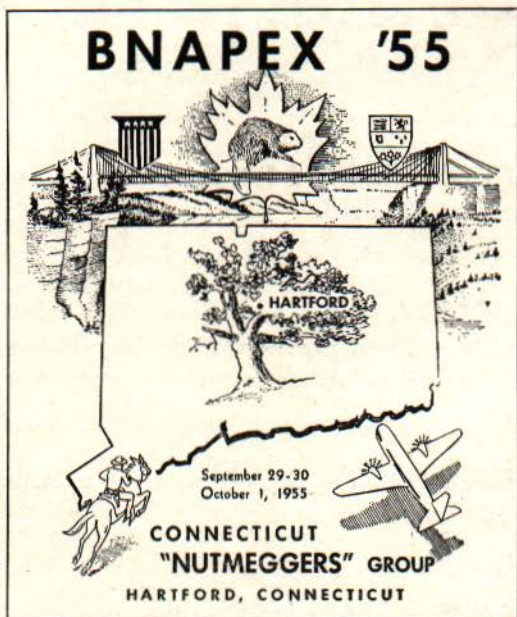


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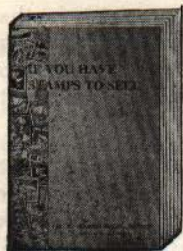
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The 2 Cent Small Queen

RANKS WITH THE 6c VALUE IN NUMBER
OF RE-ENTRIES AND RETOUCHES

THE 2c value of the Small Queens series made its appearance in February 1872, superseding the Large Queen of the same denomination. As all other Canadian semi-classic stamps (1868-97) it was produced by the British American Bank Note Co., the Queen's head representing the adapted engraving by Alfred Jones, after the original head by Charles Henry Jeens. Engraved and recess-printed in the basic color of green, this stamp is as pleasing to the eye as it is prolific in plate varieties, and has been studied separately by a select handful of Small Queens specialists.

The total printed from 1878 to 1897 was in the vicinity of 150 million copies. The number of unhardened plates utilized for that production was probably four, all with imprints, and the top row of the first 200-subject plate is distinguished by a central dot above the design of each stamp. Guide dots and lines are found on both early and late printings, but the lines are only seldom encountered. The paper follows the standard pattern of Small Queens chronology, the early paper being of fine quality when compared with those of the 'nineties.

The 11½x12 perforation, occurring be-



Perf. 11½ x 12, block of six on cover



The Major Re-entry, at left, with normal

tween 1873-79, is rarer than the catalogues indicate, as are early copies in general. Fully dated copies are decidedly scarce. The shades run the gamut from a deep blue-green to a pale yellow-green, and it is worthy of note that the former is typical of the early printings as well as of those of 1889, with, of course, a marked difference in paper.

Despite the relatively small numbers printed of the 2c, it is, together with the 6c¹, the richest in re-entries and retouches of all the Small Queens. Apart from the two major re-entries illustrated, both of which are highly elusive and certainly rarer than the 6c red-brown major, there are a con-

¹ See BNA TOPICS, May 1955.



The Latent Re-entry, at right, with normal



Strong Plate Variety, at left, with normal

siderable number of minor re-entries, the description of which would reach far beyond the scope of this short article. Similarly are intentionally omitted here such points as gum and imprint types, not only on account of much controversy between experts where these criteria are concerned, but also be-

cause they form bones of contention among specialists alone.

The accompanying photographs show the scope of collecting where even a single stamp is concerned. Note in the major re-entry, particularly the following characteristics: Strong doubling in "CENTS"; doub-



"Printer's Waste"

ling in both "2"s and the scrollwork at either side of "CENTS". Basically this re-entry is very comparable to the one in the 6c red-brown, and it is almost certain that its location is on the last Ottawa plate of the value. The illustrated copy is dated November 6, 1895.

The latent re-entry, called the major by some authorities, is distinguished by systems of horizontal lines in both "2"s, the "E" of "CENTS" and, most remarkably, outside the design in the margin below the right "2". It is very rare—to date I have seen but five copies—and presumably occurred around 1889, for a short period.

In the strong plate variety shown, the outstanding features are the heavy doubling at the left bottom corner and the strong split of the downward stroke in the left "2".

The "printer's waste" consists of three copies from the top left corner of the pane, doubly perforated vertically and subsequently guillotined in the same direction.

The cover, Halifax to Edinburgh, March 8, 1875, is back-stamped with a circular "Carlisle Sorting Tender, Edinb., Mr. 21/75."

Without exceptions, used blocks are rarer than mint ones. As all other Small Queens denominations, the 2c exists in imperforate form. The die proofs come on bond paper, with or without watermarks, and both die and plate proofs are recorded in green. Apart from about 15 "legitimate" (i.e., non-philatelic) bisects known on cover, the stamp was also used for bisects emanating from philatelic sources, in the 80's of the last century. ★

Bringing News About People and Stamps

By REV. JOHN S. BAIN (BNAPS 19)

WONDER how many BNAPSers saw this line in a New York dealer's advertisement for U.P.U. Presentation Albums for the XIII U.P.U. World Congress, Brussels, 1952? "Canada, in unique wooden P.O. toy truck . . . \$29.50." Now there is a nice mounting problem! I immediately thought of BNAPSer Shorney and his famous Canadian presentation album collection. He certainly would have to build an addition to his case for this one. As far as I can find information, this is the most novel manner in which any country has made distribution of these albums. Canada has certainly presented a unique method of calling attention to her stamps, but I believe that collectors will frown on such innovations. Next we will be collecting the albums by the model of the truck. What price philately!

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Our list of money order cancellations continues to grow and with it a seeming interest. BNAPSer Major L. E. Jarvis sends the following list: Ontario—Fraserdale, Oakville, Cooksville, Dunbarton, McIntosh, Bainsville, Marmora and Woodlawn. Saskatchewan—Sedley, Regina, Kronau. British Columbia—Vancouver (Edmonds). Newfoundland—Harbour Buffett. This is the first one to be reported from Newfoundland.

Many thanks for the examples enclosed and the mint block of the new 5c ICAO. These cancels come mostly in colors—red, purple and green.

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BNAPSer Herman Herst claims that the only error that he has been able to find in the 1955 Scott Catalogue is the used price for Newfoundland No. 233. Don't rush for that catalogue, the mistake is not quite as serious as you may think. Yet, be prepared to stand on your head!

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A thank you to BNAPSers Campbell, Jennings and Vizzard for first day covers and the enclosures! It is always a pleasure to open such philatelic mail, and find mint stamps or articles on the occasion itself. A real round of philatelic friendship, and the best at that—for it's BNAPS.

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By the time this appears in print I will be headed for some of our mission fields in Central and South America. I wonder if I can find any B.N.A. collectors down there? In other travels I have managed to make some contacts. One never knows where a collector will turn up. ★

The Saga of Lem Hobbs

THIS SOUTHERN "CHARACTER" WOULD GIVE NO
STAMP AWAY . . . BUT WOULD TRADE ANYTHING

THIS STORY has little connection with the stamps of British North America. It is the saga of Lem Hobbs and is brought to mind by a note in one of our contemporaries announcing the death at seventy-one of Manly Offcut, the "penniless hermit" of Georgetown, Kentucky, who left behind him a hoard of postage stamps valued at \$10,000.

Lem Hobbs was certainly not penniless, nor strictly speaking was he a hermit; he merely preferred his own society to that of others. The Hobbs family was tops in the southern city where they lived. Lem was the odd one, who would have nothing to do with his brothers and sisters. He lived by himself in the Y.M.C.A. A legacy from his father gave him \$3,500 a year or so, quite a respectable income in 1910.

Lem had two hobbies, the Greek classics, which he read in the original, and stamps. He was not a collector, but a pack rat, and his sole object was to accumulate as many stamps as he could; he didn't care at all what they were. He was a member of the local stamp club, where I met him. He took a liking to me, which he confessed was mainly because of my northern speech: "Son, Ah could lissen to yo'all talk fo'evah."

Soaking Stamps Takes Time

I don't believe Lem ever did a bit of paid-for work in his life—he didn't have to. But that is not to say that he was lazy; he worked when and where it suited him. It took time to soak and sort out the thousands of stamps he accumulated, and he was most generous in devoting his time and money to various good works. Once only while I knew him did he have a real job for maybe six weeks, and for this he was paid in—stamps!

