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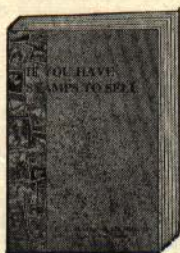
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FORERUNNERS TO CANADIAN PRECANCELS

THE unofficial issues of 1888-89, the forerunners to the issues made by the Post Office Department of the Canadian Government, are of very great interest to the collectors of Canadian precancels, but very little information about these issues has appeared in the philatelic press, at any rate in this country [Great Britain].

For some time I have been trying to obtain more information about them and have had a great deal of correspon-

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dence with the Director of Financial Services, the Post Office Department, Ottawa, but he has been unable to give me any information as all the official records have been lost or destroyed. The issues are, however, referred to in two of the best known Canadian handbooks: "Stamps of British North America" by Fred Jarrett (1929 edition), pages 588-590, and "The Pos-



tage Stamps and Postal History of Canada" by Winthrop S. Boggs, Vol. I, page 729. No reference is made to these issues in the chapter on precancels in "Canada Postage Stamps and Postal Stationery" by Clifton A. Howes nor are they catalogued in the "Official Catalogue of Canada Precancels," edited by H. G. Walburn.

Four Issues

Jarret refers to four different issues of these forerunners, issues of Montreal, Ottawa, St. John and Toronto, and catalogues those issued by Montreal, Ottawa and St. John, giving the date of issue by these three cities as 1888. Boggs refers to the same four issues, but gives the date of issue as 1888 for Ottawa and St. John, and 1889 for Montreal, but gives no date for the issue made by Toronto.

Other types of forerunners not mentioned in those handbooks have been reported:

(1) By Mr. Frank W. Campbell, of Royal Oak, Michigan, U.S.A., in the use by Thorold of the Thorold postmark about 1850 (Jarrett, Type 536, page 457) as a precancel. He reports having seen blocks of the "Small Heads" with this postmark, one postmark to a block of four, on stamps with full gum, but unfortunately he was unable to supply me with any photographs of the stamps, nor have I been able to obtain any confirmation of such use from any other source.

(2) Dr. Alfred Whitehead, in his excellent handbook "The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada," published by the British North America Philatelic Society, refers on page 42 to a blank squared circle used on 1 cent mail possibly as a precancel. I have never seen an example of this, and Dr. Whitehead does not give any date of its use. It would seem that this type of precancel (?) would come on the 1 cent "Small Head," and here again the postmark

would necessarily cover more than one stamp, so that to prove its use as a precancel one must have either a copy on cover or blocks with original gum.

The four original types as reported in Jarrett and Boggs are as follows:

Ottawa. Postmark of 19 lines and a numeral "1". This type of postmark is known used as a precancel on the 1, 2, 3 and 5 cents "Small Heads." To confirm its use as a precancel it must be on cover or on blocks of stamps with original gum, both of which are very rare. Owing to lack of material I can give no further information.

St. John. Postmark of 14 lines, oval, with numeral "1", the "1" being in circle. This is known used as a precancel only on the 1 cent "Small Head." The same remarks apply as to the Ottawa issues.

Montreal used a roller type cancel (Jarrett Type 124, page 405), as on the 1858, 1859 and rarely on the 1868 issues, but in my opinion the type of roller used as a precancel by Montreal on the "Small Heads" is slightly different to the original roller. My opinion is not borne out by Jarrett or Boggs, but on comparing its use as a precancel with that on the earlier issues I consider that a new roller must have been prepared for precancel use. This type of precancel is known on the 1, 2, 3, 6 and 10 cents "Small Heads." It is fairly common on the 1 cent, but scarce to rare on the other values. On cover it is very rare.

Toronto precancelled complete sheets of the 1, 2 and 3 cents "Small Heads" by ruling pen and ink lines across the stamps, and here again can only be distinguished either on cover or on blocks or strips with original gum. These stamps used as precancels are rare on cover, and owing to lack of material it is very difficult to be dogmatic regarding their use.

