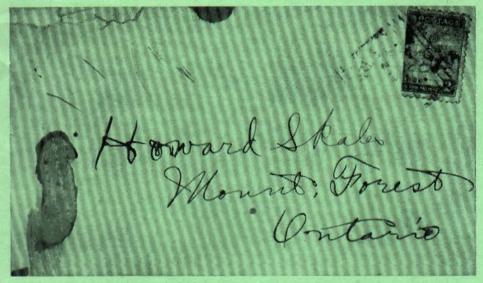
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#### MARSHALL KAY (BNAPS 760)

# On Comb Perforating Machines Used on Newfoundland Stamps

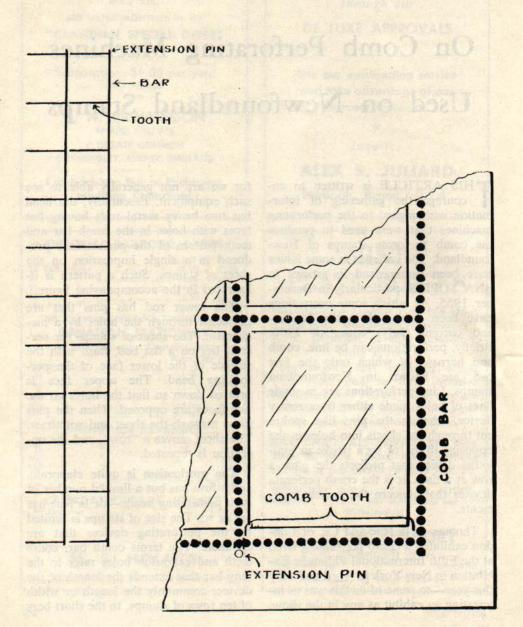
HIS ARTICLE is written to encourage the gathering of information with regard to the perforating machines that were used to produce the comb perforate stamps of Newfoundland. The varieties in some issues have been summarized in articles in BNA TOPICS, particularly in December 1955, on which some corrections have been published in the January and current (July) issues of 1956. Briefly, perforations can be line, comb and harrow, of which only the first two are known in Newfoundland stamps. Line perforations are in single lines of holes made either by a rotary device, wherein the pins like spokes cut through the sheets into holes in the opposing drum, or by a stroke or guillotine device that projects the pins, a row at a time. It is the comb perforate devices that concern the present comments.

Thomas de la Rue and Co. of London exhibited a comb perforating head at the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition in New York in April and May this year—to some of us this was as interesting an exhibit as any in the show, for we are not generally able to see such equipment. Essentially, the head has two heavy metal rods having flat faces with holes in the comb bar and teeth pattern of the perforations produced in a single impression on the sheet of stamps. Such a pattern is illustrated in the accompanying figure.

The lower rod has pins that are projected through the holes by a mechanism. The sheet of stamps (or several) lies on a flat bed, flush with the surface of the lower face of the perforating head. The upper face is pressed down so that the holes on the two faces are opposed. Then the pins press through the sheet and withdraw. The sheet moves a "row", and the operation is repeated.

The mechanism is quite elaborate, and a firm has but a limited number of such perforating heads—de la Rue has ten or so. The size of stamps is limited by the perforating devices that are available. The terms comb bar, comb teeth and extension holes refer to the long bar that extends the length of the device, commonly the length or width of ten rows of stamps, to the short bars that extend one width or length of a stamp to one side of the bar, and to the one or two holes in those of the bar that extends beyond the perforations bounding the stamps; the terms will be better seen in the figures.

It will be noted that the gauge of perforations along the comb bar is definitely related to the size of stamp and number of perforations, for there is an exact number of pins between the corner pins at the junction of the teeth and bar. Take, for example, the Caribou Issue, for which there is but one comb perforation type (No. 1), though that has the normal and reversed (No.



1a) varieties. The first stamp having this type is Scott No. 115 (Gibbons No. 130), the 1 cent green. The bar is normally on the right, with teeth projecting to the left; there are 20 pins between the corners on the bar side, so that there are 21 "nibs" on the long side of the stamp; there are 16 pins in each tooth; and there is one extension pin. These can be seen in Fig. 2, p. 348, of TOPICS of December 1955; the essential features are illustrated in the adjoining figure. The stamp is stated to be perforate 14.0 x 13.9 on short and long sides, the latter being the stated gauge on the bar side. The stamp is stated to be 3.0 cm. long; with 21 nibs, this would give 14.0 nibs in 2 cm., and the gauge should read 14.0, not 13.9 as measured. Someone having a sheet of these stamps can determine whether it measures 140 or 139 mm. But we cannot do the same for the breadth. for the perforations do not equally divide the 2.5 cm. breadth; the left nibs are very narrow. Thus one might describe the stamp as follows:

Scott 115 (Gibbons 130), Perf. type No. 1, comb bar right, teeth extending left, 20 perforations along the bar, 16 along the tooth, left nib narrow, 1 extension perforation, gauge 14.0 x 14.0.

The perforating head that was used on this stamp had 20 pins between the teeth, 16 along the tooth and one extension pin, with gauge 14.0 x 14.0.

