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ITEM 21

From Canadian 'Hansard' - May 20, 1897

JUBILEE POSTAGE STAMPS

Mr. GIBSON asked :

1. Is it intended by the Post Office Department to issue a set of Jubilee postage stamps on the occasion of Her Majesty's approaching Jubilee?
2. If so, will such stamps be put into public use, and what course will be adopted whereby the public may purchase such stamps?
3. Will there be any limit to the quantity to be issued?
4. Of what various denominations will such issue consist?
5. What will be the amount of each denomination to be issued?
6. What steps will be taken to limit the number to be issued?

The POSTMASTER GENERAL (Mr. Mulock). It is the intention of the Government to issue a set of Jubilee postage stamps. Such stamps will be put into public use by being delivered to postmasters throughout Canada for sale to the public in the same manner as ordinary postage stamps are sold. There will be a limit to the quantity to be issued. The denominations of Jubilee stamps, and the total number of such Jubilee stamps to be issued are set forth in the following schedule:—

SCHEDULE showing the Denominations and Total Number of Jubilee Stamps to be issued.

Number to be issued.	Denomination.
150,000	½c. stamps.
8,000,000	1c. do
2,500,000	2c. do
20,000,000	3c. do
750,000	5c. do
75,000	6c. do
200,000	8c. do
150,000	10c. do
100,000	15c. do
100,000	20c. do
100,000	50c. do
25,000	\$1 do
25,000	\$2 do
25,000	\$3 do
25,000	\$4 do
25,000	\$5 do
7,000,000	1c. post cards

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As soon as the total number of stamps mentioned in said schedule is issued the plates from which they will have been engraved will be destroyed in the presence of the head and two officers of the department. On the 10th June, the Post Office Department will proceed to supply Jubilee postage stamps to the principal post offices in Canada, and through them the minor post offices will obtain their supply until the issue is exhausted. If this Jubilee issue were to wholly displace the ordinary postage stamps it would supply the ordinary wants of the country for between two and three months, but as the use of the ordinary postage stamp will proceed concurrently with that of the Jubilee stamps it is expected that the Jubilee stamps will last beyond the three months. Inasmuch as the department is already receiving applications for the purchase of Jubilee stamps it may be stated that the department will adhere to the established practice of supplying them only to postmasters, and through them to the public, who may purchase them on and after the 19th June, 1897. ★

Mail Clerk No. 13

THE city of Quebec and its sister town across the wide St. Lawrence River, Levis, are squarely on the east-west line of Canadian railway communications and are, therefore, busy divisional points. Many R.P.O. mail clerks live in one city or the other, their runs taking them almost daily out or in. They are obscure men, little known outside their immediate circles, doing an obscure, humble but necessary job. I propose to follow the movements of one of them during the few years preceding and following the turn of the century. His name is unknown. This story begins sixty years ago and it is most unlikely that records are in existence which could lead to his identification—"13" must have been his number on the local R.P.O. roster and so I will call him "Mail Clerk No. 13".

Because of his distinctive use of his number we can follow him on the three jobs he held from 1895 to 1902. The first was a cross-country run of minor importance, Quebec & Richmond, a train which ambles daily through pleasant French-Canadian countryside; I know it well. After a few months, he was transferred to the really big run between Quebec/Levis and Campbellton, one of the most important links in the gigantic chain connecting Canada's eastern coast with far-off Vancouver.

On this run he first served an express train (1896-1899), later going to a "local" train. In the latter capacity he used the most famous of all squared circle hammers: QUE. & CAMP M.C. LOCAL No. 20.¹ This was from 1899 to 1902. For each of these jobs he was assigned a specific hammer, each listed in its normal state by Shaw: (1) Q-230; (2) Q-188, and (3) Q-197. For some reason at which we can only guess, he affixed his number, "13", in large figures, to each of these hammers in turn. In doing so he unknowingly secured for himself a sort of immortality, in a humble way somewhat similar to that of certain anonymous painters of medieval Europe who are perforce known to us as "The Master of the Mill", "The Master of the Annunciation of Aix", "The Master of St. Giles", and so on.

Examine the markings shown in Figures 1, 2, 3. Each carries the number "13" in large digits, and each is similarly attached (soldered?) to the base. In the case of the squared circle (Fig. 3), the centre of the bottom line was cut away to allow the number to be attached. Squared circle collectors know this, with "13" attached, as the fourth state of QUE & CAMP M.C. LOCAL No. 20, and they know that, just previously, "20" had been

¹ See Dr. Whitehead's booklet, "The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada", Price \$1.50, from the Editor.



FIG. 1: QUE & RICH M.C., with "13" attached to the base by the mail clerk who is the subject of these notes. A superb strip of three from the collection of Rev. Dr. George Dewey, Montreal.



FIG. 2: QUE & CAMPBELLTON EXPRESS, with the same "13" attached to the base. This was the second hammer used by Mail Clerk No. 13.

FIG. 3: QUE & CAMP M.C. LOCAL No. 20 with "13" again in use. Mail Clerk No. 13 was only one of a succession to use this famous marking, the most outstanding of all Canadian squared circles. The year date, "01" (1901), can just be seen.



partially erased. It is quite possible that this had been done by still another clerk whose number was not "20", but to whom this hammer had been assigned. This defacement of "20" was in evidence throughout the hammer's later use.

Not many R.P.O. collectors may hope to secure the three new types produced by Mail Clerk No. 13, the postmarks with "13" as a prominent feature, for they are rarely seen, especially that of Fig. 3. Of this, I know at the present moment of only one recently reported copy, besides those mounted on my own pages; all of them are on the common 2 cents carmine (Numerals issue) of 1899.

Here, then, is the list which shows how Mail Clerk No. 13 of Quebec (or Levis) moved from one mail car to another during the years 1895 to 1902.

1. **QUE & RICHMOND M.C.** with "13" attached to the base.
Known with dates from Ju 10/95 to De 19/95.
(See Fig. 1.)
2. **QUE & CAMPBELLTON EXPRESS**, with "13" attached to the base.
Known with dates from De 9/96 to Oc 23/99.
(See Fig. 2.)
In this form Shaw's listing, Q-193, would cover it, but as I hope to point in a later article, other clerk's also put their imprint on this hammer, in the shape of their initials or numbers. All these are extraordinarily rare and Mr. Shaw's rarity factor, 10, only remotely indicates their desirability.
3. **QUE & CAMP M.C. LOCAL No. 20**, with "13" attached to the base. (See the "Squared Circle Handbook" for the full story.)
(See Fig. 3.)

In my sixth R.P.O. article (on "Train Numbers"—BNA TOPICS, March 1955) I ventured the opinion that the number found in the fixed lettering around the rim of certain Quebec R.P.O. markings would be a train number or a clerk's number. I quoted ARTH. & THREE RIVERS M.C. No. 38 (Shaw's Q-6); QUEBEC & CAMPBELLTON EXPRESS No. 8 (Shaw's Q-190) and several others. The present short note, by demonstrating the importance to a clerk of his number, will, I think, go far to prove that these numbers must have been clerks' numbers exclusively, being in each case the number of the clerk to whom it was first assigned.

As I have said above, Mail Clerk No. 13 was not alone in making attachments to the hammers he used. Quite a number of other clerk's working out of Levis or Quebec at this time and later, used similar devices—numbers, names or initials—which were attached to hammers or incorporated in the lettering of specially made cancelling devices. It is a fascinating group, and rarity is not the least part of their great interest. I hope to get my material of this nature in the shape necessary for a story in TOPICS. I was led to anticipate that pleasant task, however, because of the present activity among squared circle collectors, and because of the great kindness of Rev. Dr. George Dewey of Montreal in lending me his superb strip for illustration as Figure 1. Hence the present article. ★

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



FROM Tom Hutton (No. 1080) of England, we learn the answer to our question in the November '54 issue of TOPICS concerning the towns of origin of the CAPO cancels. N. W. Scales (No. 1058) wanted to know which cancels existed and where were they used. Member Hutton refers us back to the November '45 issue of TOPICS for the information and it is to be found in an article written by Ian C. Morgan. The listing as given by Mr. Morgan is as follows: CAPO No. 1, St. John's; CAPO No. 2, Gander; CAPO No. 3, Botwood; CAPO No. 4, Gander; CAPO No. 5, Torbay, and CAPO No. 10, Goose Bay, Labrador. There is still another CAPO, this one No. 51, but the issuing base is Kiska, Alaska, and therefore of no interest to Newfoundland collectors. For the most part these CAPO cancellations are round and about 24 mm. in diameter; however, we have a copy of the 5c Grenfell used on cover on Dec. 1, 1941, and it is cancelled with a rectangle 28 mm. x 24 mm. bearing the words "CAPO/DEC 1 1941/No. 3". We also have what looks to be the same cancel from No. 5 used on the 48c stamp. Are there any other of these rectangular CAPO cancellations known?

Tom Hutton then discusses a further wartime cancel that is extremely scarce, the story being in the same article by Ian Morgan. Mr. Morgan discusses a circular cancel "CANADIAN POSTAL CORPS No. 1" that was used at St. John's from Sept. 2, 1941, to Sept. 7, 1941, at which time it was replaced by the CAPO cancellations. There were only three CANADIAN POSTAL CORPS offices, No. 1, as stated at St. John's; No. 2 at Gander, and No. 3 at Botwood. We have only a copy of No. 2 in our collection and it is on the 2c stamp, Scott No. 245. We always wondered about the cancel on that stamp which was used on Sept. 7, 1941, the last day of use, and we are thankful to Mr. Hutton for bringing up the matter so that we can properly identify the stamp. Do any of our readers have any of these Canadian Postal Corps strikes on cover. It should be

added that if No. 1 is found used during August 1943, it is not of interest to Newfoundland collectors as it was re-issued for use at Kiska, Alaska, during that period.

