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EDITOR'S NOTE: We apologize for the fact that some of these letters have been in our files for considerable time due to a lack of space in succeeding issues of BNA TOPICS.

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World War I Camps

In answer to the comments of J. Millar Allen in 'The Mailbag' (BNA TOPICS, March 1957) I have listed the pertinent material in my collection.

With the exception of the types represented by the illustrated tracings, all 'CAMP' postmarks are of the same basic type, reading "FIELD POST OFFICE / CANADA MILITIA/etc." This type has two minor sub-types, with regard to the makeup of the postmark. Diameters vary from 27½mm. to 29½mm.

LONDON-CAMP · ONT.

Diameter 29½mm. Dated July 24, 1918.
Note hyphen.

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Diameter 28½mm. Dated Oct. 16, 1918.

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Diameter 27½mm. Dated June 23, 1909.*

Diameter 27½mm. Dated June 9, 1910.*

Diameter 27½. Dated July 1, 1914.*

Diameter 27½. Dated July 3, 1914.*

(* All offices of this type have "No. 1" after "FIELD POST OFFICE.")

PETAWAWA CAMP ONT.

Diameter 27½mm. Dated June 5, 1912.

Diameter 27½mm. Dated June 19, 1912.

Diameter 27½mm. Dated June 20, 1912.

Diameter 27½mm. Dated June 17, 1918.

Diameter 27½mm. Dated Aug. 21, 1918.

Diameter 27½mm. Dated Aug. 14, 1927.

Diameter 28½mm. Dated Aug. 18, 1930.

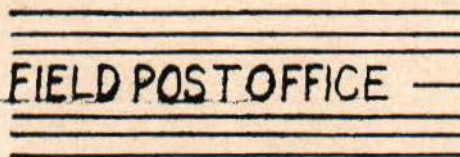


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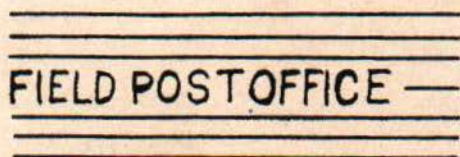


Fig. 2

SEFELL CAMP MAN.

Diameter 28½mm. Dated July 18, 1915.

Diameter 28½mm. Dated Oct. 11, 1916.

SUSSEX CAMP N.B.

Diameter 29mm. Dated July 2, 1915.

VERNON CAMP B.C.

Diameter 28mm. Dated Sept. 28, 1915.

Fig. 1 illustrates the fact that CAMP BORDEN had a post office and cancelling machine in July 1917.

Fig. 2 illustrates a cancellation from EXHIBITION CAMP in February 1918.

The only differences in the two illustrations are the words around the circles. The circles are 22mm. in diameter, and the letters in FIELD POST OFFICE are 4mm. high. The three words measure 49mm. in length.

P. D. van Oudenol (No. 684)

Overprinted War Tax Stamps of 1915

Since the publication of my comments on these stamps in the March 1957 issue of TOPICS, I have received two most interesting letters from Mr. H. Reiche of Ottawa, writing on behalf of the War Tax Study Group. With Mr. Reiche's permission, I am passing on to you the information contained in his letters, as being a valuable contribution towards solving at least some of the problems surrounding these stamps.

Dealing first with the date of issue of the stamps, Mr. Reiche states that a document exists in the Philatelic Agency at Ottawa which definitely records that the first series (WAR TAX) was issued on Feb. 12, 1915, and that the second series (INLAND REVENUE WAR TAX) was issued

one day later, on Feb. 13, 1915. So it would seem that this point is definitely settled, and we next come to the problem of why the first series was issued at all.

It would appear, from the information contained in Mr. Reiche's letters, that the sequence of events was somewhat as follows. Some time prior to the date of issue, an

(Cont. on page 23)

ED RICHARDSON (BNAPS 168)

Early Canadian Fair and Exhibition Covers

NEXT to 'Patriotics', I doubt if there is another group of illustrated covers which enjoys the tremendous popularity of Canadian Fair and Exhibition covers. Yet this popularity is of relatively recent date. No longer than 15 years ago it was a common experience to pick up these beautiful historical covers for very little. I can recall selecting a half-dozen nice ones from a "shoebox stock" of a well-known Toronto stamp house—the lot of which cost me less than the price of a modest breakfast!

Dealers and collectors alike have since recognized their beauty and scarcity—and their value. One measure of this is the frequency one finds these beauties being illustrated in auction catalogues . . . and the prices they realize when they come onto the auction market.

This appreciation is long overdue. In the U.S., collectors have for years avidly collected covers advertising their exhibitions. Some remarkable specialized collections of them have been built up. It is true that the variety and quantities available are much greater with U.S. exhibition covers, but

what is scarcity but a challenge to the hunting instincts of the true cover collector?

The Canadian fair and exhibition covers illustrated and/or listed in the remaining portion of this article do not pretend to be complete. It is doubtful if any one collector has what could be called a complete collection of these. Those listed will serve as a starting point for a really outstanding specialized collection. They serve to alert collectors to at least a few of the possibilities in this field.

Since this deals with the **early** fairs and exhibitions, the writer must arbitrarily draw some cut-off point. No covers are listed which advertise fairs or exhibitions held after 1910.

Toronto Exhibitions, Etc.

In addition to the Industrial Exhibition and its successors, the Dominion and the Canadian National Exhibitions, I have a record of two early events of this type:

1. **The Toronto Musical Festival, 1886** (see illus.)
2. **The Toronto Summer Carnival, 1890.** A beautiful three-scene pictorial, printed in green.

Toronto Musical Festival, 1886. Portrays the lakefront at Toronto. Used from Toronto June 3, 1886.





An early exhibition cover—The Industrial Exhibition at Toronto, the forerunner to the Canadian National Exhibition. Used from Toronto, Nov. 8, 1879. The building illustrated is the old 'Crystal Palace' which was destroyed by fire on Oct. 18, 1906.

There were a great variety of names given to the Toronto event which later became known as the Canadian National Exhibition, as noted in the list below:

3. 1879—**Industrial Exhibition**, Toronto (see illus.)
4. 1888—**Canada's Great Industrial Fair**, Toronto. In purple, allegorical figure, coat-of-arms and spray of maple leaves.
5. 1895—As above. All-over illustration showing exhibition grounds, with oval white space for address. In brown.
6. 1896—**Canada's Great Exposition and Industrial Fair**. In blue. Small view of grounds in circle, surmounted with beaver and maple leaf.
7. 1898—as '88 and '95, in blue, fancy but not a true pictorial. Maple leaves at left side and top.
8. 1899—Type I: As above in red. Fancy, plus shield, surmounted with crown.
9. 1899—Type II: **Canada's Great Fair**, Toronto. In black, view of grounds at top and left.
10. 1901—Type I: **Canada's Great Exposition**. In blue, horse and rider at top left.
11. 1901—Type II: as above, in blue, non-pictorial.
12. 1903—**Dominion Exhibition**. A composite pictorial featuring Agriculture, Transportation and Manufacturers.
13. 1907—**Canadian National Exhibition**. Small picture of Agricultural Hall.

