1160. The date of the auction in question was Jan. 13, 1943. It is always interesting to try and follow the history of the classics as they are offered for sale decades apart. ★

Sketches of BNAPSers . . .

By V. G. GREENE (BNAPS L40)



No. 64: Wilmer C. Rockett

BNAPSer WILMER C. ROCKETT was born in Philadelphia, January 26, 1907, was educated there and attended the University of Pennsylvania. He is employed by the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia. He is a member of the Glenside Stamp Club, a former member of the Board of Governors of the Canadian Revenue Society, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Bill started collecting stamps when he was 12 years of age and, except for the two years in which he served in the armed forces (one year of which was in Hawaii) he has remained loyal to our great hobby. In 1940 Bill started to specialize in Canadian revenues and has probably the finest collection of "tax paid" in the country, for which he won a silver medal at Ithaca in 1952. It delights him to have been called upon to exhibit his revenue and tax paid collection at many gatherings throughout the Philadelphia area. He also has a good collection of the postage stamps and stationery of Canada and Newfoundland.

As chairman of the Revenue Group of BNAPS, Bill sees a bright future for this branch of the hobby. He points out that the high values of the second and third issues of Canadian bill stamps are the most beautiful of all issues of the Dominion, and fine examples are becoming scarce. There are also several Canadian revenue stamps that are much rarer than the 12d black.

Bill has written various articles on Canadian revenues which have appeared in *Stamps*, *Weekly Philatelic Gossip* and *TOPICS*. He was treasurer of the Philadelphia BNAPS convention in 1950, and was one of the "spark plugs" who made that gathering a memorable one.

A keen church worker, Bill is president of the Board of Deacons of Carmel Presbyterian Church, as well as treasurer of the Sunday school. He has attended, together with his wife, Hilda, all BNAPS conventions, and with his church work and philatelic activities, Bill says he has no time left for other hobbies. ★

HAIRLINES ON THE CURRENT 7c GOOSE

• My friend Jim McCaffery, of the Stratford (Ont.) Philatelic Society, has discovered hairlines on a stamp on which up to date they have not been mentioned. This is the current 7c Blue Goose stamp, available for use for regular mail and airmail.

Stamps with hairlines having town cancellations were used in Western Canada in March 1954, which may be significant. Since the hairlines would be difficult to photograph, a brief written description of the few copies found so far must suffice.

There is one horizontal pair, with a roller cancellation and no place or date visible, having the hairlines running between the two stamps. A stamp cancelled in Millet, Alberta, on March 31, has the best hairlines showing in the right margin. One cancelled in Moose Jaw, Sask., on March 23, has one hairline at the upper left. Another stamp was also cancelled in March, in Vancouver, B.C., but the exact date is not clear. Its hairlines are mostly faint, but extend over a large part of the left margin.—Max Rosenthal (No. 1104). ★

OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Report of the Secretary . . .

By JACK LEVINE, 2000 Hopedale Ave., Charlotte 7, N.C., U.S.A.

January 15, 1955.

NEW MEMBERS

- 1271 Blair, Don, 13750 Dexter, Apt. 203, Detroit 38, Michigan.
1272 Bryant, Roger H., 85 Forest Street, Worcester 9, Massachusetts.
1273 Cleghorn, John R., 220 Prado Place, Riverside, Ontario.
1274 Hadley, Fred R., 121-11th Street East (P.O. Box 54), Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.
1275 Hughes, Miss Peggy Joanne, 1951 Prospect Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario.
1276 Muller, Miss Elizabeth H., 36 Elmer Street, East Hartford 8, Connecticut.
1277 McLennan, Lindsay M., 184 Arkell, Hamilton, Ontario.
1278 Schuberta, Charles W., 45 Niles Street, Hartford 5, Connecticut.
1279 Stewart, William C., 304 Orchard Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.
1280 Theeuwissen, Rene, Moulin, Nossegem, BT, Belgium.

