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Some Notes on Canadian 'Blackout' Cancellations

SOME TIME in 1942¹ the Canadian Post Office removed the town name from their cancelling hammers or slugs used in ports. This use was continued until at least October 1945, although it was reported in a Toronto, Ont., newspaper that their use would be discontinued September 4, 1945. The killer part of the cancellation may be any of the bars or slogans in use at the various towns in this period.

The object undoubtedly was to preserve security in case of mail falling into enemy hands, but it was a futile gesture when corner cards or return addresses were allowed. These serve to identify the points of origin. I have a cover posted during the Churchill-Roosevelt Quebec Conference car-

rying a Chateau Frontenac crest and town on the back.

Military and naval establishments had moved in this direction some years earlier and it has been continued, in some cases, to the present. Mr. H. E. Guertin has written up "Provisional Wartime Postmarks of Canada" in *Weekly Philatelic Gossip*, May 1954, pages 273-77, in which he included blackout cancellations. Mr. A. M. Provick wrote up Navy P.O. types in *T.P.O. Magazine* 10, pages 70-71 (1956). Post-war Canadian military cancellations in Europe are covered by Mr. Jack Wilsdon in *BNA TOPICS*, December 1956, page 277, and post-war military cancellations in Canada, *BNA TOPICS*, September 1957, page 204.

It is not always easy to decide whether or not a cover was posted at the point shown on the corner card or return address. For example, 'blackouts' on Bergerville, Le

¹ The earliest date noted was November 1942 with a V— Slogan and Type 5. Point of origin unknown.

TYPES



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Durantaye, St. Rock, St. Magloire, Loretteville were all noted but they are unimportant towns near Quebec and it is felt such mail was actually carried to Quebec to be posted there. I have used my judgement in such cases and where I was in doubt I have indicated it with a note that it probably was posted at the nearby larger centre.

I have typed the cancellations on the ring style. The indicia are hand set date, year, often with P.M. or A.M.; or numbers be-

lieved to indicate the clerk. Indicia are sometimes found misplaced or inverted.

- Type I** Single thin ring, about 24 mm. diameter.
Type II Like I but ring is 1 mm. thick. It may be a worn type I hammer but if so shows remarkably even wear. It has only been found in Quebec and is rare.
Type III Heavy single ring 22-25 mm. outside diameter and 15 mm. inside diameter. It is usually somewhat oval in shape and is probably a rubber stamp. This type is quite scarce.

'BLACKOUT 'CANCELLATIONS

Point of Origin	Type	Early Use	Late Use	Remarks
Dartmouth, N.S.	5			Reported by Guertin. Could be Halifax use.
Fairville, N.B.	1		Oct. 8, '44	Reported by Guertin. Probably St. John, N.B.
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Gaspé, P. Q.	1	Sept. 1, '43		Reported by Guertin.
Halifax, N.S.	1	June 15, '43		
Halifax, N.S.	4	Feb. 1, '43	Mar. 4, '45	Slight accidental damage at 6 p.m. outer circle* Feb. 5, 1945.
Halifax, N.S.	5	Dec. 28, '42	May 22, '45	Break at 3 p.m. of heavy ring. Feb.-April 1944. Reported by Guertin. May be Halifax use.
Hantsport, N.S.	4			
Liverpool, N.S.	1	Jan. 1943	Mar. 4, '43	
	4	Feb. 14, '45	May 31, '45	3 mm. break both circles, 9 p.m.
Louisburg, N.S.	1		July 16, '44	Reported by Guertin.
Moncton, N.B.	1	May 21, '43		Reported by Guertin. RCAF Station.
	5	Jan. 3, '43		
Montreal, P.Q.	1		Feb. 14, '43	Reported by Guertin.
	4	Dec. 29, '42	Feb. 14, '43	
	5	Aug. 11, '43		
New Westminster, B.C.	4	Sept. 29, '43		Reported by Guertin.
New Westminster, B.C.	5		1945	
North Sydney, N.S.	3	Jan. 27, '43		Reported by Guertin.
Ottawa, Ont.	5		Apr. 16, '45	
Pictou, N.S.	3	Feb. 12, '43		Reported by Guertin.
Prince Rupert, B.C.	5			Reported by Guertin.
Quebec, P.Q.	1	Apr. 16, '43		
	2		May 5, '45	
	5	Jan. 7, '43	June 7, '45	May have 3 mm. break half through heavy circle at 3 p.m. in 1944.
Rimouski, P.Q.	3	Jan. 4, '43	Aug. 17, '44	
Saint John, N.B.	1		Oct. 28, '44	
	5	Dec. 29, '42	May 7, '45	
Shelburne, N.S.	1	Jan. 1943		Reported by Guertin.
Sydney, N.S.	1	Dec. 14, '43	May 12, '44	Reported by Guertin.
	5	Dec. 26, '42	May 8, '45	
Three Rivers, P.Q.	1			Reported by Guertin.
Vancouver, B.C.	4	Sept. 27, '43	Mar. 28, '45	Reported by Guertin.
	4	1943	June 11, '45	3 mm. break, inner circle at 3 p.m.
	4		June 16, '45	3½ mm. break at 3 p.m. and 2 mm. break at 5 p.m., inner circle.
	4	Dec. 17, '43	Oct. 5, '45	3 mm. break 9 p.m. inner circle.
		1943	Mar. 17, '45	3 mm. break 9 p.m., 2 mm. break 11 p.m. inner circle.
	4		July 5, '45	6 mm. break 9 p.m., 7 mm. break 3 p.m. inner circle; 1 mm. break 1 p.m. outer circle
	4	Jan. 23, '45	Jan. 28, '45	4-6 mm. break 12 noon, 2 mm. at 10 p.m., 3 mm. 9 p.m., 1½ mm. at 8 p.m. inner circle. 2 mm. break 10 p.m. outer circle.
	5	Oct. 27, '43	Mar. 5, '45	
Victoria, B.C.	5	Oct. 11, '43	Jan. 12, '45	Reported by Guertin.
Yarmouth, N.S.	1	Jan. 30, '44	Aug. 17, '44	Reported by Guertin.
	5		Aug. 20, '44	

* Note: The position of the breaks is indicated by the position of the hour hand on a clock face.

Type IV Two light concentric rings. The outer ring is 22-23 mm. diameter, the inner ring 14-15 mm. diameter, the space between them being 3 mm. This is a common type and a number of breaks in the circles which are sharp and seem to be intentional are noted for Vancouver. Possibly clerks used a file to identify their hammers although it is hard to see why a number frequently noted in the indicia would not have been easier.

Type V Thin outer circle 22 mm. diameter, thick inner circle 20 mm. outside and 15 mm. inside diameters. Breaks in the inner

circle have been noted. This is the most common type.

The accompanying list gives early and late use where the information is available. It is hoped this information will aid others working in this field.

Thanks are due to Mr. L. M. McLennan, Mr. W. O. Buchanan, Mr. C. M. Chandler, Mr. H. E. Guertin and Mr. A. M. Provick for their valuable assistance in the preparation of this paper. ★

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



WE'VE just had the privilege of examining the specialized collection of the 5c Caribou of Newfoundland assembled by Stan Wood (BNAPS 221), of Auckland, New Zealand, which was awarded a silver medal at BNAPEX-57 in September.

It is a revelation to see what can be done with one basic stamp, as the collection covers Scott Nos. 190, 191, 191A, 257 and 257A. In a comparatively short space I will try to cover the highlights of the collection, omitting the obvious items.