Lem's family connections and his utter courtesy gave him the entree to any of the older firms in town, most of whom saved the stamps from their mail for him. He also regularly raided the waste baskets in the post office lobbies and in the public spaces of the banks and had a staff of office boys and mail clerks under subsidy. He was perfectly willing to pay for what he got, but naturally preferred to get it for nothing. Any pleasant

day he could be seen making his rounds with an old-fashioned carpet bag to pick up his plunder. On bad days, weekends and holidays, he soaked, sorted and filed away what he had gathered.

A "find" didn't mean a thing to Lem—it was merely so many more stamps for his boxes. Yet he made a number. In the first he was the silent partner, who put up the necessary capital, while another did the work and took the profit; Lem wanted it that way.

St. Louis "Bears"

One afternoon two laborers walked into a little book store in a side street and asked Nick, the clerk, if he bought stamps. He did; he ran a small stamp business on the side with the consent of the owner of the store. Thereupon, the darkies produced five covers bearing copies of the St. Louis bear postmasters' provisionals. Nick bought the lot for a trifling sum, \$15 I believe. He was told that there might be more; the finders were cleaning out the garret of the old county court building by order of a newly-elected judge.

Nick eventually got a fair number of these and other early United States covers, but the constantly increasing prices he was asked to pay soon exhausted his meagre resources and his employer refused to help him. So he appealed to Lem, who made him a loan at a very low rate of interest. The covers were sold at auction over three or four years so successfully that Nick built up a substantial bank account, a little of which he used to buy a small farm across the river and the rest kept him going after his retirement.

Eleven Canadian Sixpennys

Another of Lem's finds was made in the head office of a railway company in the city. The company's treasurer, a personal friend, made a deal with Lem to help sort out the contents of the vaults preparatory to moving to new offices. As a reward Lem received everything the company did not wish to preserve. There were many old United States and a number of foreign covers, including some from Canada—I remem-

ber one with eleven sixpenny's on it, which wound up in the Lichtenstein collection—and a tremendous lot of documents bearing United States revenues, many of them of high value. At the beginning of the operation he brought a few samples of this material to a club meeting and we persuaded him not to soak any of it without letting us see it first.

A little later the Germania Bank was absorbed by one of its larger rivals. The business of this old bank was originally mostly among the German emigrants of the '40's and '50's and its vaults were full of correspondence from the German States. Lem got it all for nothing—another case of "family". It all passed into the hands of our club members. Later still he got the old files of a tobacco exporting company, dissolved after a century or more of existence—some fine Canadian material in this lot.

No Sense of Value

Lem had no sense of value, nor wanted

any. He wouldn't give you a stamp, but he would trade it for any other. We were so ashamed of being on the very profitable end of such exchanges that we used to try to force him to take a lot of our medium-grade material for one of his good items, but it was not easy. I once bought the best mission mixture I could find and exchanged it with him for three or four early United States covers. It was months before he was satisfied in his own mind that he had not cheated me.

He came to our meetings with all his pockets stuffed with stamps, spread them out on the table and said, "There you are, boys. He'p yo-seffs." And we did! I don't know how many times we tried to convince him that he was as good as throwing away money, but we never had any luck. His answer to all arguments was always the same: "A stamp's a stamp, ain't it? Anyway, it is to me and if yo're satisfied, Ah am."

Lem died only a few years ago, long after I came to Canada to live. I tried to



PENNY POST IN CANADA

J. RUSSELL HARPER of the New Brunswick Museum was kind enough to loan me a cover as per photograph above. The cover is from Fredericton, 29th Nov., 1831, and the letter signed G. F. Street, Esq., to St. John, N.B., rated 7d. (pence), and underneath this had a hand stamp, "PENNY POST". This is the first time I have come across "PENNY POST" usage in Canada and I would like to find out if anybody has any information whatsoever on it—what is the answer?

—C. P. deVolpi (No. L266)

keep in touch with him, but he never wrote letters. After his death I heard from a mutual friend that Lem carried on as usual to the end and left his "stock" of over five tons of stamps to his pet charity, which was trying to find a buyer. All the good items had been given away, as might have been expected, and what the charity got was mostly "junk".

I can look at almost any of my collections and say: "If it weren't for Lem Hobbs, I wouldn't have that. True, he didn't give me those identical stamps, but by disposing of those he did give me, I laid the foundation of this collection." Lem was unique—his like will not be seen again. ★

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STUDY GROUP

MOUNTING A PERFIN COLLECTION

IN the July-August issue we described a collection of Perfins consisting of one only of each die and each code hole type. We must acknowledge that this is the writer's preferred method of collecting, but is not the method of most Perfin collectors.

The charm of our hobby is that one can collect anything of a philatelic nature in the way that gives pleasure to one's self, mount it in accordance with personal taste and ideas and feel that when displayed, it is your collection with some of your own individuality in it.

The general method of collecting Perfins is to collect each stamp punched by each company.

To mount such a collection we would suggest the Perfin Handbook number and name of the user in the title panel of the page, and immediately below, a reversed stamp on a black mount to illustrate the design—an example is the Maltese Cross at the head of this column. All stamps perforated by this particular user can then be mounted below in the same manner and order of a general collection, following the arrangement of the catalogue.

A difficulty here might be that in many cases a collector might have only one of several of the scarcer dies, in which case we might suggest three or four companies to a page rather than have a number of pages with one stamp only.

Some companies, such as the railways, insurance companies, Bell Telephone, International Harvester, etc., would need a few pages each, and the various code hole varieties should be mounted separately, under the appropriate heading, identifying the issuing office of the company concerned.

Such a collection as we are discussing can be further expanded by including the different positions in which the designs are found.

In an earlier article and in the Handbook will be found information on the eight possible different positions, and although the study group does not intend to record these positions, they will provide added interest to some collectors. Occasionally double strikes are found and very rarely, a double strike, one of which is inverted in relation to the other, this due to a sheet being turned around, possibly to punch the last

one or two rows, and the operator striking an extra impression on a row already punched.

The pairs made on a five-unit machine which have one impression reversed in relation to the other due to folding of a sheet, are most interesting and deserve a special display when found.

A few companies used a single unit perforator and the stamps punched with this ticket punch type of perforator will be found in any position, including oblique.

The introductory pages to a general Perfin collection might follow the suggestions made in the last article (pages 206-207 of July-August TOPICS), the individual collector deciding how much of this material to use.

Perfins on Cover

These items have a particular interest. The P.O. Department has issued 79 permits as compared with our listing to date of 201 major dies. This allows for some speculation as to the identity of the user in some cases, although many can be confirmed by the list of purchasers of Cummins machines. On cover a Perfin would generally confirm the identity of the user, although experience has shown that Perfins still do not protect postage stamp stocks 100% and a few are still used by employees for private correspondence.

It would seem an impossible task to complete a collection of Perfins on cover. There have been remarkably few covers reported through the checklists returned by the Perfin collectors who have collaborated in this study. The keen collectors, who would certainly retain a Perfin on covers, would have no more than perhaps thirty covers.

As with any other type of collection, a Perfin collection is improved and gains additional interest by the inclusion of covers through the collection. These Perfin covers are all of commercial users, generally with the corner card of the company, sometimes combined with an illustration of the office or factory, or with a coloured advertising slogan or design, and add considerably to the attractiveness of a collection.

Again we would like to say that these are suggestions as to how a Perfin collection could be arranged, the ideas and range of interest of the individual collector will determine the extent to which the suggestions are followed.

See you at Hartford. The Study Group will meet at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 1. Details at the convention. You may also get your Perfin Handbook at Hartford. ★

THE AUBURN, ONT., POST OFFICE

ON JULY 30, 1954, the village of Auburn, Ont., situated on the Maitland River in Huron County, began a three-day celebration in observance of the one hundredth anniversary of its founding. That part of Auburn east of the Maitland River was originally called Manchester.

The village historian, Charles E. Asquith, wrote a series of articles on his village for the Stratford Beacon-Herald, one of which told of the first post office there, and is reprinted below.

"The Auburn post office was established on January 1, 1854, and is some months older than the Village of Manchester. It was situated on the west side of the Maitland, probably in Colborne township, and probably remained there until the first bridge was built about 1860. Before this time, Mrs. Aneas Elkin operated a ferry across the river.