The writer has made some progress in compiling information in the perforating heads, but lack of suitable material and of time for search has limited his results. He will be glad to compile information furnished by those who have good material on hand, particularly sheets and corner blocks which will show extension holes. There are at least the following comb perforate examples to be listed, with Scott and Gibbons numbers and type num145 (164) No. 2; 145 (164) No. 5; 146 (165) No. 1; 162 (180) No. 1; 164 (181) No. 2; 183 (209) No. 1; 193 (215) No. 1; 184 (222) No. 2; 212 (236) No. 1. For each, one should know the number and gauge of perforations along the comb bar, whether it is normally right, left, base or top of the stamp, number and gauge of perforation along comb teeth, whether they normally project left, right, up or down, the number of extension pins; the size of the stamp and comments on such matters as the size of perforations.

ber: 115 (130) No. 1; 131 (149) No. 1;

The firm that prints the stamps may also perforate them, but in some cases the perforating is assigned to a different firm. Perhaps a compilation of the data will give us more information on the history of the preparation of these issues.  $\star$ 

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• "Canadiana 1956" is a publication of the National Library of Canada, Ottawa, issued monthly, free to all Canadian libraries, and to others at \$2.00 per year. It contains lists of all books, periodicals and articles relating to Canadiana. Our Society has been listed in this publication three times during the past year, the latest being the following mention: "Yearbook and Membership Directory, 1955. (In BNA Topics, v. 12, no. 9, whole no. 128, Oct. 1955, p. 269-282.)" Previously listed was Dr. Whitehead's "The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada" and the Perfin Group's "Canadian Stamps With Perforated Initials".

• The second 1956 edition of the H. E. Harris Catalogue of Stamps of the United States, U.S. Possessions and B.N.A., has been received. B.N.A. forms but a small part of this 144-page catalogue, and there seem to be few prices changes in this section from the previous edition. However, at 25 cents, this book is a mine of information and interest. Obtainable from H. E. Harris & Co.. Boston 17. Mass. \*

### POSTAL STATIONERY:

# Flukes, Favors, Fantasies, and Filatelic Oddities

THE COLLECTING of Canadian Postal Stationery has been steadily gaining favor with Canadian collectors for the past two decades. As evidence, an examination of the interests listed by new applicants to BNAPS during 1955, indicated that approximately 30 per cent of those listing their interests included postal stationery. It is also of interest to note that those who collect something more than mint or used stamps only, usually list covers and postal stationery. There was a time when collectors neglected postal entires because of the space they required for mounting. But with the growth of cover collecting, and the knowledge of how to properly display cover items, postal entires have also enjoyed an increase in popularity.

Like other fields of philatelic endeavor, postal stationery also has its quota of the unusual. If one's pocketbook and interests are so inclined, one can include proofs, errors, re-entries, shades, paper varieties, fakes, "special order" items, etc. There is no end of possibilities with postal stationery. It is not my intention to call attention here to all the many possibilities, but rather to mention and illustrate a few which might serve to demonstrate that Canadian Postal Stationery collecting can be rather fascinating.

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FIG 2

Almost passed by in a rather large lot of postal cards looked over recently was the interesting advertising card (Fig. 1) made to look like the Canadian Post Cards of 1882-91, Holmes type 1404 and 1409, or Bond type CD and CF. An interesting fantasy!

The "stamp" impression bears the legend "T. J. Moore & Co., St. John St., Quebec" in the ribbon panels around the vignette. In the denomination side circles appear "146" at left, and "148" at right, referring to the street address. This bears the date of Sept. 10, 1894, on the message on the reverse side.

Another fantasy, secured a number of years ago from friend Fred "Cactus Juice" Jarrett, is the imitation 1 cent Edward Post Card (Fig. 2). This is complete with cancellation and all. However, it is not a card at all, but is printed on medium buff wove, with a vertical mesh. I know nothing of its history. While crude and definitely would not fool a collector, as even the color is wrong, being all in black, I doubt if the production won any favor with the Canadian Post Office Department!

Another interesting group are the **flukes.** These include the "Albino" prints, and those printed "on the inside" varieties of envelopes. Because of their very nature they do not lend themselves to illustration purposes.





Albinos are not too scarce. They are caused when two envelopes receive the impression of the die at the same time. Only the one on top receives the ink, the one underneath receives only a "blank embossed" impression. These have been seen used.

Much more scarce, and more interesting to this collector, are those printed "on the inside." This is due to improper folding. The most recent one to be added to my collection is the 1954 Queen Elizabeth 2 cent green on large envelope, Holmes No. 1080. The impression is on the inside of the upper left hand corner.

In this same group, one should mention double prints, found on both post cards and envelopes. These do not occur very frequently, and are all very scarce to rare.

One last comment on these **flukes.** The best source for these is to contact local printing firms who are engaged in the business of printing business return addresses on these envelopes. Less satisfactory, but still usefull might be friends who are employed with large business firms using large quantities of these.

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"Special Order" Envelopes, given excellent treatment in a separate section of Nelson Bond's "Canada Postal Stationery" catalogue (and revised in the June 1956 issue of BNA TOPICS) also provide another source for an interesting sideline. (Fig. 3). This is a copy of Bond's SEQ S32, a special order envelope manufactured by the Dominion Envelope Co. Ltd., Toronto. It is a SPECIMEN copy, and therefore falls into the category of proofs.

I also have in my collection examples of: SEQ P36, SEQ S33a (unlisted), SEQ S33 (unlisted), SEQ S32b, SEQ S31a (unlisted), SEQ S66 (unlisted).

All are of the 1933 design, Bond No. EQ, Holmes No. 1058. I have no idea as to where the SPECIMEN ONLY rubber stamp originates, but it appears on all the above examples. Was it applied by the government (the Printing and Stationery Department), or by the Dominion Envelope Co.? In any case, they make an interesting addition to one postal stationery collection.