Generally, with the exception of

the Montreal Roller 21 on the 1 cent "Small Head," these early forerunners to the official issues of precancels are rare, and very rare on cover or in blocks, but it is impossible to find out how many stamps were so precancelled as no figures of the numbers issued are in existence.

The use of these early precancels was restricted to the mailing of circulars and advertising matter, and very few now remain in their original state

on cover or wrapper. With the exception of the Montreal 1 cent, Roller 21, I have never seen a copy of any of them on cover, although I have a strip of 10 (with full gum) of the Toronto pen precancel on the 3 cents "Small Head."

It would be interesting to me if any reader could supply further information about these precancel forerunners, especially if anyone has any copies on covers. ★



Revenue Group News

A GUEST COLUMN BY . . .
ED RICHARDSON (BNAPS 168)

WE illustrate herewith this month a variety of the Ontario Vacation Stamps which has been known for some time, but is not yet listed in any of the revenue catalogues. This is the \$1.00 black overprint on carmine, in a block of six (2 x 3) with stamps No. 3, 5 and 6 showing no denominational overprint.

We have reason to believe this item may be unique, but other copies, or other blocks from the same sheet showing other stamps without the overprint, may be in existence. Correspondence invited from BNAPSers having, or knowing of other similar items.

While on the subject of Ontario Vacation stamps, it might be well to mention the block of four of the 50c value in my collection with the overprint missing on both left stamps. Holmes' catalogue reads: "Block, one stamp with figure of value missing." This block has two figures of value missing. What's the score?

One further inquiry regarding Ontario Vacation Tax stamps. According to my

notes, there was reported some years ago a sheet of the basic stamp in gray brown,



without any denominational imprints. Does anyone know anything about these?

In my "Hollow Tree" column in Popular Stamps back in January I reported what I believed to be a new variety of the Halifax Law Library Tax stamps. Up to now I've heard nothing more, so would like to draw it to the attention of BNAPSers.

All standard revenue catalogues list the 1879 issue, consisting of the 25c, perf. 12½, and also list the 1903 issue, consisting of the 25c and 50c perf. 14. This new variety is in the 50c. It is perf. 14 as before, but was printed from either a re-engraved or new die.

There are several differences, but these will suffice:

1903 Issue	1920(?) Issue
1. 4 vertical shading lines to left of "Halifax".	1. 2 well formed shading lines.
2. No lines of vertical shading to left of "Fifty", and shaded panel almost touches frame.	2. 1 well formed shading line to left of "Fifty" and shaded panel is well clear of frame.
3. Impression measures 19½x24½	3. Impression measures a full 20x25.
4. Green.	4. Olive-green (yellowish).

Come on, BNAPSers— check your copies and let me know your findings.

A new item to me, but one which may have been reported before, is the 1951 Newfoundland National Savings stamp. Like the 1946 issue, which is listed in Holmes, this is a 10c value. It is blue on white wove paper bearing the familiar multiple script CA watermark.

Chas. Armstrong reports that the Alberta Holiday Pay stamps can be found in two distinct shades of every denomination.

All catalogues are woefully inadequate when it comes to Canada's Unemployment issues. How about BNAPSers who are interested in Canadian Federal revenues putting all their information together on these interesting stamps and coming up with a good catalogue listing? Holmes would like to make his next edition just that much more complete.

Yours truly would be glad to help as a clearing house for this information. We need to know several things about these:

1. What denominations and/or designs do you have, not listed in Holmes?
2. What Unemployments do you have which are overprinted SPECIMEN, and what is the story of their existence?
3. What Unemployments do you have which are overprinted CANCELLED, and what do you know of their reason for existence?

