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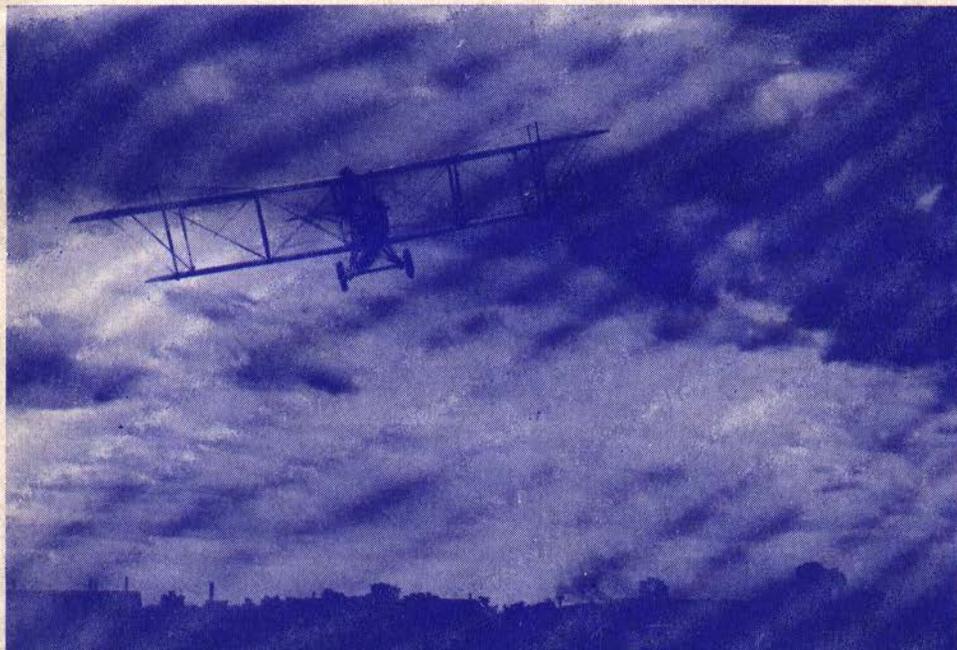
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SQUARED CIRCLES'**

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THE MAILBAG

Alberta Holiday With Pay Stamps

I notice in your November issue, page 260, you list Holiday With Pay stamps of



Alberta. The article is quite correct as far as the issue mentioned is concerned, but there was an issue of the same values previous to those mentioned. They were issued in the same denominations but a different design which

was the same for all values. I enumerate the colors which differ in shade only and this I think is due to the lithographing and are not actually different colors:

- 1c sepia (or pale brown)
- 2c pale green
- 5c pale blue
- 10c pale orange
- 25c pale yellow
- 50c pale red
- \$1 pale purple
- \$2 pale olive

One can occasionally get a vacation pay book from someone leaving Alberta and having no further use for them. In that manner I have obtained a complete set. Also mint copies of the set mentioned in November TOPICS can be purchased at any time at face value. The issue listed above is now obsolete and very difficult to obtain.

These stamps were attached to books held by individual workmen and when turned in for refund were not only cancelled by the government but punched as well. In some cases the punch would not hit the book evenly and would leave a row unpunched.

Dr. F. J. Folsabee (BNAPS 1298)

Plate Blocks of Rare Official

I wonder if it is possible or has anyone tried to poll the members of our Society to see how many have plate blocks of the rare Canadian Official, Scott No. O-9? If not, would it be possible to do so through the medium of our magazine. I myself have been fortunate in securing the upper left and lower left positions and am looking for the upper and lower right to complete my set. Can some member help me?

Walter DeFrantz (BNAPS 1343)

(Continued on page 21)



Rounding Up SQUARED CIRCLES

EDITED BY DR. ALFRED WHITEHEAD (BNAPS 192)

THE collecting of squared circles is now fully established, and the handbook¹ has had a good reception. Judging by auction catalogues and prices, dealers' offers, and the very large number of correspondents since the TOPICS articles of December 1951, and even more since the handbook appeared, there are now many keen hunters of these postmarks. They rival in number, and possibly exceed, those who collect the various numbered cancellations of Canada: the 4-ring, the 2-ring, and the numbered grids of New Brunswick.

It is not difficult to account for the popularity of squared circles. I can think of several explanations:

- (1) Their handsome appearance, especially when struck clearly, as they often are; well mounted collections are most effective on an album page;
- (2) Their wide spread distribution throughout the Canadian provinces, including the Territory of Assiniboia;
- (3) Their great appeal to the many Small Queen enthusiasts, who regard them as successors to the earlier numbered cancels;
- (5) Their widely varying degree of rarity. Some are common, while some are even now known only in one copy. This makes the hunt exciting—one is always hoping that the next packet will yield an ALDERGROVE, B.C., or COLEMAN, Ont., of Type I, or GREAT VILLAGE, N.S., CLIFTON, N.B., or LENNOXVILLE, Que., of

Type II. There might even be lurking in that packet an absolutely new, unlisted town name. This has happened. Four new towns have been found since the handbook appeared;

- (6) Their "study" interest is wide-ranging
 - (a) There is varying period of use, from two months or so to a lengthy period of years;
 - (b) There is to be found revival of use after a long period of disuse in some cases;
 - (c) Some towns used two, three, or even four squared circle hammers, making for the challenging task of discovering the chronologies in such cases: Halifax, St. John, Belleville, Winnipeg and Victoria, to mention only the most interesting;
 - (d) There is much variety in the indicia, especially above the date (figures, letters or time-marks);
 - (e) Some squared circles are found in more than one "state". The finest example is QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL No. 20, which is known in no less than six states, some of them of the greatest rarity. Others known in two states are SCHREIBER, Ont. and NANAIMO, B.C., with their eagerly sought-for second states, the "broken circles". Then there are the two towns listed in the handbook as of Sub-type 5, ALMA, Ont. and WINGHAM, Ont.; these are now known with early dates showing them to have been originally true Type II's with thick bars at the top and base.

It is possible that squared circles may have been used (very rarely) as precancels. Very

¹"The Squared Circle Postmarks of Canada" by Dr. Whitehead; available from the Editor at \$1.50 postpaid.

little is known of this matter, and the writer would be glad to hear from any collector who has reliable information.

Readers of this column in the months to come will find some of these matters discussed, together with others. Quite a number of our members have promised their assistance; their names will follow their paragraphs. Suggestions, information and questions from others will be welcome, and their help will be acknowledged in this space.

The first matter calling for attention is the revision of earliest and latest known dates. This issue deals with such revision for Type I with thin lines. Type II, a big group, will be revised serially, beginning with Nova Scotia next month.

REVISION OF RECORD DATES

Type One

NOTE: Only those dates which supersede those given in the handbook are set out here.

ALDERGROVE, B.C.

Earliest: Fe 12, 96.

BROCKVILLE, Ont.

Earliest: Ap 28, 93.

(THIS IS THE EARLIEST KNOWN SQUARED CIRCLE.)

BYNG INLET NORTH, Ont.

Earliest: Ja 5, 94.

Latest: Mr 1, 95.

DUTTON, Ont.

Latest: Fe 3, 08.

LONDON, Ont.

Earliest: Ap 29, 93.

LONDON EAST, Ont.

Earliest: Ju 12, 93.

Latest: Oc 14, 01.

MANSONVILLE, Que.

Latest: —, 1898.

(On Leafs issue, date not showing.)

NEW GERMANY, Ont.

Latest: De 30, 04.

OTTAWA, Ont.

Latest: (Normal use) No 21, 05.

(This is known on KG issues, with no indicia. It will be dealt with when writing later on squared circles and their possible use as precencels.)

POINT ST. CHARLES, Que.

Latest: — 4, 99 (on 2c purple Leafs)

RAT PORTAGE, Ont.

Earliest: My 22, 93.

ST. ANN'S, Ont.

Latest: Ap. 6, 06.

ST. HILARION, Que.

Earliest: Au 6, 94.

Latest: No 4, 94.

TERREBONNE, Que.

Latest: Fe 14, 06.

THREE RIVERS, Que.

Earliest: My 20, 93.

Latest: Au 26, 02.

CORRECTION OF SOME HANDBOOK MISPRINTS AND OMISSIONS

Page 3—Under Sup-type (3) read: UPPER edge.

Page 5—Line 6 of New Listings read: . . . and the error BLEEKER St.