APPLICATIONS PENDING

- Chase, Abbott, College Highway North, Granby, Connecticut.
Dame, Ralph L., R.R. #2, Dundas, Ontario.
Gardner, James W., 46 Whitton Road, Hamilton, Ontario.
Hiltz, Charles I., Chester, Nova Scotia.
Muka, Joseph A. Sr., 253 Federal Street, Greenfield, Massachusetts.
McKay, Walter Garry, 12 Sills Apts., 633-14th Ave. West, Calgary, Alberta.
Péleadeau, Dr. Marius, 75 Linden, Brattleboro, Vermont.
Welter, Edward A. F., 15 Harmon Avenue, St. James, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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LAWLOR, J. Murray, 6 Aintree Court, Toronto 14, Ontario (CX) CAN—Used postage and blocks. Coils. Proposed by R. J. Woolley, No. 359. Seconded by J. A. Moore, No. 829.
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 1084 Marsh, Victor, 13 Sion Road, Riverside, Twickenham, Middlesex, England.
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- Gnadinger, John F., 121 So. May Street, Joliet, Illinois.
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MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, December 15, 1954	890	
NEW MEMBERS, January 15, 1955	10	
		900
RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED, January 15, 1955	2	
DROPPED, January 15, 1955	2	
		4
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, January 15, 1955		896

RESULTS OF BALLOTING

For Board of Governors: (Three to be elected)

H. W. LUSSEY	162	H. A. MacMASTER	119
L. W. SHARPE	154	COLIN McR. MAKEPEACE	81
JAMES T. CULHANE	126	T. SLOANE PALMER	36
Total Ballots sent in: 233		Spoiled Ballots: 5	

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 Jack Levine, Secretary.

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The Last Word . . .

By GORDON P. LEWIS

• **PROGRESSIVE INDEX . . .** BNAPSer Roy Wrigley (No. 1065), of Vancouver, a retired magazine publisher, writes:

"The new format of BNA TOPICS has a definite reader appeal.

"As you run 11 numbers to a volume, I suggest that with January 1955, Vol. 12, No. 1, you carry on the front page an index of the contents, and with each succeeding issue this reference index be added to, through to the December issue.

"In this way, one interested in say **Officials** refers to his last December's index for the past year, and to his current issue for all written through the current year. This progressive index would be of real value."

We have taken Mr. Wrigley's suggestion, with a slight modification, and the first instalment of this index appears on page 34 of this issue. To be of value, such an index should contain every mention of any subject in a particular issue; not only in complete articles, but casual mention in a regular column, such as a mention of Perfins in "Trail of the Caribou", for instance. In order to give this complete coverage, it is necessary that each instalment cover the previous months, but not the current issue. Therefore, this issue contains a complete index for January; the March issue will contain the index for January and February, and so on. We would like to hear what other readers think of this idea, and would even welcome a volunteer to take on the job of compiling the monthly index.

• **WHY WE ARE HERE . . .** The editor receive a large number of letters each month, many of which contain comment, suggestions, and items for which it is hard to find a place in the regular set-up of the magazine. Hence, we have taken over this back page of TOPICS where these items can be reported, answered and commented upon. We may not appear in every issue, but only when the necessary material comes in. We hope you will find at least some of the notes of interest, and also send in any items which would be helpful. While we are on the subject of sending in things to the editor, we are in need of articles at the present time, particularly those which can be run in one or two issues.

• **SQUARED CIRCLES . . .** You may have noticed that there has been considerable space devoted to articles on Canadian squared circles in recent issues. This has been done in an effort to arouse interest in these and so increase sales of the handbook on these issues written by Dr. Alfred Whitehead and published by the Society. Several dealers are handling this booklet, or it can be ordered from the editor, at \$1.50 post-paid.

• **PHILATELIC MAIL . . .** At the request of Secretary Jack Levine (who was in the throes of moving at the time) some months back we went looking for a member to act as chairman of the ballots committee. At about that time the editor and his wife were invited to the home of Ed. Goodale in Hamilton, Ont., to talk over an upcoming article for TOPICS. The genial Ed. seemed like a good person to approach for this job . . . and who can say "no" to a guest? After concluding his ballot-counting chore, Ed. sent us the following pithy note, which needs no further comment:

"Our U.S. members are more stamp conscious than our Canadian members.

"The convincing line in our friend, Lewis's sales talk re taking on the counting of the ballots was 'Look at all the commems. you will get on cover'. As I have been known to take philatelic correspondents to task if they persisted in using ordinary stamps on their letters, this looked like a wonderful chance to make an honest-to-goodness count of a fair amount of philatelic mail.

"Total ballots received from U.S. members, 115; of this number 70 had commemorative stamps on them. Total ballots received from Canadian members, 119; of this number only 50 had commem. stamps on them. Percentagewise, this works out at 34% for the Canadians, 61% for the U.S. The best stamped cover came from Newfoundland—stamps catalogued at 80 cents."

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