This collector has a fair representation of all issues, including those of 1941, 1948, 1950 and 1955. Let's see what we can come up with. ★



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STUDY GROUP

A GUEST COLUMN BY P. D. VAN OUDENOL (BNAPS 684)

THE Secretary of the Perfin Study Group has invited me to be a guest contributor to the Perfin Column. . . . In the course of building my general collection of 8,000 B.N.A. perfins, I have felt indebted to several collectors for many pleasant exchanges of both letters and perfins alike. It is my preference to collect mint; used in both single and multiple perforations in all positions; reverse perforated pairs, blocks, covers.

Those who have collected perfins for any length of time have undoubtedly noticed a predominance of certain perfin types and positions of certain types; also that a common

basic stamp does not automatically mean a common perfin. The reverse also holds true, in that some high or uncommon values of basic stamps are not too scarce with certain perfins, in relation to perfins generally.

Fig. 1 illustrates perfin type S8 on a scarce cover. This is the earliest of three perfin dies used by the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada. It is rather uncommon, considering it was in use for 30 years. I have 29 copies in my collection, ranging from the 20c Widow, Scott No. 46, to the 1c and 2c Admiral, Scott Nos. 104 and 106. This die starts to show missing holes as early as the Jubilee Issue of 1897, and so continues until it is no longer used. Most issues are known with various letters partly or completely missing. One copy of the 1903 issue is known with nothing but the "S". The 1c gray-green Numeral, Scott No. 75, and the 2c carmine Numeral, Scott No. 77, are the most common stamps bearing this perfin, which is seen most frequently on the 1c and 2c values of issue used, and in normal or up-right position. Any variation of this is noticeably uncommon. The paper of the envelope is watermarked with the name of the assurance company.



FIGURE 1

Perhaps the most interesting perfin is type W8, the first of two dies used by the W. J. Gage Co. of Toronto, Ont. This perfin is the earliest one used in Canada, the earliest known date being Oct. 17, 1889. My collection contains no less than 16 copies of the "W.J.G." perfin in various positions, on the Small Queen issue. The foregoing considered, and the comparative difficulty with which they were obtained, leads me to believe they become progressively scarcer in this order: 3c, 1c, 2c, 10c, 5c, 6c, 8c. I am also fortunate in having the 1c, 2c and 3c Jubilee of 1897; and the 1898 Map stamp, Scott Nos. 85 and 86, the latter having a perfect double strike of the perfin; also 25 copies on the Numeral issue of 1898. The two copies I have on the Leaf issue of 1897 are about as scarce as this perfin on the 10c Small Queen. This is the first perfin on which appear the scarce reverse pairs, caused by folding a sheet of stamps before inserting it in the perforating machine. This is frequently done by users of the five-die perforating machines. Most centre-of-sheet or reverse pairs are separated in the normal course of use. I have examples of these pairs on the 1c Numeral and the 2c carmine Numeral.

Both of the "W.J.G." perfin types were applied very indiscriminately, and are known in all eight possible positions, no one position being especially common or scarce. Type W9, the die in use from 1903/35, also has produced reversed pairs. I have examples of these pairs on the 1c yellow Admiral and the 4c of 1935, the latter in block form.

Certain stamps are of great rarity when bearing perfins. Only one copy is known of a few examples of the small early users of perfins in Canada. Most of these appear on Scott

No. 104 and Scott No. 106. Of equal rarity are some of the medium and high denomination stamps perforated by some of the larger users of perfins. A high denomination stamp may be common with one user (e.g., Scott No. 120 on perfin type B5) or quite scarce with another user. Below appears a partial list of perfins which are far from common on the stamps listed, and in many cases, may well be unique:

PERFIN TYPES	SCOTT NUMBERS														
	70	142	42	43	46	86	101	158	184	203	208	209	210	244	245
(Newfoundland)															
A8		x													
A9	x														
(Canada)															
C12i										x					
C12j								x							x
C12t											x				
C16										x				x	
C20													x		
C21											x				
C22								x							
C26a													x		
C27												x			
D2											x				
G5										x					
L1										x		x			
M8										x					
M11								x				x			
M17									x						
N10c									x						
P10											x	x			
S8					x										
S10								x							
S11								x			x		x		
T6												x			
W8			x	x		x									
W9							x								
W14										x					