Someone with covers of these fairs be-

tween 1903 and 1907 can perhaps tell us whether or not the 1907 cover shows the first use of the name "Canadian National Exhibition."

London, Ont., Western Fair

These illustrated covers seem to have been used extensively by local manufacturers and merchants, and while not common, are still among the easiest to obtain.

For those interested in collecting exhibition covers beyond the 1910 date, it should be mentioned that some very nice illustrated and fancy advertising covers of the Western Fair are found after this cut-off date. Some of the early ones are:

14. 1896—Building in circle, locomotive and sheaf of grain.
15. 1897—(see illustration).
16. 1898—Allegorical figure of Agriculture. "Silver Jubilee of the Western Fair."
17. 1899—Panorama view at top and left.
18. 1902—In blue, six-pointed star. "All roads lead, etc."
19. 1903—In red. Letters only across top.
20. 1909—In blue. Fancy, non-pictorial. Rising Sun.
21. 1910—Fancy, plus coat-of-arms.

A combination fair and Jubilee cover. Western Fair, London, 1897. This has been seen with a great variety of business corner cards.





St. John, N.B., Fall Exhibition, 1891. View of St. John Harbor. This particular design may have been used for more than one year.

St. John, N.B., Exhibitions

The various Maritime fairs and exhibitions provide a fine source of cover material. Not the least of these is the St. John—sometimes called the 'International'—exhibition.

22. 1891—(see illustration) No date, may have been used for other years.
23. 1899—'INTERNATIONAL'. Building in small double circle at left.
24. 1900—In blue, lower left only, no year date.
25. 1902—'INTERNATIONAL'. Green over-all, with colorless lettering and large horse.
26. 1904—In brown, over-all full face design. View of harbor. "The Winter Port."
27. 1908—Fancy, with page of calendar.
28. 1910—Type I: Dominion Exhibition. In blue, large shield.
29. 1910—Type II: Dominion Exhibition. In green; shield superimposed on maple leaf, with flag.

Halifax Exhibitions, Etc.

Other than those of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, I have record of only one other event:

30. 1896—Summer Carnival, in blue, waterfront at top, sailor with flag at lower left. This comes with and without a publisher's imprint below sailor.

The covers of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibitions are the most colorful of the

group. At least five of these come in multi-colors.

31. 1897—Composite pictorial, harbor, building, locomotive, etc., in blue.
32. 1899—Multicolored, Nova Scotia flag. Also is a fine patriotic.
33. 1900—Multicolored, similar to 1899, changes in dates and premiums only. Another patriotic.
34. 1902—Multicolored. Chariot and four horses; a real beauty!
35. 1903—(see illustration) Multicolored.
36. 1907—A dirigible. In brown; very scarce.
37. 1908—Multicolored, in green, red and blue. Fancy, with small flag.

Other Maritime Provinces Exhibitions

Other than the St. John and Halifax Exhibitions, there does not seem to be any great number of covers originating in the Maritime Provinces. However, a few were used, some of which are unusually attractive.

38. 1899—Sydney, C.B., Summer Carnival (see illustration).
39. 1898—Dartmouth's Natal Day, in blue. Across top left, picture of "Regatta Day, 1897".
40. 1901—Sussex, N.B. Exhibition. Blue cover, dark blue background to lettering, diagonally, lower left.
41. 1904—Amherst, N.S. "4th Maritime Winter Fair", in blue, lettering and rules only.
42. 1904—Chatham's (N.B.) 2nd Exhibition, in green. Lettering only, boxed in double rules. Top and left.



Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, 1903. A multicolored advertising cover, in green and red. Used from Halifax, June 12, 1903.



Sydney, C.B. (Cape Breton Island, N.S.) Summer Carnival cover of 1899. Two scenes in Sydney Harbor entitled "French Fleet" at top, and "Coronation Day, Sydney Harbor" at bottom. A neat Map stamp cover.

Province of Quebec Exhibitions, Etc.

Why are exhibition covers so scarce from this province? It is known that a great many fairs, carnivals, exhibitions, etc., were held within the province during this period. There should be many more from the cities of Quebec and Montreal.

The principal exhibition in the city of Quebec was apparently originally known as the 'Exposition Agricole et Industrielle' and later became the Provincial Exposition or the 'Exposition Provinciale.'

43. 1898—Exposition Agricole, etc., at Quebec. In red, two allegorical figures and small harbor scene.
44. 1901—Exposition Provinciale, Quebec, in brown. Exhibition building and sheaf of wheat.
45. 1894—Quebec Midwinter Carnival (see illus.)

Montreal covers are equally as scarce but the following two are real beauties:

46. 1897—Montreal Fair, 1897. Multicolored. A fine Jubilee item too! At left, portraits of the Young Queen and the Widowed Queen, plus coat-of-arms.
47. 1909—"Back to Montreal" Celebration. In red. Large magnet and wreath of maple leaves.

The only others from this province which I have seen originated in Sherbrooke, most of them after 1910; only one qualifies for listing:

48. 1907—Dominion Exhibition, Sherbrooke. Lettering in single ruled shield.

Other Ontario Exhibitions, Etc.

Other than those already listed from Toronto and London, there are relatively few attractive exhibition covers from this province.

49. 1897—Berlin, Ont., Diamond Jubilee (see illus.)
50. 1906—Ottawa, Central Canada Exhibition. In green. Lettering only, across top, enclosed in single rule box.
51. 1907—Oshawa Fair. Horse's head.

Exhibitions of the Western Provinces

This is another scarce group, but this is not to be wondered at when one remembers that Alberta and Saskatchewan did not become provinces of the Dominion until 1905. However, the few which have been seen are all attractive.

Quebec Midwinter Carnival, 1894. A tricky way to ride a toboggan! All in red.



Also a Jubilee cover. Berlin (now Kitchener), Ont. Diamond Jubilee celebration, 1897.



52. 1900—Winnipeg, Western Canada's 20th Century Fair. In blue, fancy, non-pictorial.
53. 1905—Winnipeg, Western Canada's Great Industrial Fair. In red and green. Allegorical figure, with wheat field and metropolis.
54. 1909—Calgary, Alberta Provincial Exhibition. In brown, Alberta coat-of-arms and sheaf of wheat.
55. 1910—Calgary, as above, in blue. Composite pictorial featuring wheat field, horse racing, building with horseshoe.
56. 1905—New Westminster, B.C., Dominion Exhibition. In blue, two different coats-of-arms at top left and right. This comes in two sizes.

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Where no colors are mentioned it is understood that the printing is in black.