The first proof shown is on unwatermarked paper and does not contain the vignette; it consists of the frame and the lettering with a smudge of the approved color in the margin. The size of the die sinkage is 57 mm. x 81 mm. Then die proofs are shown on unwatermarked paper of Scott Nos. 190 and 191A. The die sinkage is the same as previously recorded. Then a set of previously unrecorded progress proofs of Scott No. 190 are shown. They are dated Jul. 17, 1931; Jul. 24, 25, and two the 29th, with the last having the pencil notation "Final." Three die proofs are then shown of the stamp on watermarked paper, the first in black, the second in the color of Scott No. 190, and the last in the color of Scott No. 191A. These have all been cut down slightly so that the exact size of the sinkage cannot be determined but the die number seems to be "960."

Imperforate blocks of the 1932 issue are shown, Scott No. 191 in various shades. Then there is a series of ten progressive

die proofs, some cut to the size of the stamp and some showing full die sinkage, showing how the change in the die was effected from Die 1 to Die 2. The tenth and last die proof dated May 31, 1932, has the handwritten notation, "Final—all deepened with graver—ruling ragged." It is not until the sixth progress proof that the right prong of the antler is lengthened and on the ninth proof the hairs of the underside of the tail of the caribou are lengthened and strengthened. It is a remarkable set showing the transition from the first die to the second.

The next die proof is of Die 2 on unwatermarked paper but showing die number "1023." A magnificent block of 12 (6x2) is shown of the plate proof of Die 2 on unwatermarked paper. However, in addition this block is from the upper left corner and shows the plate number "3." All of the corner blocks, upper left in the case of Scott Nos. 190 and 191A, and Plate Nos. 2, 3 and 4 of 191, and upper right in the case of plates 5, 6 and 7 of the same stamp, are shown. The first two blocks, those referring to Scott's 190 and 191A, are referred to as "dot" blocks as there was no plate number, merely a dot.

Blocks of the line perforate 1932 issue are also shown, 13.7 in the case of the Die 1 and 14.1 in the case of the Die 2. There is also a block of four of Scott No. 257 with two stamps with and two stamps without watermark, and also a single of Die 1 and a block of Die 2 with the watermark re-

versed. Then, as though the line perforates in the Die 2 were not difficult enough to come by, Stan Wood shows the 14.1 variety with the watermark reversed. The collection is brought to an end with a very fine assortment of used blocks, town cancels, TPO cancels, CAPO cancels and covers. Throughout the entire collection one is impressed with the thought and research that went into it, and those members who attended BNAPEX-57 at Philadelphia were pleasantly surprised at what one can do with a stamp even when one strays from the classic.

One Friday last summer Bert and Betty Llewellyn came over to our house for the weekend. As is to be expected, Bert and I promptly withdrew to the stamp room and became engrossed in our favorite subject. It was about that time that we both recalled that Dan Kelleher was holding an auction in Boston, a mere 225 miles away, the next day. A search through the catalogue revealed the fact that Bert was very much interested in a copy of the 10c black brown on cover, and there was also a Newfoundland cover that I might be prevailed on to bid for. For some reason or other, our wives were happy to get rid of us, so bright and early the next morning Bert and I were on our way to Boston.

Needless to say, the sale was a success in our opinion—Bert got his black brown on cover and I picked up my copy of Scott No. 76 used on cover. The stamp itself on cover is rather difficult to come by but the additional markings certainly enhanced the value of the cover and made it more appealing to me. The cover is addressed to St. John's from some place outside the city as the stamp is cancelled by the Conception

Bay T.P.O. strike. It is backstamped at St. John's. The left half of the envelope is marked as illustrated, the 'MORE TO PAY' marking being the Type 3 first described in the September 1955 issue of TOPICS. The 'MORE TO PAY' and both the numerals '2' are handstruck in black. The cross between the two numerals and the line beneath them are in blue crayon, while the numeral '4' and the upper case 'T' are in red crayon. All in all an attractive and interesting cover and the first instance of the '2+2' that has crossed our desk.

Leo Eaton in his "Stamp Market Tips" in the September 7 issue of 'Stamps' tips the Newfoundland airmails with particular emphasis on the two 1931 sets, Scott Nos. C6-11, the Halifax airmail, Scott No. C3, the DO-X, Scott No. C12, the Labrador issue, Scott Nos. C13-17, and the Balbo, Scott No. C18. Mr. Eaton cites the numbers issued in all cases, and they certainly are small, and suggests that in the not too distant future the surplus stock will disappear from the books of the dealers and that the prices will definitely rise at that time.

That 'Justice for Hungary' flight cover we referred to in last month's column sold for \$21—a reasonable price for a nice item.

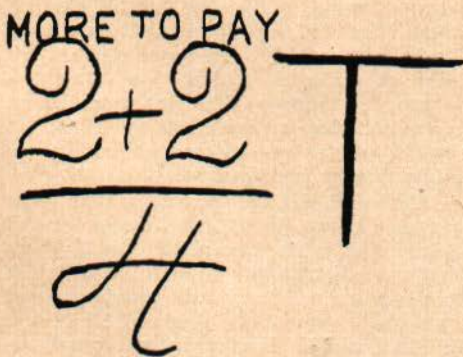
Dr. L. Seale Holmes, BNAPS 177, London, Ont., had a few nice items in his exhibit at BNAPEX-57 in Philadelphia. His exhibit contained the three 1931 air mail stamps, Scott Nos. C6-8, with the word 'SPECIMEN' punched out in the shape of a horseshoe on each stamp. ★

GEOFF. HARPER HEADS CPS OF GREAT BRITAIN

At the recent annual convention of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain held this year at Scarborough, Geoff. Harper was elected president for the ensuing year, with Col. D. McLellan, J. P. Macaskie and S. H. Godden as vice-presidents.

Fred Tomlinson has relinquished the reins of editorship of the journal, 'Maple Leaves,' the future of the publication now being placed in the hands of Jim Woods.

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Mary"

THIS is the standard greeting which is carried by thousands of post cards across the country when the holiday season swings into operation during the summer months and folks young and old take their annual jaunt away from home.

The tradition is not yet a hundred years old as it was on June 1, 1871, that the Canada Post Office introduced post cards, some 20 months after this novel form of communication had been used for the first time in Austria. Departmental Order No. 7 of that date in regard to the cards set forth regulations which were much the same as those which obtain at the present time, but referred, of course, to the official cards, which were the only type permitted in the mails for many years.

The one cent payment for postage included the cost of the card so that they became very popular with the public and within a year a million of them had been sold. They could be registered in the same way as a letter, if the registration charge was prepaid by affixing a 2c stamp to them.

The first cards of buff color were ornamented with a dull blue border, the same color as the stamps. Later issues while omitting the border retained a banderole bearing the words CANADA POST CARD. Eventually the fancy scroll was omitted, the quality of the item being announced in simple letters as at present. Cards varied in size from 4½"x 3" of the first cards to the present maximum of 6"x 4" and minimum of 4"x 3".

In 1877 when post cards were permitted to be sent across the ocean a special card was prepared marked "To United Kingdom." It was about 4½"x 3" and was decorated with a border somewhat similar to the



first domestic cards. Within a short time changes were made which eventually permitted the sending of these cards to many countries. By 1879, after Canada's entry into the Universal Postal Union, cards with the marking "Union Postale Universelle" were available for despatch to Union countries. These cards were line engraved and have been called 'the most beautiful cards that Canada [Post Office] has ever issued.'