PERFIN TYPES	SCOTT NUMBERS														
	252b	253	258	260	261	262	C1	C5	E4	E7	E9	E11	MR4	MR5	
(Canada)															
C3	x														
C12i													x		x
C13c													x		
C16										x	x				
C19												x			
C22									x						
C26								x							
C26a							x								
C33							x								
P10		x		x	x	x									
Q1			x												
W6													x		

● The October issue of BNA TOPICS will include the Yearbook for 1956, and will be mailed to members on October 15th. It was hoped to have published this issue earlier this year, but many things have prevented this.

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



MISSENT-TO-NEWFOUNDLAND

MEMBER N. S. Scales (No. 1058), Evansville, Ind., has submitted a cover to us for examination that has a marking not previously recorded in our experience. The cover in question was posted at Leeds, England, on Mar. 13th, 1876, and it is addressed to St. John's, N. America, with no mention whether it be Newfoundland, New Brunswick or Quebec. As it happened, the letter was forwarded to Newfoundland and there struck with a singular marking before being forwarded to New Brunswick, its ultimate destination. The marking in question is illustrated above and is the first example of this type of marking recorded from Newfoundland. The only thing close to it is the manuscript notation "Missent to Brigus", on a stampless cover in our collection from the year 1853.

Mr. Scales, in a subsequent letter, has come up with a bit of information that will enable us to date one of the cancellations pictured in the March TOPICS in our article on "The POSTAGE PAID and PAID ALL Stamps of Newfoundland. Mr. Scales has an example of Fig. 4 struck in black at St. John's in 1918. There is no month or day in the strike, so we will have to be satisfied with just the year.

Stan Wood (No. 221), Auckland, New Zealand, also weighs in with some further information concerning dates of use of the POSTAGE PAID and PAID ALL cancels. Stan has cancel No. 9 used on Dec. 15, 1938. It had previously been recorded for December 1944 and December 1948, so it certainly would seem to bear out our supposition that the cancel is used for bulk mailings during the Christmas rush, as we have record of its use 10 years apart with no use other than during the month of December.

In Stamp Collecting for June 22, there is an ad. by Bridger & Kay Ltd., of London, that gives us a bit more information on the 10c watermarked Postage Due, Scott J7. In pricing the POSTAGE LUE error they advise that to the best of their knowledge only 250 sheets of this perforation and watermark were issued and that, therefore, there can only be 500 possible POSTAGE LUE stamps. They quote the variety in block of 6, £6/10 and in position block of 9 at £7/10.

Before we had a chance to "go to press", N. W. Scales was back with a third letter and we certainly welcomed it as it came during the "dog days" and all stamp news was scarce indeed. Mr. Scales has four new pictorial postcards, and we will list them all. The first, posted on Nov. 30, 1905, at St. John's, is No. 8 of the Garland Series and shows "One of Nature's Masterpieces (Iceberg) on Newfoundland Coast". The second, posted Sept. 21, 1905, at St. John's, is No. 93 of the Garland "Photolet" Series and shows "Early Morn—St. John's, Newfoundland. N. American Squadron in Port". The third, posted at St. John's on Oct. 25, 1901, is No. 19 in the "Links of Empire" Series and shows "The Harbour of St. John's, Newfoundland". There are also four line stanzas of poetry and the line "Posted at St. John's the day the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York left Canada for Home". This last line is printed right on the card along with the photo and all of the other copy. The last card, also posted at St. John's on Nov. 23, 1920, is No. 1163Pp, put out by Ayre & Sons, and shows on the face a picture titled "Petty Harbour, Near St. John's, Newfoundland". These four cards open up an entirely new field and we expect to hear from our readers in the immediate future of additions to this list. ★

Sketches of BNAPSers . . .