It is rather difficult to draw a line on what should be included in, or excluded from, this list of fair and exhibition covers. Perhaps some have been included which do not rightfully belong. Those which appeared to be purely a local celebration, such as 'old home days', were excluded. Some of these

(Continued on next page)

ADDENDA

Since writing the article on Early Canadian Exhibition Covers, I have acquired three new types for the St. John, N.B. series of exhibitions. This now brings to 11 the total number of covers known to this writer from this exhibition, prior to 1911.

57. (Would be 22A in old series). 1895—(see illustration). Printed in brown, on private post card. Fancy border around stamp space.

58. (Would be 22B in old series). 1896—'INTERNATIONAL' in black. Fancy scrolls and circle enclosing exhibition building at left.

59. (Would be 27A in old series). Type II: Like Type I it shows pages of calendar, but also has key and exhibition building. "St. John, N.B., the Key to Canada."

And so the list of exhibition covers keeps growing. Can some other BNAPSer come up with enough new ones to warrant compiling a new listing and numbering?



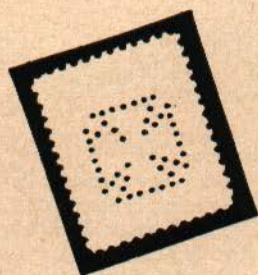
Early St. John, N.B., International Exhibition private post card of 1895. Printed in red-brown. Attractively cancelled with the St. John squared circle, first hammer.

issued some very attractive covers, including (a) a card from Whitby, Ont., 'Ontario County Jubilee', 1904; (b) a card from the 'Cobourg Summer Horse Show', 1908; (c) a cover from Stratford Races, 1909; (d) Smiths Falls 'Citizens' Demonstration', 1899; (e) Guelph, 'The Sons of Scotland, Dominion Day Celebration', 1898.

The classification is purely arbitrary, and

other collectors might like to expand the listings to include the above-mentioned and similar items.

It is not necessary for one to specialize in fair and exhibition covers in order to collect and enjoy them. They make attractive 'show pieces' in a general collection of Canada's postage stamps. One thing for sure—they have eye appeal! ★



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THERE have been fewer perfin columns in recent months for two reasons. Our editor has had more material on hand on other subjects and there has been a scarcity of new subject matter for the perfin secretary to report.

Fortunately these two conditions have coincided. It is at least six months since we have had a new design to report, so it is a pleasure to illustrate the following addition to the catalogue.



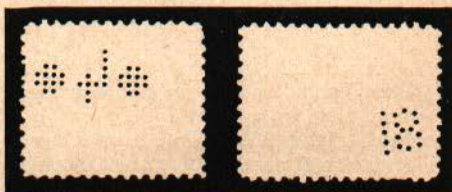
Credit again goes to our enthusiast from Strathmore, Quebec, Wally Gutzman, who has reported more than a normal share of the new designs which have appeared since publication of the handbook.

The stamp is Scott No. 90, the 2c Edward VII, cancelled by wavy lines only, so we have no indication of the town or city of the user and at the time of writing we have no clue as to the owner of this design.

The catalogue listing will be:

No.	Description	User	Issue
R8	RT&/SCo	2H4/4,2½	1903

The other two items illustrated below are thought to be cancelling devices, probably combined with a dater, such as are used in banks for the cancellation of stamps which were required on drafts or notes.



The one with the figure '4' between two spacers is on a 2c carmine Admiral issue and has a manuscript cancellation on the face of the stamp. The '81' or '18' is on the third issue 2c orange Bill stamp of the 1868 issue. There is a blue rubber stamp cancellation on the face, but not clear enough to be legible.

Neither of these will be added to the catalogue listing but are reported as additions to the cancelling devices which were illustrated in the handbook. ★

• **Toronto newspapers** have reported the death of Thomas C. Berkely (BNAPS 767), author of a recent book on the History of Canada on Stamps and contributor to BNA TOPICS. He was also a member of the Royal Philatelic Society. ★



Rounding Up SQUARED CIRCLES

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REVISED DATES FOR ONTARIO

(Part 5—T-W)

Only those dates which supersede the handbook are given here.

Tara

Earliest: Mr 17, 94.

Tavistock

Earliest: Ap 2, 94. (See illustration.)

Teeswater

Earliest: Sp 27, 93; Latest: Ap 27, 98.

Thamesford

Earliest: Oc 28, 93; Latest: Ap 14, 1906.

Sub-type 2.

Thornbury

Earliest: Sp 29, 94; Latest: Sp 21, 96.

Thornhill

Earliest: Mr 30, 95.

Above the date: AM, PM, also blank.

Tillsonburg

Latest: Ju 6, 00.

Toronto

—Bleeker St.

Latest: Mr 3, 95.

—Bleeker St.

Earliest: Mr 4, 95.

RF: 30.

—Parliament St.

Earliest: Oc 2, 93; Latest: No 4, 93.

Above the date: PM (sometimes below the date).

—Queen St. East

Earliest: Au 24, 94; Latest: Ap 18, 00.

Above the date: PM.

—Spadina Ave.

Earliest: Mr 19, 96; Latest: Fe 20, 99.

—Strachan Avenue

(Not 'Ave' as in handbook.)

Earliest: Oc 13, 93; Latest: De 13, 98.

—York Street

Earliest: Ju 26, 93.

In Au '99, grey-green strikes seen.

Vienna

Earliest: Au 14, 94; Latest: Ap 1, 95.

Wallaceburg

Earliest: Sp 14, 94; Latest: Mr 12, 00.

Warina

Delete this handbook error.

Warkworth

Earliest: No 23, 93.

Waterford

Earliest: Sp 30, 93; Latest: Ap 14, 98.

Waterloo

Latest: Ju 2, 1922.

RF: 15 (For 1915-22 dates: 40).

Watford

Earliest: Fe 16, 94; Latest: Oc 15, 96.

(See illustration.)



WATFORD, Ont. A rarity! On superb pair 1c Small Queen. Possibly unique. From collection of Max Rosenthal.

Wellington

Earliest: Ap 9, 95.

Note: The year is at the top of the indicia.

Weston

Latest: Fe 6, 02.

Known with 'AU' below date (not August!)

Whitby

Earliest: Ja 19, 94.

Wilton

Earliest: Ap 20, 94; Latest: Ja —, 99.

Williamstown

Latest: Fe 3, 00.

Windsor

Latest: Oc 5, 98.

Note: Windsor, N.S., also had a squared circle.

Wingham

Now known in two 'states':

I A true Type Two.

Earliest: Au 2, 93; Latest: Fe 4, 94.

RF: 50.

II Sub-type 5.

Earliest: (Please report); Latest: Ju 16, 02.

RF: 15.

(See TOPICS, Feb. 1957, for story.)

Winona

Earliest: Ap 1, 95; Latest: Oc 20, 00.

Woodstock

Earliest: Mr 13, 94; Latest: Oc 23, 99.