The name 'letter card' is descriptive of the member added to Canada's post card family on February 17, 1893. This bluish-green card was 5½"x 3½" when folded, its gummed, perforated edges sealing the message written inside the card. It was discontinued around 1901 as the edge ripped off in handling permitting the card to open.

Reply cards came into use in 1882, the regulation governing the use of ordinary post cards applied and by 1887 the reply portion of British and foreign reply cards was mailable in Canada.

Other official post cards which might be mentioned are the 5"x 5" large business card introduced in 1893 but soon discontinued; the Jubilee card issued on June 19, 1897, celebrating Queen Victoria's Jubilee; a special card intended for advertisements or illustrations issued around 1898; and the Confederation Jubilee card issued in July 1917, which carried statistical data about Canada's growth itemized on the left half of the card.

The use of private post cards was permitted in 1895, under regulations similar to those regarding the official cards. Only the address was to appear on the face of the card at first, but later the sender's name

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and address could be printed thereon, provided sufficient space was left for the address.

It was not until December 1903 that the transmission of picture post cards, as known today, was authorized. These were the familiar type, the entire back of which could be covered with a picture, with space on the front to the left of the address being reserved for a written communication. This space was to be marked off by a vertical line leaving the address section not less than 3¼"x 1½".

Picture post cards started a new craze—everyone dropped them to friends—each trip, even of only a few days' duration, was duly marked by post cards. Some sent notes of importance by this means, while others only dared to sign their initials to these messengers decorated with subjects ranging all the way from beautiful scenes, prints of famous paintings, to the inevitable comic. Parks, monuments and buildings graced the face of many cards, and small indeed was the town which did not boast of at least one view of its post office.

Christmas, Easter and birthday wishes were conveyed by post cards, as were the tender sentiments of lovers. This latter group seemed to merit the special attention of manufacturers as every effort was made to produce suitable tokens—multicolored roses adorned celluloid promises of devotion; velvet hearts told the same message to the loved one (and the postal world—there was no regulation forbidding the letter carrier to look at the illustration). In the luxury class were cards decorated with 'diamond dust', but their use was discouraged by the post office. About the same time the British post office took exception to aluminum cards because of the toll of scratched hands and damaged mail they caused.

Leather was another material resorted to in the post card heyday—many such greetings might reward a search through attics containing treasures of yesteryear, it being quite the fashion of the early 1900s for young ladies to make cushion covers with leather tributes received. Another acceptable means of displaying post cards was by their artistic arrangement in special albums.

By 1908 engravings and photographs on thin paper completely adhering to the cards were allowed in the mails so the next fad naturally was to send one's friends a portrait post card.

With the coming of the war in 1914 the vogue waned somewhat. The soldiers sent

post cards, but many of them were of the type containing printed messages with several words, one of which might be crossed out as not applicable. Although this somewhat limited their usefulness, some ingenious individuals managed to send unofficial notes by crossing out letters instead of words.

Although post cards have been taken for granted for many years now, most people still enjoy receiving them from friends on vacation—if the trip happens to be to a foreign country a post card seems to bring the stay-at-home some of the excitement of travelling. ★

HOME WANTED FOR '59 SHOW

Buffalo-Niagara Falls	1949-1954
Philadelphia	1950-1957
Toronto	1951-1956
Montreal	1953-1958
Ithaca	1952
Hartford	1955

THE above dates are given to refresh our memories as to where the first ten annual conventions and exhibition meetings of our Society were held. Yes, the 1958 gathering is being planned . . . but then where?

The Convention Committee of your Society requests that where there are two or more BNAPSers living in the same vicinity, will you not please get together and give consideration to extending an invitation to the Society to hold its annual convention in your city or town.

"Well, we would like to, but . . ."

If the above is the first thing that comes to your mind, and appears as the only reason you do not extend an invitation, then take the time to write, phone or call upon the Permanent Convention Committee, or any officer of the Society, who in turn will work with you to make it possible.

Your Permanent Convention Committee has on record the cold, hard facts of the past nine shows. We know it is not easy! But after having made observations, notes, etc., you can do it! It takes a full year of hard work preparing to be hosts to the Society—therefore, before you file this issue of TOPICS, get in touch with some of the other local fellows, and then make us prove that it can be done! Come on, we are open for 1959, 1960, 1961—take your pick, but let's do it now!

Al Kessler, for the
Permanent Convention Committee.



Rounding Up SQUARED CIRCLES

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Editor's Note: Material printed in the November and December issues of "Rounding Up Squared Circles" was prepared some months ago, but its publication was delayed because of pressure on the available space in our magazine. Dr. Whitehead reports that a further reason for the delay in analysing the lists of missing towns sent in by members is his recent serious illness. This analysis will therefore be delayed a month or two.

REVISED DATES FOR ONTARIO

(Part 4—P-S)

(Only those dates which supersede the handbook are given here)

- Paisley**
Latest: Jy 14, 00.
- Paris**
Latest: Sp 12, 00.
- Paris Station**
Earliest: Oc 13, 93
RF: 40.
- Pembroke**
Latest: No 29, 98.
RF: 25.
From Sp 5 to 21, 94, the '4' was inverted.
- Perth**
Earliest: Fe 2, 94; Latest: Jy 6, 00.
- Peterborough**
Earliest: Oc 17, 93; Latest: Oc 30, 03, normal use.
RF: 7.5.
Above the date: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, also blank.
- Petrolia**
Earliest: Ja 3, 94.
Black strikes are known from March '97.
Late strikes have very rounded corners at bottom, probably due to wear, or were they filed down? (See illustration.)
- Pictou**
Latest: My 3, 00.
Above the date: 1, 2, 5 inverted, 7 inverted (this was probably intended for '1'); from Ja, 00, AM, PM; also blank.
- Pontypool**
Earliest: De 21, 95. Collectors: Please report other dates.
- Port Arthur**
Earliest: Mr 9, 94 ('98' in the handbook was an error).
- Port Dover**
Earliest: De 18, 93; Latest: Sp 24, 94.
- Port Hope**
Earliest: My 25, 95; Latest: Mr 28, 00.
RF: 7.5.
- Port Perry**
Earliest: De 7, 94; Latest: De 18, 0- (on K.E. issue).
The year '94' has been seen in several copies above the day and month.
- Powassan**
Latest: De 9, 05.
- Prescott**
Earliest: Au 2, 93.
One copy of AM, previously considered doubtful, has been reported.
- Ripley**
Latest: Oc 18, 07.
Above the date: AM, PM.
RF: 40.
(See illustration.)
- Rockton**
Latest: Sp 9, 1910.
- Rodney**
Earliest: De 13, 93; Latest: De 4, 99.
- Roseneath**
Earliest: Oc 3, 93; Latest: Ja 8, 1906.
- Rosseau**
Earliest: Mr 10, 95.
Sub-type 3.
- St. Thomas**
Earliest: Ja 16, 94; Latest: Ap 25, 00.
RF: 5.
- Sarnia**
Earliest: Ja 5, 97; Latest: Ap 25, 00.
RF: 25.
- Sault Ste. Marie**
Earliest: Oc 6, 93.
Above the date: Blank to Ja 23, 94.
- Schreiber**
Second State—Earliest: Ja 11, 97.
This still leaves a six-month gap between first and second states. Will collectors able to reduce this gap please report. (See illustration.)
- Seelys Bay**
Earliest: No 18, 93; Latest: Ju 21, 99.
Above the date: Generally blank; but '1' in De 95 and in 96; AM in 97.
- Shakespeare**
Latest: Jy 28, 00.
- Smiths Falls**
Earliest: Sp 13, 93; Latest: De 28, 01.
- Stirling**
Earliest: Mr 30, 94; Latest: Au 4, 05.
Above the date: AM, PM, Blank in 1903.
- Stouffville**
Earliest: My 17, 95; Latest: No 16, 99.
- Strathroy**
Earliest: De 8, 97; Latest: Ju 9, 99.
- Sudbury**
Earliest: Ap 24, 95; Latest: My 16, 03.
AM doubtful.
- Sutton West**
Earliest: My 2, 95.