By V. G. GREENE (BNAPS L40)

No. 80: NORMAN BRASSLER (75)

NORMAN BRASSLER was born in New York City on August 1, 1911, and currently is executive vice-president of the County Bank and Trust Company in Patterson, New Jersey. Graduating from Princeton in 1933, Phi Beta Kappa, he also attended the University of Munich, McGill University, and got a Masters Degree from New York University in New York City, studying nights. Before joining the County Bank and Trust Company in 1940, he was with the Chemical Bank & Trust Company (now the Chemical Corn Exchange Bank), and also on Wall Street with the brokerage firm of Parrish & Company.

Mr. Brassler's mother, who collected stamps and, incidentally, still does, started his interest in the hobby when he was eight years old, but it was not until he joined the Chemical Bank in 1933, in the vicinity of Nassau Street, the downtown stamp district, that he began to look at stamps in a more serious vein. Not having any funds, he laid off the U.S. and, for some reason he can't explain except that they appealed to him, started off with Canada. Now he has collections of the 1859, Large and Small Queens, and at present is busily engaged in collecting all types of cancellations on the 19th century issues, and the Small 3c on cover. Mr. Brassler also has a first class collection of Canadian patriotic covers and substantial collections of British West Indies (used), early Roumania and the general issues only of the French Colonies.

A member of the American Philatelic Society and the West Indies Study Circle of Great Britain, Mr. Brassler also tries to find time to play golf, take pictures and study birds. Married with two children, a



daughter 15 and a boy 13, he lives in Gled Ridge, New Jersey. He has recently written an article entitled "A Brief Survey of Western European Economy" which appeared in the August 2 issue of the "Commercial and Financial Chronicle," and is busy preparing a speech which he is making at the end of September before the New York Bankers' Seminar, so will be unable to attend our convention this year in Toronto. ★

● From a column by Dan Eckman in the Vancouver (B.C.) Province: Don't think you're alone in your opinions about the "art" on the new postage stamps. A colleague queued up at the main Post Office here for some stamps the other day, was handed several copies of the latest effort showing a jumble of chemistry apparatus. The clerk must have read his mind, because he leaned forward and hissed: "You know the next stamp that's coming out? It shows the guy who designed this one being ridden out of town on a rail!" ★



OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

From the Secretary

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

August 15, 1956.

NEW MEMBERS

- 1419 Chandler, Mrs. Charles (Dorothy B.), 114 Armour Blvd., Downsview, Ontario.
1420 Chapman, Jack M., Ste. 11, 178 Machray Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba.
1421 Golden, S. Morley, 391 Elm St., Winnipeg 9, Manitoba.
1422 Higginbotham, Sidley, 93 South Central Ave., Wollaston 70, Massachusetts.
1423 Johnson, Mabel E., Ste. 7, 4921 - 53rd St., Red Deer, Alberta.
1424 Kall, Harold, 16 East 208th St., New York 67, New York.
1425 Major, Mrs. C. Stanley (Catherine S.), 755 Poole Drive, Fayetteville, North Carolina.
1426 Thayer, Harvey, 11 Brookside Ave., Providence 6, Rhode Island.
1427 Carr, Dr. Robert V. C., 3134 Neosho Road, Youngstown, Ohio.
1428 Horowitz, Philip S., 2259 - 79th St., Jackson Heights 70, New York.
1429 Michael, A. L., c/o H. E. Wingfield & Co., 392 Strand, London, W.C.2, England.
1430 Sattinger, Richard H., 111 South Third St., Brooklyn 11, New York.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

