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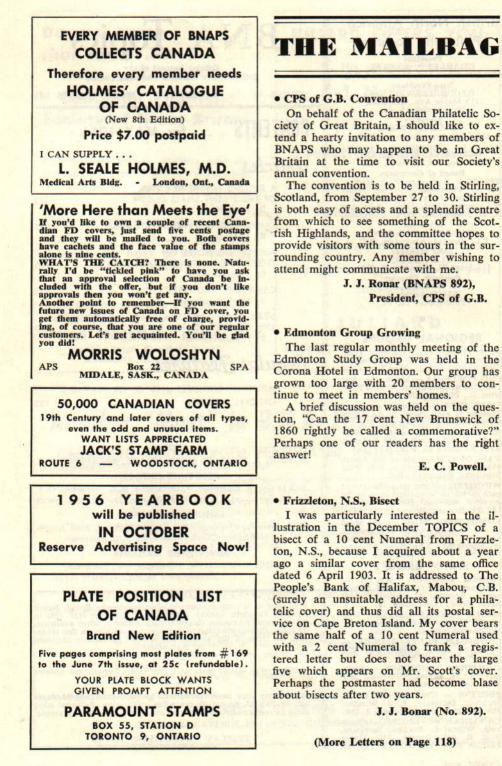
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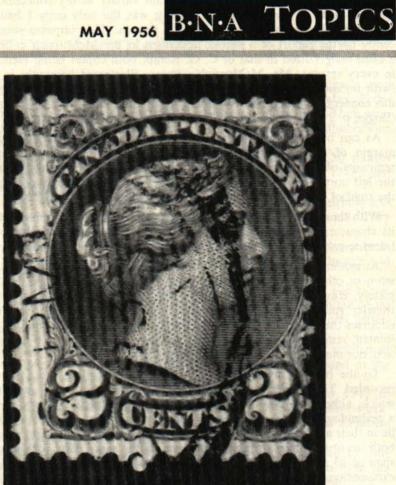
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PETER J. HURST (BNAPS 583)

# A Second Latent Re-entry of the 2 cent Small Queen

THE constant plate variety of the 2 cent Small Queen which is illustrated in Boggs on page 296 and which, in the opinion of most specialists, is a latent re-entry, was first reported about 25 years ago. Considerably rarer than the actual major re-entry of the 2 cent, it is so elusive that to date I have seen less than 10 copies. For some time I had regarded a certain variety in my collection as another latent re-entry of the 2 cent, but since it was the only copy I had, constancy, though highly suspected, could not be proven. This impasse was broken recently by the report of a second specimen in the McMurrich collection, while a third materialized in that of C. G. Kemp, both copies being identical to mine in every respect. Mr. McMurrich's stamp, illustrated herewith, is dated 1893 (with no month appearing), while mine bears the date of Aug. 30, 1893. In this connection, one of the two copies of the first latent re-entry in my collection (Boggs, p. 296) is dated July 31, 1892.

As can be seen, the leading criteria of the variety are contained in the top margin of the stamp, viz: a system of parallel horizontal lines (evidently remnants of the cross-hatched background of a former central vignette) above the left corner scroll, a smaller but more concentrated area of lines a little to the right of that, and two heavy dots above the "T" of POSTAGE.

With the existence of three copies, the variety is constant beyond doubt, and its characteristics point almost certainly to a definite relationship with the first latent re-entry, emphasizing the likelihood that both came from the same plate.

As readers are aware, the definition of latent re-entry assumes that a damaged, worn or otherwise unsatisfactory subject on a plate was burnished out incompletely, leaving traces of its design after application of a new subject by the transfer roll. In both varieties under discussion the visual evidence strongly endorses the theory of latency, since their fragmentary and, one might say, disjointed, criteria could be reconciled with neither intentional transfer roll operation, nor manual retouch or natural plate damage.

To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time this variety has been recorded. The 3 cent Small Queen, incidentally, has at least one latent re-entry which, although similarity is of course absent, belongs in the same category in a technological sense. The great puzzle surrounding these varieties seems to lie in their almost incredible rarity. If, as circumstances indicate as highly likely, both latent re-entries of the 2 cent were on the same plate with a minimum life span of 13 months—as borne out by the two dates mentioned above—the only explanation for their scarcity would be the assumption that the plate involved was a standby, or reserve, plate which was only seldom put to use. My own observations where the 3 cent is concerned are leading me increasingly to the belief that one or several periods of the 'nineties contained multi-plate production cycles, for reasons unknown as yet. \*

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# Quebec Conservation Stamps

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HOLMES' Eighth Edition has listed with Quebec revenues a conservation stamp. This was the first issue of conservation stamps the Quebec Federation of Fish and Game Associations brought out as a trial in 1952. They were encouraged enough to continue and now issue them every year. The illustrations (thanks to Chas. Armstrong for these) are slightly reduced in size.

This 1952 issue was not too attractive. Five thousand sheets of 50 stamps were printed. These were about  $1\frac{1}{2} \ge 1/16$  inches, perforated  $12\frac{1}{2}$ , and show a fish salmon color, with printing in black on blue paper.

The 1953 issue was more colorful and larger, about  $2\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and rouletted. Five thousand sheets of 25 stamps of these were distributed. They show a hunting and fishing scene in red and black on white paper.

The 1954 stamps were about 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub> x 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches, showing the ruffled grouse in a field. Ten thousand sheets of 25 stamps were distributed, colored brown and green on white paper.

In 1955 20,000 sheets of 25 stamps were printed. These were about  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{8}$  inches and printed in green and black on white paper. An artist was hired to do the design of this stamp showing a moose, and it proved to be a much better-looking stamp.

The 1956 stamps are not yet out, but we understand they will be printed in sheets of 20 stamps of four designs showing four species of trout found in the lakes and streams of Quebec and Northern Ontario.

The Federation of Fish and Game Associations was organized in 1945 to consolidate the efforts of various clubs and associations in conservation work. This has proved to be very successful and the Federation now has a membership of some 400 clubs and associations.

There is no set price for these stamps, but subscribers are expected to contribute at least a dollar. Anyone interested may purchase these stamps from the Federation Stamp Committee, Room 314, 507 Place D'Armes, Montreal, P.Q. \*



## Additional Notes on ...

# Street and District Cancellations

THE LISTING of street cancellations by member C. F. Waite in February TOPICS was very interesting to me as I have collected these types for some time and found them quite fascinating.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Waite lists some cancellations new to me but I think I can add to his list some used on early stamps and some modern, and also add a note or two on some of those he has listed. He also mentions some district postmarks at the conclusion of his list, and I add a list of a few of these types I have collected.

In describing the type of postmark, I will divide the wording by a diagonal line to indicate that the wording to the left of the line is at the top of the circle, and that to the right of the line is at the base.

HAMILTON	James Street	The rather unusual indicia N.T. and NT. are used, as well as PM in 1893 and 1894.
MONTREAL	Greenfield Park Peel Street Place D'Armes Prince Arthur Street St. Louis Square	"Montreal P.Q./(S.O. Greenfield Park)" Earlier date, JY.16.67 (error for 97). "Montreal Place D'Armes/Canada." Later date, AP.16.97. I have only a Registration handstamp, "Montreal P.Q./St. Louis Square."
	Victoria Avenue	"Montreal P.Q./S.O. Victoria Avenue."
TORONTO	Adelaide Street	"Toronto Ont./Adelaide St. Stn." and "Toronto Adelaide St. Stn./Ont."
	Bathurst Street	My examples are Duplex with a nine-bar obli- terator.
	Carlton Street	"Toronto Carlton St./Ont."
	Gerrard Street Park Road	"Gerrard Street/Toronto" on 5c Small Cents. "Toronto Park Road/Ont."
Same and	Peter Street	Smaller lettering in 1895 and larger lettering in 1898.
10000	Spadina Avenue	Examples in 1926 and 1929 show the rather scarce vertical indicia. The first sub-type shows "Spadina Ave." in brackets.

The following are district types as they appear on the date stamps:

Halifax N.S./Dartmouth Halifax Postal Station Armdale/N.S. Halifax H.M.C. Dockyard/N.S. Halifax H.M.C.S. Stadacona/N.S. London Ont./University Sydney N.S./S.O. Subway Vancouver Hollyburn/B.C. Montreal P.Q./Delormier Montreal P.Q./Laval des Rapides Montreal P.Q./Longueuil Montreal P.Q./Outremont Postal Station Montreal P.Q./St. Henri Postal Sta. Montreal P.Q./St. Lambert Montreal P.Q./Verdun

<sup>1</sup> NOTE: See also letter on Street Cancellations from W. L. Gutzman on page 118.

