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Early in June, two members of **ROBSON LOWE LTD.** of London and Bournemouth, are visiting North America. They hope to see many old friends and to make many new ones. With their intimate knowledge of the world's stamp market they hope to be of service to all who want to take advantage of the extraordinary conditions ruling in England since the Finance Regulations were altered on January 20th, 1958, whereby collectors resident in North America can now sell their collections in England and receive payment in dollars.



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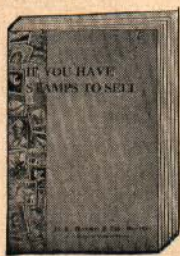
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PAUL L. BROWN (BNAPS 652)

THE HON. JAMES MORRIS

FIRST POSTMASTER-GENERAL OF CANADA

ON THE EVENING of Tuesday, May 6, 1851, approximately 70 gentlemen took their seats at the well-filled tables at Wilson's (now the Revere) Hotel, Brockville, C.W., to celebrate the appointment of the Hon. James Morris as the first Postmaster-General after the transfer of the post office department from Imperial control to that of Canada. That Mr. Morris was held in high regard is certain, since those attending the testimonial dinner paid 22 shillings and 6 pence each for the privilege of doing him honor. Perhaps it should be added, in the interests of accuracy, that the teetotallers, of whom 24 were present, were required to pay five shillings less. However, the rest of the company received full value for their extra five shillings, since no less than 19 toasts were drunk during the evening.

Who was this man whom so many delighted to honor? James Morris was born in Paisley, Scotland, in 1798. He came to Canada with his parents in 1801, his father, Alexander Morris, settling first at Montreal and afterwards at Brockville. On leaving school James became a general merchant in Brockville, along with his brothers Alexander and William.

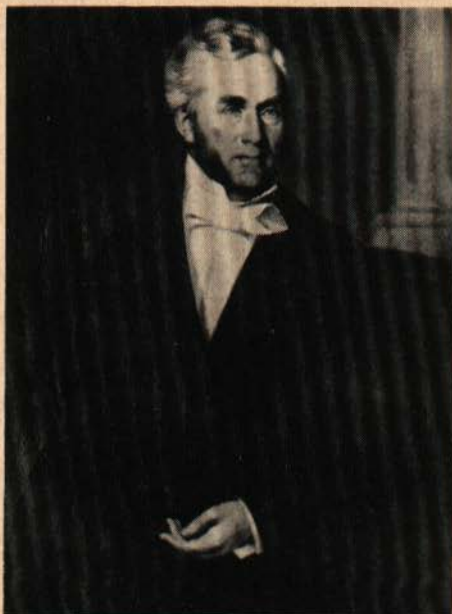
He was elected to the Upper Canada House of Assembly in 1837 and in 1841 was elected to the first Legislative Assembly of Canada after the union of Upper and Lower Canada.

On his appointment as Postmaster-General he was termed by the Toronto 'Globe' to be "an energetic, upright, practical man of close business habits" and a later report bears out the fact that the gentleman continued these habits in his new office. On April 10, 1851, the Brockville 'Recorder and Star' reported: "It has been stated that the post office authorities are to be removed to Toronto and that the salaries of the principal officers of the Postmaster-

General's office are to be materially reduced." This statement was made just four days after Mr. Morris' appointment became effective.

The accompanying photograph was made by George Eland of Brockville, from a magnificent painting of the Honorable William Morris which hangs in the officers' mess in the Armories in that city. Morris was commanding officer of the 1st Battalion of Leeds (41st Regt., Brockville Rifles) from 1846 to 1856.

It is evident that Canada's first Postmaster-General was held in high regard by his contemporaries, and was a "noble exemplification of a character in which the Christian and the gentleman are harmoniously blended." ★



HON. JAMES MORRIS



REVENUE GROUP

News

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

Unemployment Issues—Plate Numbers. What with all the hub-bub about plate numbers being or not being available to collectors of Canadian postage issues, it might be of news to revenue fans that there is one issue at least of current revenue stamps that also bear plate numbers. They have been reported on the 1955 issue, the 1957 color change, and the 1957 Fishermen overprinted issues. Needless to say, there are not many of these in collections! With regulations being what they are, yours truly is still looking for his first one!

Percé en scie. Recently some of the Ontario Law stamps, with the 'C.F.', 'L.S.' and 'F.F.' overprints have appeared in auction catalogues with the variety "Percé en scie." Apparently some of the newer revenue fans are not acquainted with these, as I have had more than the usual number of inquiries about them recently. Percé en scie is a type of roulette, sometimes called a "serrate" roulette or "sawtooth" roulette. The roulette cuts resemble sawteeth, forming small triangles. These are mentioned in the C.R.S. Catalogue of Canadian Revenue Stamps, from which we quote:

"Complete sets with all three overprints exist with serrate roulette close to the design, and with gutters between the rows and columns of stamps; these are known mint only."

So take another look, revenue fans—those mint copies you have with the 'perforations' close to the design on all four sides are probably of the percé en scie variety.

"Jump Controls" Again! Heretofore the "jump controls" which we illustrated were



jumps of five numbers in horizontal strips of the inspection stamps. These were caused of course by a vertical arrangement of numbering devices, rather than the usual horizontal arrangement.

This month, thanks to E. L. Piggott (No. 629) we illustrate above a strip of three with a jump of 10,000 in the numbering. This was definitely an unintentional error, and much more scarce and desirable than the "jump controls" previously mentioned. That illustrated is of the 60c vermilion Electricity and Gas Inspection issue of 1930, Holmes' No. FEG 2.

"Inland Revenue War Tax." At least the 5c value of these have the same plate numbers as those overprinted "WAR TAX". We have seen plate blocks from both plate No. 5 and No. 6. In plate No. 5 the upper imprint is inverted. In plate No. 6 the lower imprint is inverted.

Excise Lock Seals or Labels. Holmes' Catalogue treats with these on pages 278-79. However, not all varieties are listed, and in one instance a variety is listed incorrectly.

We have been trying to put together a representative showing of these for the past several years, and the following listing is based on those in my own collection, with the exceptions noted. BNAPSers having copies of Excise Lock Seals not listed herein, would be doing the Revenue Group a service by dropping a line to the editor of this column.

1st Issue (As illustrated in Holmes).

195 x 32 mm.—Black background and red network in background with "Excise" in white, red controls reading horizontally. (Not seen by this writer.)

2nd Issue—Queen Victoria (as illustrated in Holmes).

198 x 32 mm.—Blue with background a network of **overlapping circles**, forming the words "lock label" and "Excise" in white. Queen Victoria head in small vignette, facing downwards on two coupons. Red controls reading up.

3rd Issue—Queen Victoria.

199 x 33 mm.—Blue with background a network of **wavy lines**, forming the words "lock label" and "Excise" in white. Queen Victoria head and controls as in 2nd Issue.