Woodville

Earliest: No 6, 93; Latest: Mr 20, 04.

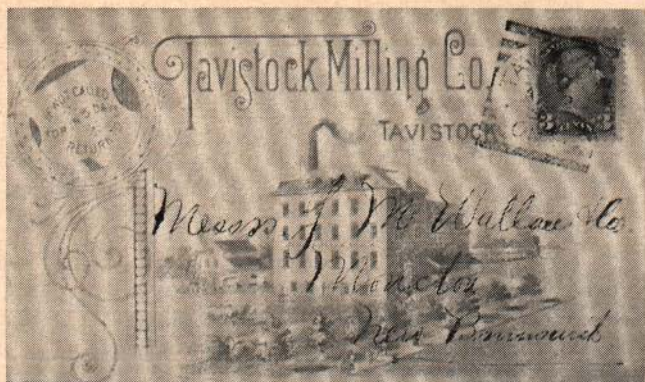
Wooler

Earliest: De 4, 94; Latest: Ap 26, 1911.

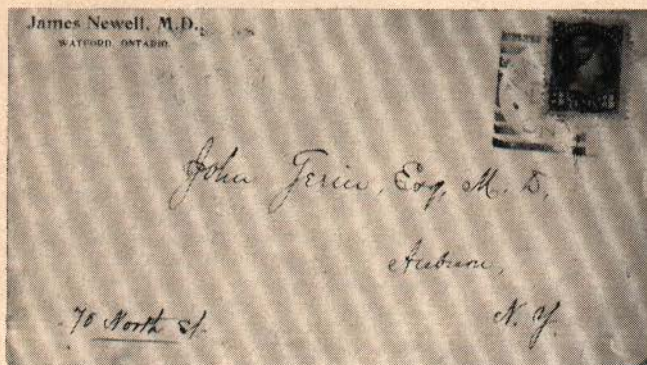
Sub-type 3.

Another Find: Lambton Mills, Ont.

C. A. Kemp has done it again! I have just viewed his latest find, a partial strike on 3c Small Queen of what is undoubtedly LAMBTON MILLS, Ont. The date does not



TAVISTOCK, Ont. A charming illustrated cover from Ed Richardson's collection. (Below) WATFORD, Ont., also by courtesy of Ed Richardson.



show, but judging by the shade I should certainly say the year was 1893 or '94. Our hearty congratulations, Mr. Kemp! Coming so soon on the heels of your find of Revelstoke, B.C. (was it in the same big unpicked lot of 3c Small Queens?) you have achieved history in making two important discoveries so close together. Squared circle fans will more than ever be looking for unpicked lots of Small Queen issues, although these are fast drying up. Needless to say, the hero of this story found other good things in this lot, besides R.P.O.s, etc. He is a very modest gentleman who doesn't rush into print too readily, but I think he should tell readers of TOPICS something about this terrific lot, should give us an over-all picture, however brief.

We now have eight squared circle towns, unknown when the handbook was published, to look for—one in Nova Scotia, five in Ontario, and two in British Columbia. A brief description of these follows.

A short description, taken from Lovell's Gazetteer, 1908, as to location, railway service, etc., of each of the squared circle

towns discovered since the publication of the handbook:

FREEPORT, N.S. On an island (Long Island) at the mouth of St. Mary's Bay and the Bay of Fundy, in Digby Co., N.S., 15 m. from Weymouth (on D.A.Ry.) and 40 m. from Digby. Pop. 700. PM: A. F. Outhouse. RF: 40-50.

FORT WILLIAM WEST, Ont. In Thunder Bay District, Ont., and a station on the C.P.R. and C.N.R. (called West Fort), 3 m. from Fort William, with which it is also connected by an electric railways. Pop.: ? PM: A. McLaren. RF: 50.

LAMBTON MILLS, Ont. York Co., on Humber River, ½ m. from C.P.R. station at Lambton, 8 m. N.W. of Toronto. Pop.: 200. PM: Thos. Elliott. RF: 50.

MILLBROOK, Ont. Durham Co. G.T.R. (Pt. Hope, Peterboro' and Midland Div.), 17 m. N. of Port Hope; 13 m. S. of Peterboro'. Pop. about 1,000. PM: Wm. Vance. RF: 50.

SIMCOE, Ont. Norfolk Co., on Lynn River; a divisional centre, G.T.R., 3 m. N.W. of Port Dover and 17 m. from Port Rowan (both on L. Erie); 32 m. S.W. of Woodstock. Pop.: 3,064. PM: H. Mulkins. RF: 50.

WATERDOWN, Ont. Wentworth Co., G.T.R., 6 m. from Hamilton; 39 m. from Toronto. Pop.: 800. PM: Jas. B. Thompson. RF: 50.



What circumstances prompted a single strike of '4' and two additional strikes of '5' in Winnipeg on Sp 28, 97, all with the third hammer? Perhaps the three stamps at the left were covered by another letter when the '4' was struck. Later '5' supplied the necessary cancelling. (L. M. Ludlow).

MISSION CITY, B.C. In New Westminster District, On Fraser River, C.P.R. (Mission Jct.) 42 m. E. of Vancouver. Pop.: 300. PM: M. Des Brisay
RF: 50.

REVELSTOKE, B.C. In Kootenay District on Columbia River, C.P.R. (main line; a divisional point), 43 m. W. of Glacier; 379 m. E. of Vancouver. The gateway via the Kootenay Rail and Steamer lines to Arrowhead and Nakusp. Pop.: 3,500. PM: F. B. Wells.
RF: 50.

The Revelstoke 'Find'

From a letter dated November 25, 1957:

"Dear Dr. Whitehead: I acknowledge return of the Revelstoke, B.C., 'find' which I mailed for your examination.

"Concentrating on only the three cent Small Queens off cover the chance of uncovering some hitherto unreported squared circle seemed remote, but this Revelstoke, Type Two, dated Aug. 2, 93, would seem to indicate that we may still look for an occasional discovery in the squared circle field.

"It is something of a coincidence that the last find, reported a few months ago, was also a British Columbia cancel—Mission City.

"If these 'finds' keep coming every few months, the Rol of Honor for 250 or more will have to be adjusted upwards.

"I wonder what town or city will be next.

"C. A. Kemp."

Know Your Squared Circles Quiz No. 3

1. Name the Ontario towns deleted from the handbook.
2. Describe the six different 'states' of QUE & CAMP MC LOCAL No. 20.
3. Give a list of the Manitoba squared circles.

(For answers see page 19)

Squared Circle Forgeries

Readers of BNA TOPICS may recall an interesting article in the June 1955 issue, written by the noted authority on forgeries, G. P. Bainbridge, on the subject "Forgeries of the 1897 Jubilees."