Vancouver North Lonsdale/B.C. Vancouver South Burnaby/B.C. Vancouver B.C./Nth. Van. Postal Stn. Victoria H.M.C. Dockyard/B.C. Montreal P.Q./Westmount Montreal Rosemont/Canada St. Pierre Montreal/P.Q. Toronto Ont./Deer Park Toronto Ont./Mimico Beach Windsor Walkerville/Ont. Windsor Ont./Sandwich Postal Station

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## Bringing News About People and Stamps

By REV. JOHN S. BAIN (BNAPS 19)

THE news of the death of Charles L. Bris-ley, a former BNAPSer, and one of the grand old men of philately, is indeed a loss. Perhaps it is because of personal contact and value of friendship that I mention his name. I do freely acknowledge his contribution to my philatelic enjoyment and knowledge by his unbounding enthusiasm for the stamps of Canada. BNAPSer Brisley had a quality that is badly needed in many collecting circles today. I shall never forget the warmth and readiness to share information concerning Canadian stamps. His stories of the Canadian Philatelic Agency in the 1920's and the tin box and how he not only saw the contents but actually purchased some of the rarities, was always enjoyed by audiences. Although a newcomer to the field, Charles Brisley permitted me to pore over his album pages, and as a result I had a whetted appetite for early Canada. We need more of this type of encouragement to younger collectors today. Not only did he have a glorious time with stamps, but Mr. Brisley also collected Baxter prints that could be used to illustrate album pages! If anyone reading this has seen the miniature Baxters that were used on needle cases, etc., in England, you can appreciate the result. Back in those days, we traded 1d. blacks on cover, 3d. Beavers, Baxter prints, and Small Queens. What memories! Let us not lose the touch that means so much in philately, and which is so sadly lacking in many clubs that I have visited.

### BNAPS

In opening my mail I find that I was the fortunate one to obtain lot No. 46 in the J. N. Sissons sale for April 5, which was the Canada Map stamp on cover in combination with the 10 cent Special Delivery (Scott E1). This is a very difficult combination to obtain. The cover is dated May 29, 1899. It is also a military cover addressed to Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.O.C., M.D., No. 2, Stanley Barracks, Toronto, Ontario, and has the crest of the 10th Batt'n, Royal Grenadier Guards on the back flap in blue. Because of the damaged condition of the cover (I assume) it was obtained at 40 per cent of my bid. On items such as this one must obtain them as they appear without too much regard for condition.

### BNAPS

Spent some time in checking a copy of "Once a Month or The Stamp Collector's Advertiser," Volume 1, No. 3, June 1, 1864. In this issue our old friend, S. Allan Taylor, had no fewer than six separate advertisements calling attention to his "locals" and the Mormon stamp. In an interesting comparison, an English dealer named James Wardley also had an advertisement selling similar wares to Taylor, and the prices were nearly double Taylor's.

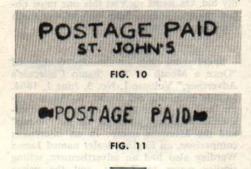
### BNAPS

A hearty "thank you" to BNAPSer Jennings for first day covers and mint stamps of the new Canadian Wildlife series. Also for covers mailed to me from the Minneapolis Centennial, TWINPEX Show, April 13, 1956.  $\star$ 

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R. ALLAN WILKINSON (No. 935) of Old Perlican, Newfoundland, who was in large part responsible for our writing the "Postage Paid" and "Paid All" article that appeared in the March issue of TOPICS, is in with some additions to the list. The first (which we will call Fig. 10) is struck in black on an undated cover and we would hazard the opinion that it was used some time between 1920 and 1940. The interesting thing to note is that the word NEW-FOUNDLAND is missing from the handstamp. The next handstamp (Fig. 11) is struck in black on a cover posted at Trinity on Dec. 16, 1940, and addressed to Carbonear. It is the only handstamp that seems to have its origin outside of St. John's.



Dr. Wilkinson also submits the earliest Labrador strike that we have ever seen. It is a closed circle 24<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mm. in circumference with the date in three lines in the centre. The lower part of the circle is indistinct but may possibly be an abbreviation of Newfoundland. The cover was postmarked at Labrador on Jul. 27, 1882, and received at Twillingate, its destination, on Aug. 7, 1882. This predates our earliest previous Labrador cancellation by about 15 years. Does any reader have an earlier postmark?

In the H. R. Harmer auction held in New York on March 20, 1956, there were two

lots of interest to the Newfoundland specialist. The first was an imperforate vertical pair of the 3 cent Scott 83 (listed in Gibbons as No. 88b) and it went at the very reasonable price of \$15.50. The second item was a block of nine of the 10 cent Postage Due on watermarked paper (Scott J6) with three vertical pairs imperforate between and the lower right stamp of the block of nine (3x3) with the POSTAGE LUE error. This is the first time to our knowledge that this block has been sold at public auction, all previous sales having been made pri-vately by the finders of the three sheets with the vertical pairs imperforate between, Stanley Stamp Co. Ltd., of Vancouver, B.C. It was interesting, therefore, to note that the block realized \$87.50, a price that we thought reasonable.

This seem to be B.N.A. month at H. R. Harmer, because on April 10 they had an auction solely of B.N.A. material. There were only 32 Newfoundland lots, but they really were high powered. Among the items offered for sale was a fine-appearing used copy of the 2d. scarlet vermillion (Scott 2) with a slight thin. Didn't seem to effect the bidding much, though, because the stamp went to \$180 before it was sold. A used copy of the 5d. brown violet (Scott 5) brought \$36, and a fine large-margined copy of the 6d. (Scott 6) with a smudge cancellation, went very cheaply at \$155, just a bit over half catalogue. A fresh unused copy of the 1/- scarlet vermillion (Scott 9) with three boardwalk margins and one fair margin, but described as slightly creased, didn't stop until it reached \$700. Not bad for a stamp without gum and creased! A used copy of the same stamp in very fine condition went over full catalogue when it was finally knocked down at \$420 against a catalogue valuation of \$400. Amongst the oranges a superb used copy of the 2d. (Scott 11) realized \$67.50, and an o.g. copy

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A NOTHER new type is reported to us this month and again by Wally Gutzman of Strathmore, Que., who only a few months ago had the fun of finding three previously unreported items. This time the stamp is a 1912 issue 1c custom duty and is presumed to be punched by an American company. Unfortunately the punch is incomplete and it can be noted from the illustration below that the last letter could be either "B" or "R." We have initiated enquiries with the members of the Perfin Club to identify the correct last initial and if possible the user of the design. Results of the enquiries will be reported later, and the catalogue number will be as shown below the illustration.



D51/2

## W15 WCB(R)

| CD

### W12-WT/&Co.

This item has been on our listing since 1951 and has remained unidentified until recently although it has long been known as a Toronto company. The user was not on the list of post office permits issued nor was it on the list of the Cummins company. A year or so ago Ron McMurrich of Gananoque, Ont., suggested it might be the Wm. Tyrrell & Co., now Tyrrell's Book Shop on Yonge Street. Pressure of other matters prevented investigation at the time and more recently we have had another reminder from a Toronto correspondent (letter mislaid).

Thanks to the interest of both these writers, we have now confirmed that W12 is still in use to a limited extent by the company mentioned. An interesting letter from E. J. McGrath (No. 857) giving us an analysis of the frequency of perfins found in an unpicked accumulation of the 2 cent carmine Admiral issue (Scott 106). Mr. McGrath recently bought 20,000 of this stamp and was interested enough to give us the breakdown of the perfins found in the accumulation and we believe this is worth while passing along:

	ALL STREET STORES	
B6 5	G114	P6 7
B10 28	G6 3	P1116
C4 1	G10 1	R2 1
C5 2	G11	R4 1
C710	G12 2	R6
C10	G13	R7 1
C12	H1	S6 7
C15	J6 4	S8 6
C17 2	J7 1	St0 1
C20	J9	T6
C23 1	L5 1	W2 9
C26	M3 4	W3 3
C27 1	M15	W9 1
C28 1	N8 2	W11 2
D1 1	N10	W12 1
E4 3	04	
F1 1	010 2	

The range of 49 different major types is better than average in an accumulation of this size. The chances are that the 20,000 stamps were saved in one area so would not likely have a full range of the perfins in use at that time. With any accumulation of common stamps they would probably predominate in stamps punched by insurance companies or possibly by railway companies, or again by hardware and steel companies, depending on the line of business engaged in by the company from whom the used stamps originated.

The Admiral series is the best of the issues for finding variety of perfins as it was the peak period for the use of perforating devices. Meter mail was first authorized for use in 1923 and from then on very few perforators were sold as the meter machine appeared a more effective protective device and in addition was much more economical of time required for mailing.

In checking the above listing it will be noted that only one copy was found of 14 of the designs, while over 60 were found of C26 and G11. The writer was interested to note a copy of L5 which is one of the scarcer of the designs and still lacking in the writer's collection.