Page 8—Date below illustration should read: Au 30, 04.

Page 9—In List of Towns read LUNENBURG; also read PRINCE Edward Island

Page 10—Read LUNENBURG.

Page 11—Under Clifton read: . . . the beautiful Kingston PENINSULA. ROTHESAY: add RF 30-40. Under St. John, first hammer, read: (SUB-TYPE 3).

Page 13—In List of Towns (and below) add parentheses to "East" of Aylmer East. Under Lennoxville, earliest date should be Mr 27, 94.

Page 14—Under Montreal, Notre Dame St. W, read WEST. Under Sutton, read MISSIQUOI R.

Page 15—In List of Towns read MERRITTON (and on p. 19); also under Toronto, Strachan Ave., read AVENUE (also on p. 22).

Page 22—Under Tilsonburg, line 8, read: from about 1896.

Page 28—Under Victoria, add R.F.'s for the several hammers:

1, R.F.: 7.5.

2, R.F.: 7.5.

3, R.F.: 7.5.

4, R.F.: 50.

TOWNS REPORTED SINCE THE HANDBOOK APPEARED

Four new towns using squared circles have been reported since the handbook appeared. Following the practice of the handbook, I give here the descriptions of place and locale as set out in Lovell's Gazetteer of 1908:

FREPORT, N.S. On Long Island, at the foot of Digby Neck, at the entrance to St. Mary's Bay and the Bay of Fundy, Digby County; 15 m. from Weymouth (D.A.Ry.), and 40 m. from Digby. Fishing and agriculture. Pop., 700. P.M., A. F. Outhouse.

Earliest: Ju 11, 94.

Latest: Fe 19, 95.

R.F.: 40. (Several copies have been reported.)

Just after this discovery was made (1955) I adjudicated at a one-day musical festival

at this small, isolated fishing village, as part of the week-long Digby Festival. By a fortunate coincidence I had lunch with the present postmaster, who became interested in my wish to find the old squared circle hammer if it were possible. Together we went to the tiny post office—the third building since 1894—but there was no trace of the hammer. He assured me he had never seen it, nor had he ever seen or heard of strikes from it.

FORT WILLIAM WEST, ONT. In the Thunder Bay District of Algoma. C.P.R., C.N.R. (station is called West Fort); 4 m. W. of Fort William. Pop., not given. P.M., A. McLaren. Earliest: Jy 4, 94. R.F.: 50.

MILLBROOK, ONT. Durham Co. G.T.R. (Pt. Hope, Peterboro' & Midland Div.) 17 m. N. of Port Hope; 13 m. S. of Peterboro'. Pop., 1000. P.M., Wm. Vance. Earliest: Sp 14, 95. R.F.: 50.

SIMCOE, ONT. Norfolk Co., R. Lynn. Divisional centre on G.T.R. 3 m. N.W. of Port Dover; 32 m. S.W. of Woodstock and 21 m. E. of Tillsonburg. Pop., 3,064. P.M., Henry Mulkins. Earliest:) Latest:) Not yet reported. R.F.: 50.

WATERDOWN, ONT. Wentworth Co. G.T.R. 6 m. from Hamilton; 39 m. from Toronto. Pop., 800. P.M., J. B. Thompson. Earliest: My 20, 96. R.F.: 50.

Program for BNAPEX-57

The BNAPEX-57 Committee takes pleasure in announcing the program for the Society's Ninth Annual Exhibition and Convention.

The Dates: SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21, 1957.

The Place: HOTEL SYLVANIA, Locust St., east of Broad St., Philadelphia.

THE PROGRAM

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- 10 a.m.—*Exhibition and Bourse*, The Carlton Room. Judging of the exhibits.
- 2 p.m.—*Ladies' Program*.
- 10 p.m.—*Reception and Refreshments*. The Junior and Locust Rooms.

Saturday, Sept. 21st:

- 10 a.m.—*Exhibition and Bourse*, The Carlton Room.
The Annual Business Meeting.
- 6 p.m.—*The Cocktail Hour*.
- 7 p.m.—*The Annual Banquet*.

The attendants at the Registration Desk will have full information available as to shopping tours, places of interest, famous eating places, etc. If you have any questions, kindly address same to any member of the Committee, or the undersigned, and an answer will be forthcoming by return mail. **PHILADELPHIA WANTS YOU HERE, SEPT. 19-20-21, 1957.** Watch this space for another announcement in next month's issue of TOPICS.

AL KESSLER,
for the Committee.

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



TO OPEN the New Year we have the list of prices realized on the Newfoundland imperforate blocks that were sold at the London auction of H. R. Harmer Ltd. on Oct. 16. An imperforate block of the 1c grey, Scott No. 184, brought £8 10d, while a block of the 2c green, Scott No. 186, went at £9. An imperforate block of the 3c orange brown, Scott No. 187, sold for £8 10d, as did an imperf. block of the 4c, Scott No. 189. A scarcer block in this series, the 5c violet brown, Scott No. 190, was knocked down at £10 10d, while an imperforate block of the 5c deep violet, Scott No. 191, set a higher figure of £12 10d. The block of the 10c, Scott No. 193, went very reasonably at £8, while a block of the 20c grey green, Scott No. 196, sold for £13, and a block of the 25c grey, Scott No. 197, went for £9. The scarcest of the series, the 30c ultramarine, Scott No. 198, in an imperf. block with one stamp thin, realized £16 10d. In the Labrador air mails imperf. blocks of the 5c, 10c and 30c values, Scott Nos. C13, C14 and C15, brought £34, £34 and £63 respectively. From the Gilbert set imperforate blocks of the 1c, 2c, 4c, 9c, 10c and 24c values sold for £5, £5 10d., £5 10d, £6 10d, £9 10d, £8 and £11 respectively.

John Siverts, BNAPS No. 59, of Wilmington, Del., has submitted another of the early 20th century patriotics for our consideration. In layout it is exactly like the one pictured on page 81 of the March 1954 TOPICS. It differs only in the design of the registry emblem. This one, like the one illustrated, also bears the notation "Copyright by E. Krippner, P.O.B. 481, St. John's, N.F." In addition, the underside of the envelope flap bears the signature of E. R. Krippner. This is further confirmation of our belief that all of these so-called patriotics prepared in the late 19th and early 20th centuries were all prepared by Mr. Krippner.

Bob Duncan, BNAPS No. 37, Armstrong, B.C., has just submitted an interesting block of four of the 2c surcharge on the 30c stamp, Scott No. 268. A careful examination of the block shows a few ink smudges as well as several faint prints of the surcharge TWO CENTS throughout the block. This condition was first described by E. H. Hiscock, BNAPS No. 234, St. John's, Newfoundland, when he wrote about the stamp in the August 1946 TOPICS. His words, and I quote: "I don't believe there are any constant errors, but there are any number of 'phantom' double overprints."

Supplementing our note in the December 1956 issue of TOPICS, N. W. Scales, BNAPS No. 1058, has sent along a cover that is supposed to have been carried across the Atlantic from Newfoundland to England by bomber. The cover shows no point of origin as is to be expected from wartime covers, and is addressed to Leeds, England. On the face there is a two-line handstamp in red, AIR POSTAGE PAID/PORT AERIEN PAYE, and still another two-line handstamp in black, RECEIVED FROM/H.M. SHIPS. Coupled with these two handstamps is a tombstone-shaped censor marking bearing in the manuscript date of Jan. 28, 1941. The back of the cover merely bears a pencil notation, "Bomber Flight". If there was definite proof that this cover was of Newfoundland origin, it would make another addition to the POSTAGE PAID list first published in TOPICS back in March 1956. Might I add that the censor marking is similar to several others seen on covers originating in Newfoundland.

Mr. Scales also submits a copy of the 6c Caribou, Scott No. 120, that quite clearly shows signs of doubling over the lower third of the stamp. We have seen signs of doubling in some of the other values of this issue but have never thought to list them before.

COMMEMORATIVE COVERS

Canadian 'Maximum' Cards

THE COLLECTING of Canadian "Maximum Cards" is a rather new innovation. The hobby of *Maximaphily* has long been popular on the Continent, but was rather slow in "catching on" in either the U.S. or Canada. Ten years ago there were a few hardy philatelic pioneers among our BNAPS members, but it was not until the advent of the Prime Minister and Wild Life series of Canadian commemoratives that the hobby caught on to any degree.