Alex MacMaster (No. 484), of Vancouver, picked up a nice Newfoundland item out of the January auction sale of Vahan Mozian of New York City. The lot, No. 1329, is described as "Jan. 1st, 1928. Presentation Sheet with 1c to 30c, 13 values, pasted on large card, with Signature of 'P.M. General Danford'." It would be most interesting to learn which other Newfoundland sets exist on Presentation Sheets. May we hear from our readers with other Presentation Sheets in their collections, as we've seen them from either the Guy Issue, or the George V Coronation Issue, or both.

Cyril Harmer (No. 452), of London, England is in with a letter taking us to task for one of our suppositions when discussing the flight cover submitted by Tom Hutton in the January '55 issue of TOPICS. According to Cyril, and he explains it geographically, Herring Neck is only 7 miles from Twillingate and if the sea were still frozen it could be covered on foot rather quickly. Now Cyril does not say the plane positively did not stop at Herring Neck but he thinks we are stretching matters somewhat when we deduce the fact from the cancellations. We stand corrected, Cyril.

Dr. Allan A. Wilkinson (No. 935), of Old Perlican, Newfoundland, sends along a rather interestingly-used copy of the 2c Scott No. 82. The stamp is cancelled with a double-lined circle bearing the word "SALT-COATS". It was used on July 2, 1904, and Allan is willing to bet his collection that it isn't a Newfoundland strike. Well, Allan is in no danger of losing as the stamp was cancelled at the town of Saltcoats, England, and it is our belief that the cover bearing the stamp was posted on board ship and not turned over to the postal authorities until the ship docked. Foreign strikes on stamps of Newfoundland can almost always be accounted for in the same manner. ★

An Adventure in Collecting

Plate Blocks Offer Fascinating Field

BEFORE getting on with this article, I must give fair warning that Canadian plate blocks furnish the most fascinating field of specialization that the hobby offers, and that, once wandering in its paths, one is forever lost.

I started my column in Popular Stamps in April 1948, and in that issue I stated: "For various reasons I believe plate block collecting in Canada is on the verge of unprecedented growth. For one thing, the American influence is making itself felt. Secondly, it is a natural climax for the collector who graduates in turn from used to mint and from mint singles to mint blocks. Thirdly, it satisfies the natural human instinct which seeks something for nothing, in that the plate number is something for which the post office makes no charge, but which has a definite philatelic value. And lastly, there is a growing consciousness of the fact that plate numbers in most Canadian stamps are one hundred times as scarce as the individual stamp. No other branch of collecting can compare with it in the degree to which it combines beauty of appearance with investment opportunity."

I have not changed my mind since, ex-

cept to recognize, as a correspondent pointed out to me, that Canadian plates are much more than one hundred times as scarce as the individual stamp, owing to the almost universal practice of tearing the selvage off the sheets.

A Real Bargain!

So much for introduction. When I first thought of writing this little story, I wondered which of my plate block adventures I should relate. Should I mention my prize auction lot, the complete set of the Evangeline 1930 half-dollar which I bought at one of Robson Lowe's auctions for \$117.50? It was a real bargain, for the individual stamps catalogued \$160 and this was the one case where catalogue was away below real value, in view of the scarcity of complete sets. (I was able to locate only two others after exhaustive search. No doubt others exist, but I suspect, not many!)

Should I mention my one and only Royal Visit "impossible", 2-4UL of the 1c (1939) which all by itself raised my collection of 152 positions from the "also ran" to the "show" category? These might well be mentioned but did not seem to qualify as adventures. Something with more plot was called for—stories of continued effort leading to a goal, and I realized that I could summarize these experiences in my plate block collecting life under three headings, which I have chosen to call (for reasons that will appear) the War Issue Marathon, the O.H.M.S. Race, and the Plate Six Stamped!

THE WAR ISSUE MARATHON

I first became involved with the War Issue when I read Col. Weatherbie's article in the March 1948 issue of Popular Stamps. He said, in part: "To date, 134 plates have been used in the printing, viz:

Scott 249 1c, 1 to 28.
250 2c, 1 to 6.

• *T. B. Higginson was a member of BNAPS for many years, but interest in other fields has made it necessary for him to give up his philatelic pursuits for the time-being. He conducted a monthly column on plate blocks for Popular Stamps for some years, and has written several articles for BNA TOPICS in the past. The accompanying article appeared in part in Weekly Philatelic Gossip last year. We hope Mr. Higginson will take up collecting again in the near future and rejoin our Society.*

- 251 3c, 1 to 10.
- 252 2c, 11 to 26 new, and 6, 7 and 10 'red plates'.
- 254 4c, 1 to 44 (excepting 29).
- 255 5c, 1 to 4.
- 257 10c, 1 to 6.
- 260 20c, 1 and 2.
- C7 6c, 1 and 2.
- C8 7c, 2 to 5.

"The other nine stamps were issued from one plate, each value.

"The change of postal rates for surface and air mail made some of these plates difficult to get.

"The change of color from red to rose violet did not necessitate a new design in any particular for we find 'red' plates 6, 7 and 10 used for more of the early printings, while the new series of plates for No. 252 began with No. 11.

"It is interesting to mount the two colors together for comparison. No change of the 'secret' date has been made in this stamp. Rose violet plate 6 seems to be the elusive one of the three 'chance' plates.

"C7 plate 2 came out just prior to the issue of C8. Likewise, C8 plate 5 was on sale just before the Peace Issue C9. These two plates are not common." (I soon found that the last sentence was a masterpiece of understatement!)

Eighteen more plates were added before the War Issue ended: four in the 1c, eight in the 3c, and six in the 4c, so that the last plates of these were 32, 34 and 50 respectively.

Col. Weatherbie had the greatest collection of this issue ever assembled—really four separate collections:

- All corner blocks of four,
- All plain and plate corners from each pane (64 stamps),
- Lower left block of 16,
- Lower left pane, top and bottom strip.

1,520 Positions Possible

There were a total of 608 positions finally but the Colonel was aiming at a higher goal, as explained above—no less than 1,520 positions. The measure of his achievement is realized when it is learned that he actually did get 1,517 positions. The three he missed were all from plate 5 of C8—two UL and one UR. No copy of the UL has been reported, though in September 1950 I offered \$20 for it in a display ad. in BNA TOPICS. As a result, the total number of positions was reduced to 607. Most collectors who approached this total had trouble with plate 2

of C7, which was very scarce. Col. Weatherbie, of course, had two sets and others were completed by Sol. Kanee of Winnipeg, owner of the top collection of Royal Visit "impossibles" (so-called because of their extreme scarcity), and W. J. C. Wylie of Calgary, owner of one of the very few complete collections of George VI plate blocks. I spoke of this in March 1950, as a proof of my thesis that scarcity and value were not related as they should be. "The scarcity of this plate thus seems to be unquestioned. But what is it worth? Supply and demand will give the answer—in the future it will be worth more than it is today. Just as a basis for discussion, I will give you my idea—at the risk of being thought unbalanced mentally! If and when I get my set completed (I lack one position) \$100 will definitely not pry it loose from me."

Soon afterwards I completed my set, the fifth one in existence, as far as I know. Three more were added, one by an anonymous American collector, one by the distinguished Dundas, Ont., collector, H. G. Bertram, and one by J. A. Wilson of Bass River, N.S., of whom more later.

The final fillip of the War Issue was a report that plate 51 of the 4c had been used. (Just before this plate 32 of the 1c had appeared, so we were prepared for anything. The final plates of an issue are often scarce, as pointed out above, and plate 32 was no exception.) Everyone sighed with relief when the report came through, "Made, but not used, and now destroyed." The Marathon was over!

THE O.H.M.S. RACE

This began for me in October of 1950, when I suddenly realized that the O.H.M.S. overprints were going to be hard to complete, and therefore interesting. There were 120 positions to complete, in addition to the famous "missing period" blocks of the 10c, 14c, 20c and \$1. The 50c was a special case, in that while all others mentioned were reprinted with period, it was followed so closely by the new 50c oil stamp that no reprinting was done. In other words, the missing period on LL of the 50c lumbering stamp is standard. (The dollar missing period was extremely scarce and soon went to \$60 in price.)

I bought all positions available at Ottawa, discovering that only about half were in stock there. I picked up a few others from dealers and by October 29 had 67. However, I kept looking, and two weeks later

had 92. At this point, I reported in my column that I had "only 92 positions". Out of this casual remark grew one of my most valued philatelic friendships, as Norman Caudwell of Toronto wrote in to say that anyone with such a collection was "about ready for the Ontario Museum". I answered this letter and our correspondence has flourished ever since. By the end of the year I had reached 103. At the same time, Douglas C. Lee of Vancouver had 111 positions. Soon afterwards, Preston Hackett of Ottawa joined Mr. Lee as the owner of 111 positions. (Mr. Hackett, I should like to say in passing, is a collector to whom I am indebted for many a choice block. His standards of condition leave nothing to be desired and might well serve as an example to other collectors.)

A Close Race

By February 17, I had myself reached the 111 figure, and was joined there by M. L. Brown, of Rutland, Sask., and W. C. Gordon of Horseshoe Bay, B.C. The race was getting closer, I wrote in my column that some positions were so scarce as to rank with the Royal Visit "impossibles". I qualified this with the remark "... unless further supplies are discovered." Sure enough, the Philatelic Bureau came out with four of the items most of us still needed, bringing Mr. Lee to 119, Mr. Hackett to 118 and myself to 117. This really was close! The one position we all lacked was 49UR of the 4c War overprint, which was thus pretty definitely established as the most elusive and valuable of all positions. I did not locate this until August 2, which, needless to state, was a red-letter day for me.

Shortly afterwards I withdrew from the race, as a result of buying a new house. Regretfully, I decided to part with part of my collection, including the O.H.M.S. One of the big problems was the disposition of my 49UR. Mr. Lee had helped me considerably with my collection, and needed only this position to complete his collection, and thus seemed to be the logical choice. With its purchase, he became the winner of the O.H.M.S. race and the recipient of my heartfelt congratulations.