"The office was serviced from Goderich and remained so even some years after the London, Huron & Bruce Railway was completed through Blyth in 1876. Until the Goderich-Buffalo Railway started to operate in 1858, the mail arrived at Goderich by stage coach from London. In 1871 Auburn had a tri-weekly mail service but we have not been able to find any record of when it was increased to a daily service. Below is an official list of the postmasters:

"William B. Garratt, Jan. 1, 1854-Dec. 31, 1858; William Japst, April 4, 1859-Feb. 2, 1860; John Landon Read, June 13, 1860-Sept. 19, 1860; James Sutherland, Jan. 1, 1863-Feb. 28, 1871; Wm. Graham, April 1, 1871-Oct. 22, 1872; Samuel Caldwell, Oct. 31, 1872-April 4, 1884; Duncan E. Munro, April 17, 1884-Jan. 3, 1909; Mrs. M. A. Munro, March 1, 1909-Jan. 16, 1926; Alfred Rollinson, April 4, 1928.

"It has always been understood here that the first post office was in John Sturdy's log house in the northwest corner of the children's playground and that he gave up the position because he didn't desire it any longer. The records do not list him as a postmaster but they show a gap of over two years between John Read, Sept. 19, 1860, and the appointment of James Sutherland, Jan. 1, 1863. Quite probably Mr. Sturdy was acting postmaster during this period, although not officially appointed."

—Max Rosenthal (No. 1104). ★

THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

"WHAT'S IN A NAME?" . . . PRO AND CON

I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by your invitation to discuss the subject of Evan R. Gill's letter regarding a change of name for the Society's magazine.

I am entirely in accord with you that the suggested change is very desirable, particularly because the present title does not do justice to the contents of the magazine. Personally, I regard the latter as the most informative as well as the most interesting publication extant covering the study of British North American philately.

Therefore, in harmony with that thought, I suggest as an alternative the following title:

"The British North American Philatelist" spelled out in full, preferably using some decorative type such as Old English. The name is distinctive, dignified, and certainly describes the contents adequately. It also avoids any confusion where the titles of other publications are concerned.

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

"What's in a Name?", Mr. Evan R. Gill's letter in the July-August 1955 TOPICS stirred an interest here that usually does not bring a "letter to the editor".

Mr. Gill's points are well taken. Of course, "Canadian Philately" would infringe on "The Canadian Philatelist" and as "Philately in Canada" may not just hit the spot—why not "B.N.A. Philatelist"?

Of course, there are any number of "Philatelists", but the "B.N.A." certainly would identify its main theme.

Journals of various kinds have changed their names, so there should be no argument on that score. As Mr. Gill has pointed out, "Topics" just isn't the word now.

David Lidman (No. 263).

In regard to the "name" for TOPICS, I think the suggestion is a good one. Names should be sent in to the editor and the membership asked to vote on the one that they desire. Here is a suggestion: "The BNA Philatelic Lens". Further, you might give one of the Society's medals, suitably inscribed, to the member who sends in the name selected.

Rev. John S. Bain (No. 19)

I am not very enthusiastic about changing the name of TOPICS; it is a good one as it is. Some of the objectors should look up the meaning of the word in "O.D." or "Fowler"—they will find that it has no restricted meaning, no matter what they may think.

R. DeL. French (No. 1157).

Some years ago, when a cartographic draughtsman was assembling on his drawing-board material for a new map of Alaska, derived from surveyors' notes and sketches, he found no name assigned to a certain cape.

He indicated this fact on his trial map with a roughly penciled query, "Name?" This appeared in the final version as "Nome". Hence we got "Cape Nome", and later "Nome" city. In this case, there was a lot in a "Name".

I don't like particularly "BNA Topics", but any change **does** "break with continuity". Moreover, the sub-title, "Official Journal of the British North America Philatelic Society", immediately explains to the "benighted heathen" what it is all about.

I favour (B.N.A. spelling!) the present name.

H. Warren K. Hale (No. 102).

For quite some time I have been on the verge of writing to you . . . The letter you printed from our good friend, Evan R. Gill, now forces me to get this off to you in post-haste.

The idea of changing the title of our journal is out of order. The fact that the magazine is issued by a philatelic society in itself is evidence that it is of a philatelic nature—why add "philately" to the title. Being of a philatelic nature, any material it contains must be "topics" that are of interest to a philatelist. Now, being a journal of a specialized group of philatelists, namely British North America specialists, we have a title that is concise and to the point.

Anyone who mistakes BNA TOPICS as a journal for topical collectors is not well versed in philatelic matters. Overseas the term "Thematics" is applied to stamps that depict or portray subjects of a given type, but this does not suggest that those who collect these subject specimens are bird-

watchers, wet nurses, botanists, or what-have-you.

... I suggest that he [Mr. Gill] go to any dictionary and look up the definition of "topic". I can find nothing about "fish" nor "fowl" nor of "something fleeting" in its meaning.

"Philately IN Canada" sounds like a Dunn & Bradstreet report. What would our American and Overseas advertisers think of such a title. They are appealing to a group of collectors who specialize in B.N.A. stamps, not solely those of Canada.

BNA TOPICS is all encompassing — there is something for everyone, buyer and seller alike—topics of interest to all. Even the "topical" collector will find valuable topics to use with his phase of collecting.

There is a never-ending supply of topics for every phase of B.N.A. philately.

... By the time BNA TOPICS becomes a news-stand item with an eye-catching title, it will still be BNA TOPICS. Mr. Gill admits it catches the eye of the uninitiated.

The "front door" of BNAPS is always open, hence any name on it would be unnoticed by a passing fancy—but walk in and be enlightened!

I am not trying to be as tough as this may appear, however, it is disturbing to think effort is being expended in the wrong vein. Let us make some concerted effort to bring the beginner and novice through the open door of BNAPS. There is enough room for all of us and BNA TOPICS . . . is there to tell the WORLD.

Walter R. Hoffman (No. 10).

SIR WILLIAM MULOCK

A SIDELIGHT ON THE DESIGNER OF THE FAMOUS "MAP" STAMP

FROM the "Montreal Star", May 7, 1955,
appears the following:

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Tuesday, May 7, 1935

Toronto.—Fishing in a snowstorm in his 93rd year, Sir William Mulock, Chief Justice of Ontario, caught 42 speckled trout in his ponds at Holland House, Markdale, during the weekend.

* * *

Sir William was also the instigator and designer of Canada's celebrated "Map Stamp". During the time he was Postmaster-General and after, I sent him a letter of congratulations on his birthday. This time I asked him to be good enough to return the cover which had two Maps and a Special Delivery. I was surprised and delighted to receive from him the cover on which he had added his full signature on all three stamps. I also had the satisfaction, and was very proud and glad to have had the opportunity of direct communication with this worthy and talented gentleman and having his signature on these stamps which, as far as is known at this time, are the only ones extant.

Some inquiries have been made as to why the seas on the Map Stamp are of different colors. In my opinion, this is to conform

with the waters of the world—for instance, the lovely blue of the Mediterranean and the dark grey-green of the North Pacific off the Kurile Islands, which I have noted in my travels.

At this time, these two specimens previously mentioned, are very rare and the writer is not aware of any others. Sir William Mulock died a short time afterwards. Honored and regretted, he left behind him the best traditions of a public servant and a high-minded gentlemen. — Major Harry Morell (No. 1115). ★

ARTICLES WANTED !

• We thank those members who responded to our appeal for articles for publication in BNA TOPICS during the coming fall and winter season. We still need more material, however, if our magazine is to maintain its high standards, and it is hoped that many members will avail themselves of this opportunity of breaking into print, if they haven't done so previously. No doubt the passing of the holiday season will encourage many to write of their research activities and experiences in the B.N.A. field. The editor will be pleased to hear from you.



Revenue Group News

SECRETARY: PROF. R. DeL. FRENCH,
7481 Upper Lachine Road, Montreal 28, Canada



THIS is an illustration of the most attractive postally-used revenue cover I have ever seen. It is the property of F. W. L. Keane (No. 565) and is the first registered cover of this sort I know. It seems almost incredible that a registered cover should get through the post office improperly franked, as this one is. The postmark, which is also the cancellation, is dated "DE 9 35" and the revenue stamps are the common 5c King George war tax of 1915.

The revenue lots, etc., in Sissons' auction of May 18 last, were sold at the prices noted:

(Catalogue values in parentheses, sale price in bold face figures)

- 605 Several hundred revenues, mint and used, very little duplication, also a few U.S. (Cat. value, E\$10-20) Sale price, **\$11.50**.
- 606 Bill stamps, 1864 \$2, \$3, blocks, o.g., fine (\$14) **\$7.50**.
- 607 —\$3 block of 10, o.g., fine (\$20) **\$8.00**.
- 608 Supreme Court, 1915, blue control, used, scarce and very fine. (\$8+) **\$8.50**.
- 609 —as above, purple control, very fine and scarce. **\$10.50**.
- 610 Manitoba 1877-1901, collection 31 different, used, fine to very fine. (\$25.65) **\$5.50**.
- 611 —1886-92, 108 with various rubber stamp overprints, used, fine to very fine. (\$56.20) **\$9.00**.
- 612 Ontario 1864 F.F. 5c rouletted, vert. pair, im-

print at top, o.g., superb and scarce. (\$20+) **\$17.00**.