What is a Maximum Card? The hobby consists of matching the design of the stamp with an existing post card, and having the stamp cancelled on the view side at an appropriate place, and at an appropriate date. This does not necessarily have to be a first day cancellation . . . in fact, with so many Canadian stamps seeing their first day of issue at Ottawa, this may not be the most appropriate place for the cancellation.

Many collectors, in looking around for a different way to collect the Queen Elizabeth issues, have hit upon the scheme of mounting a Maximum Card along



10c ESKIMO MAXIMUM. "An Eskimo in His Kayak", the illustration bears the artist's signature, "Burns/-96-". Card published by Tulane Book Co., New York.



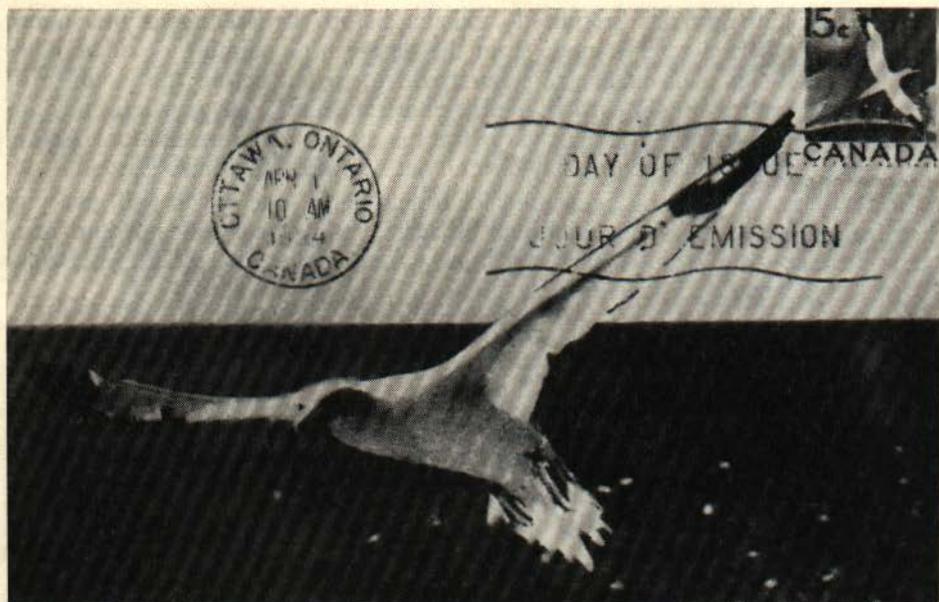
2c POLAR BEAR MAXIMUM. Card is one of a series published by the Chicago Natural History Museum.

with a plate block of the issue. The writer, tired of trying to keep up with matched plates, but wanting his collection to be representative of the issues and period, mounts a Maximum Card with a first day cancellation along with the lower left plate blocks from each plate used. If the plates go above two, this makes a second page necessary, on which go examples of any major varieties, performance varieties, cracked plate varieties or special cancellations.

There are three logical starting points for a collection of Canadian Maximum Cards. The first is to start with Scott's No. 325, the 1c First Queen Elizabeth issue of May 1953. The second is to start with the first stamps issued under the Queen Elizabeth reign, or Scott's No. 317—the 4c Red Cross stamp. The first would omit the first Wild Life series and the first two Prime Minister series. The second would omit the first Prime Minister set, so I use a third starting point, a variation of the second, and start with the Red Cross issue, but include the first Prime Minister series. None of these is too difficult to locate yet, but to the collector who considers taking up this interesting Canadian sideline—don't put it off too long!

Illustrated are a few fine examples of Canadian Maximum Cards. The illustrations cannot do them justice as most of the cards are in color, and some are beautiful multi-colored ones. Try mounting up a page or two with these and you will soon be another Canadian Maximaphilatelit!

A few words of warning, however. There are some first day souvenir cards on the market which are not Maximum Cards. These are postcards made from reproductions of the stamp itself. These are merely enlarged illustrations with first day cancellations; they are not Maximum Cards. The best Maximum is



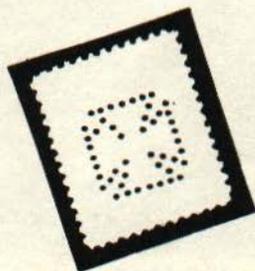
15c GANNET MAXIMUM. "Gannet on the Wing—6 foot spread." Card published by the Photogelatine Engraving Co. Ltd., Toronto.



TWO MAXIMUMS, 4c Walrus and 4c Musk Ox. Oversize, multicolored cards, published by Tulane. Two of the finest Canadian Maximums yet produced.

where an existing card has been used—existing before the issuance of the stamp. Next best is where a card is made from the design of a painting or other illustration (sometimes from magazine covers) which existed before the issuance of the stamp. Another type of card which is not a true Maximum, is where they are especially prepared with a blank space for the stamp and cancellation. Again, these are fine souvenir type first day covers, but not true Maximum Cards.

So for those of you looking around for a new field—one which will give you a collection of beauty—one which will be certain to interest collector and non-collector alike—and which will always draw a great deal of interest at local stamp shows—try Canadian Maximaphily. ★

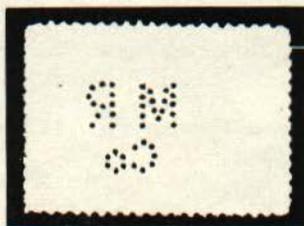


PERFIN *Study Group*

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THERE have been times when the writer has had difficulty finding material of interest to submit for the monthly column, and as president George Llewellyn pointed out in the November issue, it is only by the co-operation of members that the editors are able to continue a monthly magazine which we hope is of general interest to all BNAPS members. At the moment the writer has no complaint in this regard and tries to remember to add a credit for the good friends who are thoughtful enough to provide usable material.

This month we are indebted to Fred Atkinson of Hamilton, Ont., for the item illustrated below.



This new design is of particular interest, firstly because it is a previously unrecorded design and secondly, because it is punched on a Canada special delivery, Scott No. E1. It has a U.S.A. type of cancellation, the "killer" portion of a duplex with a legible

year date—1918. This is only the second E1 which we have seen privately punched, the other having been previously mentioned in this column as the only copy so far reported of C31, CUD/AHY. There is no doubt that this new item is also used by an American company to prepay special delivery charges on their mail for this service by the Canadian P.O. Department. We hope to be able to identify the user through the kind offices of the American Perfin Club.

The catalogue listing will be:

No.	Description	Name of User	Issue
M23	MR/Co 2H5½/4-2½	1918(E1)

One of the scarcer Canadian perfins is that used by the American Type Foundry Company. The handbook listing under catalogue number A7 illustrates the design with a code dot under the letter "A" and lists the office of the company as Vancouver, British Columbia.

The only stamp reported at the time the handbook was edited was a mint block of four on the 2c Edward VII issue. The list of purchasers of perforating machines from the Cummins Business Machines Company of Chicago listed a machine purchased by the Vancouver branch of that company. This explains the original listing.

Since publication of the handbook, we have had two other copies reported of A7,

both of which have the code dot inside the letter "C" of "Co." The first of these was reported by Maurice Decarie of Montreal, and now a second one reported by J. B. Todd of Vancouver which we are able to illustrate.



It would appear then that at least two machines were used by this company. As the company is known to have had offices in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal, and possibly other large centres in Canada, we may have other code dot varieties show up at a later date.

We are adding the new code dot variety to the listing and as we have no definite information as to which is the correct code dot style for Vancouver, we will allow the original listing to stand until clarified.

The additional listing will be as:

No.	Description	Name of User	Issue
A7a	ATF/Co 2H5/4-3 (dot in "C")	American Type Foundry Co. ?	1903

In the February 1956 issue of TOPICS we reported a new listing for the catalogue under number F4. The design is the letter "F", 9½ mm. high. In our notes at that time we discussed the possibility of the "F" being a broken die of the T. Eaton Company's design E1, used from their Edmonton office.

P. D. van Oudenol of North Vancouver, B.C., now confirms this possibility and sends along the copy illustrated below to support our previous contention.



Any of you who may be adding notes of new listings to your copy of the handbook, should now add the additional note that F4 is considered a broken die of E1. ★

THIN PAPER VARIETY



A RECENT paper variety to look out for appears on the 5c Fire Prevention commemoration stamp. The above imprint block, Plate No. 1 LR, has full o.g.