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More in the nature of an oddity, but not in the true sense an "error", is the Reply Card of 1882, with stamp printed at left (Fig. 4). Because of the spacing between the stamp impression and the "Canada Post Card" ribbon, this must have been an intentional variety, and not an error in cutting. This particular example shown also has the "plate flaw", a large irregular oval blank space at the base of the neck. This is Bond's No. CD 7a.

Unlisted by Bond because it is a "government form", but listed but not illustrated by Holmes (No. 1200b) is the Inland Revenue, Weights and Measures special postal band (Fig. 5). This is the earliest type postal band. The inscriptions are all in the same color as the stamp impression, and appear to have been done at the same time.

In the letter sheet category is another pair of interesting items. These bear the design of the 1891 Post Cards, Holmes No 1409. This design was also used on the 1892 postal bands. But these are neither cards, nor postal bands. They are "special order" Letter Sheets, printed on LAID paper, especially for the Canadian Pacific Railway, for the purpose of sending out its monthly statement of earnings and expenses to stockholders (Fig. 6). There are two varieties, both listed by Holmes (No. 1350 and 1350a), the first on white laid paper, the second on grey blue laid paper.

Another little sideline in postal stationery are those created for philatelic events. Some are nothing more than regular pieces of stationery with the philatelic inscriptions added. One of the favorites in this group are postal bands and wrappers, used to print thereon the program of events and/or the menu. I have several varieties of these issued by either the Hamilton Philatelic Society or the Grand River Philatelic Association.

Of greater interest in this class of material is the use of pairs or more of **uncut** post cards. Hamilton used a pair of the 1 cent green King George VI, Holmes type No. 1475, on the occasion of the "Centenary of the Postage Stamp," May 6, 1940, with an appropriate slogan cancel.

No attempt is being made to list or mention all of these philatelic items, but they do make for dressing up a Canadian postal stationery collection.

Another extremely interesting and popular sideline of Canadian postal stationery is the "Hechler" overprinted items. These include the various OFFICIAL and SERVICE overprints on envelopes, postal bands and post cards. But that will await another chapter! \*

#### FRANK W. CAMPBELL (BNAPS 143)

# SHEBAHONANING

## and Other Northern Ontario P.O.'s



N 1948 I published two pamphlets as a reprint from TOPICS about Northern Ontario Post Offices to 1895. One item read:

"SHEBAHONANING—In 1853 an office was arranged for here, but the selected postmaster refused the job when the opening date arrived, and the paraphanelia supplied to new offices was returned to Manitowaning headquarters. Robert Johnson was the postmaster who refused the job."

The following year on the same site a post office was opened and named Killarney (still existing, M.O. number 3328). Robert Johnson was the first postmaster at Killarney. In Scobie's "Canadian Almanac" for 1854 Shebahonaning is listed among the new Canadian post offices, but the revenue collected was never listed as being from any other name but Killarney.

The Manitoulin Historical Society lately has been very active in researching about that locality and used my pamphlet as a basis for obtaining more information about the post offices of this island — the largest fresh water island in the world. Their research has been thorough, because they found a few of the offices I named had been opened a year or so ealier than my dates, and they also obtained strikes of the Shebahonaning postmark instrument which I had not known to exist when my earlier pamphlet was written. It is somewhat damaged, probably rusted, as the illustration herewith is accurately traced over a clear strike. It is said that this was used for years at the present Killarney, but I have not heard of a copy on cover.

No other great discovery has been made to add to the pamphlets mentioned, but five only copies are still available, and if anyone wants them they can be obtained from me at \$1.00, with the newer post office dates marked. The money sent goes to the TOPICS publication fund, as I never did charge for the 300 when first printed from TOPICS type at my expense.

#### Other Northern Ontario Postmarks of Interest

Two other postmarks of great interest from offices in Northern Ontario are illustrated here, from the collection of C. F. Waite, (BNAPS 602), Ann Arbor, Mich. The Slash post office on Manitoulin Island, I presume was named after a timber flattening by a hurrciane, as sometimes happens in this area. This timber fall reminds me that near by home village on the KentEssex county line was the post office of Windfall, opende in 1879, which was named from a large area of flattened timber there, which was knocked down by a storm in the mid-1800's. I remember seeing the old rotten logs years later, with abundance of red raspberries growing in the clearing made by the storm.

Recently I wrote an article on the early post offices of this Essex-Kent county line for the Tilbury Times, a paper for which I started to work as soon as I left school. If desired, I will loan a copy of this post office article to interested members. I also would like similar local post office articles from other parts of Canada, when available.

Incidentally, the "Stampless Cover Catalogue of Canada" that I helped get into print, is not liable to be reprinted, as the cost of printing has mounted so high, and copies of it have very valuable basic data about early Canadian postal history. Copies may soon be in the hart-to-get class, such as Jarrett's and Boggs' fine works. I was never interested in it as a moneymaker, the publisher taking all the risk.

If any interesting data about Manitoulin Island is known, it may be helpful to send such data to the secretary, Manitoulin Historical Society, Frank A. Myers, 19,2000 North Park Blvd., Shaker Heights 22, Ohio.