- 613 —1864 L.S. 10c rouletted, cut into slightly at top, o.g., very good. (\$10) **\$2.25**.
- 614 —1871 50c vert. pair, imperf. horiz., used, top stamp small tear, bottom stamp very fine. (E\$5-10) **\$4.00**.

Telegraph and Telephone Franks

- 615 C.P.R. franks, 7 panes or blocks, 1887, 1907-9, 1911, 1916 and 1923, good to very fine. (\$13.20) **\$4.00**.
- 616 Great North Western, 5 panes or blocks, 1907-8, 1912, 1917. (\$8+) **\$2.25**.
- 617 Bell, 1915, 5c, 25c complete pane of 20 with selvage, very fine and scarce. (\$20+) **\$3.00**.
- 618 —1916 as above, 5c with selvage, fine. (\$13+) **\$2.00**.
- 619 —1919 as above. (\$7+) **\$1.50**.
- 620 —1920 25c, 1921 5c, 25c panes of 20, fine. (\$11+) **\$1.75**.
- 621 —1922-3 5c, 25c; 1924 5c, 5 panes of 20, fine. (\$17+) **\$3.00**.
- 622 —1926 5c, 25c; 1930 5c; 1933 5c; four panes of 20, fine (\$13+) **\$1.50**.
- 623 British Columbia Telephone Co., 1914 25c, \$1; 1915 5c, \$1; panes of 6, fine. (\$18) **\$2.00**.
- 624 —1916-19, 5c-\$1, 12 panes of 6 complete with selvage. (\$41.95) **\$3.50**.
- 625 —1921 5c-\$1 complete; 1922 5c, 25c; panes of 6, one with selvage, fine to very fine. (\$13.20) **\$1.75**.
- 626 —1924-5 5c-\$1, 6 panes of 6 complete, fine. (\$10.80) **\$1.75**.
- 627 —1928 5c, \$1; 1929 \$1; 1939 \$1; panes of 6, fine and scarce. (\$7.20) **\$2.25**.
- 628 Saskatchewan 5c black, large control C, pane of 25, fine. (\$50) **\$5.00**.

Now comes L. W. Sharpe, Q.C. (No. 395) with information about the Associated Societies Savings Bank, of Hamilton, Ont., which issued the stamps I described in these notes in the June TOPICS. The stamps described there are, so far as is known, the only varieties and were certainly issued in sheets as pairs and blocks occur, but we do not know the size of the sheets—probably 50 or 100.

This was a "penny" bank. Depositors bought stamps to the value of their deposits and these were stuck in their passbooks. Presumably, when money was withdrawn, stamps to the value of the withdrawal were cancelled in the book.

The bank's premises were on James Street, near Barton Street, a desirable location, which is perhaps one of the reasons why this bank was absorbed by the Bank of Hamilton. It is also believed that the savings bank was not in too healthy a financial condition at that time, which is another reason for the Bank of Hamilton taking it over.

The Bank of Hamilton was itself absorbed by the Canadian Bank of Commerce many years ago, so it is probably that the Associated Societies Savings Bank flourished at about the turn of the century, if as late as that. I suppose its stamps should be considered as savings stamps, like our government wartime issues.

I have been writing from time to time about the cancellations which appear on the \$2 inverted head bill stamp and I went so far as to say that pen cancellations seemed to be scarcer than stamped cancellations.

Now the owner of six (!) of these stamps writes me to say that his are cancelled thus:

1. 30x20 mm. double-lined oval, "Brown, McMinn & Co., Jan. 11, 1874" in blue.
2. Small portion of undecipherable blue stamped cancellation; "N-22-74" vertically; initialed "J.W.A.S." (?); the few letters which can be distinguished suggest that this may have emanated from the Royal Bank.
3. Pencancelled "B.P.&Co."(?)
4. Similar to 3.
5. Very faint manuscript "o" at top of Queen's head.
6. Very faint manuscript cancellation; indecipherable, but could be similar to 3 and 4.

Perhaps pen cancellations are commoner than I thought they were; at least, four out of six of these stamps are so cancelled.

I won't give the name of the owner of these stamps, as I don't want him annoyed

by collectors who might think that just because he has six of them, he could be induced to sell one or more. So far as I know, he has no present intention of parting with any, so just keep on dreaming!

Some revenue collectors complain that there are no up-to-date printed revenue albums available. In this they are quite right. The Needham album, which had spaces for both federal and provincial revenues, is so old as to be useless and nothing has appeared to replace it entirely. But there is a good printed loose-leaf album for federal issues only on the market, and corresponding blank pages are available. The price is modest. This album is published by R. S. Mason, Box 522, Port Dover, Ont.

The longer one collects stamps, the more likely it is that their appeal will gradually change. At first, the object is to get as many varieties and as perfect copies as possible, with the emphasis on completeness. A good many of us ultimately become as much interested in their backgrounds as in the stamps themselves and in the light that their use throws on the way of life in days gone by. This may be one of the reasons why covers, especially stampless and early ones, are so popular. For example, a good range of covers will show how the typewriter has driven longhand out of business and pin down roughly the date when machine cancellation superseded the old hand stamp.

This is as true of revenue stamps as it is of postage stamps. Most of the earliest Quebec laws, for instance, bear manuscript cancellations. A little later we have cancellations obviously from steel stamps, followed by those from rubber stamps, then the so-called "cash register" cancellations and now Quebec is using meter impressions in place of some stamps and so cancellations seem to be on the way out.

Perhaps the best reflection of contemporary mores is afforded by the United States private proprietary stamps, to which I have referred before in these pages. These really do shed some light on your grandfather's beliefs and manners. ★

Special Cacheted Covers Ready for BNAPEX-55

• Covers with the special BNAPEX-55 cachet as illustrated on the cover of this issue, are available at 10 cents each from Oren B. Maxim, Box 1505, Waterbury 20, Connecticut. ★

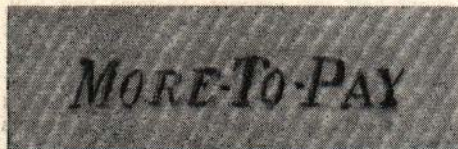
Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)

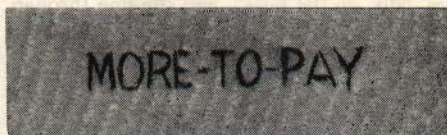


STAMP COLLECTING for May 27th lists some of the items that will be shown at the Centenary Exhibition that Thomas De La Rue & Co. staged at the premises of the Royal Philatelic Society during the middle two weeks of June. One of the items to be shown appertains to Newfoundland and is described as follows: "Newfoundland, King Edward VIII—the original essay for a 4 cents value for Newfoundland which was subsequently adopted for the ¼d. of Grenada with the head of King George VI and 'one farthing' in place of 'postage' in 1937, together with photographs of adaptations of it for Aden, Hong Kong, and alternative designs for Southern Rhodesia."

Not too long ago we were successful in getting John Siverts (BNAPS 59), of Wilmington, Del., to bring his very fine Newfoundland collection with him on the occasion of his visit to our home for the weekend. Needless to say, we had a wonderful time replete with "oohs" and "ahs" as we slowly turned the pages. One item that we noted in particular was a cover franked with the 1c, Scott No. 45, and the 2c, Scott No. 47. The cover was posted at St. John's on Apr. 15, 1896, and received at Harbor Grace the same day. Evidently it was an overweight letter as across the face there was a black handstamped "MORE TO PAY" with a black handstamped "6". Somehow this handstamp looked different than those we wrote about in TOPICS for April 1954. We decided to make tracings of the three types thus far recorded, with earliest and latest dates of use. Type 1 has only been seen on stampless covers used between Nov.