The sheet from which this block came evidently was at the end of a roll of paper. The paper, from the extreme right edge of the selvage, to just inside the right margins of the two stamps on the left, is only half normal thickness. The entire prints of the two stamps on the right, as well as the right side of the imprint, are blurred. On the two thin paper stamps, the red part of the design is so clear from the reverse side as to almost give the impression of being an offset. The lines of the design can be moved about by lightly passing a finger over the stamps, due to the rough surface of the paper.

I would be very pleased to have the opportunity of buying a used copy of the thin paper variety, should anyone find one that is for sale.—P. D. van Oudenol (No. 684) ★

Canadian Designs U-N Stamp

A. L. Pollock of Toronto, who has designed several recent Canadian stamps, is the designer of the new U-N stamp honoring the World Meteorological Organization to be issued this month. This is the first U-N stamp to be designed by a Canadian. Mr. Pollock designed the Canadian 20c forestry stamp in 1951, a 50c stamp on the textile industry in 1952, and the more recent 25c chemical industry stamp. ★



REVENUE GROUP

News

EDITOR: E. A. RICHARDSON, 303 Pin Oak Drive, La Marque, Texas

REVENUE POSTALLY USED. During 1955 BNA TOPICS carried a number of comments and illustrations of Canadian revenue stamps used for postage. On page 121 for April 1955 is an illustration of a copy of the 3c blue (Marks ET 24, Holmes FEX 23) revenue used, but with 6 cents postage due marking, showing that the stamp was not accepted for postage.

I recently obtained (at BNAPEX-56) a copy of the 3c blue (Marks ET 70, Holmes FEX 64) used postally on cover, **without any postage due markings**. Contrary to all expectations it was not used at, nor addressed to, a small post office. It was mailed and delivered in Ottawa, and the cover was addressed to a department at City Hall! It was used in 1946 and tied with a nice slogan cancel.

Match Tax Impressions. I note that Holmes lists a 6c type I "Excise Tax Paid". Does the 6c exist? It doesn't appear in later issues. Isn't this a typographical error—shouldn't it read 5c instead? I have the 5c in my collection.

Newfoundland Inland Revenue. In the 1910 issue (King George), there are three additional items we hope the next edition of Holmes will list. These have been known for some time, and while they are not listed by Marks, they were listed in a mimeographed listing edited by BNAPS'er Colin Makepeace and distributed as publication No. 17 of the Canadian Revenue Society (now the BNAPS Revenue Group) in January 1946. We list them herewith: (Tentative Holmes' Cat. No.)

NIF 21A \$5.00 purple lilac. **Perf. 11x12.** (So far as is known this is the only value to appear in this perforation.)

NIR 19A 50c black. **No imprint** below stamp.

NIR 20A \$1.00 green. **No imprint** below stamp. (So far as is known only these two values appear in this variety.)

It is known only in the perf. 11 variety.)

These are a couple of good varieties for revenue fans to obtain. Not easy to find—but good hunting!

The "Sample" Overprint. Once in a "blue moon" one comes across a Canadian revenue stamp with the word "Sample" overprinted over it in script letters. The illustration at the bottom of page 262 of Holmes' Catalogue might lead one to believe this to be some sort of cancellation. This is not so—"Sample" overprints being the equivalent to "Specimen" overprints on postage issues. A great variety of Tobaccos, Snuff, Cigar and Cigarette Tax Paid stamps are known with the "Sample" overprint, and it is sometimes found on tax paid proofs.

I have no record of what Canadian revenues have been seen with the "Sample" overprint, but it would be interesting to try and compile a list. If you have even one variety in your collection, let me hear from you. No tax paid—just the regular revenues—with face values appearing in the design.

Postal Script Stamps. Since none of the catalogues call attention to the fact, and illustrate only the design of the Postal Note stamps, it is not surprising to find quite a few collectors are not aware that the 1951 designs contain different wording than the 1932, 1941, 1942 and 1948 issues. The 1951 issue consisted of the:

30c blue	70c red-orange
40c brownish-purple	80c green
60c yellow	90c black-brown

The words **POSTAL NOTE** and **BON DE POSTE** in the earlier issues were replaced in 1951 with **POSTAL SCRIPT** and **BON D'APPOINT**.

These are, of course, neither postage nor revenue stamps in the strictest sense. However, because they were issues of the post office, most postage collectors include them, and they have been included in almost every catalogue of Canadian revenue stamps. They actually are **POSTAL CURRENCY**. ★

HE FLEW CANADA'S FIRST OFFICIAL AIR MAIL¹

A HISTORICAL figure in Canada's postal history has passed on in the person of Captain Brian A. Peck of Montreal, the man who flew the first official mail in this country, in a Curtis biplane, from Montreal to Toronto on June 24, 1918. He died aged 64 years, in the Queen Mary Veterans Hospital, Montreal, and a funeral service was held on September 7th at Christ Church Cathedral in that city.

Captain Peck at the time of his death was chairman for the Bower Machinery Co. Ltd. A resident of Montreal and Metis Beach, he was born in 1892, the son of the late James Peck of the Peck Rolling Mills, now a part of the Dominion Steel and Coal Co. holdings.

He received his education at Lower Canada College and at McGill University and on the outbreak of the First Great War he joined the 5th Field Battery, serving until 1916, when he transferred into the Royal Flying Corps as a pilot. It was on his return from overseas that he flew the first plane to carry Canada's mail. After the war he was employed by the Hudson Bay Company, then with the Ramsay Paint Co. Ltd., with which he was associated at the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, a son and a daughter.

It was back in the days of the first Great War that the late Capt. Peck had the distinction of being the first aviator to carry aerial mail in this country. The mail was scheduled for June 23, 1918 and was more or less of a stunt. The mail was composed for the most part of official correspondence together with civic greetings from the Mayor and the Postmaster of Montreal to the Mayor and the Postmaster of Toronto.



The late Capt. Brian A. Peck at time of first aerial mail flight.

¹ Approval to reproduce this article, which appeared in the November issue of the Canadian Post Office Department's "THE POSTMARK", was kindly granted by Mr. David Adamson, superintendent of the Public Relations Division. War cover fans will note the Camp Leaside backstamp used on the first flight cover illustration. There has never been a list of World War I Canadian camps. Can anyone add to Niagara, Petawawa, Borden and Valcartier?



Capt. Peck's Curtis plane comes in to Leaside airdrome, Toronto, with first mail to travel by air in Canada.

Included in the shipment was mail from Military Headquarters and from the Bank of Montreal, at Montreal, to military officials, and to the Bank of Montreal's office in Toronto. There were other letters, too, for the most part of official nature, and as our illustration shows there was a letter sent by Capt. Peck to Mrs. Mary Peck. A special cancellation stamp was prepared for the mail in triangular shape (see illustration).

The flight arrangements were made by the Treasurer of the Aerial League of the British Empire, E. Greenwood, who also acted as "aerial postmaster". He acted so under authority issued by the then Deputy Postmaster General, the late R. F. Coulter, being assisted by the Postmaster at Montreal, the late J. E. Leonard.

L. J. Gaboury, the Chief Superintendent of Post Offices (Eastern Division) provided Mr. Greenwood with a suitable mail bag (see illustration) for air work, and he was also provided with the above-mentioned stamp.

In his capacity as Acting Postmaster, Mr. Greenwood cancelled all the letters that were sent on the flight and registered some of them. Then, sealing the mail bag he entrusted it to Capt. Peck.

The actual "first flight" was scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd, 1918 from Montreal and on that date Capt. Peck "took off" at 4:35 p.m.

The weather was extremely bad, however, for flight and the visibility was poor and the clouds hung low, forcing Capt. Peck to land, after a short time in the air, and to postpone his trip from Montreal to Toronto until the following day.

On the morning of June 24th (Monday) the weather conditions had greatly

improved enabling Capt. Peck to take off from the Bois Franc field. En route he landed at Kingston for 40 minutes to take on more gas, and at 4:55 p.m. reached Toronto (Leaside) where the mail was rushed by motor to the General Post Office where it was received by Postmaster Lemon. The "flying time" on this flight was almost six hours, 40 minutes being expended in refuelling at Kingston.

A passenger was carried by Capt. Peck, and to hand we have accounts of the flight from the daily press which looked on it as epochal (which it certainly was).