Runners-up were J. A. Wilson and M. L. Brown, both of whom have been mentioned before with 119 positions each. Mr. Wilson had the edge, however, in that he already owned 49UR and was looking for an easier position, 2LL, of the 4c Revised overprint. With its acquisition in the fall of 1952, he completed his collection, thus winning second place in the race.

THE PLATE SIX STAMPEDE

I first took notice of this in the September 1951 issue of Popular Stamps, when speaking of CAPEX, I said: "The glamor of it will be lent to its commemoratives (and I can only hope they will be worthy of it), but I believe more interesting things, as far as the plate block collector is concerned, are happening at the same time, and there is a danger that they will be overlooked in the excitement of CAPEX. I refer to the color changes in our regular issue, which are intriguing, to put it mildly. Those who remember what happened in 1943, when plates 6, 7 and 10 of the 3c red were reprinted in mauve, will be interested to know that plates 6 and 11 of the current 4c red are being reprinted in orange. (I have seen the plate 11 but plate 6 was not available at time of writing.) That last remark was prophetic as things turned out! They never were available from the Philatelic Bureau at any time.

This plate was referred to in the Standard Canadian Plate Block Catalogue as follows: "Plate No. 6 cracked after a very small quantity of sheets were printed and distribution points unknown. The cracked plate No. 6 was set aside for destruction."

The first to report a position of plate 6 was W. J. Wylie of Calgary. It was a LR, one of three found in his home city. Some time later three more were found in Toronto, all LR, one of which was acquired by Norman Caudwell. At this point I had just about given up hope of ever seeing a plate 6 of any position. Early in January, one of my most valued philatelic friends was visiting me. He had a few 4c orange plates with him, and strictly as a joke I asked him if there were any plate 6. Imagine our astonishment and pleasure when we found three UL of the elusive plate in the lot! At the time they were the only ones of that position yet reported, and I felt that \$25 each was a fair valuation.

More Found

Alas, within a few weeks a considerable number of uppers had been found, especially in Calgary and Vancouver. (Practically all of the UR were badly off-centre, so much so that a well-centred block is very rare and valuable.) This left LL as the most desirable position. Before too long some of these showed up in the Maritime Provinces, R. M. Richardson of St. John, N.B., being one of the first to complete his set. M. L. Brown and myself soon followed, along with George Marler, the distinguished authority on the Admiral issue; Mr. Wilson, Mr.

Caudwell and Mr. Wylie. It will be seen by this that complete sets are not too plentiful, and I expect they will grow in value from year to year.

However, the whole process was rather hectic, and that is why I have called it a stampede. The final word on the situation was written by Major D. C. MacMillan of Ottawa, reported as follows by the editor in *Popular Stamps* for March 1952:

"Mr. MacMillan's correspondence with the Department raises the question of distribution of this stamp. He points out that six months earlier he had been informed by telephone in answer to a telephone request that a very small number of sheets had been printed before the plate broke and that they have never been in stock at the Agency. Now, several months later, many sheets from this plate are appearing in post offices across the country.

"He points out if sheets from this plate are very scarce, they are an investment. If they are plentiful, they are not, and is critical of the way this stamp has been handled. The limited appearance of this stamp in early months has led collectors and dealers to believe the item scarce and several months later the appearance of the stamp in somewhat plentiful numbers upset all calculations.

Asks For Information

"Mr. MacMillan felt that some records must be available for this plate and asked for information on the number of sheets printed on plate 6 in the 4c orange color and what disposition was made of the sheets which resulted in them turning up at random all over the country for a several months period of time.

"In their reply we quote that portion of the letter having reference to the subject:

"Plate No. 6 of the 4-cent King George VI 1949 issue was used for the printing of this stamp in its original color, red, and also was one of the first plates used for the printing of this stamp in the new color, orange. As reported to you by telephone this printing plate cracked early in its use for the new color and only 1,300,000 stamps printed from this plate were delivered by the manufacturers to the Department. This quantity of stamps would be assembled in 13,000 post office panes. This quantity compares with the normal expected number of panes from a plate of 1,000,000 or more.

"In view of the comparatively small quantity of impressions of the orange stamp made from the plate in question, there was

not sufficient stock of this stamp to select well centred items for philatelic sales. The whole was delivered to the Distribution Section of the Department and distributed to post offices. No record is kept of the plate numbers of denominations that are distributed to post offices. No examples of the stamp printed from the plate number in question are available from our stocks."

"Acknowledging this letter, Mr. MacMillan remarks that philatelic material in short supply is desirable no matter what the condition and that in this instance several thousand dollars worth of this item could have been sold to philatelists through the Philatelic Section and none of them wasted in postal use." ★

30 REGISTRATIONS IN FOR HARTFORD CONVENTION

• **Leon W. Banks**, general chairman for BNAPEX-55, to be held in Hartford, Conn., September 29-October 1, reports 31 registrations at the time of writing, as follows:

1, Leon W. Banks, chairman, Bethlehem, Conn.; 2, Harris H. Hunt, committee, Norfolk, Conn.; 3, George Ellsworth (guest), Springfield, Mass.; 4, Myrtle P. Banks (guest), Bethlehem, Conn.; 5, F. P. Valentine, Noroton, Conn.; 6, Jack Levine, Charlotte, N.C.; 7, Arthur Moll, Brooklyn, N.Y.; 8, Mrs. Arthur Moll (guest), Brooklyn, N.Y.; 9, William Peterman, Caldwell, N.J.; 10, Don Mower, committee, Waterbury, Conn.; 11, Glen Sabin, Northampton, Mass.; 12, Russell McNeil, Aldershot, Ont.; 13, Mrs. Russell McNeil (guest); 14, Alfred P. Cook, Ithaca, N.Y.; 15, Oren B. Maxim, committee, Waterbury, Conn.; 16, Walter Litke (guest), Torrington, Conn.; 17, Dan Meyerson, Harrison, N.Y.; 18, Roslyn Meyerson; 19, Harry W. Lussey, New Milford, N.J.; 20, Vinton R. Yeaton, Dover, N.H.; 21, Walter S. Bayley, Toronto, Ont.; 22, Dick Compton, Ithaca, N.Y.; 23, Ed Richardson, LaMarque, Texas; 24, Dr. C. B. Crummey (guest), Toronto, Ont.; 25, Dorothy Crummey (guest); 26, Mrs. Neefus (guest), Hudson, N.Y.; 27, Marion Neefus (guest); 28, Vinnie Greene, Toronto, Ont.; 29, Charles deVolpi, Montreal, Quebec; 30, Margaret deVolpi; 31, John S. Siverts, Wilmington, Del.

Mr. Banks hopes it will be possible to add many names to this list at an early date. Members are urged to help the committee in its planning for BNAPEX-55 by sending registrations at once. ★

Bringing News About People and Stamps

By REV. JOHN S. BAIN (BNAPS 19)

THE announcement by BNAPSer Jim Sissons that his current catalogue may be the last one, brought a flood of memories and a touch of nostalgia. Truly this catalogue has become a standard reference each year wherever B.N.A. stamps are sold. It is surprising the number of dealers that make counter use of it. In the early days, when BNAPSer Jim was getting started, I used to visit a certain young lady in the Hampton Court Apartments in Toronto. She lived in one court and Jim lived in the other. What a combination! I used to slip into Jim's apartment and make philatelic purchases and then become a philogynist in the other. I did very well in those days, as items purchased still repose in my collection, and I acquired the finest wife in the world. As I recall, Jim Sissons was being groomed to enter the profession of law, but stamps won the case and little did his parents realize at that time how successful he would be in this field. His catalogue has done much to pioneer the demand for one such as he suggests Scott will publish in the next year or two.

BNAPS

Another copy of the so-called "Louis Riel" essay inscribed "Republique Canadienne—Canadian Republic" was sold in the Robson Lowe sale of March 9, and brought the sum of £52. It had been estimated at £115. BNAPSer J. Millar Allen says that the illustration showed "it was mounted but not tied to a piece with a modern type of Montreal postmark partly

showing at one side of the piece". This item has always intrigued me, and while attributed to a "Riel" essay of 1869, I have never seen any evidence to substantiate it. I would be very pleased if any BNAPSer could send me a tear sheet from Robson Lowe's catalogue covering the description and illustration for my files.

BNAPS

Herewith a further listing of money order cancels on Canadian stamps as supplied by BNAPSer John M. Kitchen: Thistle town, Burnt River, Harkestone, Erindale, Dunbarton, Whitby, Spring Brook, Britannia Heights, Innerskip, Quadeville, Winchester Springs, Hyndford, Milford, Palmer Springs (all in Ontario); Wilcox, Sask.; Ewart, Man.; Reserve Mines, N.S.; Colliers Rivershed, Nfld., and Kevisville, Alberta. The scarcity of these items can be judged by BNAPSer Kitchen's comment, "All of the above except one was included in 600-700 covers current mail I went through in a nine month period. Also a scarce item is the cancel, 'This mail was carried to Toronto in Travelling Letter Box'."

BNAPS

Several have written in about my "calendar date project" for the Canada 1898 Map stamp. They express the views that they do not believe anyone will complete it. I firmly believe that it can be done. The challenge is out. Who will be the first to claim completion? Remember, this applies to cancelled stamps only, not covers. ★

1955 YEARBOOK . . .

The BNAPS Yearbook will be published in late September this year. An insert is included in this issue of TOPICS to enable you to reserve advertising space. Please attend to this job at once to ensure the success of the '55 Yearbook.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Effective immediately all correspondence with the Editor should be addressed as follows:

**GORDON P. LEWIS,
37 ELDOMAR AVE.,
Brampton, Ont., Canada.**

Was this

Canada's First Air Mail?