4th Issue—Queen Victoria (see illustration at right)

190 x 28 mm.—Brown-red with background a network of **wavy lines**, forming the words "SEAL LABEL" and "Excise" in white. Queen Victoria head in rosettes facing left. Black controls reading horizontally.

5th Issue—Queen Victoria (similar to 4th Issue).

188 x 28 mm.—Brown-red with background a network of **overlapping circles**, forming the words "SEAL LABEL" and "Excise" in white. Victoria head and controls as before in 4th Issue.

6th Issue—King Edward (similar to 4th Issue).

191 x 29 mm.—Brown-red with background of **straight and wavy lines**. "SEAL LABEL". "EXCISE" in white. Head and controls as in 4th and 5th Issues.

7th Issue—King George V.

(Not seen by this writer). Purported to be very similar to 3rd Issue but with different head. I list it here because in my notes is the fact that I have seen a King George V Lock Seal, but do not have the details.

8th Issue—"National Revenue" (as illustrated in Holmes).

159 x 31 mm.—Dark blue on light blue paper. Coat-of-arms in single coupon. Red controls reading up. "T 212" appears in upper margin.

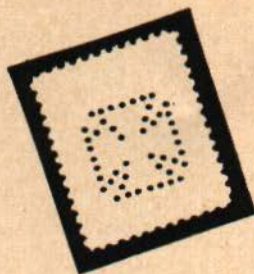
9th Issue—Typographed stamps.

Perf. 12½. Black on white. Printed in sheets of 25 (5 x 5), but apparently used in perforated strips of five. Seal reads "T 212A / EXCISE / CANADA" in three lines, on each stamp. (Note: Those in my collection are perfed both directions, but straight-edged on all four margins. It may be that these were also issued perforated in only one direction. Information requested from BNAPSers.)

It is quite possible that at least one other issue exists—that of the "Lock Seal" type, similar to the 3rd Issue, but with the head of King Edward.

The Petroleum Seals will be treated in a later issue of this column. I would invite members to send along any information they may have regarding these issues, which may make it necessary to completely revise the above listing. ★





PERFIN *Study Group*

SECRETARY: R. J. WOOLLEY,
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CANADA PERFINs PRECANCELLED

THE C.P.S. of G.B. has four handbooks in the planning stage, none of which duplicates the handbooks under consideration by BNAPS. One of these is a book on Canadian precancelled stamps which will carry much more detail than the available catalogue, the 1954 edition of the Hoover Catalogue, now published as the "Noble Official Catalogue of Canada Precancelled" and edited by BNAPSer H. G. Walburn.

Their handbook committee would like to include the punched precancelled stamps in their listing and have asked our co-operation

by providing them with a list of all the stamps which are known to have been privately punched and are in the hands of either precancel or perfin collectors.

We have intended for some time to include in this column some notes on precancelled perfins, so this article will now serve the double purpose of listing the items already known to the writer and requesting the help of readers towards completing such a listing.

Items already listed by the Perfin Study Group are:

| City | Issue | Stamp | Hoover Type | Perfin Cat. | Initials |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Brandon | 1903 | 2c carmine | 1.75 | C12d | CHI(mon) |
| | 1928 | 1c orange | 1.131 | C6 | C(Co) |
| Hamilton | 1912 | 20c olive green | 1.93 | C33 | CW/C |
| | 1912 | 1c yellow | 1.106 | C33 | |
| | 1912 | 2c green | 1.107 | C33 | |
| | 1912 | 5c violet | 1.111 | C33 | |
| | 1912 | 10c l. brown | 1.122 | C33 | |
| | 1912 | 50c bl. brown | 1.123 | C33 | |
| London | 1912 | 2c carmine | 1.86 | C12 l | CHI(mon) |
| | 1912 | 2c carmine | 1.86a | C12 l | |
| | 1912 | 3c brown | 1.87 | C12 l | |
| Montreal | 1912 | 2c carmine | 2.86a | C12 m | CHI(mon) |
| | 1912 | 1c green | 4.85 | C12 m | |
| | 1935 | 1c green | 9.191 | M8 | MH |
| | 1937 | 1c green | 10.201 | E2 | E |
| | 1937 | 2c brown | 10.202 | B10 | BT |
| Ottawa | 1949 | 2c olive | 10.223 | B10 | BT |
| | 1912 | 20c olive green | 3.93 | N3 | ND |
| | 1922 | 1c yellow | 3.106 | N3 | |
| | 1924 | 10c l. brown | 3.122 | N3 | |
| | 1928 | 2c green | 3.132 | N3 | |
| Quebec Toronto | 1912 | 1c green | 1.85 | C12 i | CHI(mon) |
| | 1903 | 1c green | 3.74 | G6 | GM/Co |
| | 1903 | 1c green | 3.74a | G6 | GM/Co |
| | 1912 | 1c green | 5.85 | W11 | WR/Co |
| | 1916 | 2c carmine | 5.103 | W11 | WR/Co |
| | 1912 | 1c green | 6.85 | W11 | WR/Co |
| | 1922 | 4c olive | 3.110 | C10 | CGE |
| | 1922 | 5c violet | 11.111 | W8 | WJG |
| | 1927 | 1c orange | 12.125 | C21 | CNR |
| | 1927 | 1c orange | 12.125 | C26 | CPR |
| | 1937 | 1c green | 15.201 | C20 | CNR |
| | 1942 | 1c green | 15.211 | C20 | CNR |

| City | Issue | Stamp | Hoover Type | Perfin Cat. | Initials | |
|-------------|----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Walkerville | 1912 | 1c green | 1.85 | P3 | PD/Co | |
| | 1912 | 1c green | 1.85a | P3 | | |
| | 1916 | 3c brown 1Tc | 2.104 | P3 | | |
| Windsor | 1912 | 1c green | 1.85 | G9 | GRAY | |
| | 1931 | 1c green | 3.151 | J2 | JBF/Co | |
| | 1932 | 1c green | 3.171 | J2 | | |
| | 1932 | 1c green | 4.171 | J2 | | |
| | 1935 | 1c green | 4.191 | J2 | | |
| | 1935 | 1c green | 4.191 | P3 | PD/Co | |
| | 1935 | 1c green | 5.191 | J2 | JBF/Co | |
| | 1935 | 1c green | 5.191 | P3 | PD/Co | |
| | 1937 | 1c green | 5.201 | J2 | JBF/Co | |
| | 1937 | 1c green | 5.201 | B1 | B(star) | |
| | 1937 | 1c green | 5.201 | P3 | PD/Co | |
| | 1942 | 1c green | 5.211 | P3 | PD/Co | |
| | Winnipeg | 1933 | 2c brown | 6.172 | C12 s | CHI(mon) |
| | | 1937 | 1c green | 8.201 | C12 k | CHI(mon) |
| 1942 | | 1c green | 8.211 | C26 a | CPR | |

Will all readers of this column please be good enough to check for similar material in their collections and report any additional items not listed above by the end of the current month?