The article was accompanied by a number of photographic illustrations which unfortunately were not too clear, and the writer, who was recently accorded the privilege of examining the stamps in question, was very much surprised to note a fact not too apparent in the TOPICS illustrations—namely that the forgeries of the \$1 and \$5 denominations were cancelled with squared circle postmarks! Both values bore the same impression, purportedly from HIGH STREET—TORONTO, the indicia in three lines being AM/Oct 11/97.

On the face of it these postmarks appear to be quite authentic, being very similar in dimensions and general appearance to, and obviously copied from, the genuine postmark contemporaneously used by YORK STREET—TORONTO. However, as there has never been a High Street postal station in Toronto (and no High Street for that matter), the postmarks are obviously as bogus as the stamps, a fact which is not too surprising.—H. M. Dilworth (No. 692).

Airmails and B.N.A. Bring High Prices in Harmer Rooke Sale

A California collection of airmails of the world, with a few added items, sold for \$26,507 in the 'B.N.A. and Airmail' sale held in November by Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc., of New York. The British North America portion brought \$9,484.

In the air mail section of the sale, a Newfoundland 'Columbia' (No. C5) brought \$500; the 'Labrador' set of 1933 in imperf. pairs brought \$580.

In the B.N.A. section, exceptional prices were repeatedly noticed. A British Columbia 50c on 3p violet, No. 12, realized \$40 (cat. \$45), and an 1869 5c on 3p light red brought \$77.50, or \$2.50 over catalogue. Canada No. 1, the laid paper 3p on cover, brought \$115.

An 1857 entire of Zack's Snow-Shoe Express, unused, realized \$42.50. ★

Food
will
win the war
don't waste it

1

Food
will
win the war
don't waste it

2

2

BUY
MADE IN
NEWFOUNDLAND
GOODS

3

HAVE YOU
CONTRIBUTED
TO THE
WAR MEMORIAL

4

ADDRESS
MAIL
TO
STREET OR
BOX NUMBER

5

NEW FOUNDLAND
FOR YOUR
VACATION
WRITE TOURIST
BUREAU

6

BRITISH EMPIRE

EXHIBITION 1924 7

WEAR A
- POPPY -
REMEMBRANCE
DAY

8

NEWFOUNDLAND
FOR YOUR
VACATION
WRITE TOURIST
BUREAU

9

COMMEMORATING
- FIRST -
TRANS ATLANTIC
AIR-MAIL
JUNE 14TH 1919

10

PREVENT
FOREST FIRES
- SAVE -
OUR FORESTS

11

SHOP AND
MAIL EARLY
INSURE
PARCELS

12

KEEP
SUNDAY
SACRED

13

"BUY GOODS
MADE IN
NEWFOUNDLAND"

14

EAT MORE
NEWFOUNDLAND FISH -
HELP OUR FISHERMEN

15

SAVE FOR SECURITY.
BUY SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.
VITAL FOR VICTORY.

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Newfoundland Postal Slogans

AT A RECENT monthly meeting of the New York Group of BNAPS, I was showing Newfoundland postal stationery, as well as odds and ends of cancellations, and I was pleasantly surprised at the interest in the postal slogans.

In all, Newfoundland only had 19 different prior to joining Canada on April 1, 1949, and the task of completing these is well within the pocket book range of all Newfoundland collectors. It was back in August 1945 that I published the list of 16 known slogans. In subsequent issues of TOPICS three new slogans were added and the earliest and latest recorded dates of use were also listed. As we had less than 200 members at that time and now have close to 1,000, the editor has agreed to republish the article and it has been refurbished and brought up to date.

With the astronomical figures being realized for fine Newfoundland material now this might well be a very pleasant philatelic sideline as I'm relatively certain that any Newfoundland cover collector must have quite a few of the varieties in his collection. I'm certain, also, that the rest can be purchased at prices ranging from 10 cents to \$1. All slogans listed were used at St. John's only, with one exception which will be noted later. This one slogan was also used from St. John's East.

1. Record of use from Feb. 8, 1918, to Jan. 3, 1919.
2. Exactly the same as No. 1 except for the figure '2' found to the right of the slogan. Record of use from Feb. 6, 1918, to Dec. 21, 1918.
3. Record of use from June 10, 1921, to April 5, 1928, at St. John's and from Sept. 11, 1928, to Feb. 20, 1934, at St. John's East.
4. Put into use on March 14, 1922, and latest record of use is Sept. 26, 1922.
5. Enjoyed a tenure of more than 10 years, as Huber states that the first day of use was March 1, 1923, and last record of use is Nov. 2, 1933.
6. 'Newfoundland' written as two separate words. Record of use from April 28, 1925, to July 28, 1926.

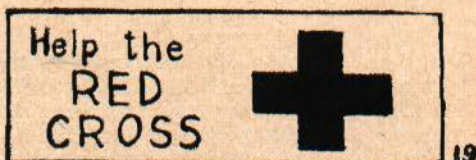
7. According to Huber, this slogan cancellation was in use from Oct. 17, 1923, to Oct. 31, 1924.
- 7a. Exactly the same as No. 7 except that the year appears as '1925' instead of '1924'. This slogan is recorded in Boggs and in the 1928 price list of Rev. E. A. Butler. However, I have never seen an example of this slogan and its appearance in this list is based solely on the basis of the above-mentioned references, although personally I doubt that it exists.
8. Followed directly after No. 7 and was put in use on Oct. 31, 1924, and latest record of use Oct. 21, 1925.
9. 'Newfoundland' written as one word. Record of use from May 3, 1927, to Sept. 29, 1930.
10. A commemorative slogan and only in use on June 14, 1929.
11. Record of use from July 18, 1929, to Feb. 12, 1934.
12. Record of use from Nov. 20, 1928, to April 14, 1932.

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DRIVE SLOWLY
 DRIVE RIGHT
 DRIVE SAFELY

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13. One of the scarce ones and usually found as a backstamp in conjunction with the 1931 flight to the White Bay District. Record of use from Nov. 2, 1930, to Feb. 18, 1931.
14. Record of use from May 16, 1934, to Nov. 2, 1937.
15. Record of use from Jan. 8, 1938, to Dec. 12, 1940.
16. Record of use from Jan. 7, 1941, to Dec. 20, 1944.
17. Placed into use on April 21, 1947, with the issuance of the 4c Princess Elizabeth and used again on June 24, 1947, when the 5c Cabot appeared.
18. Record of use from May 1, 1947, to Nov. 13, 1947.
19. Placed in use on May 1, 1948, and withdrawn on June 11, 1948. ★



REVENUE GROUP

News

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

A NEW VALUE has been added to the current (1938) issue of **Saskatchewan Law Stamps**. This is the \$20 value in a bright carmine shade. As all revenue collectors know, the 1938 issue is of the same design as the third issue, that of 1908, but the new set represents color changes. All values of the 1908 issue have appeared in the 1938 set long before this in their various color changes, but the \$20 red-brown continued in use. Just when this bright carmine color change took place we do not know, but it is a very distinctive color variety. This will become Holmes' No. SL56.