In conclusion, the bag of Canada's first mail to travel by air contained 24 covers. After it was closed Capt. Peck received a few other letters which were accorded the proper postmarks and cancellations.

It is significant today when at every second of the 24 hours Canada's first class letters by the scores of thousands go hurtling through the skies from sea to sea, as a normal matter of course that within the memory of living men there was a time when a plane flying the Royal Mail was regarded as something of a sensation. It is pleasant to reflect that the late Capt. Peck lived to see the day when the path which he had opened through the blue for Canada's mail, had developed into a gridwork of air mail and A.S.S. routes which link up in a matter of hours the most distant parts of this country, and have revolutionized 1918 conceptions of what constituted rapid transit times for the mails. We pause to salute the passing of our earliest "aerial mail" pioneer. ★



The original air mail bag used on flight.



One of the letters bearing special cancellation.

Canadian Illustrated Covers

By E. L. PIGGOTT



No. 16

FOR the collector of hotel covers and those interested in patriotic items, this one used by the Hotel Carlslake in Montreal during the Boer War is a gem. It is printed in four colors and the design was intended to show the patriotic feelings of the colonies towards the Mother Country.

My information on the Hotel Carlslake is that it was erected in 1897, ceased operating in 1914, was demolished in 1916, and the site is now occupied by the General Post Office. ★

NECROLOGY

Percy R. Thackray

Percy R. Thackray (BNAPS 1248) died in his sleep at his home, Fir Brae, Monte Lake, British Columbia, November 21.

F/O R. J. Bentley, RCAF

F/O Robert J. Bentley, RCAF (BNAPS 1229) was killed in a plane crash December 4. The funeral service was held December 7, with interment in Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two sons, Ian and David. ★

Edmonton BNAPS Group

At the last meeting of the Edmonton Group of BNAPS a ballot was held on the question: "What are the three best stamps that have been issued in British North America?"

The results showed a wide diversity of opinion. There were nine present and five selected the 50c Bluenose for first, but there the agreement ended. There were two second choices for the Officially Sealed Queen Victoria, and one second and one third choice for the 13c Britannia. Other stamps receiving first choice were 5c Large Queen, 1937 Special Delivery, 15c Large Queen, 3d Beaver, while second choices included the New Brunswick 17c and the Newfoundland 12c 1894.

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The fourth annual joint meeting of Alberta Stamp Clubs was held in Red Deer recently and was a very successful affair. Collectors from Calgary, Lacombe, Red Deer and Edmonton attended. L. S. Crosby of Banff was after-dinner speaker, and his prize winning collection of Prince Edward Island was on display. ★

P.O. PLANS AMBITIOUS STAMP PROGRAM

HON. HUGUES LAPOINTE, Postmaster General, has announced that the Canadian Post Office Department will issue at least ten new postage stamps and a new Aerogramme form during the calendar year 1957.

Early in March there will be issued four large size, horizontal postage stamps, each illustrating a different Canadian form of outdoor recreation—skiing, fishing, swimming and hunting. These stamps are being issued to emphasize that Canada is an "All Seasons Playground." This set of stamps will be unique in Canadian philatelic history because the four different designs, all of 5c denomination, will be printed on each pane of 50 stamps delivered to the postmasters for sale. The Canadian public will be able to purchase a block of four stamps displaying the four different recreation subjects.

In April, a 5c postage stamp will be issued in support of National Wildlife Conservation. This stamp will illustrate the widely known Canadian bird, the Common Loon.

In June, a postage stamp will be issued to honor the outstanding explorer of Canada, David Thompson. This stamp will also be of 5c denomination.

In August, two postage stamps, of 5c and 15c denominations, and a 10c Aerogramme form, will be issued to commemorate the 14th Congress of the Universal Postal Union. This congress will convene in Canada at that time, marking the first occasion that this important international body has met in this country.

Later in 1957, the importance of Canada's hardrock mining industry will be emphasized by the issue of a postage stamp commemorating the Sixth Commonwealth Mining and Metallurgical Congress, also being held in Canada. In addition, the significant accomplishments of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will be honored by a special stamp. Both of these stamps will be of 5c denomination.

Canadian artists created the designs for these stamps, further details of which will be announced throughout the year. ★

ADDENDA TO:

THE "SOLDIERS OF CANADA" SERIES

ILLUSTRATED herewith is the design of the "Col. Herchmer" Boer War patriotic card. This particular design, while known to be part of the series, was not available for illustration purposes at the time of the article in June TOPICS. It has since turned up and now is a part of the Vinnie Greene collection, which now contains a complete set of these "Soldiers of Canada" patriotics.

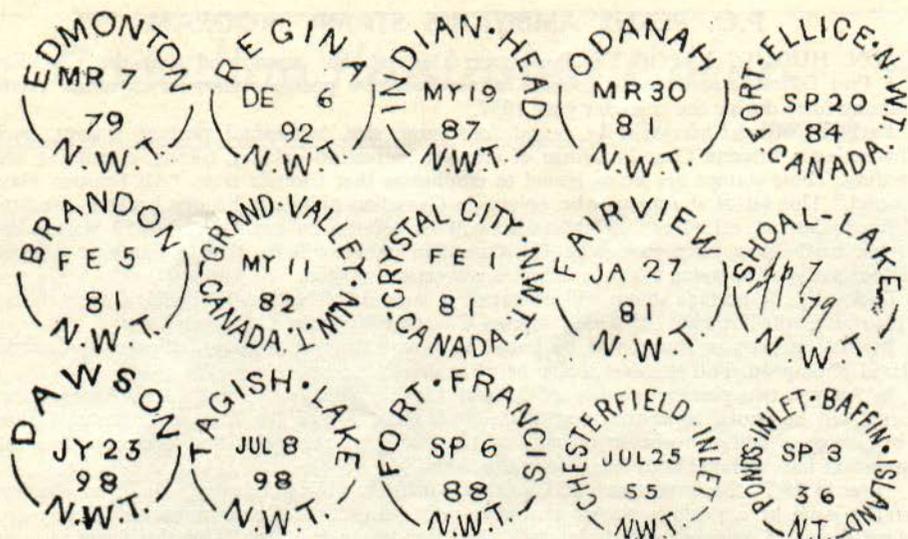
This particular Herchmer card, however, raises a question. Were there two printings of these cards? All others, as was reported in the June article, were "postcards of excellent quality cream, slightly glazed card". This particular card is of poorer quality, brown colored, and apparently a bit thicker card. It too is glazed.

The writer would welcome correspondence from anyone owning one or more cards of this interesting series.

—Ed. Richardson (BNAPS 168)



Hitherto missing "Col. Herchmer" design



FRANK W. CAMPBELL (BNAPS 143)

TERRITORIAL POSTMARKS

TERRITORIAL designations are current today in a few of the Arctic offices that have "N.W.T." or "N.T." in the locality data. The older ones, starting in 1876 with Fort Francis (now in Ontario) will be the subject of the balance of this article. This older group ended with Yukon being taken out of the Northwest Territories, of which Regina was the capital, when gold was discovered there in 1889, and post offices with "N.W.T." were in operation from 1854-on at Tagish Lake, Fort Cudahy (now Forty-Mile), Dawson, and probably other places.

The older territorials should include Athabaska, which likely never had a post office; Assiniboia, which was divided among Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan in 1895; Keewatin, which was mostly in Ontario insofar as postmarking is concerned; Alberta and Saskatchewan to 1905. Part of Manitoba was taken from the Northwest Territories in 1882 when Assiniboia was formed, and this part had many places with "N.W.T." in the postmark, the centre row here illustrated being all of this group; and "MAN." was in the next instrument supplied.

All of the markings here illustrated are of the "7" style as in Holmes' book, but a roller with "MAPLE CREEK, ASSA." and several squared circles with "ASSA." are known.

Post office site changes were frequent, up to 18 miles, and such confusion as Shoal Lake moving is a sample of difficulty in research. It was established in

1876, and in 1886 it moved north six miles, and almost immediately Raven Lake opened on the older Shoal Lake site. Incomes of under \$100 per year were very common in these early years, and often no postmaster would be listed, but an income would be credited—evidently local free help kept “the thing” operating.

In a few postmarks “ASSA. EAST” (or “WEST”) can be had. This was to fit an electoral district of the period, a rather unusual way of doing things.