Two covers from the E. A. Richardson collection. (Left) PETROLIA, Ont. Note 'rounded corners'. (Below) RIPLEY, Ont. A superb registered cover with a sparkling impression dated De 12, 98, PM.

(Below) SCHREIBER, Ont. The very rare second state ("broken circle"), Sept. 6, 97.



Recent Notable Finds

1. CLIFTON, N.B. on a pair 1c Small Queen, dated My or Jy, 96. This is the first known pair and probably unique. Reported by J. Ronald McMurrich.
2. BROCKVILLE, Ont. Ap 28, 93; being a second copy of the earliest known date for a squared circle. Reported by L. M. Ludlow, San Carlos, Calif.
3. HALIFAX, N.S. De 25, 98, the most desirable date on the Map stamp of 1898. The first example of this rarity with a squared circle cancel. Reported by W. M. Willcock, Montreal.
4. BEAMSVILLE, Ont. On a bag label! Dated Au 1, 95, with the initials "W.D.F." Collectors of RPOs are familiar with these labels, which are attached to mail bags being sent from one place to another. But this is the first I have ever seen with a squared circle. Generously

donated to the present writer by W. J. Woolley of perfin fame. (See illustration.)



BEAMSVILLE, Ont., Au 1, 95.

5. REVELSTOKE, B.C.—C. A. Kemp, keen Toronto collector of squared circles, has found a new town, Revelstoke, B.C., Au 2, 93. Our hearty congratulations!

Extracts From Letters Recently Received

From **Dr. C. S. McKee**, Au 12, 57, referring to recently discovered squared circles: "In 1896 I began medical practice six miles from MILLBROOK, which was the nearest railway station; and now I am a near neighbor of MISSION (CITY), B.C."

From **D. G. Rosenblat**, San Francisco, Au -0, 57: "My own collection is coming along slowly—about the 170-mark now—a far cry from Mr. Ludlow's mighty effort. However, I have four or five towns which he does not, and he with his eyes now set feverishly on the goal of 250 is almost ready to trade me his wife and family for these few gems. A poor consolation for having been so far outstripped by someone who was in effect, my pupil in this field—nevertheless a consolation." (Mr. Rosenblat has since been able to report 200!)

Here is a fine example of rivalry between close friends, brought closer by their sharing of the squared circle fever. But what shall we say of this:

From **H. M. Dilworth**, Vancouver, B.C., Au 30, '7: "I have very little to report of late other than a little item that I obtained from the lad next door who brought it back with him from a visit to his grandparents in Frederickton, N.B.! It is an example of the squared circle without indicia, on piece, which I think is definite proof of its use as a pre-cancel. I am enclosing it herewith for your examination. It would of course have been nice to have the whole wrapper which might have helped to identify the issuing post office."

Here is an innocent victim, the boy next door, poor moppet! being assiduously infected with the virus. Enough! Let us move on to less affecting things.

From **C. A. Kemp**, Toronto, Ont., Sp 4, 57: "I imagine a number of collectors are trying to match up clerks' numbers bearing the same date for some of the cities in which a number of clerks were used—such as Ottawa, Hamilton, etc. Do you think it would 'start something' if TOPICS was to print a list of squared circle collectors who have trading material along these lines? Then a collector who had, for example, a set of three Ottawa—clerks' numbers 1, 5 and 7, all dated, say, June 14, 1895—could drop a line to some of these other collectors to see if they could supply other clerk numbers bearing the same date. It might be the means of getting together some very in-

teresting and valuable complete or nearly complete sets for some collectors.

"I am going to discuss with Bill Sparrow, Vinnie Greene and some of the other collectors in Toronto, the possibility of setting up a small 'club' of squared circle enthusiasts to pool information, do a bit of trading, etc. Such a group could keep you informed of any new finds, dates and 'freaks' that are uncovered."

This is an excellent idea, and I welcome it heartily. Long ago I began this sort of hunting (I am still at it!) with the idea of adding to information. I have a day-by-day record of my own dates for HALIFAX, OTTAWA, BELLEVILLE and WINNIPEG. Several other collectors, including Mr. Kemp, have sent in their dates also, and I have entered them in my records. The handbook illustrates a group of three for Halifax. It took me seven years of hunting to get my first complete group of four, 1, 2, 3, 4, all same date, for Halifax.

The Roster (First List)

If readers of this page will turn to BNA TOPICS for May 1957, they will find an announcement of a roster of the big collections of squared circles. I should like to make it clear that this project has behind it not the mere playing up of the ego of collectors, but much more serious motives. The May announcement stated the advantages that must follow the listing and analysing the outstanding collections, providing the right sort of information is sent in.

The following BNAPSers have followed the instructions; they have completed the roster form of May, and have attached their list of missing towns. At this moment I am not analysing their information. I shall do this later, for it can be done more usefully when I have heard from other collectors who intend to help in this project.

Here, then, is the present list:

CLASS 1A. 250 towns, all Type Two, plus towns of Type One:

H. M. Dilworth, L. M. Ludlow, Dr. C. S. McKee, Dr. Alfred Whitehead.

CLASS 1B. 250 Towns, Types One and Two:

Dr. E. C. Banno, H. E. Canham, W. Gutzman, C. A. Kemp.

CLASS 2A. 200 towns, all Type Two, plus towns of Type One:

Miss M. Harris, Mrs. J. A. C. Kirk, J. R. McMurrich, C. F. Southey.

CLASS 2B. 200 towns, Types One and Two:

B. C. Binks, D. Hunka, J. E. Kraemer, D. G. Rosenblat.

YULETIDE GREETINGS to squared circle fans everywhere! ★

Registered Letter Rates



MONEY LETTERS, also called Registered Letters, started in England on October 1, 1792, the system being automatically extended to Canada.

The registry system as we now know it was radically changed to an improved system on April 1, 1855 for Upper and Lower Canada. The other provinces followed at different dates.

The first rates as taken from Scobie's Canadian Almanac for 1857 were 1d. for Canada and 3d. for the United States, in addition to the postage. The fee paid was seldom marked on the letter.

The 1860 Almanac notes 2 cents for all British North America, 5 cents to the United States, and 12½ cents to the United Kingdom.

The year 1864 notes 25 cents for British possessions via England. To France and other foreign countries it was an amount equal to double the postage rate.

In 1867 there was an 8 cent rate to the United Kingdom.

The 1871 rate to British Colonies via England was 16 cents. Parcels, patterns and samples in Canada were registered for 5 cents. This is the origin of the belief that a 5 cent rate also existed in Canada—it being not for letters. This 1871 year finds the rate to Algeria, Baden, Galatz, Mytelene, etc., a peculiar double postal rate of 4 cents per half ounce, plus 8 cents.

The year 1872 notes an 8 cent rate to Shanghai and Yokahoma.