- CHAPPELL, Chas. D., 2503 E. 117th St., Seattle 55, Wash. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. SPECIALTY: Nova Scotia. Proposed by L. S. Holmes, No. 117; seconded by J. F. Webb, No. 1210.
- DAVIES, Chesterton M., Bridgetown, Nova Scotia (CX) CAN, NFD, N.S.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. 1st day covers. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. RPO, flag, slogan, 2- and 4-ring cancellations. SPECIALTY: Dated Small Queens. Proposed by C. M. Chandler, No. 1374; seconded by C. Woodhead, No. 621.
- HALL, Edward, 1389 Fernwood Crescent, No. Vancouver, B.C. (C) CAN, NFD, B.C., P.E.I., N.S., N.B.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint, used and semi-official airmails and on cover. Literature. Proposed by J. M. Wallace, No. 950; seconded by B. C. Binks, No. 74.
- HEINS, Rev. Henry Hardy, Box 765, Liberty, N.Y. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century used postage. Used airmails. Literature. Dated town cancellations. Proposed by L. G. Crook, No. 706.
- HOPKINS, Harris Hazen, 343 Park Ave., Parchment, Kalamazoo 15, Mich. (DC-X) CAN, NFD, PROV.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Mint booklet panes. Precancels. Federal, provincial and tax-paid revenues. Mint airmails and on cover. Postal stationery entires and cut-squares. Proofs. Proposed by J. Levine, No. 1.
- LEGEER, Jacob J., 511 Beechwood Dr., East Rochester, N.Y. (CX) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Mint booklet panes. Mint airmails. SPECIALTY: Plate blocks and Canada Small Queens. Proposed by L. A. Davenport, No. 51.
- LEVENTER, Marshall D., 1703 Avenue J., Brooklyn 30, N.Y. (CX) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by D. C. Meyerson, No. 3.
- MAJERUS, Geo. P., 4114 Rolando Blvd., San Diego 15, Calif. (C) CAN—19th and 20th century mint postage. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Mint booklet panes. Mint and semi-official airmails. Literature. Proposed by F. G. Atkinson, No. 936.
- SCARLET, Leo., 191 - 17 104th Ave., St. Albans 12, N.Y. (D) Proposed by H. Bedrin, No. 848.
- SMYTHIES, E. A., House Castle Morris, Tralee, Ireland (CX) CAN—19th century used postage. Duplex cancellations on cover. Postal stationery entires. 2-ring and duplex cancellations. SPECIALTY: 19th century duplex cancellations. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37; seconded by J. Levine, No. 1.
- WESTHAVER, Clarence A., 11 Stafford Rd., Milton 86, Mass. (CX) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS - G. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint, used and semi-official airmails. SPECIALTY: Plate blocks and officials of Canada. Proposed by W. H. Russell, No. 587.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- Begin, C. N., Box 185, Station B, Quebec 2, Que.
Darling, Lester E., 538½ - 8th St. North, St. Petersburg, Florida (from Melrose, Mass).
Guess, A. L., 53 Hunt Club Drive, Toronto 13, Ont.
Lee, Walter S., Staff, Station A, Kitimat, B.C.
Newsam, Guy V., 39 Margaret Ann, Beacons Field, Quebec, Que.
Quarles, Mervyn, 17344 Mahoney Pky., Hazel Crest, Illinois.

DECEASED

- 974 Plow, Harry W., 4101 West 214th St., Fairview Park 26, Ohio.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, June 15, 1956	950
NEW MEMBERS, August 15, 1956	12
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	962
DECEASED, August 15, 1956	1
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, August 15, 1956	961

ANNUAL REPORT . . .

From the Treasurer

WILLIAM C. PETERMAN, BOX 348, CALDWELL, N.J., U.S.A.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ACCOUNT — JANUARY 1, 1955 TO DECEMBER 31, 1955

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1954

Dues in Advance, 1955	\$ 189.00
Dues in Advance, 1956	23.75
Dues in Advance, beyond 1956	7.45
Topics, advertisement in advance ..	4.90
Life Membership Fund	614.00
Incorporating expense reserve	125.00
Reserve for bills payable	224.32
General funds on deposit	854.73
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Total funds on deposit	\$2043.15
Topics petty cash fund	9.80
	\$2052.95