Cape Breton Law Stamp. We have just recently secured the new 50c light green Cape Breton Island Law stamp of a wholly new design. Does anyone know just when this was issued. It is perf. 12, and is printed on a wove paper which gives the appearance of being laid (horizontal). The central design is a bookshelf of books with a 'sunburst' background. Figures of value appear in circles in each corner. A banner across the top reads CAPE BRETON LAW STAMP, and a similar banner across the bottom reads CAPE BRETON CANADA. The use of the word 'Island' and any reference to its being part of the province of Nova Scotia is missing.

Nova Scotia — Halifax Law Library Stamps. In December 1956 BNAPS'er H. W. Walker reported two new varieties of the Halifax Law Library stamps. Similar in design to previous issues but bearing no de-

nomination in the design. These exist with and without the handstamped denominational overprint. We illustrate herewith this month the variety with the '1' overprint in carmine. I have had a couple of inquiries regarding the existence of this same stamp with a '50c' overprint. So far I have not seen one, nor have I been able to find anyone who has seen one. If any BNAPS'er has one or knows of their existence, will he kindly get in touch with the editor of this column.



Manitoba Third Provisional Issue. Just where are all the counterfeits of this issue coming from? A number of lots have been reported on the market in recent months. One large lot appeared in a well known New York auction house sale, but was withdrawn when its true character was pointed out. Other lots have been offered by dealers from all over the U.S.—from New York to California. Some are offered as 'counterfeits', other as 'Unofficial Reprints', or as 'proofs'. They are fakes!

While the central design is close enough to the original to have been printed from the same plates, the denomination overprints and the 'LS' and 'CF' overprints differ greatly from the genuine. The easiest

test however is the paper. The genuine copies are on a **white** wove with a distinct **horizontal** mesh. The counterfeits seen by the editor are on slightly **yellowish** paper with a distinct **vertical** mesh.

Gas Inspection 'Jump' Control Numbers.
A great deal of confusion exists as to what is meant by Holmes' note on page 266—just after FG19—the \$10 blue Gas Inspection stamp of 1937.

This note reads: "Large blocks will sometimes show a 'Jump' on control numbers."

Actually it is not necessary to have a "large block" to show this 'jump'. Normally the control numbers are set to read consecutively in horizontal rows, from left to right. In the \$10 denomination, however, it is possible to find them numbered consecutively in vertical rows reading down. In this layout the horizontal rows of control numbers will appear to have a 'jump'. A pair of such are illustrated herewith this



month. Note that the jump is of five numbers.

Quebec 1906 Registration Issue. Do you think all the varieties in the older issues are already known . . . that there is nothing to be found? Guess again! Bill Rocket has come up with two brand new smacking new varieties in this issue — two varieties on **watermarked** paper. These are the 50c black and the \$2 brown. The watermark appears to be that of the papermaker. We have examined copies of both values, and it appears to us that they are large double-lined letters, and only a small portion of the entire watermark falls on each stamp. So, happy hunting! ★

WITH THE GROUPS

The Edmonton Group

MEEETING once a month in the homes of various members, this group of BNAPSers exemplifies the tradition of the Society—get two or more members of BNAPS together, and they have themselves a 'ball'.

A visit with this group at a recent meeting held at the home of **M. J. Ward** (BNAPS 735) would have revealed 10 members present, with President **E. C. Powell** (BNAPS 1351) presiding. The meetings are informal but thoroughly enjoyed by all attending.

A very interesting talk was given by **W. Rorke** on the half cent of the Large Cents issue. By mounting the stamps on a glass and placing another piece of glass over them, it was possible to pass the stamps around among the group for the examination of both face and back.

With the election of officers at the end of the year, 1957 secretary, **F. N. Harris** (BNAPS 1147) will be president for 1958. **A. W. McIntyre** (BNAPS 762), a member of this group, is stamp editor of the Edmonton Journal.

Most of the members of this group also belong to the Edmonton Stamp Club which meets twice monthly in the public library. An eagerly-awaited annual event is the 'get-together' in Red Deer, Alberta, where the Edmonton Stamp Club and the stamp clubs of Calgary join forces for an exhibit, auction and dinner, and a good time!

The 'welcome' mat is always out with this group, as it is with all BNAPS groups, so if you're visiting Edmonton contact a fellow BNAPSer, even if it is only to say a few words of greeting.

● News of the various groups will be welcomed for publication in this column. Send your reports to **Al Kessler, Publicity Chairman, 7934 Pickering St., Philadelphia 50, Penna.** ★

ANSWERS TO SQUARED CIRCLE QUIZ

(See page 15)

1. Coldwater, Metcalf(e), Warina, Wikwemikong.
2. See handbook, page 29.
3. Birtle, Brandon, Deloraine, Elkhorn, Gretna, Hartney, McGregor Station, Manitou, Minnedosa, Morden, Neepawa, Pipestone, Portage la Prairie, St. Boniface, Selkirk, Souris, Winnipeg (four hammers).

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



JIM SISSONS, in his Sept. 25 sale, sold two interesting Newfoundland items. As they are not often offered for sale, it is interesting and illuminating to learn the prices realized. A mint corner sheet margin copy of the Officially Sealed stamp on blue paper realized \$27, while a well centered, lightly cancelled copy of the \$20 Queen Victoria revenue stamp with two perfs. short at the bottom, went for \$35.

Bill Pollitz, BNAPS No. 763, Boston, Mass., had some nice Newfoundland items in his Oct. 19 sale, and they realized very fair prices. Two gummed perforated proofs of the 2c Scott No. 24, from the Trade Sample sheet, brought \$19.50 and \$20.50 each. Five copies of gummed perforated proofs of the 5c Scott No. 25 sold for \$19.50 and a sixth went for \$20. The essay of the 10c Prince Consort, Scott No. 27, with 'Five' in the value tablet instead of 'Ten', realized \$45. Six gummed perforated proofs of the 10c from the same Trade Sample sheet went to the highest bidder at \$30 each while two copies of the 13c, Scott No. 30, in the same condition were knocked down at \$19.50 each. An item of postal stationery that is seldom seen, a used portion of the Post and Reply card, Bond No. NCH1, didn't stop until it reached \$7.25.

The price of the 3c, Scott No. 246, in the line perf. 14.1, seems to be on the way up, at least the asking price is. Last month we reported that an English dealer was asking £25 for the stamp in mint condition and in the Oct. 25 issue of Stamp Collecting, Bridger & Kay Ltd. of London, list the stamp at £27 10s—a new high. At the same time, they also quote the 15c, Scott No. 195, in line perf. 14.1, at 30/-, the 20c, Scott No. 196, at £6, and the 25c, Scott No. 197, at £5.