The items pictured herewith that have just "one part circle" are the "7" group in Holmes' new book, and are becoming quite popular to collect as a group because they are small enough to fit on a stamp. They were started just 100 years ago, in 1855, and a few are still used. Most of the territorial (N.W.T. and Assa.) are of this group. I have a list of about 400 used before 1875 that can be borrowed if anyone cares to copy it. \*

# AIRPORT POST OFFICES



N 1931, I took my first plane trip from Hamilton to Windsor. It was a single-engine job with a top speed of around one hundred. There were two rows of wicker seats separated by a narrow aisle, and the pilot was forward in full view of the passengers—and vice versa.

There were no magazines, no lunches, no stewardesses, no co-pilot, and practically no passengers. The depression had cut air travel and there was one other passenger, who got off at London, the field then near Lambeth. The hangars, unused and decrepit, can still be seen from No. 2 highway.

This all leads to Windsor, the terminal where the passenger and pilot were greeted by the two airport personnel, one of whom was handed a bag, the bulk of a lunch-box.

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I did not know it at the time, but this contained all the westbound Canadian airmail of the day, and the recipient was the clerk in charge of the first Canadian air mail field post office, located in one of the sheds.

The service was not an innovation, as similar post offices had been in existence in the U.S. for at least ten years before. These sorting and transfer units were established at junctions of major airlines and points where numerous transfer mails were handled.

With the inaugeration of TCA service from coast to coast, offices were opened at Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Lethbridge, Windsor, Toronto, Montreal and Moncton, all using type 3 postmarks on mail actually posted at these offices or as transit backstamps on registered airmail.

It was found that for reasons of eco-

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nomy or efficiency, many of the offices were closed, so today there are field post offices at Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Moncton and Goose Bay.

In July 1955 the title was changed from "A.M.F." to "AIRPORT" and postmark type 4 is now used.

Of the offices, Vancouver and Goose Bay are the only ones providing full postal facilities. There is a limited delivery of mail made at Montreal, and both Toronto and Montreal sell stamps.

The "A.M.F." or "AIRPORT" service in Canada is not under the Railway Mail Service, as in the United States, but is part of the Transportation Branch.

The pertinent information of this article was supplied through the kindness of W. C. McEachern, Director of Administration of the Post Office Department at Ottawa, who lent a sympathetic ear to the request for data. \*

# Bringing News About People and Stamps

SOME TIME AGO I mentioned a very scarce cachet found on covers with the Canada 1898 Map stamp, postmarked Toronto, December 25th, 1928. I could not give the full text, but a cover coming to light solves this problem. It is as follows: "Rate increased to 3c 1915. Premier W. L. Mackenzie King to His Majesty King George V to give enduring expression to the nearness of the relationship of our country to all other parts of Your Majesty's Dominions we have, on this Christmas Day, restored the penny postage rate on communications from Canada to all parts of the British Empire'." This cachet is a rubber hand stamp and bears the heading "Xmas 1898-Xmas 1928."

#### BNAPS

An interesting item came to my attention at FIPEX and with its appearance a disturbing thought. It is a Canada 1 cent blue postcard, Jarrett type S19, and cancelled with a concentric ring and date stamp, Halifax, October 15, 1880. In addition there is a bisected Canada 2 cent purple, Scott No. 76, tied with a similar concentric ring. This card is, of course, an outright fake, but it confirms suspicions that have existed for some time. There is some one in England who has one of these old cancellers and who uses it! Be careful of certain offerings. In fact, I believe that BOTH concentric rings in this case were applied by the same person to the card.

#### BNAPS

BNAPSer Stan Lum again comes to our rescue and offers the following information

#### By REV. JOHN S. BAIN (BNAPS 19)

in answer to a recent query in this column. "I knew Bob Brooke, formerly of Fenton, Michigan, very well. About a year or two ago in the air force, he passed away. At that time he was operating 'Orr's Hobby Shop' at 1029 Robson St., Vancouver, B.C. His wife, Mabel, continued with the business and after a few years, sold it. If by any chance you find out where Mabel Orr Brooks is living, please let me know, as I would like to drop her a few lines." Perhaps some one can help BNAPSer Lum. However, it appears that the information about the cover in question is now lost unless some one else possesses the facts, as did the late Mr. Fenton.

#### BNAPS

**BNAPSer L. H. Dodd** writes about Chas. L. Brisley's "Baxter Needle Box Prints" and reports that they have the set of ten (Royal Family and Buildings) and that BNAPSer Brisley had two of this set (the Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort) plus an original uncut sheet of 20 prints depicting Grecian scenes. Illustrative material like this for album pages is fast becaming a thing of the past.

#### BNAPS

Should any BNAPSer be looking for early B.N.A., U.S.A. and British philatelic literature, our good and faithful librarian, Robert J. Duncan, has some to dispose of. This is an opportunity to secure some of this elusive material of which there is practically no stock available. Be sure and write him your wants and you will be pleasantly surprised. ★

#### MEMBERS REPORT . . .

# New Varieties and Unusual Items

#### Arnold B. Shales (No. 1352):

• I would like to report a new minor variety in Canada stamps that I have recently discovered. This is Scott No. 320, the 7 cent blue, regular issue of November 3, 1952, with hairlines. These I have found in the selvedge at the top of a block of four recently purchased, and I discovered them quite by accident. I had heard of this stamp having hairlines, but had never seen or read anything in print about it, so assume that it is generally unknown.



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

• While looking through a lot of cancellations of various periods, I came across several copies of the duplex mark which is illustrated here.

The date stamp is of the usual type at present in use, and the killer consists of the letter "S" in an oval of thick bars.