If unable to describe any item fully by either catalogue description, we would ask that you forward it to the group secretary, R. J. Woolley, 359 Ellis Park Road, Toronto 3, for inspection and immediate return.

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



IN THE January 1958 issue of "Trail" we discussed a re-entry on the 13c ship, Scott No. 30. At that time we weren't sure of the position of the re-entry in the sheet but we are in receipt of a letter from Dr. Willan (BNAPS 568) of England, and he advises that he has the re-entry in an upper right corner block of nine and that its definite position in the sheet is No. 18. Thanks, Dr. Willan, for the information.

I'm at a loss to explain how it happened, but happen it did. In the January issue of TOPICS, when listing the latest date of use of Slogan No. 8, it was recorded as Oct. 21, 1925, while our records clearly show Nov. 9, 1929. Sorry for the error, and we will try and be more careful next time.

Another variety has been added to the list of Newfoundland plate blocks and this one is from the realm of the imperforates.

We have just seen an upper left corner block of Scott No. 186 in the Die II in imperforate condition, the plate number being '4'. This is the second plate found on the imperforates of Scott No. 186, as not so long ago we reported the existence of Plate '2' in the Die I. We wonder if Plates 1 and 3 are also to be found in imperforate condition.

We never thought that we'd see this one as we had no inkling that it even existed. Last month we explained how we had gotten involved with watermarks. First it was a reversed watermark and then it was pairs, one with and the other without watermark, but now we've run the gamut because the latest piece that we've acquired is a large irregular block of the 1c Scott No. 184 in imperforate condition. What has that to do with watermarks? Absolutely nothing until we tell you that this block has a diagonal watermark. We have never seen one before and

were certainly surprised when this showed up. Has anyone else ever come across this variety in a Newfoundland stamp,

A. M. Provick (BNAPS 1071), Hazelcliffe, Sask., is in with an additional early date for the CAPO cancels that were first run in the October '55 TOPICS. His letter advises that he has in his possession a CAPO No. 4 cancel dated Dec. 15, 1942. The earliest previously recorded, and it appeared in the April '56 magazine, was April 5, 1943, so that the new one submitted by Mr. Provick sets the early use back slightly more than three and a half months. Thank you, Mr. Provick.

It is with great pleasure that we pass on the following bit of news to our readers. Alec MacMaster (BNAPS 484), of Vancouver, B.C., and a member of the Board of Governors of the Society, has just advised us that he and Bill Millard, another employee of the Stanley Stamp Co., have bought complete control of that company from the Eatons. Alec has been a frequent and very welcome contributor to this column and he promises to outdo himself now that he will have access to more material. Although Alec doesn't say so, we imagine that the new owners, or at least half of them, will be very partial to the stamps of Newfoundland, and we hope that Alec gets so busy and the demand becomes so great that he will find it necessary to break up his personal Newfoundland collection. There are a couple of items in it that we would like for our own collection. All our best wishes go with you, Alec, in your new venture.

At the April meeting of the N.Y. Group of BNAPS, Ken Minuse (BNAPS 67) of the local group and an ardent collector of the proofs and essays of the Newfoundland 1866 issue, showed us how to differentiate between proofs from the original die and proofs from the sample sheet. In the case of the sample sheet, there is a position dot in the color of the stamp in the left hand stroke of the letter "U" in the word "NEWFOUNDLAND." This dot is missing in the issued stamp, as well as all contemporary proofs. Back in April 1948 we advised how the 12c could be distinguished and in March 1951 we explained the difference between the stamp and the Trade Sample from the Sample Sheet of the 5c. This means we now have to learn how to distinguish only the 10c and 13c. Who will be the first to break the barrier? ★

VARIETIES REPORTED



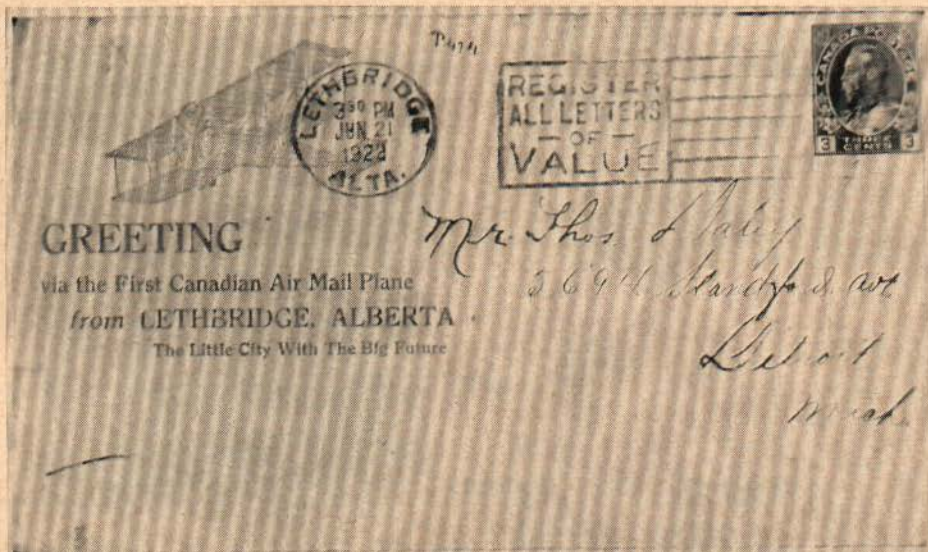
Two prominent varieties recently noted and sketched by Horace W. Harrison (No. 1501) while going over a lot of several hundred one and two cent King Edward VII issue.



H. M. Young (BNAPS 539) has sent in this photo of a variety found recently showing a mark as from an engraver's tool in the lower left corner of the 1 cent orange Admiral, starting in the numeral box and extending to the corner.

Notes on Canadian Airmails

By N. PELLETIER (BNAPS 1268)



1922 ATTEMPTED FLIGHT LETHBRIDGE TO OTTAWA

IN A NEWSPAPER story datelined Lethbridge, Alta., June 21, 1922, the following item appeared: "Captains Jock Palmer and Harry H. Fitzsimmons, war veterans and commercial flyers, hopped off at 3:12 this afternoon on the the first leg of their flight to Ottawa, carrying the first eastbound aerial mail.

"The flight to Ottawa, which is expected to take three days, will be via Weyburn, Sask., thence crossing the international line into North Dakota.

"From there the aviators will touch at Minneapolis, Chicago and Detroit, after which stops will be made at London, Ont., Toronto, Peterborough and Brockville.

"Several letters are being carried to the eastern points on the flight, among others being greeting to King George by Mayor

Hardie 'By the first airmail service ever leaving Alberta for the East.

"A return journey covering approximately the same course is being planned by the flyers."