**GODERICH, U.C., TO STRATFORD, U.C.,
BY KITE . . . MARCH 18, 1848**

THE photograph below is of a cover I acquired some time ago. The letter is from Goderich, U.C., dated March 18, 1848—the hand stamp on the front is faint, but plainly discernable (although it does not show up well in the photograph). It is a circular “GODERICH Mar. 18, 1848, U.C.” addressed to Rev. W. Dignam, Wesleyan Minister—Stratford, Huron District, and is back-stamped with a double circular “STRATFORD, 20 Mar. 1848, U.C.”. The letter is signed by George Kennedy.

The amazing thing about the letter is the postscript, reading as follows: “P.S. This of course will have a speedy passage. The wind is fair and it is carried by a **paper kyte. G.K.**”

The distance from Goderich to Stratford is 46 miles (as shown in Table No. 46 of

General Post Office's Tables dated Quebec, Jan. 1841). The letter is rated 4½d. mn. manuscript, which is the correct rate for distances under 60 miles.

I have had the writing of the postscript and the body of the letter expertized by a handwriting analyst and it is identical and genuine. Who can throw some light on this? Is it possible that the carrying of mail by kite was ever attempted?

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The letter is of interest, and reads as follows:

Goderich, March 18th/48.

My Dear Br. W:

I have just now snatched a moment from a variety, as well as a number of duties that press heavily upon me, in order to answer your business letter. I would have done so sooner but like yourself on a former occasion was from home when the letter



THE FRONT OF THE COVER: The handstamp is plainly discernable on the original although it does not show up in the picture. It reads “Goderich, Mar. 18, 1848, U.C.”



*P.S. This of course will have a speedy passage. The
wind is fair, and it is carried by a paper kyte.
S.K.*

THE COVER IS BACKSTAMPED with a double circular "Stratford, 20 Mar. 1848, U.C." In the bottom picture is shown the postscript to the letter, which reads: "P.S. This of course will have a speedy passage. The wind is fair and it is carried by a paper kyte. G.K."

arrived and only came home two days ago. I attended to the business yesterday as the receipt will show which I here enclose. I received the 2/6 alluded to, there was no danger in that quarter, he is a sterling man—You mentioned in your last (prior to this) something about land, Mr. Gundy's land is at least 12 or 15 miles from Goderich, there is no want of it at 8/- per acre, but not any more convenient. I was obliging enough (foolish enough) to lend him \$30 last July to relieve a pressing want. I believe his trunks were held in his boarding house at Stratford; that £7:10 I had kept from the conference to pay a debt I owed in August. He promised to have it forthcoming by that time but alas I have not got it yet—to put on the climax I endorsed a note in the Goderich Bank jointly with another £17-10-0. This too I had to pay, so you may guess I have got enough of Gundy. Judge Acklin told me a few weeks ago that he and Lady met Gundy drunk between here & Stratford early last summer, which with other similar instances has been corroborated lately by several respectable persons. I learn too from John Ryerson whom I saw in Hamilton 4 weeks ago that there are yet a number of brandy bills in the Taverns around Stratford unsettled; and I learn from E. M. Ryerson that there are some about the suburbs of Brantford of a similar kind; there are also a number of little debts such as my own so I suppose he will have the honour of standing not only before the Commons, but as you say before the House of Lords!!! I will be one of the

prosecutors of course, and I will you may be sure do everything I can to hang the scoundrel.

Our Missionary Meeting went off well, Dr. Willy rode the White Horse as usual on such occasions and Daddy Waldron was sent with him to say Amen. Mr. Fletcher (Secession) assisted at the Meeting, the Chapel was crowded to overflowing and many were necessitated to go away for want of room.

Your friend John Shaw is rather a strang character, he has lately allied himself to a blonite party that has seceded from us here, about twenty in number that object to Methodism being a Church and of course refuse our tickets, after trying every means I was under the necessity of dropping them. We have had between 30 and 40 added to us this year and with the exception of this blonite opposition we are getting along very peaceably; I have not time to say any more, only that we are all well.

Mrs. K. joins me in warmest regards to you, Mrs. & Miss D. as well as the little daughter.

Yours affectionately,

"Geo. Kennedy"

Rev. W. Dignam

P.S. This of course will have a speedy passage. The wind is fair, and it is carried by a paper kyte. G.K. ★



Revenue Group News

SECRETARY: PROF. R. DeL. FRENCH,
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A CORRESPONDENT asks the meaning of the characters used in cancelling the 1934 unemployment relief (liquor) stamps of Quebec. These characters are figures according to this code:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	Repeat
7	Δ	Υ	Z	Σ	Π	Γ	Ε	V	η	ε

and they indicate the number of the Quebec Liquor Commission store where the stamps were used. I do not know why a code rather than plain figures was used.

It is said that these cancellations were adopted after the Crown was unable to secure a conviction in a case of theft from a liquor store, because it could not prove to the satisfaction of the court that the liquor in the possession of the accused really came from that store, the accused claiming that they had bought it legally from several stores.

When these stamps went out of use the highest number was about 140, but the series did not run consecutively. Some stores never sold spirits and so did not use the stamps; others were closed before the stamps came into use. A complete list of stores, their numbers, and the dates of their opening and closing, if they have been abandoned, could probably be obtained from the QLC in Montreal. A list of the stores and their numbers and locations used to be given in the QLC's "catalogue", sent to mail buyers on request.



—Courtesy L. A. Davenport (No. 51)

We seem to be running to cuts this month. Shown here are three of the better items from the Harris (now Woods) collection. The one on the left is that classic rarity, the \$2 third issue bill stamp with inverted head. This copy is notable because it is cancelled in manuscript; most were cancelled with steel (or rubber?) stamp impressions.

The 1919 \$5 war savings stamp in French is very scarce indeed, much rarer than the

\$2 inverted head. This stamp in English is scarce enough, but the French one is almost never seen. The last sale of it I have heard of was at \$370.

The third item in this illustration, if I remember the collection aright, has raised quite a bit of discussion as to whether it is an imperforate copy or a proof. Mr. Harris always maintained that it was the former. It is so long since I have seen it that I have forgotten what my opinion was. In either case, the stamp is a scarce one.

Revenues continue to be offered in Sissons' auctions. In his sale of March 16, 1955, the following lots were sold:

Lot No.		Cat.	\$	Price
485	1865 bill stamp, 3c blue, India proof, vf block		\$30.00	\$ 5.25
486	do 4c violet		30.00	5.25
487	do 5c green		30.00	5.25
488	do 6c brown		30.00	5.25
489	do 7c orange		30.00	5.25
490	do 8c blue		30.00	5.25
491	do 9c red		25.00	5.25
492	do 30c green		37.50	7.50
493	do \$2 green and black		75.00	31.00
494	1897 Supreme Court, 20, incl. 3 blocks, used, f to vf		60.00	8.00
495	1879/1933 British Columbia, 38, incl. all law issues, some complete, vg to vf		36.25	7.25
496	5th issue British Columbia law, \$5, hor. pair, f		15.00	3.00
497	7th issue do, 10c violet gray, pane of 25 (mint and vf)		5.00	5.25
498	Do, \$1, mint strip of 3, imperf. hor., mint, superb		60.00	10.50
499	1933 British Columbia hospital tax, complete, also 1927 police inspection, full perf., used, f		8.75	2.50
500	1877/1901 Manitoba, 42 diff., used, f to vf		38.05	5.75
501	1877 do., "LS" and "CF", complete, used, f to vf		22.80	4.75
502	1877 do., 2nd prov., 25c, "EWR", used, f		50.00	17.00
503	1884 do., 5th prov., 10c red, "CF" on "LS", used, f		10.00	3.25
504	1885 do., 6th prov., 10c, "CF" on "LS", large and small round letters, used, vf		16.00	6.25
505	1886 do., "BF" on "CF", 9 scallops, 10c-50c and \$2, used, f to vf		11.25	5.00
506	1887 do., "BF", complete, used, f to vf		13.50	5.25

I have just been looking at a part sheet of the current Nova Scotia liquor seals, which is only one stamp wide; the stamps are strips and run clear across the sheet. Half of them are inverted with respect to the other half. Why?

Who knows anything about the Ontario beer stamps? How many varieties are there and about when were they issued? Are they still in use?

And another question—who knows anything about the Associated Societies Savings Bank of Hamilton, Ont.? I have four stamps apparently issued by this organization and obliterated with "CANCELLED" in violet covering several stamps. The main feature of the design is a figure of value. The stamps I have are: 1c yellow, 1c violet, 5c blue, and 25c red, all perforated.

Was this organization really a bank? When did it flourish and for how long? Are there other values or colors in the set of stamps? How were the stamps used? Were they similar to our war savings stamps? In fact, what do you know about them?

That was an interesting article by Mr. Howes on revenues used for postage in the

April TOPICS. It is odd that nobody caught the first cover, the registered one from Powassan, Ont., a small post office now and probably smaller in 1915. Registered letters receive much more attention than other mail, so it seems almost incredible that the Powassan postmaster didn't notice the irregularity and insist on having it rectified before issuing a registry receipt.

Just as a guess, perhaps he thought that the middle 1c stamps were regular postage stamps, like the one on the left. This he must have known was definitely good for postage. But the 5c stamp is not a postage stamp. It was issued on February 12, 1915, and intended for revenue purposes only, but because the overprint gave little hint of its exclusive revenue status, it was assumed by many to be just another of the current postal war tax series and was so used.

This overprint was superseded on February 13, 1915, by the "Inland Revenue—War Tax" overprint, which definitely put the stamps so overprinted into the revenue class. Incidentally, the 1c King George war tax stamps on this cover were issued on April 15, 1915, seventeen days before the cover's cancellation—pretty early use.

Practically all the covers of this kind that I have seen and that have gone through the

mail unscathed come from tiny post offices, which is not surprising. The postmasters in such places are also usually the general storekeepers, frequently not entirely familiar with postal regulations.

The postmistress at the small rural office through which I get my mail in the summer is this kind of person. She operates in a four by six cubicle in the corner of her husband's store, the contents of which is always in a state of utter confusion. Even buying stamps from her is a leisurely process—usually she has to hunt for her stock—and registering a letter or getting a money order is a half-day task. I am sure she would accept without comment a cover with any kind of fantastic franking I might put on it. But I have never heard of her losing a piece of mail.