I have copies dated 1922 and 1956, with several dates in between. In some cases P.M. appears above the date, and in others a number which represents the hour of marking.

This cancellation is used at a sub-office located at the CNR station, Kitchener. The postmaster there kindly supplied the following details:

"It is a handstamp, and used only at this sub-office. All postage stamps, whether on first class or circular mail, are cancelled by means of this stamp. This is the only suboffice where a letter is used in the date stamp."

T. P. G. Shaw is listing it in his catalogue as D-7B, Type 25G.



#### **Charles D. Chappell:**

• A new variety of Nova Scotia, Holmes # 3, has recently been found. This is the dark blue 3 pence stamp, and shows two P's in PENCE (PPNCE). See photo above.

Dr. Holmes has made a note of this variety for listing in the next edition of his Canadian catalogue. This is a used copy with a very light black enclosed oval with the horizontal bars cancel in superb condition, with small even margins on all sides. No other copies are known at this writing.

#### Henri E. Reinhard (No. 298):

• In checking some blocks of the 4 cent George V of 1912; I found two blocks of the early printing (wet printing) that differed in width about <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mm.+. This difference is not due to shrinkage as the stamps are the same, the difference being in the width of the vertical gutter. Is this due to an experiment similar to that of the U.S. about 1908-09, in which some vertical gutters were 2mm. and others 3mm. in an attempt to equalize shrinkage for more accurate perforating? Or were some plates all 2mm. and others all 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mm.?

Note: Marler lists two plate groups—1-2 and 3-4 used for the wet printings. Perhaps readers having sheets and/or plate number strips, will check spacings across the sheet and report findings.

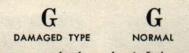


#### James Catterick (No. 674):

• I wish to submit the item pictured here. The initials are in manuscript, in red ink, and appear to be either "M.S." or "W.S." Can any member tell us what they signify? Is it an early precancel, or a form of "perfin"? Suggestions will be welcome.

#### C. Arthur Ayre (No. 712):

• I have a block of four of O27. The "G" overprint on one of the stamps would appear to be a damaged letter. There is a Vshaped cut below the horizontal stroke (sim-



ilar to example shown here). It is possible that this may be constant, or may have been noticed and corrected.  $\star$ 

#### MAX ROSENTHAL (BNAPS 1104)

## JAMBOREE TOWN

THE Boy Scout Jamboree held at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., last summer may be history now, but the town itself is still very interesting on account of its historical associations. La Salle built a stockade on the site of Fort Niagara in 1678. In 1685, when the Marquis of Denonville had beaten back the Iroquois, he ordered the fort rebuilt. So it remained a French fort until the Seven Years War. When the smoke of battle had cleared away and terms of peace were signed in 1763, in the Treaty of Paris, it was occupied by a British garrison.

As early at 1789 provision was made for the establishment of post offices in what is now Ontario. In the Quebec Gazette, under date of June 4, 1789, appears a proclamation signed by Hugh Finlay, Deputy Postmaster-General, announcing that mails will be dispatched every four weeks from Montreal for a number of places maintained in Upper Canada, and from Kingston, according as opportunity would permit, for a number of other places, of which Niagara was one.

This mail was to be sent under the seal of the post office and in a manner to secure safety and dispatch. The postmaster at Niagara at that time was Joseph Edwards, a merchant who held the position for many years.

Being the oldest region in Ontario to be settled for farming, it is not surprising that the postal history of its oldest town goes back that far. During the Jamboree, new postal history was made at Niagara, when a special post office was set up at the site of the Boy Scout gathering.

When the first post office was established at Niagara, postage stamps were unknown, but when this special post

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One of the many souvenir covers from the Jamboree.



## THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

#### **Map Bisect**

Just recently I bought a collection of older Canada and the cover pictured above was included in it. Perhaps some reader may have some particulars regarding this bisect.

Another odd stamp in the collection was No. 249, 14 cent War Issue, with the Port Arthur squared circle cancellation, Type II, dated Nov. 4, 1944. Kind of a late date for that type of cancellation, isn't it? Probably someone in the post office playing around with the old hammer.

John Neuls (No. 1226)

#### Montreal Clerk Nos.

#### (See illustration on opposite page)

Your BNA TOPICS is tops in my humble estimation. Here is something I collect— Can any of your readers help me with the missing "Clerk 23", or advise me if there are any clerk numbers higher than 24. These dates range from 1892 to 1895.

- I would also like to add a few dates to Dr. Whitehead's fine handbook, "Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada":

Earlier Dates: Sydney, N.S., Ju 6, '94; Milltown, N.B., Oc 30, '94; Durham, Ont., Ju 16, '94; Mitchell, Ont., Sp 26, '93; Oshawa, Ont., Ja 2, '94; Teeswater, Ont., Fe 14, '94; Woodville, Ont., No 6, '93; Sandon, B.C., Oc 20, '97; Wolfville, N.S., No 26, '94; Iberville, Que., Mr 13, '94; Leamington, Ap 22, '93; Mount Brydges, Au 15, '95; Paris Station, Oc 16, '93; Winona, Ap 1, '95; Elkhorn, Man., Oc 1, '96.

Late Dates: Minnedosa, Man., Mr. 21 '98. Additional Clerks: Portage la Prairie, Clerk 1 and 2.

#### James Catterick (No. 674)

#### **Newfoundland Perf. Varieties**

In checking my collection of Newfoundland blocks against the tabulations in the series of excellent articles on "Varieties in Some Later Newfoundland Issues" by Marshall Kay, several typographical errors were noted. Attention is directed to the following three that might lead to some confusion.