The total of 448 perfins is a little better than 2 per cent of the total. This series, along with the Edward VII issue, is the best hunting ground for perfins and there is still a chance of previously unlisted items being found in these and in the custom duty stamps, so please look over what you might have and report your findings.

We have been very fortunate in our listing of companies who are known to be users of the Cummins perforating machines. At the time of the publication of the handbook there were only three companies whose design we were unable to illustrate and include in our catalogue listing.

One of these has now been reported by E. C. Banno, D.M.D., one of our Kamloops, B.C., members, and we are very pleased to be able to add this new item to our list.



The stamp is the 1 cent green Admiral type of 1912, cancelled with a wavy-line machine cancellor and we are informed came from a Vancouver accumulation.

We have previously had enquiries made of this company, Smith, Davidson & Wright of Vancouver, but no one presently employed by the company had any recollection of the firm ever having used a stamp perforating device.

This find leaves only two of the Cummins machine users not yet reported— Chase and Sanborn of Montreal, and R. V. Winch Co., of Vancouver.

The catalogue listing of this item will be:

S14 | SDW H5½ | Smith, Davidson | 1912 & Wright Vancouver

• September 1957—A long way off? Well, if you think it is, come to Toronto next September, button-hole any of the Philly Group—and by the time your ear is cooled off . . . presto! . . . we are on our way to Philly in September '57. \*

## THE P.E.I. 2d ROULETTED

"Ranks among the great rarities."

-Donald A. King.

"This most interesting of all B.N.A. stamps, rarer, far rarer than a Canada 12 pence ...."

-A. A. Bartlett.

**T** HE first report of this major variety was made by King in Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, April 30, 1895, in which King stated that he discovered it in 1888.

He added that Bartlett later discovered a further four copies, which is confirmed by Bartlett in The Stamp News Annual for 1892. A Mr. Lang, writing in The Halifax Philatelist for November 1888, describes a specimen "on part of the original envelope," and in The Philatelic Journal of America for June 1910, it is reported that "a correspondent has found a 2d. P.E.I. rouletted and on original cover." These are the only specimens which appear to have been reported.

Of the five loose specimens, three are now in Great Britain—one in the collection of Her Majesty the Queen; another in the Tapling collection in the British Museum, and the third in my own collection. The other two appear to be in the Lichtenstein collection.

But all trace appears to be lost of the specimens on full and part cover.

Can any member of the Society say where they are, or whether any further specimens have since been discovered?— Leslie G. Tomlinson, F.R.P.S.L. (BNAPS No. 574). \*

## TRAIL OF THE CARIBOU

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of the 4d. with a slight thinning, sold for \$310. A used copy of the same got to \$72.50. A very fine unused copy of the 6d. (Scott 13) neared full catalogue when it went at \$460, and a superb used copy went at \$72.50. A very fine used copy of the 1/-(Scott 15) showing a large part of the watermark, was the belle of the ball when it was sold at \$575 against a \$500 valuation. The sale wound up on a high note when two o.g. four-margin copies of the 1d. reddish brown (Scott 16) realized \$460 and \$500 respectively.  $\star$ 



Early PADPOST—early use of 1c green of 1889 (February 1 is at least two months earlier than given by Bond). All advertising is in the same shade of green as the embossed stamp, including that on the flap.

## ED. RICHARDSON (BNAPS 168)

# CANADIAN 'PADPOSTS'

(Pictorial ADvertising on POstal STationery)

**PADPOSTS**—(P)ictorial (AD)vertising on (PO)stal (ST)ationery, offer a delightful field for either the rabid collector of postal stationery or those who have always enjoyed the hobby of collecting illustrated advertising covers. This type of cover has long been popular among collectors of U.S. material, yet with the exception of Railway Pictorial Post Cards, the field has been neglected by Canadian cover fans.

Railway Pictorial Post Cards have long been popular, and in recent years have become increasingly more difficult to obtain. Their literature has been adequate,

Suctor at al Parable Everywl RATES The J.B. Phandles Darts 103-110-112 Victora At Toronto

Early PADPOST showing facsimile of the Canadian Express Company's Money Order form. All advertising in blue.

and the new series of articles by Nelson Bond, forming an up-to-date catalogue of these, makes it unnecessary to do more than mention them here.

PADPOSTS include, but are not restricted to, Railway cards. PADPOSTS include all types of postal stationery bearing **pictorial** advertising **on the face**. Those most frequently found are on the 1 cent rose carmine post card with maple leaf design. Those on stamped envelopes are quite scarce. Because of this scarcity some collectors use the term "pictorial" very loosely, and include in their collections examples with typeset advertising, when this covers the full allowable area.

Those who must collect only covers before 1900 had better stay clear of PADPOSTS. Their prime period of existence was during 1898-1915, although one does run across examples of a later date. Regulations did not permit their existence before December 9, 1897. The entire text of this regulation can be found in Winthrop S. Boggs' monumental work on Canada, in Volume II, Appendix B # 54, from which we quote in part:

"Regulations under which designs, illustrations, portraits, sketches, or other form of advertisement may be . . . printed . . . on the 'address' side of the one-cent Post-Card.

"1. A clear space of at least a quarter of an inch shall be left along each of the four sides of the postage stamp.

"2. There shall be reserved for the address a clear space at the lower

The Carleton House, CORNER AROYLE AND PRINCE HALIFAX, N. S. SPACE BELOW IS RESERVED FOR AUDRESS OND Hella

An early hotel PADPOST. Illustration, however, is of the "Public Gardens, Halifax" right hand corner on the 'address' side of the card immediately below the words 'The space below is reserved for address only,' such space so reserved for the address being at least 31/4 inches long by 11/2 inches wide.

"... If any printing ... appears on the spaces thus reserved the Post-Cards cannot be permitted to pass through the mails."

Note that this regulation mentions Post-Cards only. Whether the post office ever officially recognized similar advertising on stamped envelopes, I do not know. Their scarcity would indicate that most business firms did not feel they were permitted to do so, and restricted their advertising to Post-Cards. A few did use stamped envelopes, and apparently without difficulty with the post office department, and the practice has been continued until the present time.

Illustrated are a few PADPOSTS. The "Star Brand" Ham cover is especially nice, and is relatively early, February 1, 1889. One which is seen in several different printings is the "Quaker" on either the Quaker Oats Company, or the American Cereal Company of Peterborough, Ont. Those in my collection and others I've seen are postmarked around 1905-10.

In the post cards there is a group which I expect will eventually be as popular as the Railway group. These are PADPOSTS of the various express companies, advertising, and showing a facsimilie of, their "Express Money Order" forms. All of those so far seen are on the 1 cent rose-carmine maple leaf. I have seen examples of the Canadian Express Company and the Dominion Express Company, and of the latter, three types.

A very popular group should be Hotel PADPOSTS. Hotel covers have always been one of the most popular groups of illustrated advertising covers, and Hotel PADPOSTS should be no exception.

Occasionally one finds a card on which the business firm did not strictly abide by regulations. These are not common. The "Manchester, Robertson & Allison" PADPOST is an example. It barely left the "31/4 inches" required for address, and the word "Allison" definitely violates the "quarter of an inch" rule regarding the space around the postage stamp.

So, if you are looking for a new field to tackle, or if you are already a collector of illustrated advertising covers, or if you want something "different" on your pages of used postal stationery-why not start your hunt for Canadian PADPOSTS? I know of no dealer with any stocks-you'll be entirely on your own. If it's true that the fun is in the chase, then you're in for a devil of a good time! \*



Illegal PADPOST-According to regulations this could have been denied the use of the mails. Advertising should be at least "a guarter of an inch" clear of stamp



## **Revenue Group News**

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

• "Revenue Notes" take up again where they left off in January. The compiler was suddenly hospitalized early in November and is only now (March) back at home and partly in harness. During his illness a good deal of copy accumulated, which it will be a pleasure to serve up to you as fast as it can be edited.

THE 1883 half-pound, green, manufactured tobacco strip stamp, No. 6-357A of our tax-paid catalogue, is reported on paper showing a stitch watermark at one side of a sheet of ten. The plate number is a reversed "R" and an indistinct figure, possibly "2", which it is also reported was used on plates of the 5 cent registration stamp of 1875.

The owner of the above item has also shown us another which must be nearly, if not quite, unique. It is a sheet  $9\frac{1}{2}x12\frac{1}{2}$ inches bearing single proof impressions of two liquor stamps, Nos. 4-131E (1 cent, 1914) and 4-160B or D (1/5 cent, 1917). Since the impressions are in black, the number of the second stamp is uncertain. The really unique feature of this sheet is that it was printed from counterfeit plates seized by the Department of Customs and Excise and is so marked.

I have seen a number of counterfeits of liquor stamps issued at about this time and have been told that they were used on liquor smuggled into the United States during the prohibition era. Most of them are wretchedly done, but these two impressions are fair imitations of the real thing. They were apparently made from a lithographic plate.