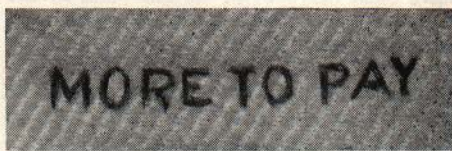


TYPE 1



TYPE 2

11, 1847, and July 3, 1850. In every instance they are on covers posted at St. John's, addressed to Quebec, sent via Halifax with the postage paid between St. John's and Halifax and the rest sent collect. There is some question as to whether this type is actually a Newfoundland marking, as the handstamp may conceivably have been applied at Halifax or Quebec as well as at St. John's. Type 2 is definitely of Newfound-



TYPE 3

land origin as it has been found on purely local covers between the dates Mar. 9, 1869, and Dec. 19, 1887. Type 3, the one discovered in John Siverts' collection and also definitely a Newfoundland marking, is only recorded on Apr. 15, 1896. We would appreciate any further notes that our readers might have.

Back in March 1953 I wrote an article for TOPICS concerning the Plate Varieties of Scott A12, Nos. 28, 28a and 29. At that time we discussed three varieties and advised that we didn't know whether or not they existed on the original plate or whether they were re-entries in the true sense. Recently, in looking through some lots on sale at H. R. Harmer, we noticed a copy of the

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proof of Scott A12 in yellow. That in itself was not strange as it is a fairly common proof on India. This one proof, however, was a little different as it was the variety that has the thin line from the "W" of NEWFOUNDLAND extending diagonally to the right and upward until it reached the point of the chin. It was the variety listed as Fig. 3 in the article and it proved that the hairline is a plate variety and not a true re-entry. We are still on the lookout to see if we can learn whether the other two varieties, "dot on the nose", and the line through the "U" of NEWFOUNDLAND are plate varieties or re-entries.

N. W. Scales (BNAPS 1058), Evansville,

Ind., has come up with a scarce piece of postal stationery. It is a copy of the 1889 provisional post card which was surcharged "2 CENTS", in used condition. The card in question bears copies of No. 30, two copies of No. 48 and a pair of No. 57. The presence of the pair of No. 57 detracts somewhat from the card as it shows that the card was not used at the time that it was current, namely 1889, as No. 57 was not issued until 1896. ★

'Officials' at African Show

• In the TEPPEX exhibition to be held in October, in Pretoria, South Africa, Canada "Officials" will be among the main entries. ★

FRANK W. CAMPBELL (No. 143)

The Two Cent First Class Rate

OF LATE YEARS I have heard of a first class rate of two cents from one post office to another, before the 1898 universal two cent postage era. Several covers have been heard of in various parts of the country, but I think these instances were where the letter passed through the mail by mistake. Some writer has said that in New Brunswick before Confederation a two cent rate within the county existed, but no documentation of such has been seen.

Research in old postal records finds the "Canadian Almanac" of 1890 noting that the first class rate is three cents universally, except letters for delivery in the same post office, called "drop letters", are one cent if no free house-to-house delivery exists and two cents if a house-to-house delivery is in operation—meaning in the larger cities.

This would place the starting date of the two cent rate in 1889; and in the 1890 Postmaster-General's Report, on page vii, it states: "The Post Office Act of last session increased the rate of a single-rate letter from a half ounce to an ounce. The rate on drop letters at the same time was fixed at two cents per ounce. The charge for registration was fixed on all matter at five cents per unit." Apparently some confusion existed between the two cent and five cent registration fee.

While the above quotation does not differentiate the one cent and two cent drop

letter rate according to whether or not the town had a local free delivery service, the "Canadian Almanac" in 1890 and for years thereafter did differentiate the rates.

Further evidence that the two cent rate really operated is a note on page x of the above-mentioned report, that "A considerable reduction has taken place in the weekly average of letters delivered by letter carriers owing to the increase in postage on 'drop' or 'city' letters." Also it was mentioned that considerable illegal delivery by private parties was encountered when the rates increased.

Another note in the 1890 report was that extra stamps were ordered printed because it was prudent to have on hand a sufficient supply during the removal of the printing office of the British American Bank Note Company from Montreal to Ottawa.

In October of 1889, under the new drop letter rate, accurate count was taken of the number delivered by carriers. In Toronto, 74 carriers delivered 94,770 city letters (presumably the two cent rate), 6,346 registered letters, 162,464 other letters. Montreal had about half this amount. Victoria had 639, 28, 2,832, respectively. This new two cent rate accounts for the large number of 2c green Small Queen stamps with city postmarks of the larger cities so commonly seen in mixtures of the 2c green. Dated copies before 1889 always have been comparatively rare. ★

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Instructions for First Day Cover Service for Canadian Stamps

• Collectors who desire to have first day covers prepaid with any new issues of Canadian postage stamps specially cancelled on the date of issue, should forward self-addressed covers to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ontario, **not to the Philatelic Section** of the Post Office Department, prior to the date of issue. All covers must contain "fillers" and must be sealed or have the flap turned in. To avoid errors, collectors should mark on the cover, upper right hand corner, the quantity and denominations of stamps to be affixed to each cover.

Do not fold covers when forwarding through the mails. Enclose all covers in an outside cover marked "First Day of Issue". All covers will be returned by ordinary mail unless it is specifically requested that they be returned by registered mail. Covers will not be returned in bulk under outside cover.

In addition to the cost of postage required to be affixed to the covers at ordinary, air mail or registered mail rates, collectors must include in their remittance sufficient money to pay the department's cover service fee amounting to 5 cents for each cover forwarded for service. This service fee is waived in the case of high value new issues. The necessary space should be allowed on first day covers if blocks or stamps are ordered. The Postmaster, Ottawa, cannot guarantee to supply plate corner blocks of four stamps, which will be distributed as equitably as the supply permits.

The postage rate on first class mail for delivery in North and South America, the British Commonwealth, France and Spain, is 5 cents. The first class mail rate for countries not mentioned above is 6 cents. The fee required for registration is 20 cents additional for each cover where this service is desired.

Remittances for first day covers are to be in Canadian funds made payable to the "Receiver-General of Canada" and sent to the Postmaster, Ottawa 2, Ontario. ★

Sketches of BNAPSers . . .

By V. G. GREENE (BNAPS L40)

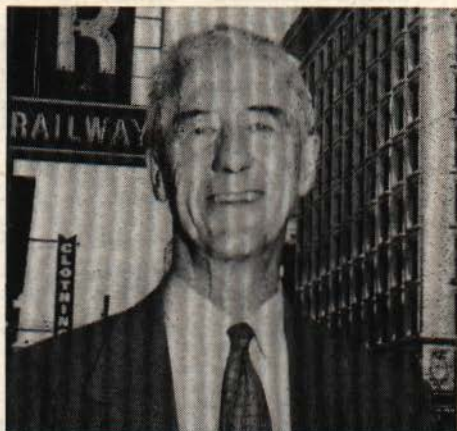
No. 70: C. B. D. Garrett (15)

ONE of our earliest members (No. 15), Mr. C. B. D. Garrett was born in Southsea, England, on December 31, 1882; was educated at the famous public school, St. Paul's, London, and at the English College, Bruges, Belgium. Coming to Canada in 1902, he has been employed at various times by the Dominion and Provincial governments, museums and universities as a professional "collector" of ornithology, mammalogy, entomology or palaeontology (birds, animals, insects, fossils), and is one of the foremost authorities on the continent on some of these interesting subjects. His work has been appreciated by U.S. entomologists to the extent that they have named 16 different insects of various families "Garrett's".

The experience and keen observation necessary in Mr. Garrett's work was a great asset to him when he began to collect stamps and such things as re-entries and plate flaws could almost be seen at one glance. In consequence, he rightfully claims the largest collection in existence of Canadian re-entries—perhaps 500 different varieties. He is also a keen student of Canadian postal stationery and has nearly everything listed by Holmes and some varieties that are not listed. Besides being nearly complete in the stamps of Canada (except for the great rarities) he has a specialized collection of 1898 "Map" stamps which has won several prizes; collections of Canadian "Flags", "Hotels", "Patriotics", precancels, and "Squared Circle" cancellations, many of them on cover.

He wrote the listing of "Match Tax Paid" for the Canadian Revenue Society, and has a specialized collection of British Columbia Law stamps; and also 2200 different plate blocks.

Since 1928, Mr. Garrett has written many short paragraphs and three or four longer papers on Canadian philately. He has the notes on several other papers, including the 2c "Map" stamp; re-entries on the King Edward issue and on the 1c Small Queens; B.C. Law Stamps, and "Slogan" cancellations. He is to be largely "blamed" for the Perf. O.H.M.S. boom, as in the early '30's



he gave away many to persuade collecting. By 1941 he had originated the variety listing "A" to "H" now in use, and wrote the first printed listing offered to collectors in 1947.