Paging Arthur Moll! The Nov. 23 issue of 'Stamps' contains an advertisement from the firm of E. Beaver, 3 Bloomsbury St., London W.C.1, England, offering for sale

an upper left corner block of the 5c Caribou, Scott No. 191, in imperforate condition: Imperforate blocks of this stamp are not too rare but upper left blocks are because that is the block that contains the plate number and this one has the small '3' to denote the plate it is from. The asking price is \$110, and if Arthur doesn't take it we would be tempted to purchase it ourselves. A word to Stan Wood of New Zealand: "The reason you weren't notified of the offer is that we happen to know that just such a block is already part of your collection. We saw it among the pages of your exhibit that won the silver medal at BNAPEX-57."

I guess it was just a matter of time. Away back in the early 1940s when we were just starting to build up a Newfoundland philatelic library, one of the first periodicals we picked up was the June 1930 issue of the 'Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.' The reason for the acquisition was the article, "Varieties Unchronicled, Uncatalogued, or Not Generally Known" by A. J. Sefi. Two of the varieties mentioned were Newfoundland items. The first was a variety of the 12c Scott Nos. 28, 28a and 29, which was amply covered by us in the March 1953 issue of TOPICS. The second was another breed of pups—it was a re-entry on the 13c ship, Scott No. 30, and we've been looking for it ever since. The other day we spotted it as one of a group of three copies of No. 30 being offered for sale, and we bought the lot and took the time to examine the re-entry and report on it. The most readily recognizable feature of the re-entry shows to the right of the bow of the ship as a spot of color directly below the juncture of the two front sails. The second feature, and this one needs a glass, is a duplication of the circle around the left '13'. The duplication exists slightly to the right. There are further signs of duplication in the figures of value at the left and also in the words of the value at the bottom. ★

CANADIAN AIRMAILS

A Pioneer Canadian Air Flight

AT OUR BNAPS convention last September, an item among John Cornelius's fine collection drew our attention. It was a rare 1920 flight cover with a pioneer air stamp, which is illustrated here. It was a flight sponsored by the Grand Army of United Veterans (an organization somewhat like the Canadian Legion) who had obtained permission from Ottawa to issue a special air mail label for use during their athletic carnival in Toronto.

The A.A.M.C. describes this flight with these words: "1920, May 28th. Toronto-Hamilton and return. A special black vignette, value \$1, was issued for this service. The plane left Toronto at 4 p.m. and arrived at Hamilton 4.45 p.m. The return flight was postmarked Hamilton at 11.30 a.m. and back-stamped Toronto 7.30 p.m. Pilot: Arthur K. Colley and mechanic W. C. Landigan (Landrigan) of Colley Aerial Service."

We searched for more facts, but old To-

ronto newspapers elicited little information. Later we located Mr. Lawrence Landrigan, a brother of one of the flyers, and he very generously offered to help after informing us that both flyers had died within the last two years.

In 1919 Arthur K. Colley was known as an excellent pilot and stunt flyer, and had even once flown beneath a Niagara Falls bridge! With W. C. Landrigan, the Colley Air Service was formed, one of the first such ventures in Ontario. Their airline consisted of two Curtis 'Canucks' and one JN 4D 'Jennie.' They operated from Armour Heights and Leaside Airdrome, and were among the first to fly aircraft as a service into Northern Ontario (New Liskard and Timmins). In 1924 Colley graduated in medicine and became Dr. A. K. Colley.

We understand that 'mechanic' Bill Landrigan was also a pilot. In 1919, with Traymore Air Service, he demonstrated his ability with air stunts to the Prince of Wales



A cover carried by Colley and Landrigan on their 1920 pioneer flight from Toronto to Hamilton, May 28, 1920.



Arthur K. Colley, pilot and stunt flyer, and his partner W. C. Landrigan, with one of their planes and 'friends.'

who later became the Duke of Windsor. The Prince called him a "dare-devil" and this became his nickname.

In 1920 an Ottawa paper wrote: "Perhaps the most thrilling feature of the whole afternoon were the airplane stunts of 'Dare-Devil' Landrigan, who rambles about the wings of an airplane circling about the

field, with apparently as much comfort and ease as an ordinary person on the street. Landrigan, who evidently has little respect for his skin, climbs down into the upper and back again, walks serenely along and finally is seen hanging from the axle of the landing wheels. Many who saw him yesterday refused to believe that this was not faked, but were convinced when they saw the performer jauntily pull himself up to cockpit of his machine."

Among this pilot's effects, stamped covers with special stamps and labels were found in an envelope. As their value was not realized, they were destroyed! We wonder how many covers are still in existence. Only about 29 letters were reported to have been flown. ★

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A poster advertising the stunts of 'Daredevil' Bill Landrigan, a popular act at fairs in the '20s.

THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

(Continued from page 6)

order was given to the Printing Bureau for a supply of stamps overprinted WAR TAX, and a post office circular was issued stating that these stamps would be on sale at post offices on Feb. 12, 1915 (to coincide with the date when the tax on wines was to come into effect). Before this order was delivered, it was realized by the Post Office Department or the Inland Revenue Department that this overprint, if and when issued, might cause confusion. So another order was sent to the Printing Bureau for a supply of stamps overprinted INLAND REVENUE WAR TAX, but this second order did not cancel the first.

When the designated date of issue, Feb. 12, arrived, supplies of the first overprinted series had been received from the Printing Bureau, but no information had been received as to when the second series might be expected. So the first series was issued to comply with the post office circular specifying the date Feb. 12. Actually the second series arrived next day and was promptly issued.

This information from Mr. Reiche is most interesting and sheds a great deal of light on the circumstances surrounding the issuing of these stamps during the hectic months at the beginning of World War I. However, we are still left with at least one unsolved problem. Why was the first series allowed to remain on sale from Feb. 13 onwards, side by side with the second series? It had already been feared that the wording of the first series would be likely to cause confusion, hence the hasty ordering of the second series. Surely it would have been logical to withdraw the first series on Feb. 13.

Mr. Reiche says that supplies of the first series were bought for speculative purposes by dealers during the months when they remained on sale, and he also points out that specimens which have done genuine postal duty are very rare, most of the 'used' copies which one sees having been made to order, many of them in Montreal, bearing dates April 20 or 21, 1915. This coincide with my own opinion, as expressed on page 74 of March 1957 TOPICS, and the dates are the same as those on my specimens.

It would be interesting to hear the views

of other members on the problems which still surround these issues, and particularly to hear from collectors who possess undoubtedly genuine postally used specimens of the first series.

F. W. L. Keans (No. 565)

World War I Camps and Admirals

From my collection I can add two more World War I Canadian Army camps, that had field post offices, to those listed in the footnote to "Canada's First Official Air Mail" (Jan. 1957, BNA TOPICS). They are: Barriefield Camp, Ont., on MR3 dated AU 16, 16, and Calgary Camp, Alta., on MR3 dated OC 17, 16. Barriefield is near Kingston.