Ken Liddle, staff columnist on the 'Calgary Herald,' had interviewed Palmer in 1952. From his notes a story on the flight can be told.

The plane left Lethbridge on the afternoon of June 21, 1922, as planned. The first stop was an overnight stay at Weyburn. Early on the following day a second landing was made at Portal, North Dakota, for customs purposes.

Over Minot, N.D., the aircraft developed engine trouble, although it landed safely. Palmer found the fault was with the valves, which he repaired and decided on a trial flight before proceeding.

Returning to the field he was forced to swerve in trying to avoid an automobile driven on the field by an inquisitive woman. The aircraft's wings and undercarriage were damaged. Uncle Sam delivered the mail to Ottawa by train, and "Jenny" was played on a railway flatcar and taken back to Leth-

● In our story of the crash cover in the March issue of TOPICS, we stated that the C.P.R. had a train service to the town of Zeballos. We should have said a steamship service.

bridge. Such was the end of any early air mail flight!

The 993 letters flown were authorized by the Post Office Department. Regular three cent postage was used and each official envelope was sold for one dollar to defray expenses. Three types of special envelopes are known. Type 1 is illustrated. It shows an aircraft in flight with the words: "Greetings via First Canadian Airmail Plane from Lethbridge, Alberta. The Little City with the Big Future." Using the same red color, the back of the envelope has an advertisement: "Southern Alberta Welcomes You. The Land of Irrigation and Sunshine. Lethbridge is the centre of the Irrigation District—bounded on the West by unlimited quantities of coal and timber; on the North East and West by progress, enterprise and opportunity. Inhabited by eleven thousand

live-wire citizens." (Present population is over 30,300.) Most of the letters were cancelled "Lethbridge 3:30 p.m., June 21, 1922 Alta."

We hope that some kind reader will send us descriptions of Type 2 and 3 envelopes. Type 2 has been described as having the added words "Southern Alberta, the land of irrigation and sunshine, greets you." Type 3, a yellow envelope, has the words, "From Crows Nest Pass."

John "Jock" Palmer and the late Harry Fitzsimmons had at that time formed the Southern Alberta Air Lines. Their motto was prophetic: "Millions now walking will sometime fly." The two men had originated the idea of a mail flight to advertise Alberta and aviation, because, as Palmer said, the public did not think much of people who flew aeroplanes. ★

GRANT SHOWERS (BNAPS 1331)

Obliterations and Cancellations Between 1851 and 1900

PART ONE

IN THE past few years specialists in Canadian postage stamps have been paying more and more attention to obliterations and cancellations, particularly between 1851 and 1900, and in more particular of the time of the Large and Small Cents. This period could probably be termed the golden era of obliterations and cancellations.

The writer is going to attempt in the next few issues of BNA TOPICS to give a general outline of this specialty and try to put some semblance of order to this vast subject.

I would like to state at this time that I

● These articles will cover the area of cancellations in a simple manner which should prove of particular interest to beginners in this field. Postal markings are enjoying a boom at the present time, and illustrations and descriptions of the main types should prove useful.

do not profess to have the last word on this field, and to the philatelist who has spent many years on this subject there will appear many gaps and incompleteness. I am only trying to give some incite into this vast and fascinating area. It should be pointed out that Jarrett's numbers will be used when referring to a particular obliteration or cancellation.

The subject has been divided into three distinct types:

- (1) Official obliterations and cancellations as furnished by the Post Office for official use by Post Offices;
- (2) Unofficial obliterations and cancellations which were made by the local postmaster and had no official sanction;
- (3) Semi-official obliterations and cancellations which were made by the local postmaster but incorporated official Post Office markings.

Concentric Ring Obliterations

The concentric ring obliteration was the first official post office issue, and was first

used in April 1851. They were cut individually and showed great variation. The early types contained from five to seven rings and the later types contained one to four rings, but all were used concurrently. I have seen the 7-ring used as late as the Admiral issue. The strikes have been seen in black, blue, red, green, pink and purple or violet.



Fig. I—Seven-ring, Jarrett Type 1. (Early).



Fig. II—Two-ring, Jarrett Type 37. (Later).

Target Cancellations

The target cancellation, or the concentric ring with the solid centre and rings, is next, although it was not the second type of cancellation issued. The Post Office issued this type in 1868 and these showed one bullseye with from one to eight rings. This type was not seen much after the Edward period.



Fig. III—Bulls eye and two-ring, Jarrett Type 24.

The color of the strike has a great deal to do with the value of this cancellation.

Four-ring Numeral Obliterations

The four-ring numeral was issued by the Post Office March 1, 1857. At that time there were over 1200 post offices in Canada but only certain money order post offices got this marking. The numerals were issued alphabetically (1-52). Number nine was not issued, so as not to confuse it with six. Toronto, being the headquarters at the time, did not have a number.

Some numbers had variations in construction, e.g., 21 had three types and may have been cut locally due to loss or damage of the original hammer. This might be called a semi-official cancel.



Fig. IV—Four-ring numeral, Jarrett Type 80.
Cornwall 11.

The same year also saw a variation of some of the hammers, such as one-ring and three-ring numerals and others in diagonal boxes.



Fig. V—Jarrett Type 114. Quebec 37.

The value of the four-ring numerals is of course determined by their relative scarcity. The April 1956 issue of BNA TOPICS had an article by G. A. E. Chapman (No. 633), "A Guide to the Comparative Valuations of 4-Ring Numeral Cancellations Upon the 5 cent Beaver." This marking is generally collected on this issue and the article mentioned is a good guide to values.

The Two-Ring Numerals

The two-ring numeral was issued by the Post Office for official use April 1, 1868, and was distributed in accordance with the financial importance of the individual post office. The use of the same number for two different offices is not uncommon, probably due to the change of the money order office, e.g. Aylmer originally had 58, but this was later transferred to St. Thomas. The numerals ran from 1 to 60.

The value of these numerals is hard to determine. I have never seen a guide to comparative values, but perhaps some one



Fig. VI—Two-ring numeral, Jarrett Type 100. Napanee 47.

will come up with one in the near future. These strikes are usually collected on the Large and Small Cents issues, some collectors aiming for the complete set on both issues.

The Semi-Official Cancellations of the 2- and 4-ring Issues

These hammers were made locally by the postmaster, and were obliterations incorporating official Post Office designations but were made to the postmaster's fancy. They were probably made to replace lost or broken hammers. The most extensive field was the Toronto '2' of which at least 16 different varieties are known, followed by the Kingston '9'. Ottawa and a few others are also known.