When he was younger, Mr. Garrett was a keen tennis player and (with his brother) won 15 prizes in one year. In 1899 he was table tennis champion of Brussels, Belgium, and as an amateur (i.e., unpaid) boxed in the professional ring under different names, ten or fifteen times (1904-08).

Mr. Garrett's other great hobby or rather, amusement, is playing chess, and though not a champion, he has played for the British Columbia team against Washington for the past five years. The writer will back him to beat any of our 900-odd BNAPSers . . . any takers? ★

H. R. Harmer To Auction Greatest Classic Collection

★ The world's most valuable collection of classic postage stamps will be offered at auction by H. R. Harmer Inc., of New York. The firm has announced that the collection formed by the late Alfred H. Caspary will be dispersed over a period of three years to ensure maximum realizations. The first portion of general United States issues of 1847 to 1861 will be offered in January. The sale dates for the B.N.A. section have been set for October of 1956. ★

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New Offices in 1846

• I have photostats of all the new post offices, about 700 of them, as portrayed on large wall circulars sent to the Manitouwaning post office, from 1846 to 1854. The early ones have the distance from the nearest post office, for purposes of making the correct rate. After 1851 these rates were changed to "per letter", so the lists have the name of the first postmaster replacing the "distance".

At the bottom of the circular is a note asking the postmaster to insert this data in his Blue Book. Now, I want to know who has copies of this Blue Book before 1850, as it may help in locating some office changes I suspect, such as Burnstown, McNab, Newcastle, etc.

The 1846 list is not lengthy, so it is given here, these being opened on July 6, 1846: Acton, Allanburgh, Cross Point-Gaspe, Fingal, Owen's Sound, Port Maitland, St. Barthelmi, St. Lin, Templeton, Whitchurch, St. Henri, South Monaghan.

On October 6, 1846, were opened: Alnwick, LaCloche (on Lake Huron), Manitouwaning, St. Joseph's (on Lake Huron), Sault Ste. Marie, Stevensville.

Re-opened that year, with the older opening date following: St. Antoine, 1831; St. Giles, 1833; St. Raphaels, 1823; Varennes, 1827. St. Raphaels, in the present Glengarry County, lived a stormy existence as it closed often in records.—Frank W. Campbell (No. 143). ★

Canada's First Ocean Mail Service

• One hundred years ago, September 1855, the first Canadian trans-Atlantic mail service was inaugurated between Great Britain and Canada by the St. Lawrence route. The mail steamers, operating on contract for the then Province of Canada, crossed the Atlantic in 12 to 13 days westward and 11 to 12 days eastward. At first, the mails were carried fortnightly; by 1859, the service was a weekly one, and was regarded so highly that the United States Government used the ships for European mail to the New England states, and to the growing territory between Detroit and Chicago.

Until steamers operated from Montreal and Quebec, mail was sent to the Province of Canada by way of Halifax. It took nearly two weeks to cross the ocean. Then the mail was taken overland to Pictou, N.S., and 5½ days later it reached Quebec. ★

Quantities Issued:

Canadian Postage Stamps 1897 to 1951

ISSUE	QUANTITY	ISSUE	QUANTITY	ISSUE	QUANTITY
Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee, 1897		Quebec Tercentenary, 1908		Historical, 1927	
½c Black	150,000	½c Sepia	2,000,000	5c Violet	20,349,000
1c Orange	8,000,000	1c Green	22,530,000	12c Green	5,273,000
2c Green	2,500,000	2c Red	35,100,000	20c Carmine	7,632,000
3c Red	20,000,000	5c Blue	1,200,000		
5c Blue	750,000	7c Olive Green	700,000	King George V, 1928	
8c Purple	200,000	10c Violet	500,000	1c Yellow	278,652,000
6c Brown	75,000	15c Orange	300,000	2c Green	1,131,188,000
10c Purple	150,000	20c Brown	304,200	3c Red	11,000,000
15c Blue	100,000			4c Bistre	10,020,000
20c Vermillion	100,000	King George V, 1912		5c Violet	21,421,900
50c Blue	100,000	1c Green	3,218,400,000	8c Blue	12,100,000
\$1 Rose	24,900	2c Red	3,043,450,000	10c Green	4,330,000
\$2 Purple	25,000	3c Brown (1918)	2,044,000,000	20c Carmine	7,008,600
\$3 Brown	13,500	5c Blue	198,000,000	50c Dark Blue	1,044,900
\$4 Purple	14,500	7c Yellow	103,200,000	\$1 Green	560,950
\$5 Green	15,500	10c Plum	148,800,000		
		20c Olive Green	95,416,000	King George V, 1930	
		50c Sepia	3,420,000	1c Orange	74,900,000
Maple Leaves, 1897				1c Green	422,550,000
½c Black	2,000,000	War Tax, 1915		2c Green	318,700,000
1c Green	34,000,000	1c Green	267,500,000	2c Red	431,000,000
2c Purple	12,000,000	2c Red	118,400,000	4c Bistre	11,000,000
3c Red	44,000,000	3c 1Tc	172,300,000	5c Violet	10,300,000
5c Blue	3,500,000	3c 1Tc Brown (29/8/16)	514,500,000	5c Blue	45,500,000
6c Brown	500,000	3c 1Tc Red (12x8)	4,800,000	8c Blue	887,500
8c Orange	1,400,000			8c Orange	5,912,500
10c Purple	300,000			10c Green	21,100,000
				12c Grey	6,975,000
Numerals, 1898				20c Carmine	21,000,000
½c Black	6,080,000	Confederation, 1917		50c Blue	2,811,400
1c Green	313,900,000	3c Brown	98,650,000	\$1 Olive Green	606,350
2c PurpleW	72,021,200			20c Red Spec. Del.	950,000
2c Red	619,000,000	King George V, 1922-25			
3c Red	51,287,600	1c Yellow	1,278,760,000	King George V, 1931-32	
5c Blue	22,070,000	2c Green	2,228,975,000	2c Brown	355,700,000
6c Brown	560,000	3c Red	1,091,797,300	3c Red	491,700,000
7c Yellow	1,515,000	4c Bistre	75,900,000	3c on 2c Red	58,265,000
8c Orange	893,800	5c Violet	184,650,000	10c Dark Green	64,300,000
10c Purple	2,725,000	7c Red-brown	16,280,000		
20c Olive	540,000	8c Blue	25,350,000	Ottawa Conference, 1932	
		10c Blue	128,382,000	3c Red	100,700,000
Special Delivery, 1898		10c Light Brown	89,713,000	5c Blue	8,300,000
10c Green	3,667,500	\$1 Orange	2,600,000	13c Green	2,000,000
Imperial Penny Postage, 1898		20c Special Delivery	2,300,000		
2c Red, Black, Blue	19,927,500	1c Yellow Imperf.	50,000	King George V, Medaillon, 1932	
		2c Green Imperf.	50,000	1c Green	527,450,000
		3c Red Imperf.	100,000	2c Brown	514,300,000
Surcharged, 1899				3c Red	1,162,700,000
2c on 3c Red	9,914,800	King George V., 1926		4c Bistre	7,017,400
		2c on 3c (1 line)	50,000	5c Dark Blue	54,500,000
		2c on 3c (2 lines)	103,600	8c Orange	4,465,000
King Edward VII, 1903-12				13c Violet	5,016,500
1c Green	1,470,000,000	Confederation, 1927		20c Red Spec. Del.	600,000
2c Red	2,160,000,000	1c Orange	148,034,000	Postal Union, 1933	
2c Red Imperf.	100,000	2c Green	333,757,000	5c Blue	5,100,000
5c Blue	66,210,000	3c Carmine	15,431,000		
7c Yellow	25,305,000	5c Violet	26,627,000		
10c Purple	15,080,000	12c Dark Blue	7,492,000		
20c Olive Green	3,150,000	20c Orange Spec. Del.	671,400		
50c Violet	500,000				