RECEIPTS

Dues 1954 (in abeyance)	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
Dues 1956	192.60	
Dues 1957	10.50	
Dues, beyond 1957	9.50	212.60
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Dues and fees 1954 (paid 1955) ..	7.75	
Dues 1855 (renewal)	2309.22	
Dues 1955 (new members)	191.35	
Fees 1955 (new members)	97.00	2605.32

Topics:

Advertising 1954	259.33	259.33
Advertising 1955	581.05	
Subscriptions, back issues	32.95	614.00

Advertising 1956 (in advance) ..	7.12	7.12
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Yearbook:

Advertising 1953	17.50	17.50
Advertising 1954	33.00	33.00
Advertising 1955	475.15	475.15

Royalty on Pl. Blk. Cat. (gift of Maj. K. H. White)	25.00	25.00
Life membership fee (balance)	37.55	37.55
Circuit, sale of books	5.04	5.04
Perfin Handbook, sale of books..	93.56	93.56

1954 Balance plus 1955 Receipts	\$6444.12
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DISBURSEMENTS

Topics:

Printing, Dec. 1954 issue	\$ 200.48	
Postage, Dec. 1954 issue	18.64	\$ 219.12
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Printing, 9 issues 1955	1874.70	
Addressing and mailing	66.43	
Cuts	402.61	
tag and registration	200.31	
velopes	104.78	2648.83

Yearbook:

Printing	347.40	
Cuts	12.46	
Soliciting and advertising	23.90	
Postage and mailing	27.74	411.50

General Expense:

Postage, officers	135.27	
Stationery, officers	117.22	
Membership cards	24.40	
Application forms	20.68	
Dues notices, invoices: postage and addressing	57.25	
Fidelity bond, premium	45.00	
Advertising	9.00	
Repair of typewriter	10.00	
Miscellaneous50	419.32

Incorporating expense	119.73	119.73
Library	100.00	100.00
Perfin Handbook, printing	125.23	
Perfin Handbook, postage	1.57	126.80

Cuts for advertiser (Treasurer to be reimbursed)	11.54	11.54
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Total Disbursements	\$4056.84
Funds on deposit	2360.72
Topics petty cash fund	26.56
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Total	\$6444.12
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BALANCE SHEET (AS OF 12/31/55)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Funds on deposit	\$2360.72	Dues in advance 1956	\$ 213.35
Topics petty cash fund	26.56	Dues in advance 1956	11.50
Typewriters (2) deprec. value	38.75	Dues in advance, beyond 1957	9.50
Perfin Handbook, balance of cost	14.10	Topics, advt. in advance	7.12
Perfin Handbook, funds in custody agent....	19.14	Life membership fund	604.00
BNAPEX-55, profit, custody chairman	75.90	Bills payable, Dec. Topics	239.91
Accounts Receivable:		Surplus:	
Topics, advt. in 1954	18.50	As of 12/31/54	\$1282.65
Topics, advt. in 1955	175.15	For year 1955	404.83
Yearbook, advt. in 1955	32.50		
Cuts for advertiser	11.54	As of 12/31/55	\$1687.48
			1687.48
	<u>\$2772.86</u>		<u>\$2772.86</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1955

INCOME

Membership dues and fees 1954 (paid in 1955)	\$ 7.75	
Membership dues 1955 (renewal)	2495.22	
Membership dues 1955 (new members)	191.35	
Membership dues, from life membership fund	60.00	
Membership fees 1955 (new members)	97.00	\$2851.32
Topics:		
Unused reserve for 1954 bills	5.20	5.20
Advertising	585.95	
Subscriptions and sale of back issues	32.95	618.90
Yearbook, advertising	475.15	475.15
Handbooks, sale of Perfin Handbook	112.70	112.70
Circuit, sale of books	5.04	5.04
Unused reserve for incorporating	5.27	5.27
Royalty on Pl. Blk. Cat. (gift of Maj. K. H. White)	25.00	25.00
Profit from BNAPEX-55	75.90	75.90
Accounts Receivable:		
Topics, advertising	175.15	
Yearbook, advertising	32.50	
Topics, cuts for advertiser	11.54	219.19
		<u>\$4393.67</u>