“KEE.” is the decidedly rare group of the early territorials. Moosomin and Minnedosa are the most likely seen of the early “N.W.T.” “SASK.” and “ALTA.” up to 1905 are actually “territorials” but I hardly think they deserve great rarity to be credited to them—in the larger offices anyway.

A few notes about the illustrated items:

Edmonton—This may have been used at both the present Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan, the facts not being known. Fort Saskatchewan was named Edmonton on its opening in 1876.

Regina had a large income, \$6,815 in 1889.

Odanah, 1880-1886, was on the north side of the river opposite Minnedosa, and the marking is rare. It was in Manitoba after 1882.

Fort Ellice was established in 1879 and had an income of \$55.69 in 1880.

Brandon was established in 1880, and was soon given an instrument with “MAN.” The “N.W.T.” was not much used evidently; 1889 finds an income of \$11,000.

Grand Valley, near Brandon, existed 1879-1883, and many copies have been seen. An income of \$36.57 is reported for 1880. Markings are noted as being so smudged.

Crystal City is probably the farthest east into what is now Manitoba. **Preston**, just north of it, may have had an “N.W.T.” mark. Both had small incomes, and both were established in 1879, Preston closing in 1887.

Fairview, 20 miles east of Brandon, 1880-1884, re-opened much later on the same site.

Dawson and **Tagish Lake** opened September 1, 1897; **Fort Cudahy**, October 1, 1894.

I feel I lived a mis-spent youth when I realize the opportunities I had of collecting “N.W.T.” postmarks, as I remember much mail at Prince Rupert, B.C., where I was in 1906, that had “N.W.T.” in the postmarks. ★

THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

(continued from page 4)

Help Needed on Cover Series

For several months now a series of articles have been appearing in TOPICS on various aspects of Canadian cover collecting. Additional instalments are planned.

Resting in the collections of many BNAPS members must be covers which would bear mentioning or illustrating in this series. It is my hope that a great many members will voluntarily write me regarding some exceptional, attractive or unusual cover or covers. These notes will be filed until the particular instalment in which this cover would naturally fit, would be needed. The writer would then contact the owner of appropriate material and request to borrow for write-up and illustration purposes.

In this manner this cover series will more accurately reflect the entire field of Canadian cover collecting, and will be of greater value to all. We have been greatly encouraged by the response to the first few instalments, and would also welcome suggestions as to topics for future articles.

Please do not send material unless and until requested, but let us have your lists of cover material and suggestions, to the end that this series when completed some years hence, will fully and appropriately reflect all fields of Canadian cover collecting.

E. A. Richardson (BNAPS 168)

Damaged “G”

In July-August TOPICS, Arthur Ayre (No. 712) refers to a damaged “G” in a

block of No. O27 and inquires if this is constant. The writer has had a number of "G" items submitted where they are other than normal. To clear this, I submit a quote from a letter from L. J. Mills, Director of Financial Services, Ottawa:

"You are no doubt aware that the letter ['G'] in question is printed on postage stamps by the use of an additional plate of these letters, made up of ordinary zinc printers' type, as is found in all printing firms. As these letters are printed on a comparatively rough service, because of the reproduction of the engraved stamp, they wear rapidly, and are replaced frequently.

"The fine letter 'G' was probably printed from an overprinting plate that was comparatively new and unworn. The heavy line letter was probably printed from an overprinting plate that had been used on several thousand sheets, and had become badly worn, and blunt."

There are sufficient legitimate and highly interesting minor varieties in the recognized eight positions of the perforating in the Canada Officials to engage the attention of collectors without entertaining light or heavy impressions in this overprinting.

While on the subject of light and heavy impressions and damaged letters, may I say that we have two LARGE "G" reported, one from Hamilton, Ont., and the other purported to have been received by regular mail at Malta. These "G" are three times the size of the regular letter. An opinion on these will be reported later.

Roy Wrigley (BNAPS 1065)

P.E.I. 2d Rouletted

As a result of your printing my notes on the Prince Edward Island 2d rouletted in the May issue of BNA TOPICS, I have heard from member J. J. Bonar of Edinburgh that a copy on cover (presumably the one reported in 1910) turned up at an Edinburgh auction some three or four years ago. It was bought by a dealer who sent it for re-sale to a south of England auction but it is not known who purchased it. It was reputed to have a certificate of genuineness, but I have checked with both the Royal Philatelic Society and the British Philatelic Association, and neither have any trace of the cover. I am informed that all the parties concerned have been out of business for some time, so it seems impossible to trace it any further.

Leslie G. Tomlinson (BNAPS 574)

Odd Perforation

George S. Johnson of Bracebridge, Ont. (BNAPS 218) has sent me a copy of the Small Queen 2c green, I would say issued possibly between 1880 and 1888, which has an odd perforation. I have checked this perforation with two reliable perforation gauges and on the left it is perforated 13¼ and on the other three sides perforated 12.

While I have never gone into the 2 cent value very extensively, I consider this quite a variety. I would like to hear of other collectors who have found this variety, and find an explanation. I would certainly like to hear comments on this one.

Walter P. Carter (BNAPS 591)

Why Not Duplex?

As a very recent recruit to BNAPS, may I venture to raise a point which puzzles me?

Looking through recent and old numbers of BNA TOPICS, I find articles and notes on an enormous range of Canadian cancellations and sidelines—precancels, perfins, RPO's, squared circles, slogans—the list is endless! Again, in the numerous advertisements and Classified Topics one finds almost everything mentioned somewhere.

But there appears to be one outstanding exception. One of the most interesting and varied groups of Canadian cancellations is undoubtedly the Duplex group, which started in 1860 and has continued to the present day. And yet a search through many numbers of BNA TOPICS has failed to reveal a single article dealing comprehensively with Duplex, or any advertisements of Duplex for sale, exchange or wanted. There is no Duplex group or study circle, no published handbooks (as for RPO's, squared circles, flags, etc.) and no complete catalogue or price list of the different varieties.

Why is this? Why has BNA TOPICS neglected this very interesting sideline for so long? A line which gives the Canadian philatelist everything he can desire: scope for original study and research, great variety, unrecognized rarities still available cheap in an unexplored field, etc.

I hope, Mr. Editor, you or some of your readers will be able to say WHY?

E. A. Smythies BNAPS 1440

● **Editor's Note:** We have written Mr. Smythies inviting him to submit an article on his pet subject, and the publication of this may bring from hiding other members interested in Duplex markings.

RESEARCH IN THE CANADA OFFICIALS

THE first step toward cataloguing this group of Canadian postage stamps was made by the British Columbia Philatelic Society in 1940, when a committee of four—Major C. E. P. Salt, Malcolm Nicholson, William Millard and W. C. Gordon—was appointed to make up a list of the then known varieties.

Earlier, in 1928, G. B. D. Garrett had assembled a number of varieties, and when the list by the committee was prepared, based on values, he submitted his classification recognizing the eight positions of the perforating, which in turn was adopted by the British Columbia Philatelic Society.

The sequence of events in the study of these issues is as follows:

- 1938—T. F. Daggs supplied an article to The Stamp Review.
- 1940—G. B. D. Garrett had an article in April Philatelic Gossip.
- 1941—Wm. Millard listed 40 varieties in Emco Stamp Journal.
- 1942—W. C. Gordon and Major C. E. P. Salt gave papers to the B.C. Philatelic Society.
- 1943—Holmes' Catalogue listed 83 varieties, pp. 189-191.
- 1947—Garrett had an article in TOPICS, Vol. 4, No. 9: first presentation of his "A to H" method of identifying the eight positions, listing 168 varieties.
- 1948—Garrett had an article in Maple Leaves, Vol. 2, No. 3.
- 1948—F. E. Eaton reproduced Gordon's 1942 listing.
- 1949—Garrett listed 266 varieties in May Maple Leaves.
- 1949—In July Popular Stamps, Gordon revised his list to Jan. 1949.
- 1950—Eaton reproduced Gordon's listing of 322 varieties.
- 1954—In September TOPICS, Wm. T. Jackson listed 205 varieties.
Later articles appeared in TOPICS and Gossip by C. R. Timpany, M. G. Pursinger and Roy Wrigley.
- 1954—Holmes' Catalogue (8th Edition) listed 213 varieties.
- 1955—Roy Wrigley published checklist of 841 varieties.
- 1956—Wrigley published catalogue pricing all major varieties in the 5-hole perforated, 4-hole perforated, overprinted "OHMS" and "G".