ISSUE	QUANTITY	ISSUE	QUANTITY	ISSUE	QUANTITY
Royal William, 1933		Coronation, 1937		Pictorial, 1943	
5c Blue	4,854,200	3c Carmine	51,400,000	14c Green	14,878,673
Regina Grain Conference, 1933		King George VI, 1937		17c Blue	868,689
20c Red (O'printed)	1,560,000	1c Green	1,393,677,600	King George VI, 1943	
Jacques Cartier, 1934		2c Brown	1,163,103,500	3c Purple	2,118,190,000
3c Blue	12,370,000	3c Red	2,633,940,000	4c Red	3,149,175,000
New Brunswick, 1934		4c Bistre	24,074,000	Pictorial, 1946	
2c Brown	5,050,000	5c Blue	133,102,302	8c Brown	15,100,000
United Empire Loyalists, 1934		8c Orange	14,035,353	10c Olive Green	118,250,000
10c Green	3,000,000	10c Rose	10,186,690	17c Air Mail-Special Delivery (Die I)	300,000
Silver Jubilee, 1935		10c Red	54,019,523	50c Green	13,970,000
1c Green	30,500,000	13c Ultramarine	13,028,291	\$1	15,375,000
2c Brown	31,000,000	20c Brown	30,499,240	Alexander Graham Bell	
3c Red	60,425,000	50c Green	4,924,100	4c Blue	25,050,000
5c Blue	5,050,000	\$1 Violet	2,210,219	Citizenship, 1947	
10c Green	3,125,000	20c Spec. Del.	200,000	4c Blue	25,100,000
13c Blue	1,100,000	Special Delivery, 1939		Princess Elizabeth, 1948	
King George V, 1935		10c on 20c Carmine	300,000	4c Blue	50,010,000
1c Green	355,495,000	10c Green	2,305,450	Responsible Govt., 1948	
2c Brown	331,000,000	Royal Visit, 1939		4c Grey	50,300,000
3c Red	701,490,000	1c Green and Black	50,043,000	Union of Newfoundland, 1949	
4c Yellow	7,037,000	2c Brown and Black	50,224,000	4c Green	50,850,000
5c Blue	41,044,551	3c Dark Carmine and Black	100,000,000	Halifax Bicentennial, 1949	
8c Orange	3,066,000	King George VI, 1942		4c Purple	25,450,000
10c Rose	4,085,500	1c Green	2,533,900,000	Postal Centennial, 1951	
13c Purple	8,035,000	2c Brown	470,710,000	4c Black	49,750,000
20c Olive Green	13,512,841	3c Red	605,750,000	5c Purple	5,050,000
50c Purple	2,416,000	4c Grey	7,900,000	7c Blue	19,900,000
\$1 Blue	818,000	5c Blue	174,100,000	15c Red (still on sale)	
20c Red Spec. Del.	883,814	8c Red Brown	22,978,621		
		10c Brown	157,680,577		
		13c Dark Green	4,000,000		
		20c Brown	62,028,166		
		50c Purple	16,486,515		
		\$1 Purple	16,486,515		
		16c Blue Air Mail- Special Delivery	814,841		
		10c Green Spec. Del.	3,276,404		

THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Squared Circles . . . and New Name

As just another devotee of the cult of Squared Circle postmarks, I follow with interest all the revelations of Dr. Whitehead in his handbook and articles, and I was again spurred on by his additional information in TOPICS for July-August to check up on my small collection.

I find that I have a copy of the Squared Circle of Charlottetown, P.E.I., with the scarce "clerk's number" 3 over the date, which is AU. 11, '98, and is therefore later than the dates listed in the doctor's article. The strike I have is on a 3c Numeral issue.

Also having studied the handbook and altered some dates therein (with the help of

Col. McLellan), I noted a reference to the fact that almost all of the Bleeker St. and Bleecker St. Squared Circles on cover are addressed to members of a certain Miller family. My covers are also addressed to various Millers, including a cover of the error "Bleeker St." dated JA. 30, '95, but I have seen one cover dated AP. 30, '95 (owned by Mr. George Macnamara of Dublin) sent to a different addressee, namely Mrs. J. Bless. One of the Miller girls must have got married!

As to the other letters in TOPICS, I agree with Mr. Gill re the title—why not "Philatelic Journal of Canada"? It is high-sounding . . . but ought to be!

J. Millar Allen (No. 996).



OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

FROM THE SECRETARY

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

August 15, 1955.

NEW MEMBERS

- 1320 Affleck, W. N., 163 Alexandra Street, Oshawa, Ontario.
1321 Banno, Edward C., 435 Victoria Street, Kamloops, British Columbia.
1322 Bond, Cpt. A. K., 1220 Pine Street, Kamloops, British Columbia.
1323 Cassar-Torreggiani, F., 437 Alexander Avenue, North Kamloops, British Columbia.
1324 Foster, Bertrand A., 358 Mark Street, Port Arthur, Ontario.
1325 Jarnick, Jerome C., P.O. Box 124, Almond, Wisconsin.
1326 King, Melville V. R., 330 Alexander Avenue, Kamloops, British Columbia.
1327 Kirkwood, A. L. H., 34 Willowbank Blvd., Toronto 12, Ontario.
1328 Linton, Humphrey, RCAF Station, Cold Lake, Alberta.
1329 Rex, Harry O., 161 West Main Street, Plainville, Connecticut.
1330 Sandulak, Dan, 132-42 Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.
1331 Showers, J. Grant, 309 Vansittart Avenue, Woodstock, Ontario.
1332 Veale, E. W., P.O. Box 86, Kamloops, British Columbia.
1333 Davidson, John G., 207 Harrison Avenue, Christiansburg, Pennsylvania.
1334 Evans, Frank S., Box 202, Sedro-Woolley, Washington.
1335 Hall, W. E. G., 1511-12th Street W., Calgary, Alberta.
1336 Kirk, Amy (Mrs. J. A. C.), 4063 West 34th Avenue, Vancouver 13, British Columbia.
1337 Plum, George H., 199 Main Street, Flemington, New Jersey.
1338 Wilson, Leonard F., 7621 Saskatchewan Drive, Edmonton, Alberta.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- BLACK, Raymond E.**, 629 Spruce St., Winnipeg 10, Man. (CX) CAN, NFD, N.S.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Proposed by E. P. Warren, No. 711. Seconded by H. M. Wilding, No. 1040.
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- BUCHANAN, William O.**, 243 Russell Hill Rd., Toronto 7, Ont. (CX) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st day and 1st flight covers. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint, used and semi-official airmails and on cover. Postal stationery entires. R.P.O., flag, slogan and squared circle cancellations. Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. 506.
- DAY, Walter T.**, 1510 E. 11th St., Vancouver 10, B.C. (CX) CAN—19th and 20th century used postage. Literature. Proposed by H. A. MacMaster, No. 484. Seconded by F. B. Eaton, No. 608.
- DE FRANTZ, Walter**, 5142 So Parkway, Chicago 15, Ill. (CX) CAN, N.B., N.S.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Proofs. 2- and 4-ring cancellations. SPECIALTY—Canadian imperfs. Proposed by J. Levine, No. 1.
- FOLINSBEE, J. A.**, 760 Marine Dr., W. Vancouver, B.C. (C) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Federal, Provincial and Tax-paid revenues. Proposed by H. A. MacMaster, No. 484. Seconded by F. B. Eaton, No. 608.
- HUFF, Clayton**, 925 Edgewood Ave., Pelham Manor, N.Y. (C) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st day covers. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Precancels. Mint and used airmails. Postal stationery entires and cut-squares. Literature. R.P.O. cancellations. SPECIALTY—Small Queens. Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. 506.
- HUNKA, Daniel**, 115 Vachon St., Apt. 2, Eastview, Ont. (CC) CAN—Mint and used postage, 1st day covers. Coils. OHMS. Complete booklets. Precancels. Mint and used airmails. Postal stationery entires. R.P.O. and squared circle cancellations. Plate, shades and paper varieties. Proposed by H. Reiche, No. 783. Seconded by W. F. B. Martin, No. 155.
- KORZYN, Arthur**, 2516 Linden Ave., Baltimore, Md. (D). Proposed by L. W. Banks, No. 631.
- LAIRD, W. W.**, 26 Arnavy Crescent, Willowdale, Ont. (C) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Proposed by V. G. Greene, No. L40. Seconded by J. N. Sissons, No. L17.