Mr. Howes' second cover is of the common type. It got caught and was assessed 6c postage due. At the time this cover was mailed—February 18, 1933—it was allowable to use postage stamps for the tax on cheques. Probably some people argued, perhaps unconsciously, that turnabout was fair play, and that excise stamps ought to be good for postage. This revenue stamp and its successor of the three-leaf type are the ones most commonly found postally used.

I once had a good collection of British Commonwealth revenues used for postage, listed in Gibbons but not in Scott, and there are still some in my stock books which I would be happy to dispose of to someone interested in them.

By now you should all have received pages 58-67, inclusive, of our Tax Paid Catalogue (Publication No. 25). One more instalment ought to see the end of the lists of manufactured tobacco strip stamps, rather formidable ones. Until I began to collect data for these lists, I had no idea of what a lot of tax paid Canada has issued. When everything we know has been listed, it will be interesting to see what the total is and that probably won't be the whole story, for I feel sure that there are varieties which we have not seen or heard of.

As usual, if you find errors or omissions in these last pages, or in any, for that matter, please let me know what they are.

More about the surcharged tobacco stamps referred to last month, by courtesy of Mr. L. A. White of Customs and Excise, Ottawa: There were two varieties, 1/8 on 2/21 and 1/8 on 1/9 lb., both imperforate. The former was issued on January 13, 1955, and the latter on January 31, 1955. These

were distributed to practically every manufacturer packing tobacco in this size, so they should not be too uncommon.

I have had two more responses from collectors with provincial liquor seals, which pleases me mightily. In each case, they reported varieties previously unknown to me. I now have 29 listed and I know there are others which I have not been able to examine carefully and hence do not list. Nothing has been reported from Manitoba nor Newfoundland.

There is a project here for an enthusiast in Montreal and in each of the provincial capitals, except Quebec. Get in touch with your liquor control board and see how much information you can collect about the seals they have used or are using. What is wanted is enough data to make a listing like this:

Lithographed; 111 x 12 mm.; "NEW BRUNSWICK LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD" across centre; arms at ends surrounded by "NEW BRUNSWICK LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD" in circular bands; purple serial number and letter; roul. x imperf.

NB-01 Blue, x

Samples for inspection would be appreciated if possible.

I notice a considerable number of new members who profess to be interested in our revenues, but few of them join our group. They ought to. It costs \$2.25—cheque payable to the writer personally and at par in Montreal (see address in heading to these notes)—for we have no other source of income; general society income is not for the groups. For this you get the first 100 pages of Publication 25, which is appearing in instalments of 10 pages whenever we get enough material organized. Pages 48-57 were issued recently and there will be another ten before long.

We might also call your attention to our new catalogue of federal issue revenues, right up to date and with information you cannot find elsewhere, price \$2.25 from Dr. Jan M. Novotny, 379 Elm Avenue, Westmount 6, Quebec. Every revenue collector needs it. Better buy one!

I see that our Canadian specialist-dealer and auction expert, J. N. Sissons (No. L17) has got himself incorporated. He's about the only dealer who thinks that Canadian revenues and tax paid are worth bothering with. I do hope the incorporation does not mean that he will give up the personal touch which has always been a noticeable feature of his service. ★

Modern Canada:

Variations of Gum, Paper and Shade

It is well known that variations of gum, paper and shade occur in modern Canadian stamp issues, but the literature on the subject appears to be quite limited.

Having an accumulation of some hundreds of plate blocks of the "Reconstruction" issue of 1946 (including the 7c air stamp), I thought it might be possible to classify them on the basis of gum shade, paper shade and stamp shade. The results are given in the accompanying table.

I have found it quite easy to differentiate the dark gum, which I found only on the seven cents, ten cents and one dollar values, although of course it may occur on other denominations also. It is not quite so easy to distinguish between what I have called "pale gum" and "medium gum", but if a number of blocks are compared simultaneously the difference becomes clear.

In regard to the shade of paper, care should be taken not to become confused by a form of surface toning which is caused by slight over-inking of the plate. True toning appears to be inherent in the paper of many printings; in fact, in my own accumulation toned paper is more common than the true white paper, which is quite distinctive.

I found distinctive shades of the stamps themselves only in the 7c, 8c and \$1.00 values. The 7c with pale gum on toned paper sometimes shows a shade of blue softer and richer than normal. Such specimens also show evidence of slight over-inking. All my 8c with medium gum on toned paper come in a comparatively warm shade of brown, with less than the usual contrast between dark and light portions of the design. The \$1.00, with medium gum on white paper, has two distinct shades, one of them paler than normal.

In the denominations where two plates were used, I usually found each of the listed combinations on BOTH plates, and it is comparatively easy to make up, in some instances, matched sets of plate blocks showing the same shade of gum, paper and stamp.

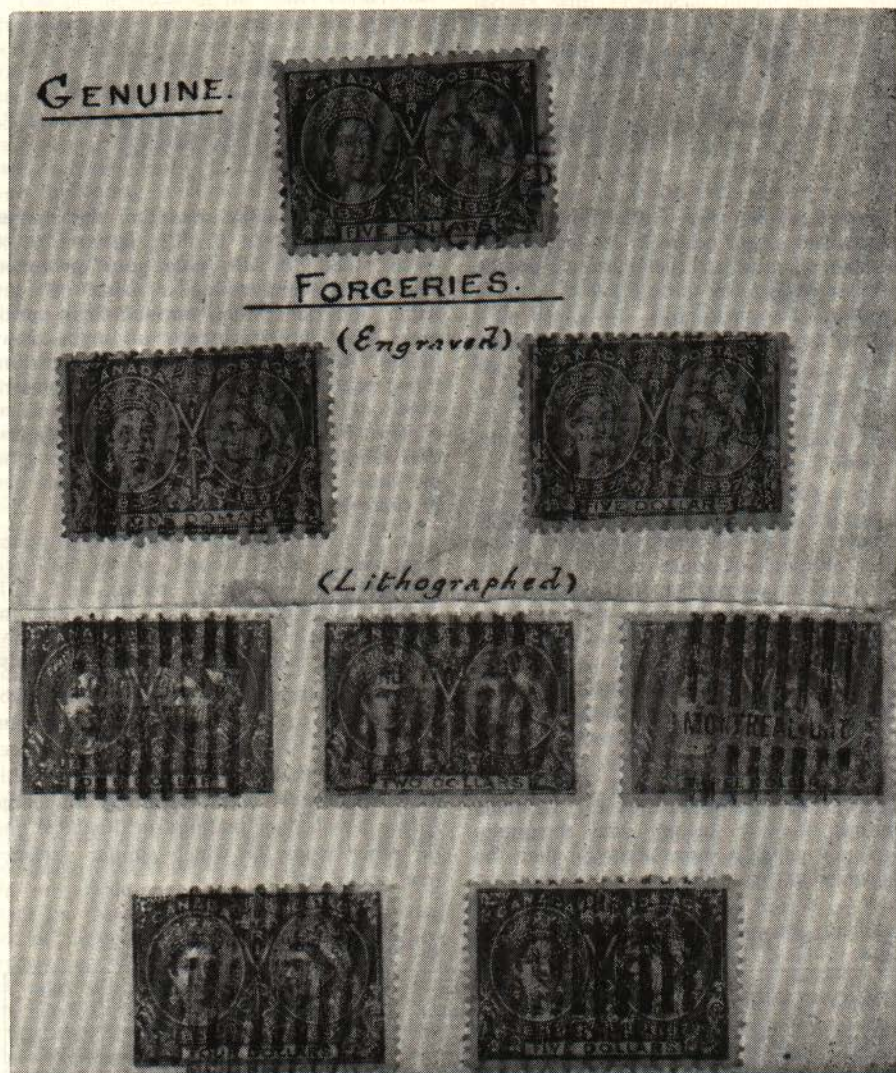
I fully realize that these notes are probably subject to correction and amplification by collectors who have studied the subject more fully than I have, but I hope this may encourage other members to come forward with their findings on this issue and on other issues in which similar varieties may occur. ★

THE "RECONSTRUCTION" ISSUE, 1946. SCOTT C9, 268 TO 273

DENOMINATION		Seven cents	Eight cents	Ten cents	Fourteen cents	Twenty cents	Fifty cents	One dollar
GUM	PAPER	Scott C9	268	269	270	271	272	273
Pale	White	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
"	Toned	X(1)		X	X	X	X	X
Medium	White	X	X	X		X	X	X(4)
"	Toned	X	X(2)	X	X(3)	X	X	X
Dark	White							
"	Toned	X		X				X

- NOTES—(1) Some specimens softer and richer blue than normal.
 (2) These stamps are a warmer shade of brown than those on white paper.
 (3) Also on a very deeply toned paper.
 (4) Two definite shades of the stamp, one the usual dark shade and the other distinctly paler.

Forgeries of the 1897 Jubilees



HAVING recently noticed several queries in various publications as to what definitely does exist in the nefarious products of the forgers of this most attractive Jubilee Set, the writer presents herewith illustrations and descriptions of items in his possession, together with a fine dated copy of the \$5 original for comparison.

\$1.00 AND \$5.00 ENGRAVED

These most beautiful ENGRAVED forgeries (briefly referred to in Jarrett's well known B.N.A. catalogue) did not come to light until around 1920. Their source is stated to have been Italy. The two illustrated here were part of a lot comprising four of the "dollar" values in a Los Angeles auction around 1930. All values 20c and up exist thus, a 50c

example incidentally reposing in a well known Toronto collector's album. The writer has no definite proof re lower denominations.