Now, registration stamps of 2c, 5c and 8c were issued in 1875, for use on letters to Canada, United States and France respectively. It was continually noted that the

special registration stamp should be affixed. I once saw a multiple strip of four 2c stamps on a piece, probably used to France. It was just possible to use all the three stamps to make a 15 cent rate to some countries, which would be a remarkable cover indeed if it exists.

The year 1877 finds a 20 cent rate to many foreign countries, and 12½ cents to another list of foreign countries; to Newfoundland the rate was 2 cents.

In 1883 rates were reduced to 10 cents and 5 cents for most foreign countries, except the 7 cent rate to Natal and St. Helena. The United Kingdom rate was 5 cents.

In 1883 there was a 5 cent or 7 cent rate to China, according to the route used. And in 1889 a universal 5 cent rate to everywhere seems to have been initiated.

It was continually stressed that the adhesive stamps be used, so some foreign rates would need strips or blocks, or combinations. The years quoted are as they appear in the Canadian Almanac and are not necessarily the year in which the rate actually started—it may have been a year or two earlier, so there may have been other rate changes than quoted here.

Incidentally, the Scobie's Canadian Almanac used has copious postal data starting in 1852. The word 'Almanac' seems a misfit. Quite generally, an 'Almanac' is considered as being a weather prognosticator, but this is not literally true. This book should perhaps have been named a 'Year Book', as it has extensive coverage of almost all governmental and financial and religious affairs of the year. Early copies had valuable maps also. ★

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE DEADLINES

Commencing with the issue for January 1958, both editorial and advertising deadlines for this magazine will be the **first day of the month previous to publication date**. For example, deadlines for the February 1958 issue will be January 1, 1958. Will all advertisers and contributors please take note of this fact and govern themselves accordingly.



REVENUE GROUP

News

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HAROLD WALKER (No. 1380) calls our attention to some existing confusion regarding the two columns of catalogue prices for Holmes' ML 1-12, page 287 of the Eighth Edition. Many collectors, through custom, assume these two columns to mean 'unused' and 'used'. Actually, the column headings have been missing for some years. However, if we go back to the 1943 edition "Handbook and Catalogue," page 388, we find the answer. The first column prices are for stamps on normal, medium to thick paper, whereas the second column prices are for the earliest printings on **very thin paper**. Thank you, Harold, for calling our attention to this.

Commercial Fisherman Unemployment Insurance Stamps were mentioned in last month's column. This month we illustrate



one of the denominations and give a complete listing. Showing the outline of a fish, overprinted in black on the current 1955 issue, these were apparently issued on or about April 1, 1957. Only the first nine denominations of the 1955 series were so overprinted. These were the weekly payroll denominations.

32c Red-brown	72c Bistre	\$1.04 Violet
48c Sage-green	84c Yellow	\$1.12 Blue-gray
60c Vermillion	96c Turquoise	\$1.20 Yellow-green

This set could turn out to be a most difficult one to complete in mint, used and 'SPECIMEN' condition.

Unemployment Insurance Color Change of 1957. Apparently on or about January 1, 1957, one new Unemployment stamp made its appearance. This is the \$2.60 denomination, formerly in **yellow-green**, as a part of the 1955 issue. The new stamp, same

design, has been printed in a brilliant shade of **emerald-green**.

Both the 1957 color change, and the Fishermen set mentioned above have appeared with a brand new type 'SPECIMEN' overprint. Printed in **red**, it is much smaller than earlier overprints, measuring only 16x2½ mm. It is **sans-serif**.

Holmes' Catalogue, Revenue Section.

Look for some major price changes in the next edition of this indispensable Canadian reference work. Pricing is being completely revised throughout. Look for some major **downward** adjustments on Manitoba Laws—not in every case, but in a great many. This is the result of new supplies being brought on the market. In most other cases prices will **advance**. Some of the really scarce items will see tremendous advances. Let's just sum it up by saying that the overpriced stuff will come down, and the scarce stuff will go up, and altogether it will be the first major revision of catalogue prices on revenues in years.

There will be numerous other additions and major revisions in the listings also. This will make it a **MUST** for all revenue collectors.

When to be issued? No date announced—it probably will be some time yet. If you do not have a copy of the current issue, we advise you to get one at once.

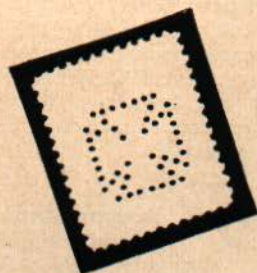
Sissons' June 5 auction contained a very fine number of revenue lots, including a great many rarities. I report some of the realizations herewith. Cat. numbers and values are Holmes'.

Lot 392, \$3 1st issue Bill, vert. pair imperf between, No. FB17B cat. \$10 (\$24). **Lot 397**, 3c 3rd issue Bill, imperf. block with imprint, FB41 cat. \$25 (\$19). **Lot 401**, \$2 inverted head, FB54A cat. \$400 (\$200). **Lot 406**, Supreme Courts, 1915 10c roulette with blue and purple controls, FSC11Ab, c. cat. \$15.50 (\$20). **Lot 408**, 10c IN PRIZE, FSC 15 unpriced (\$32). **Lot 409**, \$1 IN PRIZE with red and purple overprint, FSC19B unpriced (\$35). **Lot 419**,

\$5 War Savings, FWSI cat. \$200 (\$62.50). Lot 420, 5c Postal Note, booklet pans of 25, FPN3A cat. \$2 (\$13). Lot 427, 50c B.C. Law 1935 hor. pair, imperf. between, BCL30A cat. \$25 (\$21). Lots 453, 454, Manitoba Laws, 1886 BF on LS, ML 42, 43, cat. \$30 each (\$22 each). Lots 464, 465, \$20 Victoria Newfoundland NIR8 cat. \$12 (\$42.50 mint; \$50 used). Lot 467, \$25 Vic. Newfoundland NIR9 cat. \$18 (\$145 mint). Lot 470, \$20 Geo. Newfoundland, perf. 11, NIR23 cat. \$12 (\$18). Lot 473, \$20 Caribou Newfoundland, NIR33 cat. \$10 (\$42). Lot 474, \$50 Caribou, NIR34 cat. \$15 (\$50). Lot 475, 10c Newfoundland War Saving, cat. \$2 (\$9). Lot 477, 6c N.S. double overprint, unlisted (\$42.50).

Lot 502, \$3 Quebec Assurance, QA13 cat. \$20 (\$22). Lot 505, \$5 and \$10 Quebec Prohibition, QP9, 10 cat. \$20 (\$20). Lot 509, Sask. Law 5c inverted oval, SL1A cat. \$50 (\$52.50).

These prices reflect the growing interest in Canadian revenues, and collectors are awakening to the fact that there are just not enough of some of these rarities to go around. In spite of the prices realized, I consider some of them still were sold at bargain prices. ★



PERFIN *Study Group*

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MR. K. S. Sargeant of Southampton, England, kindly provides us with the material for the current article and it is the unusual piece we illustrate here.

We have previously discussed the private perforating of stationery and until now have only been able to report the wrappers punched OH/MS and used by the Meteorological Division of the Dominion Weather Office. The 1c green wrapper, Medallion issue of 1932 and the 1c green George VI issue of 1939/40 were both punched with the O5 design, 5 holes, and the last named was also punched with the 4-hole design, catalogue No. O6. There may possibly have been others, but to date none have been reported to the group for listing.

The discovery now reported is the 1897 1 cent green wrapper, usually referred to as the 'Maple Leaf' issue. This is punched with the design S8, SL/ACo, as used by the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Montreal. It has only a small part of a canceller showing and it appears to have been lightly touched by a hand roller leaving no date or office of origin.