While many collectors have the overprinted "OHMS" and overprinted "G" fairly complete used, mint, and in plate blocks, the majority carry through into the 4-hole perforated and 5-hole perforated, legitimate Canada P.O. issues. Advanced collectors specialize in the more difficult B, D, G and H positions of the perforated, in the doubles, triples, and compound perforations, and the rare perf-imperf pairs. These truly are an interesting phase of B.N.A. philately.

The Canada Post Office ruled that these stamps were for use only between government departments, for postage, but could also be used for payment of postage due on insufficiently prepaid mail, posted and received by their head offices, branches and representatives. ★



Roy Wrigley

For 1957 . . . it's Philadelphia, September 19-21



THE FORERUNNER TO THE SQUARED CIRCLES

CANCELLATIONS are of great interest to stamp collectors, but to the post office they have to fill two requirements. The main objective is obliterating the stamps so that they cannot be used again, with the secondary aim of giving the name of the post office and the date. In Canada, as elsewhere, this was achieved at first by having two hammers. One supplied the circular dated town cancellation, while the other applied a grid or cork obliteration. In the 1880's duplex hammers came into use, in the larger post offices, with both hammers connected, to save time.

The ultimate step was taken in 1892, combining the circular cancellation with the obliterating bars in one hammer. It was tried out in Halifax, N.S.; St. John, N. B.; Montreal, Que.; Ottawa, Ont.; Toronto, Ont.; Hamilton, Ont., and Winnipeg, Man., according to Boggs' handbook, but no picture is given. These were then the largest cities in the Dominion. But it was also used in Seaforth, a small town in western Ontario—an omission on Boggs' part. Jarrett has a picture of this cancellation, but on the other hand, does not state its significance. The importance of this cancellation is that it was the forerunner of the squared circle postmarks, which began the next year.

A large circle, much bigger than ordinary postmarks, attracts first attention. Then comes the name of the post office, plus CANADA, around the top half of the circle, in extra large letters. Halifax also added N.S. and St. John added N.B. Going down, next came two thin bars and a thick one. Across the middle is given the month, day and time, with only an "A" for AM and "P" for PM. A thick bar and two thin bars came next, in reverse of the top bars. At the bottom is the year, only expressed by the last two numbers, such as "92".

The earliest dated copy in my collection is Toronto, Ont., Feb. 4, 1892. The latest date from this year is Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 3, 1892. With one exception, no post offices are known to have used it any other year. In 1893 all of them, except Seaforth, began to use the squared circles, which fulfilled the same double function, so the forerunners must have been considered an unsuccessful experiment.

The exception is Montreal, Que., which continued to use the forerunners until at least 1900. It seems to have been used there more often as a receiving postmark, on the back of the envelope rather than on the face, so it is actually quite rare to find it on stamps alone. The use of the forerunners in Montreal after 1892 may account in part for the surprising scarcity of the squared circles of the largest city in Canada, since it competed with them for usage. The rarest of the forerunners are Seaforth, Ont., and St. John, N.B. This would not be because of lack of mail from these post offices, so they must not have been popular with the postmasters there.

These, then, are the forerunners of the squared circles. As such, they deserve a page at the beginning of the albums of those who collect squared circles. ★

☆ REVIEWS

**24,500 Price Changes
In Vol. I of Scott Catalogue**

SCOTT'S STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE, VOL. I (The Americas and British Commonwealth). Published by Scott Publications Inc., 561 8th Ave., New York 1, N.Y. Price: \$5.00.

The United States section of the newly published 1957 Scott Standard Catalogue, Vol. I, presents an important array of price and number changes—more than this section has undergone in several years. These changes reflect the thorough and painstaking work of associate editor Sidney F. Barrett. By actual count there are 4,718 new U.S. pricings, which is more than three times the 1,431 new U.S. prices reported for the 1956 edition.

In the British and Latin-American sections of Volume I, associate editor Eugene N. Costales has given particular attention to the airmail issues.

Four watermark errors of 19th century Great Britain (three roses and a shamrock) have been added as minor numbers.

Throughout this volume a total of 24,500 prices have been changed or added, and of this total, 9,127 will be found on the British Commonwealth pages.

No collector on the American continent can operate efficiently without the Scott catalogue, which has been regarded as THE guide and handbook since 1867, when John Walter Scott issued his first single-sheet price list.

THE POSTAGE STAMP—ITS HISTORY AND RECOGNITION. By L. N. and M. Williams. Published by Penguin Books. 272 pages. Price: 3/6 (U.S. and Canadian price not quoted).

The Penguin name on a book is synonymous with top value in the contents, whatever the price, and this latest volume from the pens of L. N. and M. Williams is no exception. The Williams brothers have been writing about stamp collecting since 1934, and have produced some 20 books and many hundreds of articles on the subject.

In this Penguin book the authors tell the complete story of stamp collecting and its growth to the prominence it enjoys today as

the most popular of hobbies. The book is not merely a romantic story, for it contains much useful advice for the person who wants to know whether stamp collecting is worthwhile . . . and if a reader decides to begin collecting, this book tells how that beginning can best be made. It is a book for young and old, the uninitiated, beginner or advanced collector and should bring pleasure and fascination to everyone who has ever been mildly attracted by the scraps of printed paper called postage stamps.

With the world-wide distribution of Penguin books this volume is assured of a large sale, and should prove of great value in promoting the hobby. The book includes 16 pages of illustrations and a useful glossary of philatelic terms. At the usual low Penguin price it will be more than a bargain.

WINDSOR "Y" STAMP CLUB BULLETIN. Published "now and again" by the Windsor "Y" Stamp Club, Windsor, Ontario. Editor: P. T. Wakeman, 425 Belle Isle View, Riverside, Ont.

Publication of a stamp bulletin is an ambitious undertaking for a local stamp club, but fortunately the "Windsor "Y" club has members who are able to supply typesetting and printing services and this excellent bulletin is the result. No. 1, issued in November last, contained a paper on "Classical Norway" which was presented by R. T. Waines at a meeting of the Specialists Society of Canada in Toronto recently, an inaugural editorial, a column on flaws and varieties by BNAPSer Leo Goldman, "Laid Paper on Canada George VI" by BNAPSer Dr. L. S. Holmes, and items concerning the Windsor club. We congratulate the Windsor collectors for their fine effort and wish them success in the production of further issues.

☆ TRADE NEWS

**Robson Lowe Takes Over
Philatelic Journal of Gt. Britain**

A famous British philatelic magazine first published in 1897, The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain will be published by Robson Lowe Ltd., of 50 Pall Mall, London S.W.1, commencing this month. Arrange-

ments have been made so that the editor, Wilfrid Haworth, and the publisher, A. L. Pemberton, will continue to direct the magazine's policy as in the past.

For the next year the P.J.G.B. will be published quarterly and the subscription will be raised to 10/- per annum in order to cover a portion of the increase in cost of printing, postage and stationery.

Robson Lowe Agency in New Zealand

Robson Lowe Ltd., 50 Pall Mall, London S.W.1, have announced the appointment of Pim & Company (N.Z.) Ltd., of Auckland, as their agents. The New Zealand firm's catalogue of this country's stamps is widely used by specialists all over the world.

Casparly Sale VI Brings \$152,497

At the conclusion of the sixth Casparly auction, held by H. R. Harmer Inc., 6 West

48th St., New York 36, consisting of the second part of the United States General Issues, 1861 to 1888, it was more evident than ever that the first requirement of the philatelist today is quality.

The total of \$152,497 for this sale brought the total for the first six of the 16 Casparly auctions to \$1,240,697.

Sale VII of the Casparly collection, comprising the major portion of Italian States, will be offered on January 28, 29 and 30 following exhibition in Rome, Turin and Paris.

T-V Star Sells Collection

"Daddy" of "Baby Snooks", Dagwood's boss in the "Blondie" series, and star of many other radio and television programs, Hanley Stafford of Los Angeles has passed his collection of United States to H. R. Harmer Inc., New York, for sale by auction. ★

THUMBNAIL SKETCHES OF

Canadian Prime Ministers

AS SHOWN ON CANADIAN STAMPS

By T. C. BERKELEY (BNAPS 767)

No. 2: Hon. Alexander MacKenzie

BORN in Perth, Scotland, in 1822, Alexander MacKenzie received only an elementary education, being apprenticed to his

father's trade of stone mason.