A close examination will determine their true status, as follows:

1. Lettering (especially that of the value) is noticeably thinner and thus less bold on the forgeries.
2. Frame-lines below the value are of uniform thickness on the forgeries, which is not so on the genuine.
3. The beloved Queen Vic., in her later years, is obviously suffering from a severe toothache (note swollen chin, etc.)
4. Paradoxically, the foliage detail in the spandrels is even finer, sharper and clearer on the forgeries than on originals!
5. The forgeries are printed on somewhat coarser paper possessing a slightly yellow tinge; nevertheless, had Sperati forged our emissions, it could be his!

Any mercenary-minded collector finding himself "landed" with one of these engraved forgeries may sleep soundly, for the "dollar" value are fully worth the price of originals, while the "cent" emissions, at least five times normal ones!

The "roller" cancellations are convincingly faked.

\$1 - \$5 LITHOGRAPHED

These abortions are said to have first seen daylight in Paris. Suffice that they are coarse and crude in the extreme and possess no single redeeming feature. Probably the entire set was thus insulted. They would fail to deceive a schoolboy. ★

Canadian Illustrated Covers

By E. L. PIGGOTT (BNAPS 629)



No. 12

THIS eye-catching advertising postcard passed through the mails in 1900. The Halifax Herald, now known as the Halifax Chronicle-Herald, was first published as The Nova Scotian in 1824.

It will be observed the item is addressed to J. D. Cox. From authentic sources I have learned that Mr. Cox was the postmaster at Upper Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, from 1912 to 1945. When he retired he had the distinction of rounding out for the family line 109 years of post office service, having

succeeded his father, Francis Cox, who took over the post office at the same point in 1867, while John Cox, grandfather of the first-mentioned, began his commission in 1836, when the village was only a way office. A nice record indeed! At the present time the postmaster at this point is a son-in-law of J. D. Cox.

Speaking of post offices, as a native of Nova Scotia, I cannot refrain from mentioning that the first post office in Canada was established at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1755. ★



PERFIN

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STUDY GROUP

AFTER an absence of five months, our familiar Maltese Cross and Perfin Study Group by-line returns to TOPICS as a column. From the January to May issues inclusive, we have published 24 pages which are to be reprinted and bound as the BNAPS Handbook on Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials.

In making a study of this kind there is the problem of deciding when to publish the findings. Completeness is the ideal and although we have made every effort to contact collectors of Canadian perfins, both members and non-members of BNAPS, for unlisted types, we are not going to claim our listing is either complete or 100% accurate. However we do believe it to be 95% both complete and accurate, and in another five years we would still not be able to make claim for more than that.

Since the publication of the illustrations and list of users in the March and April issues, we have had a few corrections, three new major varieties and a new code hole variety, which have been illustrated and listed as an agenda in the May issue.



One of the most interesting of the corrections is our I5 (IR) which we have previously identified tentatively as Internal Revenue Dept. Very few copies of this design have been reported, and a very limited number are available for examination. One of our correspondents reported that this design had reached him on cover from the Income Tax Branch of Internal Revenue, which explains our previous listing. Dirk van Oudenol of Vancouver has now turned in a copy which, in addition to a perfect IR has a curved line of holes cutting inside the

perforated edge of the stamp. He suggests that it would now appear that the IR is a very badly damaged die of C21 (CNR). The copy he submits supports this theory and, from the evidence, we must agree.

An identification which has long been a puzzle, and which we have previously thought to be Missouri Pacific R.R. (MP in shield), has been identified by BNAPS'er Littlefield of Melrose, Mass., as the M. Phillipsborn Outing and Garment Co., of Chicago. Lester is a perfin enthusiast from away back, has a large collection of U.S. perfins, with many hundreds on cover, and to him and a few other members of the American Perfin Club we are grateful for the help they have given us in identifying many of those American companies who have perforated Canadian stamps.

One of the compensations for the amount of work involved in a study of this kind is the encouraging and helpful correspondence one receives from fellow members of the Society. Many letters have arrived from BNAPS'ers who, although they are not collectors of perfins, express their pleasure and interest in the column, and we are encouraged to continue the column as a monthly feature for as long as we are able to find suitable material to discuss and possibly illustrate.

This is dependent on interested members supplying the Secretary with any new material they may find, both in previously unlisted types or new code hole types, and in any help which they may be able to give in identification of the previously unidentified items.

A recent letter enquired about membership in the Perfin Study Group. Believe it or not, all BNAPS members are already members. To become an active member, all that is necessary is a letter to the Secretary. There are no dues, you get no bulletins—anything of interest is published in the Perfin Column. The officers are practically self-appointed and look as if they will re-

main in office as long as they are willing to do the necessary work. The group is operated at no cost to the Society, so the courtesy of including return postage by those members who have been so thoughtful, has been much appreciated by the Secretary.

We hope to meet annually at the conventions and propose to have either a luncheon or other meeting to discuss perfin matters, preferably on the Saturday of each convention.

See you in Hartford! ★

Sketches of BNAPSers . . .

By V. G. GREENE (BNAPS L40)

No. 68: Robert J. Woolley (359)



ROBERT J. WOOLLEY was born in Huddersfield, England, on April 2, 1898, and served with the British Army in World War I from 1914-19, being wounded on active service. He came to Canada in 1921 and is employed as Land Agent, Department of Transport, of the Dominion Government. In World War II he was Recruiting and Personnel Officer in the Canadian Army from 1942-46 with the rank of captain.

Bob started collecting stamps when he attended high school and build up a fine collection of British Empire, and now specializes in British North America. He is keenly interested in "perfins" and is secretary of the BNAPS Perfins Study Group. He notes a growing interest in this side-line of B.N.A. philately which should increase when our Society publishes the handbook on perfins, which is now in course of preparation.

A former president of the West Toronto Stamp Club, of which he has been an officer for over 20 years, Bob is also a mem-

ber of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club (assistant secretary); American Philatelic Society, Canadian Philatelic Society, and the Society of Philatelic Americans. He was also a director of CAPEX.

Bob plays the odd game of golf, is a keen fisherman, and has a fine collection of British campaign medals. He and his wife, Bertha, have attended all our conventions and both are well known to many of our members. They plan to attend our convention in Hartford (Sept. 29-Oct. 1) as usual. ★

"Scouts on Stamps" Popular Display at C.P.S. Convention

• One of the most interesting displays at the Canadian Philatelic Society's Exhibition in Montreal, April 22-24, was one showing stamps relating to Boy Scouts.

This fine exhibit consisted of 12 frames of stamps depicting the Boy Scout Movement, commenced with those portraying Lord Baden-Powell on the stamps issued at Mafeking and shows the history of the movement through the years to the present day.

It was shown by W. E. Theobald, the Reeve of the Town of Niagara (which is known for postal purposes as Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario), where the forthcoming Eighth Boy Scout World Jamboree is being held this year from August 18-28. Canada is to issue a special stamp in honor of this occasion.

A special official cachet cover has been prepared for this event and is being produced by authority of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Niagara, and has been approved by the Canadian General Council, Boy Scouts Association. The net proceeds from the sale of these covers will go to the Niagara Boy Scouts Building Fund. ★

THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

O.H.M.S. Missing Dots

In the BNA TOPICS issue of September 1954, under the heading of "The Editor's Mailbag", there appeared an item by Dudley W. Atwood (No. 998) regarding missing dots on O.H.M.S. O15a, plates 1 and 2, UL positon.

I have these same two sheets mentioned in the letter, and bought them from K. Bilecki of Winnipeg (where Mr. Atwood got his). Regarding the listing of these sheets, I wrote Major K. H. White and I would be interested to know if Mr. Atwood wrote to the Major regarding these sheets, and just what answer he received. I am enclosing Major White's answer to me which I hope will be of interest to Mr. Atwood and others.

Fred Hornby (No. 1137)

Major White's letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Hornby—I was very pleased to get your interesting letter dealing with the missing period on O15a 5c plates No. 1 and 2.

"Any departure from the normal on a postage stamp, and this of course includes the surcharge, is of tremendous importance to a keen philatelist, but the major problem arising from it is constancy. A major re-entry can run the life of a plate. Pages 55 and 56, 2nd Edition ["The Canada Plate Block Catalogue"] shows st. 52 (small) and st. 47 (large) lower left as having the 'missing period'—same being formally shown as they are of general interest. It is known that other positions in O15a 5c also have missing periods—you mention UL plates 1 and 2—then again the lower right was found with three missing periods, but its constancy was in some doubt.

"The Plate Block Catalogue is primarily a treatise on steel plates and their imprints—it has never attempted to list outstanding departures unless it is on or adjoining a plate block. I shall certainly keep your letter on file and see what the future holds."

7c Goose Hairlines

The February issue of TOPICS had a short piece about hairlines on Scott's No. 320, the present 7c Canada Goose, and I thought what I have noticed might be of interest to others.

The first sign of hairlines we noticed was in the selvage of the upper right plate 1 block, and we have since seen all positions of the plate 1 showing faint hairlines in the selvage. This was first noticed about May of last year. About a month later sheets were found with faint hairlines on various parts of the sheet and on the lower left pane of plate 1 quite a few sheets were found on which there was a hairline running at an angle across the breast of the goose on stamps Nos. 9, 18, 32 and 40. This sheet has quite a few lines also in the margins of the stamps but none in the plate block.

I have since watched for these in a used condition and have acquired several with town cancels which would indicate they were in use from coast to coast.

Collectors interested in checking for these will find the hairlines on the white portion of the breast at base of neck, but should remember that these are usually faint and require a good glass to locate easily. Also of interest is the fact that in positions 9 and 40 sometimes a second fainter line will be found paralleling but about 1/8-inch underneath the first line.

I might say in passing that I have not seen any mint copies of this sheet with hairlines for several months here [Winnipeg] but they may be in offices in other cities.

Hoping some members may find this item of interest and with best wishes for the continued success of our "gem"—TOPICS.

Alex W. Stewart (No. 1087)

"Hairlines . . . and Questions"

I read with interest the notes by L. P. Vienno-Michaud on hairlines which were published in the April issue. I agree that Scott, Gibbons, Sissons, Boggs and others are not consistent in mentioning hairlines on stamps. If you look through my own little catalogue, "Canada—Constant Plate Varieties", you will note that not only the King Edward hairlines, the 1c Quebec (the 2c should be listed as well), all Admiral denominations with hairlines are listed, and many other well known and constant plate cracks as well.