These cancels are found mostly on the Large Queens, and their value is determined by the clearness of the strike and condition of the stamp or cover. ★

(To Be Continued)

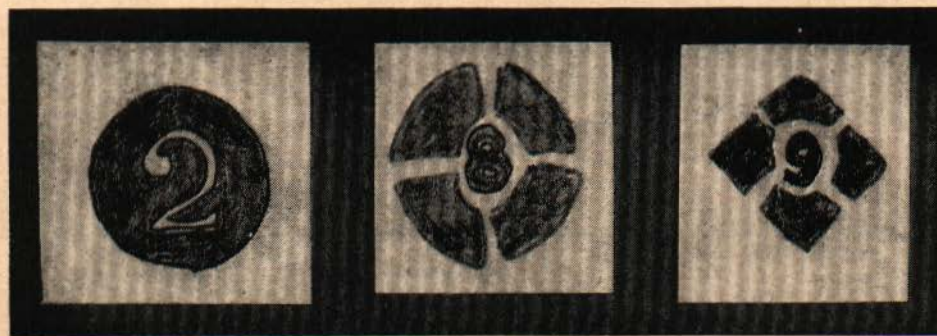


Fig. VII—Jarrett Type 128. Toronto 2.

Fig. VIII—Jarrett Type 144. Ottawa 8.

Fig. IX—Jarrett Type 157. Kingston 9.



Rounding Up SQUARED CIRCLES

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REVISED DATES FOR THE SQUARED CIRCLE R.P.O.s

(Only those dates which supersede the handbook appear here)

QUE & CAMP MC LOCAL (Refer to handbook for opening remarks; this is essential)

First Hammer, with "No 5" at base (Boggs—Sp 19, 94). Earliest: No 2, 94.

Above the date: E. W. (for East, West); blank (very rare); D- (this would be DE—Day East) or DW—Day West; and is probably the work of a temporary clerk from one of the runs (Montreal & Island Pond, in all likelihood) where these direction marks were in use at this time; in 1911, train numbers 150, 151, were used from Jy 24. Needless to say, the latter are of the greatest rarity.

Notes: One partial impression in blue is known on K.E. 2c. The date does not show; the direction mark is E.

Clear strikes are quite rare from 1894 to 1902.

This hammer was not in use from 1903 to 1907. I have seen only one specimen in this period: Oc 10, 05.

It was in frequent use in 1908 and 1909, but I have seen only one date in 1910, Jy 15. The final year, 1911, saw more frequent use.

Strikes on cover are curiously rare. I have not one in my rather large lot of this marking.

Second Hammer, with "No. 20" at base. (Boggs: Ap 6, 94).

First State: Earliest: Ap 10, 94.

RF: 40.

Second State: Earliest: Oc 4, 95; Latest: Au 17, 98. RF: 20.

Fourth State: Earliest: Ap 7, 00.

Note: A freak strike is in my collection showing perfect double-lined figures "13". This is undoubtedly due to the hammer 'hopping' with uncanny precision. It is listed separately by Shaw (he gives "18" as the number, in error.) This, I think, was at my instigation, which I now regret.

Fifth State: Earliest: Mr 10, 02; Latest: Mr 7, 03.

Note: This is a difficult state to identify, as is the third state, unless on cover or on a big stamp. Generally the strikes are partial and on the small Numerals issue.

Above the date: From 1894 to 1907—E, W. On the only 1908 date known to me, Mr 12, 08, blank; the hammer may not have had normal use. On the only 1909 date known to me, Au 9, 09 (which I believe to have been the last date), train number 42.

NAPINKA & WINNIPEG MC.

(Boggs: No. 1, Ja 16, 94; No. 2, Ja 16, 94)

No. 1—Earliest: Ja 26, 94; Latest: My 9, 06.

SOURIS & WINNIPEG MC.

(Boggs—No. 1, Ja 16, 94; No. 2, Ja 16, 94).

No. 2—Latest: Sp 14, 1908.

Note: Purple strikes have been reported for Sp 30, 07 and Oc 2, 07.

SQUARED CIRCLES AT BOSTON

A meeting of great interest to squared circle collectors was held at the Boston University Faculty Club on April 23, arranged by members of the Philatelic Group of Boston, and featured almost entirely the squared circle postmarks of Canada.

About 50 people attended and the following members of BNAPS took part:

William T. Pollitz (No. 763) was in charge and introduced the speakers and the subject matter they covered.

Sibley Higginbotham (No. 1422) covered the handbook, with special emphasis on types, hammers, indicia, etc., plus a ten-page showing of squared circles, principally Halifax, dates, clerk numbers, etc.

Clarence Westhaver (No. 1442) showed 50 colored slides of the best strikes in various members' collections, plus 10 pages of squared circles on Jubilees.

Alfred R. Thomas (No. 1441), general chairman, showed 10 pages of squared circles on strips of the 1c Small Queen.

William H. Russell (No. 587) showed 10 pages of high 'R.F.', with strikes Billy said "you can read across the street."

Ed. Richardson (No. 168) sent up from Texas 50 pages of exceptional 'R.F.' covers. This was an outstanding lot, greatly appreciated by all.

Special tribute was paid to the handbook and two typed pages of excerpts were passed around to all present. Also, extra copies of BNA TOPICS were distributed in the hope that many of the Boston Philatelic Group might become interested in Canada and BNAPS.

Judging from the applause at the close of the meeting, the evening was much enjoyed by those present.

Alfred R. Thomas.

● Librarian Bob Duncan reports that the book "Postmarked Alaska" is now available in the library. It contains much information on the Yukon. ★

THE *Editor's* MAILBAG

PLATE BLOCKS NOT 'MADE-TO-ORDER'

There has been much controversy over the "plate block situation" in Canada in the past few months, and in all the published comments there seems to be one important fact overlooked: **The plate number inscriptions are still necessary for accounting and control by the printers.** We suspect the post office long ago stopped any "accounting use" of these numbers (if indeed, they ever made use of them) but the printers continue to use them as they have in the past—for "accounting" as well as data re the various plates laid down, etc.

This factor was first brought to our attention by Jim Webb, and upon further study all the pieces of the puzzle fit together. Plate 12 of the current 4 cent is found with wide and narrow selvedge. This is the place the experiments first took place and it was found an automatic trimmer attached to the perforating machine could cut down the size of the selvedge. The next step was to place the plate number and inscription towards the outside of the selvedge so that it would be trimmed off—if it had been left in the normal position of the 1937-57 period it would not have been trimmed off as evidenced by the narrow selvedge 4 cent Plate 12 with plate No.

It appears the whole move was initiated because of complaints, particularly from inspectors, that it was difficult to check local post office stocks when in many cases the plate block corners would be missing from the complete sheets.

Regardless of the reason(s) the post office felt it necessary to take steps to eliminate, if possible and economical, the plate number on the sheets for sale to the public. **There never was any move to eliminate them entirely from the engraved plates—they were, and continue to be, quite necessary for control.**

The Newspaper and IGY commemorative stamps having already been printed and perforated (with the automatic trimmer taking off the plate number) were thus not available with the plate number on, **but the plates for these stamps still had the plate number and inscription engraved on the outer part of the selvedge.** You will thus find

the selvedges on the issued sheets to be the trimmed 'narrow state'.