Like most counterfeits of engraved stamps these lack the brilliance and snap of the originals. The engine turned backgrounds of both are irregular and that of the 1/5 cent is badly blotched. They are obviously hand drawn. The lettering is blurred, the "4" in "1914" on the 1 cent is mishapen and the "R. R. Farrow" signature is almost illegible.

In spite of these defects these counterfeits probably served their purpose well enough. When a bottle of "cold cure" is opened, little attention is paid to the stamp; if it's there the potential consumer is satisfied.

**Eight lots of revenues** were sold in Sissons' auction of October 5, 1955. They were as follows:

1864 \$3 bill, block of 6, og, fine (12.00) 5.50; Supreme Court 1897 \$5 blue, block, fine used (12.00) 2.75; -1915 10c blue control, scarce and very fine used, (8.00+) 4.50; -10c purple control, very fine used and scarce, 8.00; British Columbia 1915-23 \$5 used pair, fine used (15.00) 3.00; -1948 duck stamp, red, yellow and blue, pane of 5, very fine mint (H10.00) 4.75; —as above, imperf. pair, unlisted, superb (E\$5-10) 4.25; Quebec 1924 bankruptcy act, 10c-\$5 complete, very fine used and scarce (E\$25-35) 27.00.

At his sales of October 26-27, five additional lots were sold:

Supreme court 1915 10c rouletted, blue control, scarce and vf (8.00+)5.00; -1897 \$5 block of 6, fine used (18.00)5.00; 1915 war tax 5c-50c, used, very good to fine (E5.00) 3.50; British Columbia 1948 \$1 red, yellow and blue duck stamp, pane of 5, very fine, mint (10.00)4.50; -\$1 duck, sheet of 5, imperf, very fine mint and scarce (E\$10-15)5.50.

There were also some revenues in his sales of December 7-8 and January 25-26:

1865 bill stamps, 7c red, 1927 excise 3/16 on 1/4c, complete sheets of 100 with all imprints, very fine (17.00) 5.00; supreme court 1876 10c-\$5 (16), also 1897 \$5, 16 in blocks (81.00) 18.00; --10c-\$5, the complete set in og blocks without controls, rare, probably unique, fine to very fine (E100-200) 72.50; --1915 In Prize, 10c og, fine and scarce (E10-20) 12.50; --In Prize, 10c, block of 10, og, fine, rare, probably unique (E100-200) 40.00; -In Prize, 10c, 2 copies \$1 on Exchequer Court document, rare and probably unique (E100-200) 52.50; -In Prize, 25c Geo. V, og, fine and scarce (E10-15) 12.75; 1915 war tax overprint 50c black, plate no. block of 8, centered to top, very good to very fine (E10-25) 10.00; excise 1915 \$100 green, 2 strips of 3, light handstamp, fine (15.00) 3.25; British Columbia 1948 \$1 red, yellow and blue duck stamp, pane of 5, vf (H10.00) 5.25; Ontario 1932-40 \$10

blue on red, centered block, punch cancel, fine (10.00) 2.50; —1926 luxury tax 50c orange, complete sheet of 100, very good (150) 17.00; Saskatchewan 1907 second printing, \$1 brown and light green, reconstructed sheet of 25, fine to very fine (75.00) 26.00; —\$2 purple, green and pink, reconstructed sheet of 25, fine to very fine (100) 36.00; —1908 5c-\$20 complete, proofs in color of issue on card, superb and scarce (E35-60) 32.50.

1865 bills, 10c brown, 20c dark brown, 40c vermilion, 50c violet, India proofs, blocks, very fine (150.00) 25.00; supreme court 1897 \$5 blue, block, fine (12.00) 36.00; —1915 In Prize on 1897 10c, double overprint in red and purple; \$1 in red only, 10c nicked, \$1 thin, fair to good, rare (E5-10) 15.00; excise 1934-49, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$10, \$25 and \$100, complete, fine to very fine (24.00) 36.00; —\$1 violet, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 carmine, complete, fine to very fine (8.60) 8.00; British Columbia 1948 \$1 red, yellow and blue duck stamp, pane of 5, very fine (H10.00) 13.50.

At the moment, the figures of our census of high denomination Newfoundland revenues are as follows:

Victoria \$20, 10; \$25, 3; Edward VII \$50, 2; \$100, 4; George V \$20, 5; \$25, 6; Caribou \$20, 5; \$50, 3; \$100, 0; Transportation \$1, 0; \$2, 2; \$3, 1.

**Philip Little Jr.** (No. 1224) sends two additions to our list of revenues precancelled for use on playing cards, viz:

No. 19dC Double overprint.

309A 3-leaf excise, 15c/2c, blue, with blue cancellation.

Saskatchewan Electrical Inspection: There has recently come to light an additional value in the D series of 1947. This is the 10 cent denomination, and for those using the Holmes' catalogue would be SE 21a, on page 310.—C. A. Ayre (No. 712).

Saskatchewan Laws: First issue, first printing—In the first two or three months of use, i.e., in July, August and September, 1907, in Regina, and before punch cancellations came into use, the method adopted was by pen cancellation or manuscript initials of the various clerks and process issuers.

The listing here may not be complete, but is compiled from those that I have seen and at present have in my collection.

- 1. "Cancelled" and dated—no initials; earliest date July 29, 1907.
- "Cancelled," dated and initials—
  "D.W.C." D. Watson, clerk. Earliest date, July 22, 1907.

3. "Cancelled." No date nor initials.

4. "Cancelled" and initials.

a. "D.W.c" D. Watson, clerk.

- b. "C.H.B." and "C. H. Bell" C. H. Bell.
- b. "H.E.R." H. E. Richards.
- d. "G.T." G. Thompson.
- e. "W.K.M." W. K. McDougall.
- f. "J.D.P.I." Judicial District Process Issuer.
- 5. Penstrokes in red ink on the 50c first issue, first printing.

-C. R. Ayre (No. 712)

Newfoundland Revenue, George V issue: Some months ago I acquired a strip of three of the \$5 denomination, 14 perforated 11x12. I don't know whether this perforation has been seen by revenue collectors, but Holmes mentions only 11 and 12 perforations. Whether other values exist perforated 11x12 would be of interest.

Inland Revenue Wrappers: Holmes lists on page 226 under 1200b the 1c post band and wrapper, for use by Inland Revenue. These are a nice addition to a revenue collection. My copy reads "Inland Revenue, Canada, Weights & Measures Service". It would be interesting to know if other Inland Revenue divisions were provided with simliar wrappers.—E. L. Piggott (No. 629).

E. A. Richardson (No. 168) writes: "I wonder also if some of Canada's Supreme Court Law Stamps aren't really rare. I'd venture to suggest that some of these might be even tougher than the celebrated \$2.00 Inverted Head.

Also what about the 25c on 10c Yukon? I've managed to garner just two of these and almost all collectors seem to be missing this item." \*

# From the Library ...

ROBERT J. DUNCAN, BOX 118, ARMSTRONG, B.C.

Last listing appeared in October 1955 issue.

### **BOOKS NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED**

Dalwick & Harmer-Newfoundland Air Mails.

- Holmes-Specialized Catalogue of B.N.A., 8th ed.
- Hamilton-Empire on Stamps.
- MacBeth-Romance of the Canadian Pacific Rlwy.
- Woodworth-History of the Dominion and Atlantic Railway.
- Kelson-Dinky Damus Varieties.
- Barfoot & Simon-Meter Postage Stamp Catalogue. Billig-Specialized Catalogue No. 7 (Canada Varieties, Reiche).
- Kohl Briefmarken Handbuch-Section on British Columbia; section on Canada.

Bileski-Four-Square Plate Block Catalogue.

- Phillips-Philatelic Classics (bound).
- Stamp Collectors Annual, 1938-Canada Meter list.
- R. Lowe-Handstruck Postage Stamps, 1st and 2nd edition.
- Gibbons' Catalogue, 1895. Gibbons' Stationery Catalogue, 1900.
- Stocken-Stamps of Great Price,
- Place Names of Prince Edward Island.
- Place Names of Manitoba.
- Marks Stamps Co.-Standard Revenue Catalogue. Editions 1943, 1945, 1953.
- Marks-Federal Revenues.
- Heaton's Annual, 1917.
- Canada Physical, Economical and Social Letter, 1855.
- Bond (C.R.S.)-Catalogue of Federal Revenue Stamps, 1953.
- Whitehead-Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada.
- Wrigley-Checklist of O.H.M.S. Official Stamps of Canada.
- Alberta and B.C. Distribution Lists.
- Saskatchewan and Manitoba Distribution Lists.
- White-Canadian Plate Block Catalogue, 2nd ed.
- Boggs-Early Perforating Machines.
- Land of Evangeline.
- Smith's First Edition Gazzeteer of Canada West.
- List of Post Offices in Canada, 1871.
- MacCaskell-Story of the Bluenose.
- Argenti-Pence Issues of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.
- Goodkind-Hawker Stamp of Newfoundland.
- Jacobi-Canada Silver Jubilee Plate Block Catalogue.
- Statistics of Canada, 1870-71-72.
- Post Office Guide, Canada—1881, 1882, 1894, 1899, 1928, 1931, 1932, 1936-37, 1938-39, 1944-45, 1947
- A Booklet containing a number of articles on the Large Queen 15c value, by various authors.