EXPENSES

Topics, as per Receipts and Disbursements Account	\$2648.83
Yearbook, as per Receipts and Disbursements Account	411.50
Handbook, as per Receipts and Disbursements Account	112.70
Library, as per Receipts and Disbursements Account	419.32
General Expenses, as per Receipts and Disbursement Account	419.32
Circuit, cost of books sold	5.04
Typewriters (2), amortization	40.00
Cuts for advertiser (Treasury to be reimbursed)	11.54
Bills payable:	
Printing of December issue of Topics	\$ 220.91
Postage on December issue of Topics	19.00
	<u>239.91</u>
Total expenses	\$3988.84
Surplus for 1955	404.83
	<u>\$4393.67</u>

W. C. PETERMAN, Treasurer.

The Society's books were audited through the courtesy of Arthur J. Dean (BNAPS 119) and the above report is in accordance with this audit.

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BETTER CANADA. Sets, singles, mint blocks. Send want lists (with references). H. G. Saxton, 139 Twelfth Ave., N.E., Calgary, Alta., Canada. (1981f)

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O.H.M.S. PLATE BLOCKS, positions on O1 to O8. Suggest complete want list. George G. Trabant, "Times", St. Petersburg, Florida. (138-2t)

120a: 50c ADMIRAL, jet black, superb mint, \$13.60; MR4b: 2c plus 1c brown War Tax, Type 1, superb horizontal imperforate pair, only \$15.00. Nelson Bond, 1625 Hampton Ave., Roanoke, Va. (138-1t)

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WANTED

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—Squared Circle postmarks on or off cover: Type One, Aldergrove, B.C.; Coleman, Ont.; St. Hilarion, Que. Type Two, Freeport, N.S.; Spa Springs, N.S.; Wolfville, N.S.; Clifton, N.B.; Bellevue, Que.; Hochelaga, Que.; Lennoxville, Que.; Longueuil, Que.; Notre Dame St. West, Montreal; Pointe A Pic, Que.; Richmond, Que.; St. Polycarpe, Que.; Stanstead, Que.; Sutton, Que.; Fort William West, Ont.; Millbrook, Ont.; Waterdown, Ont.; Ashcroft Station, B.C. Other rare Squared Circles wanted. Good prices paid or generous exchange. Some BNAPSers have exchanged with me six times during the past year—this speaks for itself! Dr. Alfred Whitehead, 52 Havelock, Amherst, N.S.

WANTED

WANTED—Canadian plate number blocks: 233, pl. 13, LR; 232, pl. 9, UR; 235, pl. 3, LR; 246, pl. 1-3, UL, LR; 246, pl. 1-4, UR, LR; 246, pl. 2-3, UR, LL, LR; 246, pl. 2-4, LR; 248, pl. 5-1, all positions; 248, pl. 5-3, UL, LL, LR; C7, pl. 2, UL; C8, pl. 5, UL; O4, pl. 49, UR. George L. Lee, "Dunleith", Bernardsville, New Jersey. (138-5t)

WANTED for cash or exchange anything of Nova Scotia, especially stampless and cents covers, cancels, imprint blocks, die and plate proofs, varieties, etc. Dr. John J. MacDonald, P.O. Box 38, Antigonish, Nova Scotia. (135-4t)

WANTED for cash—3c Small Queen: plate scratches, re-entries, plate flaws and other constant varieties; also full sheet of 100. Peter J. Hurst, Apt. 407, 5488 Avonmore Ave., Montreal 29, Canada. (135-6t)

CANADIAN REVENUES, Taxpays, Franks. Singles and job lots. Harold Walker, 670 Mulvey, Winnipeg 9. 136-4t

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