Thus the fact that the plate numbers continue to be engraved on the original plates (in a different position than formerly) and that they are necessary for control, accounting, etc., for the printers (or they would not bother to engrave them on at all) certainly **does not make these current items "made-to-order."**

We personally have no axe to grind in either direction re this current controversy. We have and will continue to try to assist collectors to obtain the items they want, and certainly will do this without inflicting our personal views (and we do have them on this topic as well as others, along with disagreement even among various members of the company) upon the collector. We do greatly regret certain instances of people using their executive positions to attempt to enforce their own personal views upon the individual collectors. Surely the greatest attraction to our hobby is its individuality—if I get pleasure out of collecting stamps torn in half then is that any reason to ostracize me. Surely the fraternal aspect of the hobby is great enough that this should lose its importance.

... For any individual, whether he be the president of a society or the editor of its publication, to try and tell others what is and what is not stamp collecting, is certainly the type of dictatorial speech that the hobby can well do without. We have had many statements from our clients to the above effect, and it appears that the great majority of collectors and dealers feel the same way. The principle involved is entirely wrong. This goes far further than any particular implication towards plate blocks, and we believe 'the other side,' as briefly outlined above should be published and made known as it is obviously not the opinion of one company or individual. So we stick our necks out in an attempt to bring the above constructive criticism (we hope) into the open instead of this 'behind the back whispering.'

That "speculative" collectors accumulated plate blocks from 1946 to date cannot be denied. Whether there is something wrong with this or not, we are not sure. It seems

to us we have and will continue to have (if our analysis of human nature is even half correct), the philatelist, the student, the historian, the collector, the accumulator, the investor, the speculator, etc., and various combinations, in all fields. Possibly the one thing the collector should raise his voice against is the all-too-common current practices of certain large groups (both collectors and dealers) to 'engineer' and control artificially for a small period of time the stamps of certain countries. (Latest in the buggy ride seem to be Lagos, Viet-Nam, Cambodia, Saar, Ryukyu.) However even such ventures as these could not be successful unless the collector, at least in the beginning, buys a few stamps of these countries. So, let's continue to collect what we want the way we want.

Canada Stamp Co.
(BNAPS 235 and 381)

Not Cheapened!

While having no wish to argue the merits for or against the collection of plate blocks, some of the reasons advanced against the practice are rather absurd.

I refer in particular to the one mentioned by you in the April issue of TOPICS—that Canada is cheapening herself in the philatelic world by having plate blocks for sale through the Philatelic Section of the Post Office in Ottawa.

Why, this department of the Post Office has been in existence for quite a few years. It was established without doubt just for the benefit of collectors, and collectors only—not the general public—and to say that it has suddenly become cheap through the sale of plate blocks is in my opinion rather far fetched.

It is the dream of most stamp collectors, and quite a commendable one, to collect material that will some day be in demand, and if plate blocks become scarce for some reason or other, is the collector of these to be abused and called a "racketeer" because prices have gone up.

Unfortunately, the spirit of fairness seems to be woefully lacking in the attitude of some collectors in passing judgment on what the other man collects.

With the present use of Pitney-Bowes machines in post offices (and it is apparent that the use of these machines increases the efficiency), it is natural to assume that some day even the use of postage stamps may be threatened in the name of efficiency.

W. M. Willcock (BNAPS 995)

Congratulations!

Congratulations on wonderful editorial page in April BNA TOPICS. Let's hope the P.O. Department does away altogether with plate block inscriptions, etc.

J. J. Charron (BNAPS 1525)

Addition to P.B. List

Re Canadian plate blocks, the list given on page 102 [April] relative to plate numbers not issued should also include Plate No. 13, 5c Queen Elizabeth, Scott No. 341.

R. L. Tinker (BNAPS 1174)

Dominion Exhibition Covers

The writer has, or knows of, the following covers advertising a Dominion Exhibition:

- 1903 at Toronto, Ontario;
- 1905 at New Westminster, B.C.;
- 1906 at Halifax, N.S.;
- 1907 at Sherbrooke, Quebec;
- 1910 at St. John, N.B.

The above leads me to believe each province took turns in advertising their annual exhibition as "Dominion Exhibition." Can anyone report such covers from Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and what years, or from Prince Edward Island?

E. L. Piggott (BNAPS 629)

Error in Duplex Illustration

With reference to the article on duplex by E. A. Smythies in April TOPICS, I have noticed something which I cannot explain, so thought the best thing to do was bring it to your attention.

In the Appendix, page 90, Number 15 is listed as Campbellton, **Nova Scotia**. In all probability this is a typographical error, for a glance at the map shows that this city is located just east of the Quebec-New Brunswick border on the main line of the C.N.R. between Montreal and Halifax. So it should be listed as Campbellton, **N.B.**

Incidentally, I checked all other points listed on pages 89 and 90, find them all in order; the only exception is Weldford, which I cannot locate.

But now I come to something very different. On page 87 there are two duplex cancellations which the P.O. in St. John has located in **Nova Scotia**. (See figures 4 and 6.)

There are two St. John's, one in Quebec Province (St. Jean), the other in Newfoundland, but there is only one St. John and that is located in **New Brunswick**. Even if these cancellations were made in 1882 and 1893, St. John was located then in New Brunswick as it still is.

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OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

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Krasner, Milton, 173 Ridge Rd., No. Arlington, N.J. (C) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by J. Levine, No. L1.
Lamouroux, Louis M., 222 Lawrence Ave. W., Toronto 12, Ont. (C) Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37.
McGowan, Louis C., 63 Walnut St., Johnston 9, R.L. (C-C) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th century used postage and 20th century mint postage. Covers of postal history interest. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Precancels. Mint and semi-official airmails. Postal stationery entires. Proposed by J. B. Kilton, No. 57.
Niderost, Bernard, Gen. Del., Talmage, Calif. (C-CX) CAN, NFD—Used postage. "I.G.Y." covers. OHMS-G. Precancels. Seals. Federal, provincial and tax-paid revenues. Used and semi-official airmails. Cut-squares. Proposed by B. C. Binks, No. 74.
Stanford, Eidsel C, Belle Mina, Ala. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—Federal, provincial and tax-paid revenues. Literature. Specialty: Tax-paid. Proposed by H. W. Walker, No. 1380.
Tyler, Laurence Lee, 6227 Radford Dr., Seattle 15, Wash. (C-X) NFD, NS, NB—19th century used postage. Cancellations. Proposed by D. C. Meyerson, No. L3.
Tuttle, George M., Main St., Youngstown, N.Y. (C-CX) CAN—Scott's No. 1, 4, 12, 15. Covers No. 15. "Bill Stamp" revenues. Proofs No. 15; RPO, 4-ring and town-dated cancellations No. 15. Plate entries and flaws No. 15. Specialty: Canada No. 15. Proposed by J. Levine, No. L1.
Wasylenko, W. D., 70 Douglas St. W., Sudbury, Ont. (C-CX) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint postage and mint blocks. 1st day covers. Proposed by J. Levine, No. L1.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Changes of address should be sent direct to the Secretary)

- 1118 April, Georges, 1015 Brown Avenue, Apt. 3, Quebec 6, Quebec
 921 Grant, M. E., 60 Adelaide St. North, Lindsay, Ontario
 1202 Peters, Reimers A., 215 E. Madison St., Phoenix, Arizona (from Detroit, Mich.)
 1492 Stanway, G. E., Box 42, Rosebush, Michigan (from Valhalla, N.Y.)