- MOORE, Donald E., 2871 W. 4th Avenue, Vancouver 8, B.C. (CX) CAN, NFD, PROV.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st day and 1st flight covers. Coils. OHMS. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint and used airmails. Postal stationery entires. Literature. Plate varieties. SPECIALTY—Complete booklets and reconstructed used panes. Coils. Proposed by B. C. Binks, No. 74. Seconded by W. S. Johnstone, No. 172.
- PERKINS, Thomas J., 1914 Garvin Ave., Richmond 5, Calif. (CX) CAN—19th and 20th century used postage and mint and used blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Used booklet panes. Federal, Provincial and Tax-paid revenues. Used airmails. Postal stationery cut-squares. Proposed by H. A. MacMaster, No. 484.
- POWELL, Edgar E. C., 10340 Wadhurst Rd., Edmonton, Alta. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. 1st day covers. Coils. OHMS. Complete booklets. SPECIALTY—Straight edges. Proposed by E. A. Harris, No. 729. Seconded by F. N. Harris, No. 1147.
- SHALES, Arnold Burton, Box 214, Eckville, Alta. (C) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Coils. OHMS. Mint booklet panes. Mint airmail. Postal stationery cut-squares. Literature. All major and minor varieties. Proposed by H. G. Saxton, No. 440.
- SPRY, Maj.-Gen. D. C., 132 Ebury St., London, S.W.1, England. (CX). Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. 506.
- THOMSON, G. Graham, 24 Barrie St., Kingston, Ont. (C). Proposed by L. R. Morse, No. 352.
- WILLIAMS, Edward A., Millbrook School, Millbrook, N.Y. (C) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century used postage. Coils. OHMS. Used booklet panes. Nfd. revenues. Used airmails. R.R. and Labrador cancellations. Proposed by H. A. MacMaster, No. 484.
- WILLIAMS, John L., 142 Goodala St., West Boylston, Mass. (CX) CAN, NFD, N.S.—Mint and used postage. Coils. Proposed by L. R. Morse, No. 352.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- Allison, Russell, 4360 Crescent Drive, Niagara Falls, New York.
- Anderson, A. G., P.O. Box 189, Gibson Ldg., British Columbia.
- Bentley, F/O Robert J., Officers' Mess, M.P.O. 503, Grand Centre, Alberta (from Victoria, B.C.)
- Burns, Dr. O. G., Wing Bldg., Kamloops, British Columbia.
- Fhy, Joseph Elton, 717 West Arbutus Street, Compton 4, California.
- Gardiner, A. F., Box 164, Enderby, British Columbia.
- Gaylord, S. B., 18 Godfrey Lane, Schenectady 9, New York (from Ft. Wayne, Indiana).
- Hedley, Richard P., 1807 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo 7, New York.
- Hickey, Frank J., 62 Lee Street, Group "A", Peterboro, Ontario.
- Kelson, Aubrey, 144 Elliott Row, St. John, New Brunswick (from Deseronto, Ont.)
- Kraemer, James E., 18 Cambridge Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario.
- Linde, Orvel A., 5321 - 14 Avenue South, Minneapolis 17, Minnesota (from Dubuque, Iowa).
- Peatman, A. N., Renforth, Kings Co., New Brunswick.
- Watson, Major Robert M., 7004 Somerled Ave., Montreal 29, Quebec.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

- McMahon, J. S., R.R. No. 1, Headingly, Manitoba.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

- 544 Calder, J. A., 573 Gainsborough Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario.
- 1146 Galley, "Mac", 1163 Steele Street, Denver 6, Colorado.

DECEASED

- 233 Hearn, George Leonard, Corey's Mount, Stevenage, Herts., England.
- 947 Lloyd, E. T. E., 43 Albany Mansions, Albert Bridge Road, London, S.W.11, England.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, June 15, 1955	906	
NEW MEMBERS, August 15, 1955	19	
		925
RESIGNATION, August 15, 1955	1	
DECEASED, August 15, 1955	2	
		3
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, August 15, 1955		922

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

OFFICIAL NOTICE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ARTICLE IV, Section 3—Three (3) members to the Board of Governors shall be so elected by ballot during December for a term of three (3) years. Nominations may be filed with the Secretary by any five (5) members in good standing not later than 90 days prior to the date of elections. At least 90 days prior to the election date, the President of the Society shall select and appoint three (3) members of the Society to serve and function as a Nominating Committee whose prime purpose shall be to prepare and present a slate of nominees for each elective office to be voted. Each nomination made shall be published in BNA TOPICS not less than 60 days prior to the election date.

ANNUAL MEETING — BNAPEX-55 — HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order.

Reading and approval of Minutes of preceding Annual Meeting.

Communications.

Reports of Officers:

President's Address.

Report of the Vice-president.

Report of the Treasurer.

Report of the Secretary.

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Reports of Appointed Officers and Permanent Committees:

Report of the Editor.

Report of the Advertising Manager.

Report of the Editorial Board.

Report of the Librarian.

Report of the Sales Manager.

Report of the Publicity Director.

Report of the Convention Committee.

Report of Study and Geographic Groups.

Unfinished Business:

Appointment of Board of Examiners to work with Sales Manager.

Appointment of Committee to re-draft By-laws, Rules and Regulations, etc., to publication of same in separate handbook.

Appointment of Handbook Committee.

Inclusion of President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary as ex-officio members of the Board of Governors, without vote.

Copying of handbooks and magazine of the Society.

New Business:

Privately donated cups or awards.

Bourse tables to other than Society members.

New schedule for election and installation of Officers.

Publication of Agenda prior to Annual Meeting.

Changing name of Society magazine.

Nominations.

Bids for Annual Conventions.

Adjournment.

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The Last Word . . .

By THE EDITOR

• **"HANKY-PANKY" . . . P. D. van Oudenol** (No. 684) of North Vancouver, B.C., sends along a clipping from "The Vancouver Daily Province" written by columnist Eric Nicol. Mr. van Oudenol says: ". . . Eric Nicol regularly writes a column, which generally is of a decidedly humorous nature, although he is sometimes quite serious. . . . The reference to the P.M. needing a haircut reminds me of the 'Views and Reviews' column in the July-August 1953 issue of BNA TOPICS, wherein it is stated by someone writing in, quote, 'She should try Gillette Blue Blades for this 5 o'clock shadow. What a mess!' The 1953 Coronation stamp and the 4c Musk-ox are, in my opinion, the most unprepossessing stamps Canada has issued."

Eric Nicol's column reads, in part:

"I notice that an M.P. is accusing the postal department of funny business. I think the man may have something. The postman hasn't delivered me a letter for almost a week. It looks like hanky-panky in the old Post-Postes to this observer.

"It's the department that delivers personal letters and cheques that has broken down, apparently. The section that handles delivery of bills and messages to the householder about Whuffo, the new no-rub, no-buff, no-shine, no-good floor wax — this section still operates efficiently. Too efficiently, if anything.

"Other people are complaining too.

"Why should it take your cheque three weeks to reach us?" a local retailer asked me recently. Why, indeed? . . .

"It is also difficult to avoid being suspicious about a postal department that would turn out a stamp like the current 4-center. I believe this stamp is supposed to depict a musk-ox. It doesn't identify the glum-looking beast as a musk-ox, however, so that in some foreign lands where the stamp has been received people think the prime minister of Canada needs a haircut.

"I find it especially easy to stick this musk-ox stamp on upside-down. Upside-down the musk-ox looks like a baboon with a handle-bar moustache. That can't be doing the government any good either.

"I suppose the reason they chose the musk-ox for the stamp was that the animal was in danger of becoming extinct. If so, I doubt that it can benefit from being easily affixed upside-down. What's a discourtesy to the Queen is discomfiting to the musk-ox.

". . . And take the air mail situation. Right now the regulation, as I understand it, is that all trans-Canada mail goes air mail except the mail that doesn't.

"In the old days a stamp with an airplane on it meant your letter went air mail. Now get a stamp with a whooping crane on it and you don't know

whether your birthday greetings to Aunt Gert will be delivered by crane, plane or postman three days late. . . ."

• **GOOD OLD DAYS! . . . John M. Kitchen** (No. 773) of Woodstock, Ont., writes in: "In view of Brother Jarrett's release of the Bartlett letterheads, I wondered if the information contained on the enclosed copy of a postcard I have would be of interest to the readers of BNA TOPICS. At least it will give the investor-type collector some idea of what wholesale was over half a century ago." The postcard is addressed to England, and contains the following message:

P. O. Box 652,
Charlottetown, P.E. Island, Canada
Sept. 15th, 1899

Dear Sir:

I can give you several good things in British North America. At present I am selling lots of P.E. Island unused, original gum, at \$50.00 per lot. The lot is made up as follows:

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Yours sincerely,
A. A. Bartlett.

REVIEW

CANADA OFFICIALS CHECKLIST. Compiled by Roy Wrigley, 2288 Bellevue Ave., West Vancouver, B.C. Price \$1.50.

We have received a copy of Roy Wrigley's checklist of the Canada Officials, which lists:

Type	Major Varieties	Minor Varieties
5 hole	125	296
4 hole	57	284
o.p. O.H.M.S.	17	28
o.p. "G"	27	2
Stationery	4	1

It illustrates the development, since 1870, of the perforating of stamps for Government mail, and particularly since 1923, that of Canada.

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