The reason why only some of the Admiral denominations show hairlines is very

likely because the lower value plates were used for more printings than the higher values. If one divides the number of plates by the number of stamps issued for a particular value, one will soon see that each plate of the lower values, for example the 1c green, must have been used many more times than, let us say, the 20c. This caused greater wear of certain plates which resulted in some surface cracking. The Bank Note Company has stated to me that some of the early plates of the lower denominations contained steel during the war that was not of the usual high quality.

Hans Reiche (No. 783)

Small Queens Study Group

This group has been dormant for some time, and as I can see no useful purpose in continuing to list it as a Study Group of the BNAPS, I hereby request that my name no longer be shown as Secretary.

E. M. Blois (No. 673)

B.N.A. Information

In reply to both letters from H. M. Daggett that appeared in the April number of TOPICS, I am sorry to see that he is "hoist with the petard" that he is trying to remove from the path of other members who are seekers after B.N.A. information.

Mr. Daggett has never seen a checklist published of Canadian Precancelled Stationery. I can inform him that a Mr. F. D. Rogers wrote some articles on these in "Popular Stamps" in June 1942 et seq., and that R. B. Hetherington of the C.P.S. of G.B. is at present engaged on an article concerning this precancelled stationery which will eventually appear in the B.N.A. volume of Robson Lowe's "Encyclopedia"; and Mr. Hetherington has already produced a partial checklist in the magazine of the Precancel Stamp Society of G.B.

This all goes to show how valuable a comprehensive index of all articles and notes on B.N.A. material would be.

I think the trouble with the potential abstractors is that large numbers take the same magazines but I know that I, very selfishly, search far and wide for data on my own particular interests with some limited success. I should, therefore, be glad to assist Mr. Daggett in any way he might suggest.

J. Millar Allen (No. 996)

The Month's NEWS

BNAPSers FIGURE IN AWARDS AT C.P.S. CONVENTION SHOW

THE Canadian Philatelic Society's 27th Annual Convention and Exhibition held in Montreal, April 22-24, was an outstanding success. The Union Philatelique de Montreal was the host club, and the affair was adjudged the most successful stamp show ever held in Montreal. It is estimated that there were 8,000 to 10,000 in attendance, and one dealer reported selling 1,200 packets of stamps.

Many BNAPSers are members of the Canadian Philatelic Society, and they figured very prominently in the awards for the show. A. Graham Fairbanks (BNAPS 635) won the Seagram Trophy for his outstanding display of the Pence Issues of Canada, and the B. F. Goodrich Trophy for his magnificent exhibit of early U.S.A. Mr. Fairbanks also won the Silver Tray presented by the B.N.A. Collectors Club of Montreal with his Canada, and the U.P.M. Rouleau-Normand Trophy and the S.P.A. Certificate for research. Judges for the B.N.A. Collectors Club award were BNAPSers C. P. deVolvi, C. G. Kemp and Peter J. Hurst.

The Canadian Stamp Dealers Association Trophy for the most popular exhibit was won by J. Chang Lee (BNAPS 1096) with his exhibit, "A humorous essay on collecting Canada".

The Woodhead Trophy for twentieth Century Canada was won by another member, J. P. Rouleau (BNAPS 744).

Report Successful Year

At the annual general meeting held during the Convention, it was reported that marked progress had taken place in all departments during the past year.

The following Officers were elected for the year 1955-56: President, L. M. Lamouroux, Toronto; 1st Vice-President, A. H. Christensen, Montreal; 2nd Vice-President, D. A. Patrick, Toronto; 3rd Vice-President, W. A. Teare, Victoria, B.C., and Secretary-Treasurer, F. C. Green, Toronto.

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The following were also elected directors of the Society: Cyril Woodhead, Toronto; V. W. Crouse, Windsor, Ont.; W. H. Freeman, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.; Wm. Erbach, Kitchener, Ont.; R. R. Doxsee, Regina, Sask.; J. P. Rouleau, Montreal, and Eric Rushton, Simcoe, Ont.

KAMLOOPS (B.C.) STAMP CLUB STAGES FIRST EXHIBITION

• A club which grew from a one-man exhibit at a hobby show last year, now has a total membership of 30 seniors and 33 juniors. As evidence of its rapid growth, the Kamloops Stamp Club of Kamloops, British Columbia, held its first exhibition on May 5, 6 and 7 last, with strong competition in all classes. Acting as judges for the show were R. J. Duncan (BNAPS 37) of Armstrong, B.C., and R. Milne, of Rutland, B.C. Among the exhibitors was Dr. O. G. Burns, another member of BNAPS.

Prize winners in the various classes were as follows:

SENIOR: Canada—1st, E. W. Veale; 2nd, A. K. Bond; 3rd, M. L. Ferrier. **British Colonies**—1st, F. C. Torreggiani; 2nd, Dr. O. G. Burns (BNAPS 1109); 3rd, Dr. A. W. N. Druitt (Rutland, B.C.) **Foreign**—1st, Dr. O. G. Burns; 2nd, Mrs. E. W. Veale; 3rd, F. C. Torreggiani. **Canada (Extra)**—1st, A. K. Bond. **British (Extra)**—1st, F. C. Torreggiani. **Foreign (Extra)**—1st, Dr. O. G. Burns.

JUNIOR: Canada—1st, J. Duncan (Armstrong, B.C.); 2nd, J. Slater; 3rd, B. Burns. **British**—1st, J. Duncan; 2nd, J. Cooke; 3rd, D. Muller. **Foreign**—1st, B. Burns; 3rd, M. Sjoquist. **Topical**—1st, Jan Witt; 2nd, Victor Burns; 3rd, David Dehard.

ADVANCE SHEETS FOR '56 SCOTT

• This year for the first time since 1937, Scott Publications will offer advance sheets of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue as fast as they come from the Scott press at 461 Eighth Ave., New York.

The first mailing, consisting of the front section of Volume II (Afghanistan, etc.) will be distributed in July. The balance will follow in several mailings as these folded sheets come from the pressroom.

The subscription for sheets of both volumes of the catalogue will be \$10, the price being the same for dealer or collector. This covers parcel post, insured; airmail is extra.

In the 1930's, when advance sheets were sold regularly, many dealers and quite a few collectors found it worthwhile to learn the new Scott prices as soon as possible. This was especially true of dealers who were preparing their own price lists and auction catalogues, or merely trying to keep a step ahead of the crowd.

HARRIS CATALOGUE IN COLOR

• H. E. Harris & Co. of Boston this week announced publication of their new 1955 Stamp Collectors' Guide, a beautiful 64-page edition in full color. The free catalogue is the first ever offered in color in the philatelic field . . . and not content with breaking one record the firm printed more than a quarter of a million copies, establishing it as Stampdom's most widely circulated reference book.

Aside from the spectacular nature of its appearance—with natural color Kodachrome reproductions on the covers—this completely new edition is loaded with stamp information, handsome color illustrations of special offers and comprehensive price lists.

As far as we can see, this new catalogue has just about everything you could squeeze into 64 pages—and packs equal appeal for both the beginner and advanced collector. Readers may get a copy free by addressing their request to H. E. Harris & Co., 1914 Transit Bldg., Boston 17, Mass.

DAVID LIDMAN RESIGNS AS EDITOR 'AMERICAN PHILATELIST'

• David Lidman, of Park Ridge, N.J. (a member of BNAPS), editor of "The American Philatelist" since the December 1951 issue, has resigned, effective with the release of the September 1955 issue of the journal.

Charles Hahn, stamps editor, "The Chicago Sun-Times", and former editor of "Postal Markings" and "Weekly Philatelic Gossip", has been appointed to succeed Mr. Lidman, with the October 1955 issue of "The American Philatelist". Mr. Hahn is a resident of Winnetka, Illinois.

Mr. Lidman resigned due to business pressure. He is make-up editor of "The New York Times", a post he has held for more than a year, having formerly served the "Times" as national and foreign news editor. Increasing pressures of what he calls his "bread-and-butter" job, and a resulting lessening of time available to conduct the affairs of "The American Philatelist" caused Mr. Lidman to resign.

Weighing heavily in the selection of Mr. Hahn as editor of "The American Philatelist" were his many active years as a philatelic writer and editor. His editorships have included the philatelic sections of the "Encyclopedia Britannica", the "World Book", "Compton's Picture Encyclopedia", "Funk and Wagnall's Encyclopedia", "Nelson's" and the "People's Encyclopedia". ★

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Compiled by H. M. DAGGETT JR. (BNAPS 50)

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T.C.A. Flights — 15 Jan; 44 Feb; 68, 83 Mar;
103 Apl; 145 May.

BIOGRAPHY

Goodale, Edward (Necrology)—106 Apl.
Jamieson, Raymond A., Q.C.—24 Jan.
Meyerson, W. S. (Necrology)—106, 114 Apl.
Moll, Arthur B.—125 Apl.
Pitblado, Isaac, Q.C.—155 May.
Rockett, Wilmer C.—57 Feb.
Woodhead, Cyril—89 Mar.

CACHETS

Dog Team Mail, Labrador—87 Mar.
Royal Train Card—14 Jan.
T.C.A. Flights—15 Jan; 44 Feb; 83 Mar; 103
Apl; 145 May.

CANADA (by issue)

Small Queens—2c Imperf 120 Apl; 1c Re-entry
123 Apl; 3c Re-entry 128 Apl; 6c Major Re-
entry 137 May.
Edward VII—1c, 2c hairlines, 102 Apl; 135 May.
Quebec Tercentenary—1c and 2c Hairlines, 102
Apl; 135 May.
Admirals—Opts. on 2c, 37 Feb.; Hairlines on 1c
and 2c, 102 Apl, 135 May; 7c Brown 140 May.
1930 Arch—10c Library variety, 119 Apl.
War Issue—1c Variety, 100 Apl; 4c shade, 100
Apl.
1952—7c Goose hairlines, 100 Apl.
Registration—5c perfs., 100 Apl.