### NEW ARTICLES

### (Please order by number)

- Precancels. (Manley) 5 pages.
- Precancels-Printing Methods. (Campbell) 4 312 pages.
- 313 Stampless Covers. (Goodchild) 3 pages.
- 314 Canadian Government Franks. (Marshall) 2 pages.

- 315 Pence Issue of Canada-Trial Perforation. (Jarrett) 2 pages.
- 316 Perforations of P.E.I. Stamps. (Goodfellow) 3 pages.
- 317 Postage Stamps of Canada. (Aitcheson) 3 pages.
- 318 Line Engravings of Newfoundland. (Lowe) 4 pages.
- 319 The Three Cent Indian Red of Canada, (Tomlinson) 2 pages.
- 320 Canada and U.S.A. Combinations, 1947-51. (Harper) 3 pages.
- 321 Postal History of Newfoundland. (Strange) 8 pages.
- 322 The Patricia Airways and Exploration Co. 3 pages.
- Papers and Shades of the 1868 Canada Sim-323 plified. (Searles) 2 pages. Law Stamps of B.C. (Calder) 4 pages.
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- 325 Canadian Railroad Cancellations (Gedge) 38 pages.
- Canadian Rarities. (Hurst) 2 pages. 326
- Canadian Cancellations. (Seaman) 1 page. 327
- New Brunswick Cents, 1860-68. 2 pages. 328
- Canada's Rarest Postmark. (Jamieson) 2 pp. 329
- 330 An Introduction to the Study of Stamp Gums. (Stephenson) 3 pages.
- Nova Scotia Cents Issue-Some Notes. (Blois) 331 2 pages.
- 15 cent Large Queen Perf. 111/2x12 with Clu-332 tha Mills Watermark, 2 pages.
- 333 Paper Partition Chromatography. (Connell) 3 pages.
- 334 Canadian 2 Cent Map Stamp, 1898. (Tomlinson).
- 335 Canadian 1946 Issue. (Wressell) 3 pages.
- 336 Precancels-Periods of Use By Towns. (Manley) 3 pages.
- 1859 One Cent and Five Cent Values. (Lees-337 Jones) 8 pages.
- 338 A Reversed Essay. 3 pages.
- 339 Precancels-A Summary of Errors and Varieties. (Manley) 2 pages.
- 340 Canada Silver Jubilees (Jacobi). 🛨

## 'ADVICE' TO COLLECTORS

A perforated appendix does not always mean a stamp margin with perforations which by a quick operation may be neatly removed.

When in search of plate numbers it is as well not to suddenly invert the crockery item on which your matudinal marmalade and bread are parked; you will only come to a sticky end.

If your wife takes complete charge of your household (and of you), you may perhaps be permitted to describe her to your philatelic friends as a "control number." -Green Isle Philately. \*

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# Some Questions on ...

# 20th CENTRY POSTAL RATES

N the April 1954 issue of BNA TOPICS there appeared some notes by the writer on twentieth century Canadian postal rates. Since then I have been endeavoring to fill some gaps in my information on these rates, but have found that a number of questions still remain unanswered. In the hope that some of our members may have the necessary facts, or may know where they can be obtained, I am listing a number of queries.

I do not profess to be an expert in postal history, 'and some of the questions may appear elementary to those better qualified than I am, but I feel that it would be a convenience to collectors of modern Canadian covers if all information on postal rates could be gathered together and made readily available. I should be very pleased to hear from members who are interested in these matters, either directly or through the medium of our magazine.

## List of Questions

- On what date did it become legal to use ordinary postage stamps for special delivery purposes?
- 2. On what date in August 1908 did the 1c drop letter rate become effective for city delivery service?
- 3. Why was a 15c denomination included in the Quebec Tercentenary issue?
- 4. On what date, about 1921 or 1922, was the oneounce letter rate to Empire countries raised from 3 cents to 4 cents? What was the rate of the second ounce?
- 5. On what date in 1922 was the UPU postcard rate raised from 2 cents to 6 cents? On what date (about 1925) was it reduced from 6 cents to 4 cents?
- 6. What was the primary use for a 7c denomination after April 14, 1915? It was considered necesary to issue this denomination in a new color in 1924, but it did not appear in subsequent issues until 1943.
- 7. At what date (approximately 1920) was the registration fee raised from 5 cents to 10 cents?
- 8. On what date in 1929 or 1930 was the 2 cent single letter rate and the 2 cent postcard rate made applicable to mail destined for France and for Central and South America?
- 9. Why was the 4c denomination included in the "Medallion" issue of 1932?
- 10. Why was the 10c denomination chosen for the Empire Loyalist stamp?
- 11. Why was 2c chosen as the denomination for the New Brunswick stamp of 1034?
- 12. On what date in March 1939 was the special delivery fee reduced from 20 cents to 10 cents?
- 13. The postcard rate from Canada to U.S.A. in 1907 was 2 cents. Did the same rate apply from Yukon to U.S.A. as from the rest of Canada?
- In the early years of the century the domestic printed matter rate was 1 cent per four ounces.

On what date was this changed to 1 cent per two ounces?

- 15. Was there any change in the 2 cent postcard rate from Canada to the United Kingdom between 1897 and April 1, 1943?
- 16. For many years a rate of ½ cent each was in effect for circulars mailed in bulk for delivery to boxholders and general delivery patrons at the office of mailing; the corresponding rate when mailed at one office for delivery at another office was 1 cent each. Which of these rates applied to deliveries from the office of mailing to rural delivery routes served by the same office?
- 17. During World War I, Canadian soldiers on service in France (but not in Britain) were entitled to free postage on ordinary letters to Canada. During a certain period a 3c stamp was affixed to such letters, after arrival in Canada and before delivery. Was this done for accounting purposes between the army and the post office department? To what department were the stamps charged? Why was a 2c stamp sometimes used instead of a 3c stamp? Was this practice initiated and abandoned in 1917? If so, on what dates and why?
- 18. On what date did it become legal to use a Canadian special delivery stamp (instead of a U.S. special delivery stamp) on a letter from Canada to U.S.A.?
- 19. The first 5c air stamp was issued on September 21, 1928. Was this also the effective date of the 5 cent rate for one-ounce domestic air letters, or had the rate been in effect earlier?
- 20. On what date did the weight of single letters to the United Kingdom and other Empire countries become one ounce instead of half-ounce?
- 21. On what date did the rate of 15 cents per quarter-ounce for airmail letters to the United Kingdom become effective? On what date was this changed to 15 cents per half-ounce?

# **Canadian Illustrated Covers**

By E. L. PIGGOTT





T has been said, "Travelling may be one of two things—an experience we shall always remember, or an experience which, alas, we shall never forget." This envelope used by the King Edward Hotel at Halifax, N.S., is a potent reminder of the many sad occurrences during the First World War. The devastating explosion which occurred in Halifax harbor in 1917 wrecked this hotel completely, many guests being killed.

Space does not permit a full listing of the early hotels at Nova Scotia's capital. However, well known by many Canadians and others who had occasion to visit Halifax during the two world wars were the Halifax Hotel built in 1840, which closed its doors in May 1943, and the Queen Hotel, which began as the International in the early 1860's. It was burned in March 1939, with the loss of 38 lives.  $\star$ 

## THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

### Street Cancellations

Hats off and many thanks to C. F. Waite for his very good article and basic listing of street cancellations in the February issue of TOPICS. May I offer the following list of additions from my own collection:

- St. Andre Avenue: Standard type, probably Montreal, on one cent Small Queen.
- St. Catherine St. West, Montreal, Oc. 2, 1893. Standard type with street name at the top. I also have the same type on a one cent Maple Leaf postcard dated 10 AM, DE. 28, 1900.

Bleecker St., Toronto, JY 14, 1898. Standard type on three cent Numeral.

- Gerrard Street, Toronto. Standard type on three cent Small Queen. I have two copies.
- King Street: Standard type without outer circle, FE 1, 1896. Was this a Toronto street or an Ontario post office? The lower part of the cancellation is missing.

I can also verify the Mount Royal Avenue, Montreal, as I have a very clear postmark NO 17, 1896, on the one cent Small Queen.