This wrapper is addressed to:

Thos. Kyd, Esq., F.I.A.
Northern Assce. Co.,
1 Union Terrace,
Aberdeen,
Scotland.

and was probably used to mail advertising matter of some kind.

The fact that the wrapper has been saved for almost 60 years can only be explained as being further evidence of the thrifty nature of the Scot.

The arrangement of the punches is of interest. There are four impressions of the design in two rows of two, from which we pre-

sume that the Sun Life Co. first used a two-unit machine and that the wrapper reported was punched twice.

From the evidence so far reported to us the Sun Life Assurance Company would be the fourth company in Canada to use a private perforating device. Although the handbook reports the 1893 issue as being punched by the company, the actual stamps reported as punched are the 15c Large Queen and the 20c and 50c 1893 issue which continued in use after the Small Queen issue had been superceded by the 1897 Jubilees and Maple Leaves. There has been no reported use of the S8 design on the Small Queen issue, so that it is likely that the Sun Life Company first used their machine in late 1897 or early 1898.

The handbook mentions that permission was granted by the postal regulations of 1898 for the private perforating of post cards. The use of this wrapper in about 1898 is not covered by the then existing

regulations, which from January 1895 had allowed stamps to be perforated by the initials of the users.

No one seems to have taken advantage of the regulation allowing the perforating of post cards, at least none have as yet been reported to us.

By a coincidence, the same week that we received this item we did find a perforated post card which on examination turned out to be a U.S. postcard perforated by a user in New York City—probably quite a scarce item to collectors of U.S. perfins.

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The column is still active, but only by the good graces of correspondents who will take the trouble of reporting to us anything which may be of general interest in the collecting of Canadian perfins. Your help is always appreciated.

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Greetings of the season to all our readers and the best of perfin hunting in 1958. ★

PLAN EIGHT NEW STAMP DESIGNS IN 1958

THE Hon. William Hamilton, Postmaster General, has announced that the Canadian post office department will issue eight new postage stamps during 1958.

The first stamp of the new year will be issued on January 22, and will pay tribute to the contribution of the press to the nation's development. The periodicals published in Canada have earned a position of respect and influence. A significant feature of the press industries in Canada is the progress of the Canadian Press Association which recently celebrated 50 years as a cooperative news-gathering agency.

In March, there will be issued a special postage stamp featuring the International Geophysical Year. For 18 months from July 1, 1957, thousands of scientists throughout the world will continue to work to increase human knowledge of the universe. Canada is playing an important part in this search for knowledge.

In 1958 British Columbia will be celebrating the centennial of the province, and a special stamp will be issued in May to commemorate this anniversary.

Also in 1958, the Canadian Nurses Association will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. A special postage stamp will be issued in June as a tribute to the splendid spirit of service to humanity displayed by members of this calling from the early beginnings of Canada's history to the present time. This

stamp is intended also to call attention to the increasing role being played by womanhood in public and industrial affairs.

In 1608, Samuel de Champlain founded on the St. Lawrence River the community which has become the modern city of Quebec. The three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of this event will be commemorated by a special postage stamp to be issued in July.

Another stamp in the explorer series will be issued in August commemorating the work of La Vérendrye. The centennial of the discovery of oil will be marked by the issue of a postage stamp in September. This stamp will serve to emphasize the great significance of the oil industry in a modern society.

The final stamp planned for the year will be issued in October to commemorate the bi-centennial of the convening in Halifax of the first elected assembly to meet in what is now Canada. This assembly marked the beginning of the first stage of the evolution of democratic self-government in Canada. Other important steps in this development were responsible government in 1848 and Confederation in 1867.

Canadian artists are designing the stamps to be issued in 1958. Further details of these stamps will be announced throughout the year. ★

A New Admiral Discovery

ADMIRAL specialists have been puzzled by a variety believed to be caused by certain 'guide lines' used in the layout of the plates. These lines, as indicated in Figure 1, form an extension of the two vertical frame lines and a parallel to the bottom frame line. This variety has been found on a number of stamps from various denominations. The writer has in his collection the 1c green, 2c red, 5c blue and 3c brown, all showing the variety. All copies which have been examined originate from the same plate position for a particular value. This was found to be the case by comparing, for instance, all the 1c green stamps showing the variety. Here additional minor varieties repeat themselves, the shade of the stamps is the same, and two dated copies are within a few days of each other from the same month. This holds true for the other values as well. Although this does not exclude the possibility that other plate positions exist, it indicates the scarcity of this variety.

The Canadian Bank Note Company explained these lines as 'guide lines' in the beginning and believed that they remained on the plate due to faulty inspection. Guide lines are usually either burnished off before printing or covered up by the design. Collectors were skeptical of this explanation because most of the copies showed a slight rounding at the intersection of the lines. If these lines were actually 'guide lines', they should intersect at right angles instead of being rounded. The line parallel to the bottom frame line could not be identified by the Canadian Bank Note Company with any known guide line on the plate. This was established by later correspondence.

The discovery of the 3c brown with this variety was made only very recently, with two identical copies out of a bundled stock of 10,000. Both copies are similar to Figure 1, but had marked indications of a typical re-entry throughout the entire stamp. This can be seen in Figure 2. This find made it clear that the lines were not simply guide lines, but possibly part of a re-entry. On the other hand, this re-entry was displaced by almost $\frac{3}{8}$ mm., a shift normally not found in a re-entry.

In an article on Fundamentals of Philately by L. N. and M. Williams in *The American Philatelist*, the term 're-entry' is described as a variety "for the purpose, inter alia, of deepening or repairing the original entry."

With the help of the Canadian Bank Note Company and a qualified printer of stamps in the British American Bank Note Company, this variety was finally found to originate from a 'parasite transfer.' This term, although well understood apparently by printing people, is confusing to stamp collectors and for this reason we will stay with the term 're-entry'.

This particular re-entry, showing pro-

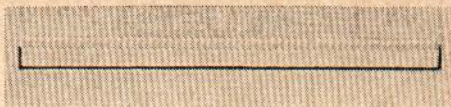


FIG. 1

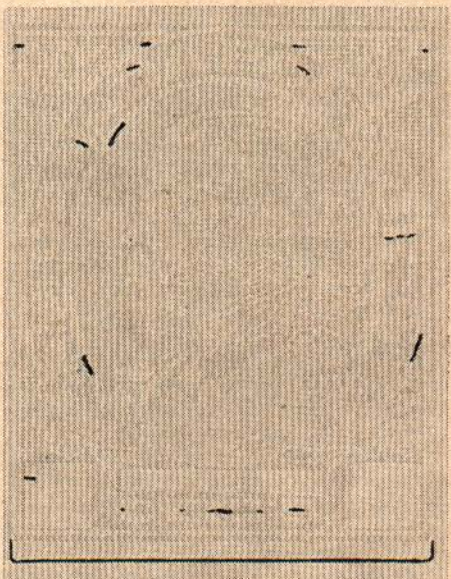


FIG. 2

nounced doubling of many parts of the stamp, was caused by an entry which was not burnished off before printing. The 3c value is the only one showing this strong re-entry, the other values revealing only traces. The reason for this is probably that the entry made in error was not strong enough to show up in the stamp design but only at the bottom and thus the find of the 3c copies made it possible to identify this variety as a re-entry.