CANCELLATIONS

On 1868 Bill Stamp—43 Feb.
Quebec Revenues, punched—118 Apl.
R.P.O. Markings, Train Numbers—70 Mar.
R.P.O. Study Group—23 Jan.
Squared Circles—18 Jan; 42 Feb; 68, 82 Mar;
115 Apl; 135, 151 May.
St. John's Paid (Nfd)—88 Mar.
Use of Money Order Stamps—107 Apl.

COVERS

Bomber Mail in Canada 1944-45—128 Apl.
Canadians at Nile Expedition 1884—101 Apl.
Early Corner Card, 1856—148 May.
Polish Forces in Canada 1918—128 Apl.
Revenues Used for Postage—120 Apl.

ESSAYS

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56 Feb.
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NEWFOUNDLAND

di Pinedo Airmail—56 Feb.
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Essay—Prince Consort 56 Feb.
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Stampless Cover 1865—88 Mar.
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NEW ISSUES

10c Eskimo Hunter—54 Feb.
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5c I.C.A.O.—136 May.

NOVA SCOTIA

Cent Issue—36 Feb.
Reprints, 1890—151 May.

OFFICIALS

Perforated—48 Feb.
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PERFINS

Canada—9 Jan; 48 Feb; 73 Mar; 108 Apl; 153
May.
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Newfoundland—13 Jan; 56 Feb.
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Dog Team Mail (Labrador)—87 Mar.
1839 Stampless Covers—41 Feb.
"Ross House", First P.O. in West—47 Feb.

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Stationery—100 Apl.

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Auction Prices—117 Apl.
Bottle Seals, Beer Labels—21 Jan; 85 Feb.
Cape Breton Laws 1954—118 Apl.
Cigarette Stamps—53 Feb.
Counterfeits and Fakes—86 Mar.
New Tobacco Stamp—150 May.
Ontario Law 1870-71—54 Feb.
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Quebec 1924 Law Overprints—53 Feb.
Quebec Perforated Cancellations—118 Apl.
Revenues Paying Postage—43 Feb; 120 Apl.
Source of Revenue Stamps—85 Mar.
\$2 Bill Stamp, Inverted Head—86, 89 Mar.
U.S. Private Proprietary—21 Jan.
Yukon Territorial Court—53 Feb.
1929 Saskatchewan Electrical Inspection Stamps—
150 May.
1941-42 Unemployment Ins. Stamp—149 May.

STATIONERY

Canada C.O.D. Business Reply—38 Feb.
Newfoundland—13 Jan.
Perforated O.H.M.S.—11 Jan.
Precancelled—100 Apl.

VARIETIES

Small Queen—2c Imperf. 120 Apl; 1c Re-entry
123 Apl; 3c Re-entry 128 Apl; 6c Major Re-
entry 137 May.
Canada 3c Jubilee double paper—22 Jan.
1930 10c Library—119 Apl.
Stitched booklets—106 Apl.
Admirals—1c and 2c hairlines 102 Apl; 135 May.
Quebec Tercentenary—1c and 2c hairlines 102
Apl; 135 May.
1937 1c—Miscut plate block 82 Mar.
Edward VII—1c and 2c hairlines 102 Apl; 135
May.
1954 Queen Elizabeth 5c—Crack 82 Mar.
1952 Goose—Hairlines 57 Feb; 100 Apl.
War Issue—1c scratch, 4c shade 100 Apl.
Port Hood Provisionals—82 Mar.
1937 Coronation—Thin paper 36 Feb.



OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

FROM THE SECRETARY

JACK LEVINE, 2000 HOPEDALE AVE., CHARLOTTE 7, N.C., U.S.A.

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May 15, 1955.

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1312 Peterson, Andrew J., 36 Pearl Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

APPLICATIONS PENDING

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Winch, Harry C., 495 Keith Road, West Vancouver, British Columbia.
Wortman, Edgar C., Jr., 2212 Upas Street, San Diego 4, California.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- AFFLECK, W. N., 163 Alexandra St., Oshawa, Ont. (D) CAN, NFD, PROV, Officials. Proposed by R. J. Woolley, No. 359. Seconded by J. Levine, No. 1.
- BANNO, Edward C., 435 Victoria St., Kamloops, B.C. (CX) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate blocks. Coils, O.H.M.S.—G. Mint booklet panes. Precancels. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37. Seconded by Dr. O. G. Burns, No. 1109.
- BOND, Cpt. A. K., 1220 Pine St., Kamloops, BC (CX) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. 1st flight covers. Plate blocks. O.H.M.S.—G. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by R. J. Duncan. Seconded by Dr. O. G. Burns, No. 1109.
- CASSAR-TORREGGIANI, F., 437 Alexander Ave., North Kamloops, B.C. (CX) CAN, NFD—20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.—G. Complete booklets. Postal stationery cut-squares. "Locals". Round cancellations. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37. Seconded by Dr. O. G. Burns, No. 1109.
- FOSTER, Bertrand A., 358 Mark St., Port Arthur, Ont. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century used postage and blocks. Stampless covers. Coils. O.H.M.S. Used booklet panes. Used airmails. R.P.O. and squared circle cancellations. Proposed by Stewart I. Knox, No. 1196. Seconded by Gordon P. Lewis, No. 506.
- JARNICK, Jerome C., P.O. Box 124, Almond, Wisc. (D). Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37.
- KING, Melville V. R., 330 Alexander Ave., Kamloops, B.C. (DCX) CAN, NFD—Mint and used postage and mint blocks. Plate blocks. O.H.M.S.—G. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37. Seconded by Dr. O. G. Burns, No. 1109.
- KIRKWOOD, A. L. H., 34 Willowbank Blvd., Toronto 12, Ont. (D). Proposed by R. J. Woolley, No. 359. Seconded by J. Levine, No. 1.
- LINTON, Humphrey C., Corporals' Club, RCAF, North Bay, Ont. (CX) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Complete booklets. Coils. O.H.M.S.—G. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by V. G. Greene, No. L40. Seconded by E. Nadon, No. 830.
- REX, Harry O, 161 W. Main St., Plainville, Conn. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV. Proposed by L. W. Banks, No. 631.
- SANDULAK, Dan, 132 - 42nd Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alta. (DCX) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st day and 1st flight covers. Plate blocks. Coils. O.H.M.S.—G. Mint and used booklet panes. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37.
- SHOWERS, J. Grant, 309 Vansittart Ave., Woodstock, Ont. (CC) CAN—19th century used postage and mint blocks. 1st day covers. Plate blocks. Coils. Mint booklet panes. Used airmails. SPECIALTY—Canada "Small Queens" and Squared Circle cancellations. Proposed by Dr. L. S. Holmes, No. 177.
- VEALE, E. W., P.O. Box 86, Kamloops, B.C. (C). Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37. Seconded by Dr. O. G. Burns, No. 1109.

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 Lewis, Gordon P., 37 Eldomar Avenue, Brampton, Ontario.
 Lum, Cpl. Stanley, H.Q. - AAFCE - RCAF, CAPO 5053, c/o PM, Montreal, Canada.
 Moore, Robert A., 3315½ Yonge Street, Apt. 2, Toronto 12, Ontario.
 Quarles, Mervyn V., 1438 Ridge Road, Homewood, Illinois (from Chicago, Ill.).
 Wegg, George S., 32 Oxtan Avenue, Toronto 7, Ontario.
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DECEASED

829 Moore, John A., 40 Hazelton Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, April 15, 1955.....	895	
NEW MEMBERS, May 15, 1955.....	6	
		901
DECEASED, May 15, 1955	1	
		1
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, May 15, 1955.....		900

SOME PRICES REALIZED AT J. N. SISSONS' APRIL 13 SALE

• **Following are some prices realized in the general sale conducted by J. N. Sissons on April 13 (catalogue value in brackets):**

Canada

- 1851 3d orange vermilion, full target cancel, excellent color and impression, very fine—(\$40.00) **\$35.00**.
 6d brownish purple, three very large margins, fine—(\$80.00) **\$50.00**.
 10d blue, large margins, light cancel, very fine—(\$75.00) **\$57.50**.
 6d, thick soft paper, bad thin and tear but good appearance and rare—(\$1,000) **\$42.50**.
 1859-64 10c black brown, centered to top right, very light Toronto 9-bar cancel, very fine—(\$80.00) **\$62.50**.
 1868-75 Plated watermark, E. & C. Bothwell Clutha Mills, consisting of 1c, 2c (2), 3c (3), 6c, 12½c (3), and a very fine 15c, rare—(\$340.00) **\$180.00**.
 1870-93 2c brown essay on wove paper, horizontal pair, superb—(\$40.00) **\$23.00**.
 2c green, Stitch Watermark, fine—**\$25.50**.

6c red brown, top sheet margin and imprint "British American Bank Note Co. Montreal R", block of 28, well centered, fine—(\$84.00) **\$35.00**.

8c, very fine mint block of 12, full imprint at right, rare—(\$375) **\$200**.

1897 Collection of Jubilees, 1c (18), 2c (23), 3c (36), mostly various types Jubilee Flag cancels, several railway and squared circles—**\$5.00**.

3c, Lethbridge, Alta., territorial squared circle tied to cover to Toronto, very fine—**\$9.00**.

1898 Map, 2c blue, imperf. pair, clear margins, fine—(\$50.00) **\$21.00**.

1903-8 Edward, 5c blue sheet margin block, mint, superb—(\$7.00+) **\$8.50**.

1928 50c Bluenose, block, mint, fine—(\$24.00) **\$17.00**.

1933 20c Regina, 3 blocks, 1 normal, 1 with broken X and with raised G of Grain, fine to very fine—(\$21.00+) **\$15.00**.

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