CORRECTIONS

- 1534 Lefferts, Jacob, R. V. M., Monmouth Hills, Highlands, N.J. (NOT Kelowna, B.C.)
 1539 Langstroth, Dr. R. S., 190 St. John St., Fredericton, N.B. (NOT MD—DDS)

MAIL RETURNED

(Information of present address requested)

- 1158 Hicks, Donald G, 183 Pickering St., Toronto 12, Ontario

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, April 1, 1958 | 942 |
| NEW MEMBERS, May 1, 1958 | 13 |
| REPLACED ON ROLLS, May 1, 1958 | 1 |
| | 956 |
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, May 1, 1958 | 956 |

OFFICIAL NOTICE ELECTIONS

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ARTICLE IV, Section 3. A President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be so elected by ballot biennially in the even-numbered years. Three (3) members to the Board of Governors shall be so elected each year for a term of three (3) years.

Nominations for the offices to be elected may be filed with the Secretary by any Regional Group of the Society or by any five (5) members in good standing in time, at least, for publication in the issue of BNA TOPICS scheduled for release ninety (90) days before the opening of the Convention and Annual Meeting of such election year (September 25-28th, 1958). At least one hundred and fifty (150) days before the opening date of such election year Convention and Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint five (5) members of the Society to serve and function as a Nominating Committee whose prime purpose shall be to prepare and present a slate of candidates for the elective offices to be voted.

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THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

(Continued from Page 155)

The question I am asking, and which I cannot answer, is this: How does the Canadian P.O. locate an important centre in the wrong province on two different occasions, and yet on a third occasion, in 1887, St. John is properly located in New Brunswick. (See figure 3.)

To the best of my recollection I do not even remember any such error in Canadian philately. Perhaps you will be able to bring some light on this question, for I do not think it should be allowed to pass unnoticed.

W. A. C. Warner (BNAPS 952)

● **EDITOR'S NOTE:** See letter from Mr. Smythies below.

The April TOPICS has just reached me (April 28) and I see some small mistakes in the illustrations accompanying my duplex article, which I think should be brought to

the notice of your readers.

Figs. 4 and 6—These should read N.B. not N.S.

Fig. 12—There should be one more short vertical stroke at the end of the killer.

Stellarton Star—This illustration is Mr. Frank Campbell's (not mine). It is evidently a composite drawing, i.e. combining a very early state of the grille on the star with a comparatively late dater, Feby '89. The grille had become almost invisible by December '88.

There is one more correction required in the Appendix—Campbellton should be N.B. not N.S.

I may add that several new improvised duplex have recently been recorded from the Maritime provinces, which I hope to describe in a subsequent article.

E. A. Smythies (BNAPS 1440)

From the Treasurer

W. C. PETERMAN, BOX 348, CALDWELL, N.J.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS ACCOUNT

January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1956

| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Dues in Advance—1957 | \$ 135.80 | |
| Dues in Advance—1958 | 8.75 | |
| Dues in Advance—1959 | 3.00 | |
| Topics Advertising in Advance | 26.53 | |
| Reserve for Mailing December 1956 Topics | 15.10 | |
| Life Membership Fund | 547.00 | |
| General Funds on Deposit | 1146.03 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Funds on Deposit | \$1882.21 | |
| Topics Petty Cash Fund | 96.79 | |
| Funds in Custody of Handbook Agent | 10.96 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Funds | \$1989.96 | \$1989.96 |

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|--|---------|-----------|
| Membership Dues—1956 (In Abeyance) | \$ 7.50 | \$ 7.50 |
| Membership Dues—1958 | 130.90 | |
| Membership Dues—1959 | 6.40 | |
| Membership Dues—Beyond 1959 | 6.00 | 143.30 |
| | <hr/> | |
| Membership Dues—1956 (Paid in 1957) | 19.75 | |
| Membership Dues—1957 (Renewal) | 2501.67 | |
| Membership Dues—1957 (New Members) | 122.01 | |
| Membership Fees—1957 (New Members) | 65.00 | 2708.43 |
| | <hr/> | |
| Topics: | | |
| Advertising—1956 | 131.56 | 131.56 |
| Advertising—1958 (In Advance) | 77.90 | 77.90 |
| Advertising—1957 | 534.56 | |
| Subscriptions and Sale of Back Issues | 16.50 | 551.06 |
| | <hr/> | |
| “Perfin” Handbook—Sales | 29.43 | 29.43 |
| Yearbook—1956 Advertising | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Yearbook—1957 Advertising | 411.00 | 411.00 |
| Life Membership Fees | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Sales Circuit—Operating Surplus | 64.67 | 64.67 |
| BNAPEX-57—Reimbursement of 1956 Expenses | 8.85 | 8.85 |
| BNAPEX-57—Operating Surplus | 4.88 | 4.88 |
| | <hr/> | |
| 1956 Balance plus 1957 Receipts | | \$6278.54 |

DISBURSEMENTS

Topics:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Mailing December 1956 Issue | \$ 15.10 | \$ 15.10 |
| Printing Ten Issues of 1957 | 2277.22 | |
| Cuts | 650.48 | |
| Addressing and Mailing | 142.38 | |
| Postage | 241.24 | |
| Mailing Envelopes | 117.49 | |
| Miscellaneous | 8.05 | 3436.86 |

Yearbook:

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Printing | 484.58 | |
| Addressing and Mailing | 17.23 | |
| Postage | 22.00 | 523.81 |

General Expenses:

| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Postage | 123.48 | |
| Stationery | 35.49 | |
| Premium on Fidelity Bond | 45.00 | |
| BNAPEX-57—Grand Award | 58.32 | |
| Constitution and By-laws—Printing | 183.22 | |
| Miscellaneous | 8.90 | 454.41 |

| | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| Library | 75.00 | 75.00 |
| Federal Income Tax for 1955 | 129.48 | 129.48 |
| Cuts (To be Paid by Advertiser) | 9.35 | 9.35 |
| Prepayment of 1958 Expenses: | | |
| Membership Cards, Statements and Envelopes | 77.75 | |
| Topics Mailing Envelopes | 126.30 | |
| Library Fund | 16.75 | 220.80 |