Coming to Canada with no resources but his own ability and courage, he settled in Kingston, Ontario, working at his own trade.

Later he moved to Sarnia, Ont., where he

established a building contractors' business. Being successful, he became interested in politics, attracting the support of many by his moral earnestness. He was elected to Parliament as a Liberal in 1861, and in

1868 became the leader of the Opposition. Upon the defeat of Sir John A. MacDonald in 1874, he became Prime Minister of Canada, the second man to hold this office. He was Prime Minister until 1878, when his party was defeated at the polls.

He was not a professional politician and had not the political agility of such a man as MacDonald. Nevertheless, three outstanding pieces of legislation remain to his credit: (1) The institution of the secret ballot. (2) The passing of the Canada Temperance Act, which legalized local option. (3) Establishment of the Supreme Court, where appeals could be taken from the decisions of the lower courts.

A confirmed Free Trader, his policy did not find favor with the people of a new country being plagued by the United States which wanted a one-sided tariff with Canada.

Retiring from politics, he died in 1892. ★





OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

A LETTER . . .

From the President

GEO. B. LLEWELLYN, 315 MAPLE AVE., SOMERTON, PHILADELPHIA 16, PENNA.

ONE DUTY of the President is to appoint individuals and committees to serve the Society by assisting the Officers in the conduct of its affairs. This has been done by correspondence and all of those listed below have consented to serve in the capacity indicated during my term of office.

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Permanent Convention Committee: A. H. Kessler (Chairman), Leon W. Banks, Edward A. Richardson.

It is my hope and expectation that all those chosen to help further the interests of the Society will co-operate fully with their chairman and the Officers by promptly attending to all matters brought to their attention, and by offering constructive suggestions on any matter pertinent to the welfare of the Society.

I would like to call to the attention of the Regional Directors the rather large number of members listed as being dropped for non-payment of dues in the December issue. The Regional Directors can render the Society a service by contacting anyone so listed who is known to them and ascertaining the reason for that person's lack of interest. Such information if forwarded to the Secretary may be instrumental in helping us correct some situation of which we are unaware, and the proper approach by a Director might recapture lagging interest and result in the reinstatement of the member contacted.

G. B. LLEWELLYN, President.

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

From the Secretary

JACK LEVINE, 325 LINK AVE., SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

December 15, 1956.

NEW MEMBERS

- 1446 Cooper, Miles, 1900 Goodrich Avenue, St. Paul 5, Minnesota.
- 1447 Gibb, James S. J., P.O. Box 10, Oyama, British Columbia.
- 1448 Hall, Leonard, P.O. Box 132, Kamloops, British Columbia.
- 1449 Todd, John Bernard, 2150 Franklin Street, Vancouver 6, British Columbia.
- 1450 Traquair, Robert Stuart, Ste. 5, 510-19th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

REPLACED ON ROLLS

- 1253 Chapman, C. Edward III, 2403 Forest Park Drive, Dyer, Indiana.
- 724 Newberry, Roger, 839 Fort Street, Victoria, British Columbia.

APPLICATIONS PENDING

- Hetherington, Albert E., 9 Parkway Blvd., Brockville, Ontario.
- Hirsch, Willie, P.O. Box 918, Prescott, Ontario.
- Mann, Charles M., P.O. Box 1704, Reno, Nevada.
- Meyer, Jos., 2720 Montreal Crescent, Regina, Saskatchewan.
- Spicer, Henry Thomas, 272 Roseberry Street, St. James, Winnipeg 12, Manitoba.
- Werfel, Alfred, 55 Lenox Road, Brooklyn 26, New York.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- BENTON, W. George P.**, 534 Harvey St., Peterborough, Ont. (CX) CAN, NFD, N.S., N.B., P.E.I.—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Precancels. Seals. Federal and provincial revenues. Postal stationery entires. Literature. R.P.O., flag and squared circle cancellations. Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. 506; seconded by F. J. Hickey, No. 956.
- FALKEN, Dr Stephen R.**, 500 East 4th St., Boyertown, Pa. (CX) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Pre-stamp, stampless and 1st day covers. Plate blocks. OHMS. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Mint and used airmails and on cover. R.P.O. and Territorial cancellations. Proposed by T. D. L. White, No. 717.
- GRIMBLE, Robert W.**, 122 Wynnwood Dr., Windybush, Wilmington 3, Dela. (C) CAN, NFD—Mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS. Mint airmails. Literature. Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. 506.
- WILLIAMS, Ronald B.**, 725 Calixa Lavallee, Apt. 3, Quebec 6, Que. (CX) CAN, NFD, N.S.—Used postage. Precancels. Literature. R.P.O. cancellations. SPECIALTY: Canada Small Queens. Proposed by H. F. Williams, No. 1418; seconded by B. Scott, No. 965

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- 749 Greenhill, R. S. B., The Shieling, Village Way, Little Chalfont, Amersham, Bucks., England.
- 984 Greening, Gustav G., 4519 Smith Avenue, South Burnaby, British Columbia.
- 1049 Kitchen, F/S Ronald, 2417 Keele St., Apt. 5, Toronto 15, Ontario (from Saskatoon, Sask.)
- 298 Reinhard, Henri E., 3605 Calloway Ave., Baltimore 15, Maryland.
- 950 Wallace, J. M., 6043 Collingwood Place, Vancouver 13, British Columbia.
- 308 Wegg, George S., 28 Kilbarry Road, Toronto 7, Ontario.

DECEASED

- 1229 Bentley, F/O Robert J., RCAF Station, St. Hubert, Quebec.
- 56 Ingram, J. E., 3368 Bagley Avenue, Los Angeles 34, California.
- 1248 Thackray, Percy R., "Fir Brae", Monte Lake, British Columbia.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

- 688 Stockton, Mrs. James E., 107 - 7th Street, Riverton, New Jersey.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, November 15, 1956	937 (corrected)
NEW MEMBERS, December 15, 1956	5
REPLACED ON ROLLS, December 15, 1956	2
	944
DECEASED, December 15, 1956	3
RESIGNATION, December 15, 1956	1
	4
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, December 15, 1956.....	940

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY Sept. 15, 1955 to Sept. 15, 1956

Total Membership, September 15, 1955	955
New Members, 10-15-55 to 9-15-56	92
Replaced, 10-15-55 to 9-15-56	2
	1014
Dropped, 10-15-55 to 9-15-56	18
Resigned, 10-15-55 to 9-15-56	25
Deceased, 10-15-55 to 9-15-56	11
	54
Total Membership, September 15, 1956	960

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING Jan. 15, 1955 to Dec. 1955

H. A. MacMaster 17; R. J. Duncan 11; L. W. Banks 7. 3 each: B. C. Binks, V. G. Greene, E. A. Harris, L. R. Morse, R. J. Woolley. 2 each: W. J. Foster, L. S. Holmes, W. C. Peterman, E. P. Warren. 1 each: C. A. Anderson, F. G. Atkinson, H. S. Bowley, F. C. Bricker, J. Calder, M. Campbell, C. P. deVolpi, S. I. Knox, I. Miterman, J. A. Moore, C. R. McNeil, A. Peterson, H. Reiche, E. A. Richardson, F. R. Risteen, W. H. Russell, H. G. Saxton, J. Schonfeld, J. N. Sissons, W. H. S. Wilding, F. L. Wilson, G. R. Workman, D. A. Young, A. H. Zahm.

For the purpose of determining the winner of the PRESIDENT'S AWARD for 1955 for the enrollment of the most members during Jan. to Dec. 1955 (per dateline Sec. Reports), the foregoing re-

cruiting analysis shows the winner to be:
Harris A. MacMaster

To select a winner of the VINCENT G. GREENE AWARD for the best original article or column which first appeared in BNA TOPICS, the nine (9) members of the Board of Governors, the four (4) elected officers, and the donor of the award are canvassed for their first, second and third selections. These selections are allowed 3 points for a first choice; 2 for a second, and 1 for a third. On this basis, the points received for 1955 were: (10 ballots received)

D. C. Meyerson 15; Perfin Study Group 14; M. Kay 8; J. Gordon 7; H. Reiche 6; A. Whitehead 5; Rev. J. S. Bain 2; P. J. Hurst 2. Accordingly the winner of the Vincent G. Greene Award for 1955 is:

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