Unfortunately, the writer has not been able to identify from which plate or position these varieties come, but the shade and type of each value classifies the copies as coming from certain plate groups. As an example, the shade of the 2c red can be identified with copies from the 1919 print-

ing and they show the closed upper right spandrel. The plate group is No. 125 to 140.

If time would permit, a search of the existing plate proofs, all kept and stored by the Canadian Bank Note Company, would likely reveal the position and the actual plate number of these varieties. It must be remembered, however, that such a search would be very tedious. In the case of the 2c red, 15 plates with 400 subjects to each plate, or 6,000 stamps, would have to be examined. Additional dated copies may narrow down the possible dates.

This new discovery must be regarded as an interesting find by Admiral and variety specialists and the writer would like to hear from other collectors and compare notes or actual stamps. ★

PAGES FROM A B.N.A. SCRAPBOOK



Items gathered and clipped by R. J. Duncan and G. P. Lewis

ITEM No. 24:

Stamp Collecting,
August 10, 1951.

CANADIAN COLUMN by 'F.B.'—The 1908 Edward 50c (S.G. 187, Scott 95), variety "square head of '5' projecting into oval frame line." See A—Normal; B—Variety.



Mr. W. E. Lea of Manchester has shown us a fine example of this variety (Jarrett, page 83, para. 6) which, said Mr. Lea, "is not generally known to Canadian collectors."

We have seen another stamp in which the 'head' merges with the frame line—the beginning of a projection; but normally the inking of the "head of '5'" is clear of frame line.

ITEM No. 25:

The Strand Stamp Journal,
July-August 1952.

CANADA—King Edward VII 5c Varieties: The King Edward VII 5c, S.G. 178 [Scott 91] is a stamp that is well worth a little study because it is most prolific in re-entries and retouches, many of which have never been recorded or illustrated.

It is well to remember that this stamp is frequently found showing the background to the lettering CANADA POSTAGE made up of horizontal lines instead of solid color. This is presumed to be due to wearing of the plate which caused a need for retouching and resulted in the cross-hatching effect. (See Figs. 1b and II.)



Fig. 1—Retouch to bar of Figure '5' and below left frame.

Canadian Airmails

N. PELLETIER (BNAPS 1268)



ED RICHARDSON, one of our members, once wrote in an article, "Something you don't see but once in a blue moon came up in Sissons' auction sale—a 1928 Moose Jaw Flying Club Semi-Official Air Mail on superb cover! Wonder who the lucky buyer was?" The cover illustrated here could have been it!

The pilot for the above flight was Capt. Howard Ingram, with Charles Banting as air engineer. The de Havilland aircraft left Moose Jaw at 12 o'clock on Friday, August 17, 1928, from Rosedale Airport. It is said to have made one stop at Elkhorn for refuelling before arrival at the Stevenson Airport at Winnipeg. Only about 150 letters were flown, the reason being that the telegraphic authority to carry this mail had only been received shortly before the flight. The special stamps, printed red on white paper, were sold at \$1. All covers had to bear this stamp on the back, with a regular 2 cent postage stamp on the address side.

This mail had been made as a special good-will flight in connection with the new Stevenson Airport in Winnipeg. This airport had been named after Captain Frederick J. 'Steve' Stevenson. In 1927 he became the first Canadian recipient of the Harmon Trophy, and had been the pilot on several air mail first flights. Early in 1928 he lost his life in an airmail flying accident near The Pas, Manitoba. ★



Fig. 1a—Retouch lower right frame line.



Fig. 1b — Retouched background between 'E' and 'C' of 'Five Cents'.



Fig. 2 — Retouched background between ('A' and 'P' of 'Canada Postage'.



Fig. 3 — Retouch line extending down from upper left corner. This line appears to be constant in length which is approximately 5-6 mm.

The same stamp which shows the retouch shown in Fig. III, also shows distinct traces of line duplication inside the letters 'OS — TA' of 'Canada Postage.'

It is interesting to note that of the illustrations shown, three of the varieties (Figs. I, Ia and Ib) can be found on the same stamp. ★

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO LIST OF EXCHANGERS

(Published in 1957 Yearbook)

Members are invited to send in any changes or new information for this department. If you were not in the original list, you may have your interests listed here under the headings which appeared in the 1957 Yearbook.

SPECIALTIES

Lewis, Gordon P., 37 Eldomar Ave., Brampton, Ont. 1898 Map Stamp (Canada)
Pelletier, N., 34 Blandford St., Toronto 10, Ont. Canadian Air Mails

Canada Wildlife Stamp Listed Among 'Best Designs' in Annual

1958 STAMP COLLECTORS' ANNUAL, Published by Harris Publications Ltd., 27 Maiden Lane, Strand, London, W.C.2, England. 96 pp. Price 3/6.

Visit of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh to Canada and the United States is the inspiration behind the attractive and topical cover of the 1958 Stamp Collectors' Annual. There are again almost 100 pages of varied reading matter to interest every type of collector. The current popularity of topical or thematic collecting, and postmarks is reflected in articles devoted to both, and there is little doubt that the 'Beginners' Guide to Postmark Collecting' will be read time and time again.

Scouts and Scouting made the front page news during the year, and stamps honoring the Movement are fully described in 'World Wide Brotherhood.' 'Best Designs of 1957' again invites controversy. It is interesting to note that Canada has gained the ranks of countries contributing a 'Best' design with the 5c Wildlife stamp showing a loon. An interesting article on printing endeavors to solve the mysteries of lithography and letterpress.

Contents page of the Annual lists no fewer than 20 feature and reference items, and the publishers have again managed to produce a book to sell at 3s. 6d.

19,362 Price Changes in

Scott's 1958 Volume I

SCOTT'S STANDARD CATALOGUE, Vol. I.

U.S.A., U.N., British Commonwealth, Latin-America. Published by Scott Publications Inc., 461 8th Ave., New York 1. 908 pages. Price \$5.00.

Ghana, Qatar and Ross Dependency are the new stamp-issuing entities listed for the first time in Volume I of Scott's 1958 Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, which is 90 years old this year.

A total of 19,362 prices have been changed, or added for the first time, in this volume which covers U.S., U.N., British Commonwealth and Latin-American listings.

Various souvenir sheets, mostly airmail items, have been given minor-number listings for the first time in Latin American countries, including Chile, Columbia, Cuba and Paraguay.

Many U.S. prices have been modestly raised, while some have been sensationally increased, such as the 24c airmail invert which went from \$4,000 to \$6,000, and No. 59, the 12c black 'first design' of 1861, which leaped from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

The 2c Black Harding, rotary press, perf. 11, has gone from \$500 to \$750. The White Plains sheet from \$40 to \$50; and the Zeppelins (Nos. C13-15) from \$152.50 to \$175 unused, and \$122.50 to \$140 used.

Stamped envelopes provide many new prices. The Columbian 5c slate brown error jumps from \$65 to \$100 unused. Two more errors of the 'Air 6c Mail' surcharge are listed for the first time, and each is priced at \$1,500 (No. U437a and U526).

Many of the Confederate Postmasters' stamps have been repriced—mostly upward, but some downward. The rare Pleasant Shade, Va., 5c blue is now \$750 unused, and \$1,500 used. In the Confederate regular issues, the unissued 1c orange was hoisted from \$10 to \$15.

United Nations prices have been raised right down the line, except for the current regular series. The souvenir sheet is now at \$24.

Canada's price raises include the 12 pence black on laid paper, No. 3, which jumps from \$5,000 to \$7,000 unused, and from \$3,000 to \$4,000 used. The 12d on wove, No. 6, is up to \$4,500 from \$4,000.