#### Vol. 11, No. 2, p. 41, line 2:

In the discussion of the Caribou Issue the sentence beginning "Line perf type #1 stamps etc." should read "Type 2" since Type #1 is assigned by Kay to the comb perforate stamps in the sentence preceding and in table 12.

#### Vol. 12, No. 11, p. 350, table 12:

The blank in column 1a opposite "2c carmine ———— red, second printing" is not an ommission. Kay tells me it was left blank to indicate that although it has not been observed, there is reason to believe it may exist.

#### Vol. 12, No. 11, p. 351, third paragraph:

In the listing of line perforate varieties immediately above table 14, the value (14.0 x 13.7) occurs twice, the same values being indicated as applying to both columns 2 and 5. The second one, for column 5, should read (13.7 x 14.0).

These papers have done much to straighten out the confusion in the catalogues concerning these complex issues. If all BNAPS members who collect these issues would check their copies against Kay's tabulations in the December 1955 issue of TOPICS and report additions, the number of varieties would undoubtedly be increased and eventually we shall have the complete story.

#### Ralph J. Holmes (No. 854)

#### JAMBOREE TOWN

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office was set up for the week of the Jamboree, not only were stamps being sold, but mostly stamps honoring the very event which was the reason for its existence. A newly-built two-car garage was converted into a post office. The temporary postmaster had two assistants. However, the Boy Scouts from the farflung reaches of the world taxed their resources to the utmost with a constant sending and receiving of letters and parcels, so the postmaster of the regular post office in Niagara sent two men to help out, one for the mornings, the other for the afternoons. The mail was actually sorted at the regular post office.

Most of the scouts would simply march to the wicket and ask for "Jamboree stamps" with no further identification needed. Many requested certain corner blocks of four, showing the prevalence of stamp collectors among them.

This 5-cent green and gold stamp came in for some criticism because of the paleness of its green color, and the supposed gold turning out more like copper. Probably the rather soft paper used absorbed too much ink to allow bright coloring. \*

#### CROSBY TAKES AWARD AT C.P.S. CONVENTION

• Many BNAPS members figured in the awards at the 28th annual exhibition and convention of the Canadian Philatelic Society, held in Windsor, Ont., April 26-28.

Louis S. Crosby, Banff, Alberta, won the Grand Award with his showing of Prince Edward Island. This exhibit also won a gold award; the Seagram trophy for the best 19th century B.N.A.; the Philatelic Specialist Society of Canada's Medal for research, and the American Philatelic Society's award.

Other winners who are members of BNAPS were: J. S. Martin, Kitchener, Ont.; W. P. Carter, Willowdale, Ont.; Doug. Patrick, Toronto; Hans Reiche, Ottawa; Leo Goldman, Windsor, Ont.; R. J. Woolley, Toronto; Guy des Rivieres, Quebec City, and Ivan Delisle, Windsor, Ont.

A successful aution was held during the show, with R. J. Woolley, of Toronto, as auctioneer.

President for the 1956-57 term is L. M. Lamouroux, Toronto; vice-president, A. H. Christensen, Montreal; second vice-president, Doug. Patrick, Toronto; third vicepresident, W. A. Teare, Victoria, B.C. \*

### CPS OF G.B. CONVENTION

• The convention of the CPS of G.B., to be held at Stirling, Scotland, at the end of September, approaches rapidly. Stirling is an ideal centre and the organizing committee confidently expects a large gathering of members. Reservations should be sent to Edward M. McGuigan, 26 Morley Crescent, Borestone, St. Ninians, Stirling.

Special displays will be given during the meeting by N. Argenti on Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Cents Issues; by J. Millar Allen on the 1859 Issue, and by Col. D. Mc-Lellan on the Large and Small Cents. Enquiries about exhibits for the show may be sent to J. Bonar, 30 Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh 10, Scotland. \* Trail of the Caribou By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS

AS WAS TO BE expected, two more numbered Pictorial Postcards produced by Dicks & Co., St. John's, and first recorded in the April issue of TOPICS, have made their appearance. When we asked for help, we never thought that we ourselves would be the one to supply said help. While at FIPEX we looked through an accumulation of covers and came up with #1216, "New Depot, Reid Newfoundland Railway, St. John's Nfld." The second, #1220, captioned "Fishing Schooner bound for the Labrador" was found amongst a shoe box full of odds and ends that we had lying about in the attic. Let's see if we can get any others.

There is an article in the May 19, 1956 issue of "Weekly Philatelic Gossip" by Patrick Hamilton on "The 1911 Coronation Issue of Newfoundland" that needs further checking according to our way of thinking. We intend to try and contact Mr. Hamilton directly but in the meantime we are opening up the discussion in this column so that our members and readers can check their collections and see if they can prove Mr. Hamilton correct. In an article that we did on this issue in TOPICS for July 1950, we wrote that the original set, Scott #'s 104-115 existed part in a comb perforation 13.75x13.75 and the balance in a line perforation 14x14. Subsequent reprintings of the 1c, 2c and 5c values in the line perforation made these three stamps the only ones known to our knowledge in both perforations. We checked exhaustively with collectors and dealers and all confirmed our opinion that the original issue of the 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c and 10c values was in the comb perforation 13.75 and the 6c, 8c, 9c, 12c and 15c values were in the line perforation 14. Mr. Hamilton's articles goes on to say that the 3c value that we contend only exists in the comb perforation can also be found in the line perforation. He further contends that the 6c value as well as the 8c, 9c, 12c and 15c values exist in the comb perforation as well as the line perforation previously recorded. Both Poole and Huber in their book "Postage Stamps of Newfoundland" confirm our findings. Will all readers please check their copies of the 3c. Scott #106 to see if they have a line perforate copy and all copies of the 6c, 8c, 9c, 12c and 15c values to see if they have a comb perforate copy.