W. L. Gutzman (No. 1300).

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### • P.E.I. Remainders

I was surprised to read member T. H. Harris' statement in February TOPICS that the Prince Edward Island remainders were declared invalid for postage after having been sold in bulk to a dealer.

The colony became a province of the Dominion of Canada in July 1873, and the remaindered stamps were sold to a dealer in the following year. Any such declaration as member Harris alleges would presumably be a Dominion decision.

I have never heard of this declaration, and would make the following points:

- 1. The Canadian Government, in reply to a query a few years ago, stated, "All cents issues are still valid. The P.O. Dept. has no intention of considering demonetisation of Canadian stamps and does not believe, under existing conditions, that any such action would be in the public interest.
- 2. I have in my collection seven covers bearing Prince Edward Island stamps only which were used to prepay postage since the last war, and which were accepted by the post office.

Will member Harris give the detailed evidence to support his statement?

Leslie G. Tomlinson (No.574).

### Group Member Dies

It is with great regret that I have to report the untimely and sudden death of one of our War Tax Study Group members, Mr. W. Ray McClelland. Mr. McClelland had been active in our little group since its start, and had contributed, thanks to his knowledge and great interest in the subject, valuable information. His help and his presence at meetings will be missed by all the group members, but his work will live on in the notes on the War Tax issues which will eventually be published.

### Hans Reiche (No. 783).

### Illustrated Covers

I believe the suggestion set forth by E. L. Piggott (April TOPICS) is a very good one indeed.

As a matter of fact, I think a study group should be formed for collectors of all types of illustrated covers, particularly the early ones, as this is one of the most fascinating sidelines in B.N.A. philately, and I feel sure a study group with a monthly column in TOPICS would meet with instant success.

Bernard Scott (No. 965).

### An Odd Cover

I have in my possession a cover dated 23 AUG 09, mailed in Ottawa and addressed to Sudbury, bearing a Scott No. 90, Edward VII 2 cent carmine stamp. It is tied to the cover with a large three-ring circular cancellation.

The odd part of this item is that it is perforated 12 vertically, and that there are no traces of perforations on the horizontal edges and a wide margin is noticeable at the bottom of the stamp. I know of the imperforate and booklet pane issues of this stamp; however, does anyone know of the possibility of another type of booklet pane, temporary coil, or the existence of partperforates? The latter, I believe, is the most likely answer.

### Robert F. Boudignon (No. 1340).

### Musk-ox: A Different Comment

May I have a bit of your space to make a "different" comment on the Musk-ox stamp?

Just before this stamp was issued, I came across the photograph which serves as frontispiece to W. H. B. Hoare's Report on the Thelon Game Sanctuary (1928-29) to the Department of the Interior, N.W.T. and Yukon Branch. The Report was published by the King's Printer, Ottawa, in 1930, and as a tale of adventure is better far than fiction.

The photograph was taken by the Arctic Air Patrol and shows a group of "Muskoxen on Devon Island." From the speaking likeness to the portrait on the stamp, I presume that the central figure in the group was used as a model. He is certainly the best groomed and most intelligent looking member of the party. The artist is to be commended for choosing the only portion of the animal that has any definite shape, the balance consisting of a ton or so of moth-eaten fur rug, on hoof. Being the only "close-up" of a musk-ox in the Report, it may well be that this is the only material available to the artist.

The stamp was used to draw attention to the urgent need for developing a local source of food in the far north. The Thelon Game Sanctuary was set up mainly for this reason and the investigating party had no picnic in carrying out the asignment.

The gentleman with the handlebars has a real mission to perform and is quite a handsome lad in his own territory. I think he should have some fair comment. Anyway, the artist spared us the rest of the picture which would have been far worse.

Marjorie Harris (No. 1010).

### Slogan Cancellations

I read with interest the letter in December TOPICS from E. J. McGrath on the subject of Slogan Cancellations.

For some months now, a group of members of the C.P.S. of G.B. (a number of whom are also members of BNAPS) have been engaged in the task of listing slogans, under the chairmanship of BNAPS member A. L. Harris.

To date we have listed and checked about 60 per cent of the total. In an attempt to make our listing as complete as possible, we are compiling it according to years, and are trying to list under each year all slogans used, and the towns of use.

We realize that there are several alternative methods of listing, e.g., alphabetically, according to towns, or, as Mr. McGrath mentions, the theme of the slogan. Each method will have its adherents, but we feel to get a complete list in the least cumbersome form, our way has many advantages.

In addition to a straightforward listing, we are tackling a list of the varieties of setting of each slogan, where such exist; a list of slogans used with "Blackout" date stamps, and finally, any interesting details connected with the slogans will be added.

If any members of BNAPS are interested in joining in this project, or have any suggestions as to how best we may pool our resources on both sides of the Atlantic. might I suggest that they contact A. L. Harris, 50 Victoria Road North, Southsea, Hants, England, who will be very pleased to hear from them.

### C. W. Hollingsworth (No. 896).

This letter is prompted by member Mc-Grath's letter in the December issue of BNA TOPICS in which he suggests that work should be started on a handbook covering the field of slogan cancellations. I should like to heartily endorse this proposal and would say that I should be glad to give it what active support I may be able to. Indeed, I should go further than Mr. Mc-Grath by suggesting that a Slogan Cancellation Study Group be organized to sponsor the project.

Many newer members of the Society may not be aware that C. B. D. Garrett (BNAPS No. 15) started such a listing in TOPICS some 10 years ago. Slogans starting with letters "A" to "R" were listed alphabetically and many shown in illustrations. The listing started in BNA TOPICS in February 1945, and continued in 18 instalments until February 1948. A listing of Newfoundland slogans was also published in August 1945, followed by a supplemental list in a later issue.

In closing, I would urge that all members interested in a slogan handbook indicate their interest— a postcard to the editor of TOPICS or to member McGrath or myself should start the ball rolling.

### H. M. Daggett Jr. (No. 50).

I am prompted to write in reply to Edward J. McGrath's letter re Slogans.

In collaboration with J. Millar Allen, Dr. Hollingsworth, and other members of the CPS of G.B., I have been compiling a check list of the slogan cancellations of Canada. The listing has been carried out on a yearly basis, with each town of use, and is a compilation of lists which have appeared in the philatelic press, and also individual collections. Contained in four circulating files, there are 3,546 entries, and our study circle has to date checked 2,134 of this total. Dated and town-stamped material is hard to find over here, in particular the earlier period from 1912 to 1945. I shall be very pleased to hear from any member of BNAPS who is interested in this branch of Canadiana, and who would help along by forwarding lists to help with the checking. Eventually we hope that we shall be able to publish a check list as a serial in Maple Leaves, as at present slogan collectors are in a minority in CPS of G.B., and a separate handbook, we feel, would cost far too much as an individual publication.

### A. Leonard Harris (No. 1360).

### BNAPS Members on TV

Edmonton's television station, CFRN-TV, has just concluded a series of 15-minute weekly shows entitled "Collector's Items." Our Society, represented by BNAPSers Dr. M. C. Adams and the undersigned, put on the March 11 program, which featured a talk on B.N.A., illustrated with slides of the stamps of Canada and the Provinces.

Four other stamp shows, conducted by local stamp clubs, have also been presented, in which BNAPSers Ed Harris, Stewart Kenyon and Harry Wener took part.

Viewers in the Edmonton area have evinced considerable interest in the programs, thereby serving to further the cause of philately in general and our Society in particular. Besides, it was fun!

Dutton Copp (No. 480).

## TWO NEW STAMPS HONOR 'SECONDARY INDUSTRIES'



THE Hon. Hughes Lapointe, Postmaster General, recently announced the details of the two new design "secondary industry" series postage stamps that will be issued on June 7.

A 25 cent stamp will illustrate a design that indicates the contribution of chemistry and chemical engineering to the development of other industries. The design depicts a' laboratory vessel to represent the scientific equipment used widely in the chemical industry's research, within which is a representative chemical plant. Glass tubing extending from the vessel encloses at enlarged ends a head of wheat to represent agriculture and a symbolic industrial plant. This design emphasizes the significance of chemistry in our daily lives and in a nation's development. This stamp was designed by A. L. Pollock of Toronto, who also designed the current 20 cent and 50 cent stamps. The new stamp will be in red.

The post office department is introducing the 25 cent stamp to prepay postage and registration on first class mail, to prepay airmail charges to Africa, Asia and Oceania, and for use on parcel post.

The new issue 20 cent stamp illustrates a paper machine and will pay tribute to Canada's largest single secondary industry. The pulp and paper industry leads all oth-

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ers for the value of product exported and wages paid. This stamp was designed by A. J. Casson, RCA, Toronto, and will be green in color. Both stamps are being engraved and printed by the Canadian Bank Note Company, Ottawa. \*

## ODDS 'N' ENDS

Roy Wrigley states that he has received favorable reactions to his "Canada Officials" articles in April TOPICS. He advises that he will be supplying us with further articles on specific stamps from time to time, Mr. Wrigley has just published a Canada Officials Catalogue listing values of each major variety in overprinted and perforated, at \$1.50.