In the U.S. section alone, 1,765 prices were changed. Mexico and Nicaragua each have more than 1,000 price changes. The Mexico figure includes many new prices for stamps previously unpriced.

The Combined Edition of Scott's Standard Catalogue, which is Vol. I bound with Vol. II (Europe, Asia and Africa) is priced at \$10.

New 1958 Harris Catalogue Invaluable Market Guide

STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES, U.S. POSSESSIONS AND BRITISH NORTH AMERICA, 1958 Edition. Published by H. E. Harris & Co., Catalogue Dept., Boston 17, Mass. 144 pages, 1500 illustration, including U.S. Stamp Identifier. Price 25 cents.

The 1958 edition of the popular Harris Catalogue of United States and British North America, claimed by the publishers to be the world's most widely-used and accepted market guide, with an annual circulation of nearly 100,000—is just off the press and available to collectors.

The profusely illustrated Harris catalogue contains up-to-the-minute listings of virtually all the U.S. stamps issued (including airmails, special deliveries, revenues, telegraphs, envelopes, postal cards, etc.), plus all U.S. possessions, Confederate States, United Nations, Canada, Newfoundland, and the Provinces.

One of the valuable extra features is the complete U.S. Stamp Identifier section, showing how to distinguish between rare and common look-alike stamps.

Canada continues to be exceptionally popular as evidenced by numerous price changes on many issues, particularly so up to 1937. For example: the unused 1/2d 1857 (No. 8) climbs from \$27.50 to \$35.00; the unused 6c 1868 Large Cents (No. 27) was previously quoted at \$13.75 and is now \$17.50, while the used 3c 1868 on laid paper (No. 33) rose from \$19.50 to \$24.75.

The unused 10c 1870-89 rose-lilac (No. 40) made a substantial gain from \$9.50 to \$15; also the unused 10c 1903 Edward (No. 93) showed an increase to \$6 in comparison to \$4.95 of the previous year. A 40 per cent rise was noted in the unused 20c 1933 Special Delivery (ES), moving from \$1 to \$1.40.

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OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

From the Secretary

SECRETARY: JACK LEVINE, 209 PINE TREE ROAD, OXFORD, N.C.

November 15, 1957.

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LIFE MEMBER

- L506 Lewis, Gordon P., 37 Eldomar Avenue, Brampton, Ontario.

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DORIAN, Miss Ann, 57 Teignmouth Rd., London N.W.2, England (CC) CAN, NB—Postage 1912-1930. Revenues. Covers. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37.
KENYON, Alonzo F., 2505 Hollywood Drive, Pittsburgh 35, Pa. (C) CAN, NFD, BC, NS, NB, PEI—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS. Mint booklet panes. Federal and provincial revenues. Mint and used air mails. Proofs. R.R., 2- and 4-ring numeral cancellations. Proposed by H. A. MacMaster, No. 484; seconded by F. B. Eaton, No. 608.
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, October 15, 1957	973	
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, November 15, 1957		977

OFFICIAL NOTICE
ELECTIONS

In consideration of the fact that their nominations were uncontested, the following members are duly elected to the Board of Governors for the term of 1958-1960:

James T. Culhane
 Leslie A. Davenport
 Clifford R. Schuman

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

REVIEWS—TRADE NEWS.

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Newfoundland, apparently finding new popularity and awakening from its more or less dormant position of the past several years, shows a good proportion of price alterations.

The familiar Harris publication will undoubtedly meet with the usual enthusiastic response from the many thousands of collectors and dealers who have labeled it to be the world's most widely-used catalogue. It is certainly well worth the nominal charge of 25 cents for a copy.

H. R. Harmer To Sell Important British Commonwealth Collection

H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 West 48th Street, New York, has announced the sale of the Caroline Prentice Cromwell 20th Century British Commonwealth collection, which contains almost exclusively mint stamps.

One of the most important sections of the collection is the group of Newfoundland air post issues. Foremost is the beautiful block of four of the de Pinedo 60c which was featured in the 'Life' articles of May 3, 1954, with a valuation of \$22,500. Other rarities in this group include two mint Hawkers and a third on cover; complete sheets of the Alcock and Halifax stamps; two examples of the Halifax inverted overprint, a single copy of the de Pinedo and a copy on cover; Columbia, two copies, a block of four (illustrated here) and a single on cover; DO-X inverted surcharge single and block of four.



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By THE EDITOR

• **CANADA IN 'BEST DESIGNS'** . . . Each year Harris Publications of London, England, publishers of 'Philatelic Magazine', put out the 'Stamp Collectors' Annual.' Edited by Tom Morgan, this annual is always of great interest, and one of its features for many years has been the choice of the 'Best Designs' of the year. This annual feature is written by L. E. Scott, and among the best designs of the past year he has chosen one from Canada—the 5c Wildlife. His comments are of interest: "Stamp designs emanating from Canada are usually good or abysmally bad—there never seems to be any half-measures. After the appearance of a large and distinctly depressing Outdoor Recreation set in March, April brought a quite delightful little stamp in the Wildlife series. The bird depicted upon the stamp is called a 'Common Loon' and the artist has certainly produced an uncommonly appealing stamp, well-balanced, neat and—as usual—with particularly attractive lettering."

Personally we are inclined to agree with Mr. Scott's choice of the 'Loon' stamp as Canada's best design for 1957, and are even more pleased that he finds it good enough to list among the leaders throughout the world. We think the recent Royal Visit stamp very attractive, and perhaps the fact that both these stamps were printed in black has something to do with it. It is a color which brings out the best in any design. . . . Members likely have other ideas as to what constituted the best design issued by the Canadian post office during 1957. We would like to hear about them.

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• **VARIETIES** . . . Herman Herst Jr. of Shrub Oak, N.Y. (BNAPS 165) submits the



rather unusual imperforate item illustrated here with the comment that he realizes it isn't rare, but is an interesting oddity. . . . From Michael Velsmid Jr. comes a query about which he has already written to the Collectors Club of New York and Scott Publications Inc. He writes: "I have a 20 cent grey 'Wood Products of Canada' stamp. The Scott catalogue number is 316 (design A132), perforated 12, and cancelled in Ontario. The error is 20 OENTS instead of 20 CENTS. . . . I would like to know how much it is worth and how many were printed." If any reader can help this collector with any information on this item, please write him at 80-26 252 Street, Belle-rose, N.Y.

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• **CONGRATULATIONS** . . . to BNAPSer A. L. McCready, publisher of Popular Stamps, on his outstanding accomplishment in reaching 200 issues, a feat never before equalled by an independent philatelic publication in Canada.

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• **OUR MISTAKE!** . . . From Canada Stamp Co., 33 Pheasant Road, Willowdale, Ont., comes this blow to our editorial pride: "No, we did not move. We are still at #33 Pheasant (not 22 as per Yearbook advt.), just east of Yonge St. in Willowdale. (For those not familiar with Toronto, we are only about 30 minutes straight drive up Yonge St. from Union Station or downtown.) We are always pleased to see visitors but by appointment only please (phone BA. 5-5120)."

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• **INTERNATIONAL SHOW** . . . As the result of discussions between the Royal Philatelic Society and the British Philatelic Association, arrangements have been made to hold an international philatelic exhibition in 1960, at the Festival Hall, London, July 9-16. Until further notice, all correspondence should be addressed to: The 1960 Exhibition Secretary, c/o The Royal Philatelic Society, 41 Devonshire Place, London W.1, England. ★

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