Robson Lowe had a photo and a story of an interesting Newfoundland item in the Apr. 20th issue of "Stamp Collecting". In discussing a sale of British Empire material he goes on to say, and I quote; "Of all lots in this sale perhaps the most interesting is the Newfoundland 1910 die proof of the 12c with manuscript inscriptions 'Printed 6/5/10 a.m. Order countermanded 6/5/10 p.m.' The reason for these cryptic endorsements was the sudden death of King Edward VII during the afternoon of May 6th, 1910. The 15c value of the set bore the likeness of the Prince of Wales (later became King George V) and the Newfoundland authorities took the opportunity of being the first Colony to honour the new monarch with his portrait on a postage stamp. It was a simple job to delete the inscription 'Prince of Wales' and substitute 'King George V' on the die but it was too early in the reign to obtain a portrait of the King dressed as a monarch, the stamp was modelled on a portrait of H.R.H. in his uniform as Colonel of the Guards." It is strange that I had never seen the comment before that two Kings were represented in the Guy Issue. King Edward VII on the 12c, Scott #96, and King George V on the 15c, Scott #97. Robson Lowe's explanation very clearly answers all questions. It should also be explained for all readers in the States who may discover a seeming discrepancy in the dates used in the quote, that in England the date is put first and then the month, not the reverse as is true on this side of the Atlantic.

:12 The Newfoundland "Cotton" flight covers are coming of age if an ad by Dalwick in

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#### IN THE NEWS . . .

### with Alberta BNAPSers

Shown are scenes from the Third Annual Stamp Show arranged some time ago by members of the Calgary and Edmonton (Alberta) Stamp Clubs. Dr. William Rowan, designer of the Whooping Crane stamp, spoke at the banquet, and also showed frames of drawings (left) for the accepted design, and other sketches submitted to the Post Office. Below are groups of collectors viewing the exhibit, including BNAPS members E. C. Powell and Dr. M. C. Adamson. S. C. Nickle of Calgary was guest speaker and delighted those present with his talk. The picture on the opposite page shows Dr. William Rowan speaking to guests. \*





PERFIN

CANADIAN RARITIES

WE ARE OFTEN asked to comment on the relative scarcity of various Canadian Perfins and it will no doubt be of general interest to hear which designs are going to be difficult for a collector to find when he decides to arrange a collection of the perforated initial stamps of Canada.

To date we have listed 203 major designs and in addition the handbook also lists three designs which are described as broken dies of other types. We might say here that it is unlikely that they would have appeared in the handbook under catalogue numbers except for the difficulty which would have been experienced in removing them from the listing after the plates had been prepared for the illustrations. The fact that they were broken dies was discovered after the plates had been prepared.

During the year or so that material was being collected for the handbook, approximately thirty collectors completed a check list of designs in their collections and these lists were carefully tabulated by your secretary, so that comments following are based on the results of this work. No doubt there are many more collectors of Canada Perfins whose collections have not been reported to us that contain many of the items which we will note as being scarcer than others, but we think our remarks will be basically correct and are founded on a good cross section of Perfins collections.

SECRETARY: R. J. WOOLLEY, 359 Ellis Park Rd., Toronto 3, Ont.

STUDY GROUP

Of the 203 major types, twenty two appear only once on the check lists, fourteen appear on two lists only, fifteen appear on three lists and eighteen appear on four. This gives us a total of sixty-nine which would not appear to be too common and which any collector could not expect to be able to pick up in a hurry.

From these figures it will be noted that there would be 134 designs that have been reported five times or more and might reasonably be expected to show in most good collections.

Because these perforated stamps are not generally collected and have little commercial value don't be fooled into the presumption that they are easy to come by. After working for a year or so on them, any collector is making good progress who can show one hundred designs or approximately half of the number of designs required for completion.

As to your chances of completing a collection we can mention that the most complete collection of designs yet reported lacks twenty-six of the known designs, and three other very good collections are still short of from twenty-six to forty of the listed numbers.

It would be difficult to decide which could be considered as the scarcest of our known perfins, but our vote would go to C31, CUD/AHY. The one known copy of this type comes on E1, from which we presume that an American office of the Cudahy Company required some special delivery stamps to speed delivery of their mail in Canada, and bought Canadian S.D. stamps for this purpose, punching them in the American office that purchased them. We are also presuming that they would require only a limited number for this purpose and did not at any time punch the normal Canadian postal issues. Their mail would carry U.S. postage, but would require a Canadian special delivery, or equivalent Canadian 10c postage stamp for the special delivery service in Canada.

Some of the other scarce items which have been reported once only are also the designs of American companies and would also possibly have had only a limited use by the company. P1 is one of these and is believed to have been used by the Pullman Company from its Chicago office to pay the 3c tax on cheques payable in Canada when the company made refunds to Canadian travellers or had other accounts payable in Canada.