The March 1956 issue of "Covers" contains two articles by Ed. Richardson. One was on "Across the Border Patriotics, 1898-1902" and the other is on "Unique Telegraph Covers of Canada." Both are written in Mr. Richardson's usual interesting style, which is so evident in the series of article appearing in BNA TOPICS at the present time. This series will continue in our magazine for some time. \*



Illustrated here are the fronts and backs of two illustrated covers in the collection of Bernard Scott (No. 965).





Mr. Scott remarks that it is surprising how scarce nice illustrated covers are, and adds that the Halifax cover (at top) is one of the finest he has ever seen.



# We're up a tree . .



A large amount of material is required to fill the pages of TOPICS each month. For some time now, we have been living a sort of "hand-to-mouth" existence as far as copy for the magazine is concerned, and at the time of writing we have only enough material for the June issue.

Articles, both long and short, on all phases of B.N.A. are required for immediate use and for publication in the fall. Before you pack away your albums for the summer and go off on that fishing trip, jot down a few notes on your favorite topic and send it along to the editor. It need only be in rough form — we can do the "polishing" if necessary. Material for illustration is welcome, too.

If you can help, you will take a load off the editor's mind and help keep up the standard of your magazine.

Send your articles, letters to the editor and "what have you" to:

GORDON P. LEWIS 37 Eldomar Avenue Brampton, Ontario, Canada

# Sketches of BNAPSers ...

### By V. G. GREENE (BNAPS L40)

## No. 77: Thomas D. Gravell (26)

**B** NAPSer Thomas Davis Gravell was born in Philadelphia on December 12, 1896, and for many years was employed in the meter department of the Philadelphia Electric Company, retiring in May 1940. During the First World War he served in France with the 101st Infantry, Company "F", 26th Division.

When he was 10 years old, Mr. Gravell started to collect used stamps of the world and in 1932 began to specialize in mint stamps of the United States, Canal Zone, Canada and Newfoundland, of which he has fine collections. He also has an extensive collection of the Christmas seals of the U.S. and Canada, including many of the early rarities.

An early member (No. 26) he has taken a keen interest in our Society and has watched it grow from a mere handful to nearly 1,000 collectors in the United States, Canada and abroad. He is also a member of the National Philatelic Museum of Philadelphia, and a life member of the Geographical Society of Philadelphia.

Mr. Gravell has an outstanding collection of classical phonograph records, containing 10,000 of the 78 r.p.m. and 600 of the long-playing records. He also has a complete set from Volume No. 1 issued in 1889 to No. 108 to date of the National Geographic Magazine. Some of the early numbers are extremely rare, running into hundreds of dollars each.

A lover of the wilds of Canada, Mr. Gra-

## RECORDS BROKEN

• A specialized group of B.N.A. stamps from the Alfred F. Lichenstein collection brought some high prices at H. R. Harmer's New York sale on April 10.

Considerable excitement was created when Bernard Harmer came to Lot 733, the first of three wonderful Canada 12d. A brilliant mint copy, it sold at a new record price of \$5,400 to J. N. Sissons of Toronto. This record lasted however only some 30 seconds for when Lot 734, a very similar



vell has spent his summer vacations for the last 16 years on the Gaspe coast in Quebec. Although he has never attended one of our conventions on account of previous commitments, he hopes to be in Toronto in September, when many of us will meet him for the first time.  $\star$ 

## AT HARMER SALE

copy, was offered, Sissons paid \$5,800.

The next lot was an attractive copy of the same stamp on letter which, after keen competition, sold to a Canadian collector for \$5,200. This was again a record for a used copy, the previous high being \$4,200for a copy on piece sold in a Sissons auction recently.

The total for the sale of \$38,741 brings the H. R. Harmer total for the 1955-56 season to \$1,235,222.25.  $\star$ 



# OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

## MONTHLY REPORT . From the Secretary

JACK LEVINE, 325 LINK AVE., SALISBURY, N.C., U.S.A.

April 15, 1956.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

1398 Arnold, Charles P., 49 Christie Street, Troy, New York

1399 Atkinson, F. E., 106 Stephen Drive, Toronto 14, Ontario Bedwell, Sid F., Box 206, Salmon Arm, British Columbia

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1401 Cornelius, John C. Jr., 2309 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis 5, Minnesota

1402 Hollands, Hedley John, 32 Manor Park Gardens, Edgware, Middlesex, England

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Momy, John G., HQ-AAFCE (RCAF), CAPO 5053, Montreal, Quebec Ramsey, Bruce, 915 West 23rd Avenue, Vancouver 9, British Columbia Scheid, William T., 1756 Orchard Avenue, Trenton 10, New Jersey 1404

1405 1406

- Stillwell, H., 1 Mitchell Place, Cranford, New Jersey
- 1407 Thompson, B. E., Box 329, Bracebridge, Ontario 1408

Yuile, J. Watson, 3445 Cote des Neiges Road, Montreal, Quebec

**REPLACED ON ROLLS** 

180 Olivier, Georges, 12 Wellington Street North, Sherbrooke, Quebec

### **APPLICATIONS PENDING**

Bernard, Eugene, 702 - 14th Street West, North Vancouver, British Columbia

James, Dr. E. S., 336 Oxford Street, Winnipeg 9, Manitoba

Schmitt, John G., 733 Beaumont Road, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania

Smith, Joseph Raymond, 42 Beech Grove, Ashton, Preston, Lancashire, England

### **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

- (Objections must be filed with the Secretary within 15 days after month of publication) BELANGER, Marcel, 4811 Colonial Ave., Montreal 14, Que. (D-C) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used booklet panes. Mint and use dairmails. Postal stationery entires. Proposed by J. Levine, No. 1.
- DAVIS, George H., Lockwood Lane Ext., Norwalk, Conn. (CX) NFD-19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Ist flight covers. Plate blocks. Mint booklet panes and complete booklets. Federal revenues. Mint, used and semi-official airmails and on cover. Postal stationery entires. Literature. Proofs and essays. RR. and slogan cancellations. Proposed by Herman Herst Jr., No. 165. Seconded by H. B. Keffer, No. 873
- DeMASE, Vincent A, 412 Elk Street, Albany 6, N.Y. (CX) CAN, PROV-19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Pre-stamp, stampless and 1st day covers. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Precancels. Postal stationery entires. Literature. Proofs and essays. RR., territorial, flag, slogan, 2 and 4-ring numeral, crown, leaf and fancy cancellations. SPECIALTY: Pre-stamp and stampless covers; illustrated corner cards. Proposed by A. H. Kessler, No. 334.
- McKANNA, Alan Gordon, 41 Saybrook Ave., Toronto 18, Ont. (CX) CAN-19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Mint booklet panes. Precancels. Mint and used airmails. RPO cancellations. SPECIALTY: Canada Admiral issue.
- TARDIF, Dr. Guy, 55 Emmerson St., Edmundson, N.B. (CX) CAN, NFD, PROV-19th century mint postage and blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Mint booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint airmails. 2 and 4-ring numeral cancellations. Proposed by F. G. Atkinson, No. 936. Seconded by C P. deVolpi, No. 266.
- WILLIAMS, H. F, 331 Spring Garden Rd, Halifax, N.S. (D-C) CAN, NFD, NS, NB, PEL-19th century Pre-stamp and stampless covers. SPECIALTY: Canada Small Queens on cover. Proposed by B. Scott, No. 965.

### DECEASED

599 Purdy, Robert G., 310 Glen Manor Drive, Toronto 8, Ontario

### **CHANGES OF ADDRESS**

Bentley, F/O Robert J., Officers Mess, RCAF Station, St. Hubert, Montreal, Quebec Farquhar, Lloyd M., RR. No. 1, Westfield, Kings Co., New Brunswick (NOT Nova Scotia) Meyers, Harold R., 83-40 Austin Street, Kew Gardens 15, L.I., N.Y. Jarnick, Lt. Jerome C., c/o Mrs. Dorothy M. Hackbarth, 3706 A West Drchard, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Wadden, M. F., 400 West 54th St., New York 19, N.Y.

#### **RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED**

1233	Ethier, Jules J. C., 451 Mille	r Avenue (P.O. Box 117), Oshawa, Ontario
790	Gifford, W. Marston, 811 Du	aplex Avenue, Toronto 12, Ontario
		, 11630 Eva Street, Mountain View, California
	Vooys, Daniel W	RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

#### MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

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### OFFICIAL NOTICE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Article IV, Section 3—Elections: A President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be so elected by ballot biennially in the odd-numbered years. Three (3) members to the Board of Governors shall be so elected by ballot each year for a term of three (3) years.