Although I haven't the re-entry on the 1c yellow Admiral which Mr. Hans Reiche mentioned Dec. 1956 BNA TOPICS, I have a remarkable re-entry on the 1c green Admiral, which I think is of major importance. All the letters of 'Canada Postage' show doubling more or less and in the white space surrounding the vignette there is a line of color, on the left side, curving upward from 'N' to 'DA' of CANADA, and on the right side, curving downwards from 'S' to 'A' of POSTAGE. The entire re-entry indicates that the first one had been made too low. The stamp is dated MR 5, '15.

Edward J. McGrath (No. 857)

1932 Provisionals

In TOPICS for November 1957, there appeared on page 282 a short article on Canada's 1932 Provisionals. I would like to point out that this variety has been known for many years and is listed in my Catalogue of Constant Plate Varieties as No. 191-A-25.

Mr. Piggott mentions that he has this variety in Die 1 and 2. The actual constant plate variety comes from a plate between 3 and 6. I am not certain of the actual position and the plate, but it cannot be found on Die 2 because this die exists from plate 7-up only. The variety Mr. Piggott owns in Die 2 may be a dot after the '3' but it is not constant. I have a number of such copies in my collection, but these have never proven to be constant. This information may be of interest to Mr. Piggott and other readers.

Hans Reiche (No. 783)



Holiday-With-Pay Stamps

In reply to Mr. E. A. Richardson's inquiries concerning Holiday-With-Pay stamps (p. 70, TOPICS, March 1957) we illustrate herewith the Manitoba items (bottom row) and two other items from the provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec (top row).

The Manitoba Vacation Pay Credit stamps have the same design for the 1c, 2c and 5c. These stamps, measuring 20x18½ mm., are all violet in color, and are printed in panes of 10, 5x2, straight edges all round, so that every stamp has one or two straight edges. The 10c orange and 25c brown, measuring 20x18 mm., are of identical design. Yet another design has been used for the 50c rose (blue control numbers) which measures 27x32 mm. The 1c, 2c and 5c are perf. 12½, whereas the others are perf. 12. All values are lithographed.

The New Brunswick Vacation stamps are of identical design, engraved., measuring 21½x18½ mm., perf. 12. The set consists of 1c steel grey, 2c yellow-brown, 5c yellow, 10c green, 25c orange, 50c blue, \$1 red-orange, \$5 purple.

The Quebec Vacation Pay Credit stamps are of identical design, engraved, measuring 22x19½ mm., perf. 12. The set consists of 1c bistre-brown, 2c red-orange, 5c orange, 10c grey, 25c red-brown, 50 green, \$1 blue and \$2 purple.

There are no City of Winnipeg Holiday Pay stamps known to have been issued; it

is believed that the report concerning these items has arisen from the fact that the Manitoba Vacation Pay Credit stamps are used largely in the city of Winnipeg by construction employees who do not work with a firm for a year to qualify for a two-week holiday with pay. Two per cent of the employee's wages is deducted in such cases, and the stamps, which are affixed in a special book provided for the purpose, are redeemable at face when the employee goes on vacation.

Harold W. Walker (No.1380)

Pleasure of Squared Circles

One pleasant feature of the collecting of squared circles is that one need not be an expert in order to contribute something to the general knowledge of the subject. The following items may be of some interest:

An interesting variety occurs on the Weston squared circle, the letters AU being used instead of a year date. I have five examples of this dated in two lines SP 11/AU, SP 28/AU, SP 29/AU, and two with SP 30/AU—all on the 3c Small Queen. Normals found in the same lot are dated OC 96.

An oddity exists on the Cardinal, Ont., squared circle. The writer has a 1c Small Queen dated M— 20/42, and a 3c Small Queen dated MR 26/42, both impossible dates, but perfectly clear.

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THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

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The Merrickville, Ont., squared circle indicia may be found in two forms, early strikes reading like PM/NO 30/99, but later ones like OC/30/01. Incidentally, the latter method was continued at Merrickville after the squared circle had been abandoned.

The Hamilton squared circle used in 1913-14 has '1' above the date.

Dr. Whitehead's wonderful book states that Prescott has 'PM' above the date. It would be interesting to be able to pinpoint the date of the omission of 'PM'. I have 'PM' on a stamp dated FE 19, 94, but it had vanished by MR 5 of the same year.

The handbook states that AM, PM will be found above the date for the Stirling squared circle. The space above the date may be found blank in 1901-2-3.

Although the last known date for the Ottawa squared circle is given as June 1905, some maintain that it was used later to precancel stamps. I have a 2c carmine Admiral tied securely to piece by the Ottawa squared circle; it is thus used without indicia.

A beautiful, illustrated cover in the writer's collection shows a clear Smiths Falls squared circle date OC 31, 01. Beside it is a perfect strike of Smiths Falls town-in-circle cancellation of the same date. Until some iconoclast comes along, I shall go on dreaming that this is a last-day-first-day cover!

Paul L. Brown (No. 652)

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THE LAST WORD

By THE EDITOR

'Free Press' Stamp Raises Storm of Protest . . . From the Press!

THE STAMP honoring Canada's press and also commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Dominion's co-operative news gathering agency, The Canadian Press, should be a likely candidate for the worst design of 1958—and it is only the first in the parade of eight stamps planned for the coming year. Perhaps the actual stamp, due January 22, will be better than the publicity picture issued by the post office—it can be little worse! Last month we reported that the 5c Wildlife (Loon) had been chosen by a British publication as one of the world's best designs for 1957. We may still be fortunate enough to have another stamp in the same category for 1958, but this new 'Press' stamp most certainly will not qualify. There has been widespread comment on this design in the daily and weekly newspapers of Canada. May we quote one excerpt that caught our eye, written by Judith Robinson in the Toronto Telegram:

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The Postmaster General's reply to criti-

cism of the first stamp to be issued since the new government took office, was that it was in the printing stage when he took over the department. We will reserve judgment until Mr. Hamilton has a chance to carry through a design on his own . . . let us hope there will be some improvement.

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• ANOTHER QUESTION FOR THE P.O.

. . . During November 2 cent and 4 cent Canadian stamps of the regular issue appeared without plate numbers and other marginal inscriptions. It is also reported from the Post Office Department that the forthcoming 'Press' stamp will carry no plate numbers. If this is to become a policy of government on future issues, may we ask WHY? Plate block collecting is a very popular branch of our hobby, and the sale of plate blocks must have netted the government a tidy sum over the years. The numbers must have some use or they would not have been added to the plates in the first place. So, why are they to be discontinued?

Far be it from us to urge that the plate numbers be used just for the extra revenue they provide in the sale of blocks to collectors, but they are an almost indispensable means of identification for varieties in modern Canadian stamps. There will likely be some announcement from the post office, but in the meantime we are puzzled.

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