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Total Disbursements | \$4864.81 |
| Funds on Deposit | 1313.57 |
| Topics Petty Cash Fund | 35.49 |
| Funds in Custody of Sales Manager | 64.67 |
| Disbursements plus Balance on Hand .. | \$6278.54 |

BALANCE SHEET

(As of 12/31/57)

| LIABILITIES | | ASSETS | |
|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Dues in Advance—1958 | \$ 139.65 | Funds on Deposit | \$1313.57 |
| Dues in Advance—1959 | 9.40 | Funds, Custody Sales Manager .. | 222.74* |
| Dues in Advance—Beyond 1959 .. | 6.00 | Topics Petty Cash Fund | 35.49 |
| Topics—Advt. in Advance | 80.00 | Prepaid Expenses for 1958 | 220.80 |
| Reserve for Bills Payable | 37.22 | Accounts Receivable: | |
| Life Membership Fund | 584.00 | Topics Advt.—1956 | 10.00 |
| Surplus: | | Topics Advt.—1957 | 170.64 |
| As of 12/31/56 | \$1605.20* | Yearbook Advt.—1955 | 3.50 |
| Less 1957 Deficit | 421.53 | Yearbook Advt.—1957 | 54.75 |
| | | Cuts for Advertiser | 9.35 |
| | \$1183.67 | | |
| | \$1183.67 | | |
| | \$2040.84 | | \$2040.84 |

* Stated Surplus as of 12/31/56 and Funds in Custody of Sales Manager increased by \$158.07 to give effect to Operating Surplus Funds in Custody of Sales Manager prior to 1957 but not previously included in the Report of the Treasurer: Surplus then reduced by the \$129.48 which was disbursed in 1957 for 1955 Income Tax but not reported as Expense for 1957.

STATEMENT OF OPERATION FOR THE YEAR 1957

INCOME

| | | |
|---|----------|-----------|
| Membership Dues—1956 (Paid in 1957) | \$ 19.75 | |
| Membership Dues—1957 (Renewal) | 2637.47 | |
| Membership Dues—1957 (New Members) | 122.01 | |
| Membership Dues—From Life Membership Fund | 63.00 | |
| Membership Fees—1957 (New Members) | 65.00 | \$2907.23 |
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| Topics: | | |
| Advertising | 558.09 | |
| Subscriptions and Sale of Back Issues | 16.50 | 574.59 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Yearbook—Advertising | 411.00 | 411.00 |
| “Perfin” Handbook—Sales of Handbook | 29.43 | 29.43 |
| Sales Circuits—Operating Surplus | 64.67 | 64.67 |
| BNAPEX-57—Operating Surplus | 4.88 | 4.88 |
| Accounts Receivable: | | |
| Topics Advertising | 170.64 | |
| Yearbook—Advertising | 54.75 | 225.39 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total Income | | \$4217.19 |
| Deficit in 1957 | | 421.53 |
| <hr/> | | |
| | | \$4638.72 |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Topics—As per Receipts and Disbursements Account | | \$3436.86 |
| Yearbook—As per Receipts and Disbursements Account | | 523.81 |
| General Expenses paid in 1957 as per R. & D. Account | \$ 454.41 | |
| General Expenses prepaid in 1956 | 107.42 | 561.83 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Library Fund | | 75.00 |
| Bad Debt | | 4.00 |
| Bills Payable—Addressing and Mailing Nov. and Dec. Topics | | 31.22 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Total Expenses | | \$4638.72 |

W. C. PETERMAN, Treasurer.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

(Continued from Page 157)

To the Secretary of the British North America Philatelic Society:

The Nominating Committee, appointed by the President of the Society, submits herewith the following names as candidates for the offices appearing opposite said names:

Vincent G. Green (L40)—President
 W. W. Chadbourne (100)—Vice-President
 Jack Levine (L1)—Secretary
 W. C. Peterman (L8)—Treasurer
 Daniel C. Meyerson (L3)—Board of Governors
 George B. Llewellyn (384)—Board of Governors
 W. S. Johnstone (172)—Board of Governors

Submitted for and on behalf of the Nominating Committee, this first day of May, 1958.

ALFRED H. KESSLER, Chairman.

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

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The Last Word

From The Editor

LET'S NOT 'GILD THE LILY!

IN "The Mailbag" column of this issue are two letters in reply to our April editorial note on plate blocks, and we feel that these letters require some sort of rebuttal. Of course, the writers of these letters, or anyone else for that matter, is at liberty to bring forth other arguments on the subject if they wish, and their letters will be published. Under the heading "Plate Blocks Not 'Made To Order,'" this statement appears: "The plate number inscriptions are still necessary for accounting and control by the printers." Whether this is true or not, we do not know, as the writer quotes no authority to back up his statement. We assume it is only conjecture on the part of the writer. And we are the first to admit that he **may** be correct . . . but until official word is received from he printers there appear to be a few flaws in his argument.

It is perhaps difficult to understand why plate numbers were ever actually printed on sheets of postage stamps, because in many other types of security printing adequate control is provided by having any necessary numbers punched in the plate itself, but below the height of the printing surface so they do not print. If the numbers are necessary on the printed sheets, it would seem that they would be useful only after the sheets were perforated and ready for storage. Yet, according to the theory advanced in the letter, the selvage bearing the plate number is trimmed off automatically when the stamps are perforated.

If it is true that the sheets with plate numbers now on sale in the Philatelic Section are in the "untrimmed" state, then actually the operations of printing and perforating the stamps for sale to the public have not been completed. The production of the stamps is only completed when the sheets have been perforated and the plate numbers trimmed off. This trimmed portion then becomes "printer's waste," just as the trimmings off the pages of this magazine are waste paper. Any printing plant has bundles of these trimmings to dispose of each day, but no-one would go as far as to suggest that they had any value except as waste—even if they were the trimmings off bank notes or postage stamps! The fact that the selvage is **not** trimmed off makes it no more valuable in our eyes.

The second letter mentions our remark about Canada having cheapened itself by its action on plate blocks—we did not say that the Philatelic Agency had cheapened itself by selling the blocks—only that the department had cheapened Canada's reputation in the eyes of the philatelic world by providing "made-to-order" plate blocks. And that is exactly what has been done, and no argument can be put forward to refute this.

But when it comes to the question of whether collectors should or should not collect these blocks, that is entirely up to the individual. We had no intention of dictating what anyone should collect, and have no intention of doing so now. There are some rather odd things gathered together in the name of philately—collectors enjoy themselves doing so, and that is all that really matters. Collect these blocks if you will—that is anyone's privilege—but let's not try to 'gild the lily' by denying that they are specially prepared for you—Mr. Stamp Collector. ★

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