Nominations may be filed in writing with the Secretary by Groups, or by five (5) members in good standing, in time for publication of the issue of BNA TOPICS which is scheduled for publication at least 120 days before the opening of the Annual Convention for that year. At least 120 days before the Annual Convention, the President shall 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 at least 90 days prior to an election date.

(Sec. Note: Date of Annual Convention for 1956-Sept. 27-29.)

All members of the Board of Governors were canvassed for their choice to the Chairmanship of the Board and Mr. Daniel C. Meyerson, 69 Fenimore Drive, Harrison, New York, was so chosen as the Chairman of the Board of Governors.

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

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# Rules and Regulations of the Sales Department

### **REVISED 1956**

1. This Department shall function entirely for and in the interest of the membership of the British North America Philatelic Society. Any Member, in good standing, may participate in the Department and, by his participation, attests and agrees to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Department. Any Member, so participating, may be denied such participation for infraction of any of the Rules or Regulations of the Department.

2. The President of the Society shall appoint a Member to serve as Sales Manager who shall be responsible to the Board of Governors. The President of the Society shall appoint a Committee to serve as a Board of Examiners to examine any and all stamps or books of stamps submitted to it by the Sales Manager and to order removed any such stamps or other material entered which, in its opinion, is of a questionable character, without any responsibility or liability therefor to the owner or anyone else.

3. The Sales Manager shall keep accounts and records of all transactions of the Department in books of the Society so provided by it. He shall, at specific times, provide the Board of Governors with reports of the affairs of the Department, including a full balance sheet of all bookkeeping entries, and shall similarly cause such reports to be published in BNA TOPICS. He shall present at the annual meeting a complete financial statement for the membership year. He shall collect and be custodian of all funds received by and for the Department and shall, at suitable times, make any authorized or warranted payments from such funds to owners of material sold by the Department. He shall post a bond to the Society in such an amount as shall be decided by the Board of Governors, and premiums thereon shall be paid by the Society.

4. Members entering material for sale through the Department shall mount their material in such books as shall be prescribed by the Board of Governors. Books shall be obtained from the Sales Manager upon request and at such price as shall be determined by the Board of Governors. No other books or forms except the prescribed ones shall be used. The Department reserves the right to limit the dollar value of material entered in any one book and may reject any material which it feels will not be well received, except that such restriction shall be the joint action and decision of the Sales Manager and the Board of Examiners, without any responsibility or liability therefor to the owner or anyone else.

5. Any stamp or item which is damaged, counterfeit, reperforated, cleaned, repaired, a reprint,

or in any other way of doubtful or questionable character, must be clearly so marked next thereto by the affixer upon submission for entry in the Department books. Any such stamp or item, in any way of doubtful or questionable character not so marked clearly by the affixer, so decided by the Board of Examiners or established by any other means, in its sole discretion, and without any lia-bility or responsibility therefor to the owner or anyone else, shall automatically cause a charge of at least 25 cents for any and each such unmarked item and be removed from the book. In instance of gross or deliberate abuse or violation of this Regulation, or where it may be deemed requisite or equitable, the Sales Manager may, at his discretion, impose reasonable additional charges, or deny the services and privileges of the Department, or both. Such gross and deliberate abuse or violation of this regulation may be considered as "Conduct unbecoming a Member."

6. A charge of 2% as an insurance fee shall be made of the net value of the material entered at any one time. Monies so collected shall be deposited in the Insurance Fund from which Fund claims for loss or damage to material shall be paid. The Board of Governors shall have final jurisdic. The payment and settlement of claims.

7. A charge of 8% shall be deducted from all sales made through the Department. Monies so collected shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Department, and all costs of conducting the Department shall be paid from this Fund. Both the Insurance and the Commission charges shall be deducted whenever a payment shall be made to an owner.

8. Circuits must be forwarded to the next Mem-

ber shown on the Route Sheet within five (5) days of receipt by the forwarding Member, to be forwarded by him by Registered Mail insured for Five Dollars (\$5.00). Strict observance and compliance with this Rule shall be enforced by the Sales Manager and any violation shall be subject to a penalty and charge of 25 cents per book in the Circuit for each day delayed in forwarding Circuits. The loss of any material not so forwarded by Registered Mail shall be entirely the responsibility and liability of the remitter.

9. The Member, upon receiving a Circuit, shall verify the number of books in the circuit, as evidenced on the Route Sheet, and that all spaces on each page of each book contain a stamp or other item, or a proper indication that the stamp or item of the space has been sold or is accounted for. If any space on a page is not so properly accounted for, the receiver must immediately notify the Sales Manager and similarly the Member from whom he received the Circuit. Such discrepancies must and shall be adjusted between these two Members; the Department is entirely absolved in such instances.

10. The buyer must sign his name in INK (or use a suitable rubber stamp) and indicate his Society Membership Number in all spaces from which he has removed and retained an item. Each so identified purchase shall be entered on the forms specifically provided for that purpose with each Circuit. The properly-completed Report Form, together with payment and remittance for all purchases in U.S. Funds, must be sent to the Sales Manager. The Circuit must then be forwarded to the next Member shown on the Route Sheet in the manner prescribed in Rule 8.

# Back Numbers of BNA Topics

★ In the June issue we will publish a complete list of all the back numbers of BNA TOPICS which are still available.

Complete sets of the earlier volumes are bringing substantial prices when sold. Perhaps you will be able to complete some of your volumes . . . so watch for this list next month and be prepared to check your wants.

# **Classified** Topics

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### FOR SALE

BETTER CANADA. Sets, singles, mint blocks. Send want lists (with references). H. G. Saxton, 139 Twelfth Ave., N.E., Calgary, Alta., Canada. (98tf)

CANADA, British Empire. Want lists please. E. K. Allen, 240 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, N.S., Canada.

### EXCHANGE

- ONE, TWO, THREE CENT Small Queen values. Both Montreal and Ottawa prints. Stripped of cancels. Wholesale amounts to trade for what have you in foreign (no B.N.A.) stamps. V. R. Yeaton, Eight Third Street, Dover, New Hampshire. (tf)
- CANADIAN PLATE BLOCKS from #284 on, for Canadian Revenues, or O.H.M.S., quality stuff, collection, or any quantity. Advise what you have, or forward for offer. Roy Wrigley (#1065), 2288 Bellevue Ave., West Vancouver, B.C. 117-tf

### WANTED

- O.H.M.S.-G PLATE BLOCKS: O1, Pl. 31, UL, UR; O3, Pl. 32, LR, Pl. 34, UL; O4, Pl. 49, UR, LR, Pl. 50, LL; O15, Pl. 2 and 3, LL, R; O16, Pl. 4, LL, Pl. 7, UR; CO2, Pl. 1, UR, George G. Trabant, "Times", St. Petersburg, Florida. 133-2t
- WANTED—The following Squared Circle postmarks, covers preferred. Type One: Aldergrove, Coleman, St. Hilarion. Type Two: Millbrook, Ont.; Great Village; Spa Springs; Freeport, N.S.; Fort William West, Ont.; Pointe a Pic; Richmond, Blyth; Coldwater; Forest; Millbrook; Ashcroft Station. Other rare Squared Circles wanted. Good prices paid or generous exchange. Dr. Alf. Whitehead, 52 Havelock, Amherst, N.S. (1-12-tf)
- WHAT CAN YOU OFFER ME of Pioneer and Semi-official Canadian airmail stamps? Dr. L. S. Holmes, London, Canada. 133-3t

- RAILWAY PICTORIAL POSTCARDS bought, sold, exchanged. Send 10c for 1956 revised catalogue and pricelist of these colorful emissions. Nelson Bond, 1625 Hampton Ave., Roanoke, Va. (134-tf)
- \$3.00 PER 100, \$25.00 per one thousand, 3c Small Queen, Montreal Printing, Scott 37c. Yeaton, Dover, New Hampshire. 133-tf
- CANADA OFFICIALS Checklist of all 703 varieties, \$1.50; collection of 100 different \$7.50; Scott No. 118, 173, 231 and 233 5hole (cat. \$11.10), special \$5. Send your wantlist or selection sent on approval. Roy Wrigley, 2288 Bellevue Ave., West Vancouver, B.C. (134-3t)
- SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS Mounted collection, over 100 different clear strikes on postal stationery entires; high catalogue value; only \$10. Nelson Bond, 1625 Hampton Ave., Roanoke, Va. (134-tf.)
- HAVE A FINE selection of Canada 1859 to 1870 issues; 4-ring numerals on Beavers and 2-ring numerals on Large and Small Cents. "Approvals." Correspondence a pleasure. Walter P. Carter, 47 Risebrough Ave., Willowdale, Ont. (135-2t)

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