One or two others listed only once are on our customs duty stamps. B7 is one of these with initials BM/C, user not identified, and another is G8, Guaranty Trust Company (GT). These were probably used to pay the duty on printed matter entering Canada for advertising purposes.

A few of the others appearing once only on the lists are also American companies, some of whom may have had a branch office or agent in Canada for a short time only or may have bought Canadian stamps to prepay return postage when enclosing return addressed envelopes. Some of these may be such listings as A1, D6, D7, L5, M14, P9, R3, S7 and S9.

What are the possibilities of finding some of these scarcer items?

Stamp collectors in general are perennial optimists and in this particular field there are still many unexplored opportunities. There are no doubt still many million ungraded 1c and 2c Edw.VII, 1c and 2c Queen Victoria numerals and the 1c to 3c Geo. V. Admiral issue, and if Perfin collectors can acquire the Perfins these accumulations contain, many of the scarcer items will show up in them, although perhaps in very limited numbers, and there may well be the additional reward of a previously unrecorded design.

Although the laid paper 2c of the 1868 issue may be rarer than the 12 penny black to collectors of Canada's postal issues there are literally dozens of perfin designs that are scarcer than either of them.

As to value, the factor other than supply that makes for value, is demand and the demand for Canada's postal issues is still many thousand times as great as the demand for Perfins. For which we collectors of Perfins should be truly thankful.  $\star$ 

#### TRAIL OF THE CARIBOU

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the Apr. 27th issue of "Stamp Collecting" can be used as a criterion. His offer is as follows "Newfoundland, 1923 (May). Labrador-St. John's flown cover with cachet and backstamp 'My 17' - - -\$30." This is the highest asking price we have ever seen for a Newfoundland "Cotton" cover and we don't know if it is worth that kind of money, but evidently someone does. \*

Prof. R. DeL. French of Montreal died May 23, after an extended illness. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family.

Roger French has been connected with Canada and Canadian revenue stamps for many years. He was one of the founders of the Canadian Revenue Society and since the formation of the Revenue Group in BNAPS, he has served as treasurer and editor of the Revenue column. All Revenue collectors will greatly miss Prof. French.

# Sketches of BNAPSers ...

#### No. 79: Louis S. Crosby (79)

OUR 'sketch' this month is of Louis S. Crosby, who was born on July 8, 1887, in Charlottetown, P.E.I. and moved to Banff, Alberta, in 1907 and started to work as an accountant for Brewster Bros. This firm was incorporated in 1909 as the Brewster Transport Co. Ltd. and is now the largest sightseeing Company in Canada, Mr. Crosby being President and General Manager. During his half-century long career in Banff he has been active executively in over 12 organizations including Masonic, Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and Banff Shrine Club.

The father of Mr. Crosby gave him a set of Jubilee stamps in 1897 as a birthday gift and he formed a 'boys general collection' until he was 16. It was not until he was 45 that Lou started the hobby again, confining his efforts to Canadian Revenues, Postal Stationery, booklets, Small Cents, Newfoundland, and specializing in Prince Edward Island, the province of his birth. His collection of Prince Edward Island is one cf the finest in existence and won the Grand Award and four additional awards in the recent Canadian Philatelic Society Exhibition at Windsor. This was the first time he had exhibited stamps for competition and it is hoped he will show his P.E.I. collection again in one of our own Exhibitions so that those of us who were unable to be in Windsor will have an opportunity of seeing it.

Mr. Crosby is a member of the Royal

'More Here than Meets the Eye' If you'd like to own a couple of recent Canadian FD covers, just send five cents postage and they will be mailed to you. Both covers have cachets and the face value of the stamps alone is nine cents. WHAT'S THE CATCH? There is none. Naturally I'd be "tickled pink" to have you ask that an approval selection of Canada be included with the offer, but if you don't like approvals then you won't get any. Another point to remember—If you want the future new issues of Canada on FD cover, you get them automatically free of charge, providing, of course, that you are one of our regular customers. Let's get acquainted. You'll be glad MORRIS WOLOSHYN

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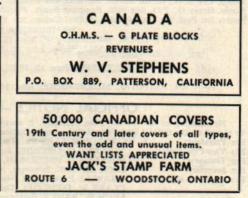
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#### By V. G. GREENE (BNAPS L40)



York; American Philatelic Society; Canadian Philatelic Society and the C.P.S. of Great Britain. He is also a member of the Alpine Club of Canada, Banff Curling Club, and a Past President of the Alberta Speed Skating Ass'n, the Banff Springs Golf Club (President for 25 years) and the Banff Rotary Club. He has been a member of the Banff School Board for over 30 years and Past D.D. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A.M.

In addition to his stamp collection Mr. Crosby has a large collection of medals and trophies which he has won for golf, track, speed-skating, hockey and rowing. He is interested in gardening, photography, and, of course, travel, being vice-President of Gray Line Sightseeing Companies Associated and a director of Canadian Rockies Tourist Ass'n.  $\star$ 





OFFICIAL SECTION

#### BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

# MONTHLY REPORT From the Secretary

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#### **NEW MEMBERS**

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June 15, 1956.

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- 1418 Williams, H. F., 331 Spring Garden Road, Halifax Nova Scotia

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Thayer, Harvey, 11 Brookside Ave., Providence 6, Rhode Island

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NEW MEMBERS, June 15, 1956	6	a large
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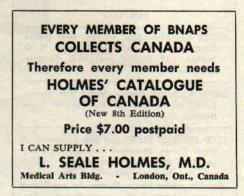
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