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Posts in Vancouver Island and British Columbia Before Entry into Confederation

PART TWO

(Part One appeared in the October Issue)

ANOTHER envelope, unfortunately undated, is addressed to Woolsey at the Treasury, New Westminster. It shows the oval POST OFFICE/Royal Arms/VICTORIA V.I. handstamp in blue. Gerald Wellburn lists this as the fourth handstamp, in use from 1860 to 1871 and made in England. It is accompanied by an UNPAID, also in blue, the first of its kind listed by Wellburn and as in use from 1864 to 1871. Neither he nor Deaville give any explanation for the need for an unpaid stamp, the postal regulations of the two colonies indicating that internal postage had to be prepaid.

The marks could, of course, refer to foreign postage but certainly not in this case. Deaville points out that the oval handstamp was in use between October 26, 1864 and September 19, 1865 to indicate prepayment of postage when the 2½d B.C. and V.I. postage stamp was withdrawn from sale on the first of the above dates. As Woolsey was transferred to Quesnel in 1865, there is a fair assumption, taking the unpaid mark into account, that the letter was sent during that period. The envelope also has on the back a fine impression in red wax of the BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA/VICTORIA. (Fig. 2)



FIGURE 2

The folded letters and envelopes in the Woolsey group illustrate changes that took place in the rates charged on letters between Canada and the West Coast colonies via the United States, and also raise some questions which have yet to be answered. These charges are not dealt with in any detail in Deaville's book.

The first time a notice appears in the 'Canadian Almanac' about postal rates to the new West Coast colonies is in the issue for 1861. This states that letters from Canada will cost 15 cents per half ounce, which was identical with the rate to California. The year 1861 is also the first time any reference is made to British Columbia in Starkie's Pocket Almanac. Rates given are the same with the additional notice that they had to be prepaid. It must be remembered that material for almanacs had to be prepared ahead of time and this notice, therefore, refers to charges in existence in 1860, or even 1859. For instance, the 1860 issue, which only shows the postal rate to California and Oregon, and not to B.C., contains data mostly concerning 1858. The notice in the 'Victoria Gazette' in November of that year referred to before, also does not give any rates to British North America but states that the charge from British Columbia to any other part of the United States except California, Washington Territory and Oregon was 15 cents, which had to be prepaid and included the colonial postage of five cents.

Show Charge Prepaid

Letters of 1858, in the group from Victoria to Quebec, plainly show a charge of 15 cents prepaid. The 'Canadian Almanac' and 'Starkie's Almanac' continues to show only the 15 cent rate up to the issue of 1862, but envelopes in 1859 and 1861 from Quebec to Victoria not only have PAID and "15" but also an additional "5" in a different ink. (Fig. 3)¹. It would seem that the colonial postage was now collected in addition to the foreign. This is corroborated by a table in Deaville's book showing the postal rates in effect in the two colonies in 1860. Here the charge to "B.N.A. Provinces" is given as 20 cents and prepayment optional. Deaville adds:

"These [rates] are simply the United States foreign rates charged at the time, plus the 5 cent or 2½d. Colonial postage fee on each half-ounce or under. The

notations 'optional' and 'compulsory' relate only to the foreign postage: the Colonial charge had invariably to be paid."

In 1863, the rates shown in the 'Canadian Almanac' and 'Starkie's Almanac' take a sudden and unexplained jump to 25 cents, although the U.S. charges to California remain as before at 15 cents. 'Starkie's Almanac' states the amount must be prepaid. Deaville is silent on this matter but the Woolsey correspondence hits the change right on the nose with an envelope stamped Quebec, Jan. 16, 1863, addressed to New Westminster, with a handstamped PAID in red and "25" in manuscript, also in red. An endorsement shows that this letter was received on February 23, a matter of some five weeks, which was fast considering the route and available conveyances.

Sudden Drop to 10 Cents

The 25 cent rate went out as suddenly in 1864. The 'Canadian Almanac' for 1865 says simply that the postage to British Columbia was 10 cents per half ounce. 'Starkie's Pocket Almanac' for the same date adds that this amount must be prepaid. Presumably, this change was directly related to a change in the U.S. rates which had become a general 10 cents charge over the whole country. The 'Canadian Almanac' for 1866, after mentioning that the rate to the U.S. was 10 cents, adds that there was a further charge on delivery of letters addressed to British Columbia of 10 cents. This could give a clue to the 25 cents rate of 1863-64, if it is assumed that the previous colonial postage charge of five cents had been doubled at that time, i.e. what had been originally 15 cents plus 5 cents now had become 15 plus 10. However, the Woolsey material contains an envelope post-marked at Quebec in July 1865 with the standard cross-border handstamp of the period, CANADA/PAID 10 Cts in red. It is backstamped with a double circle GENERAL POST OFFICE BRITISH COLUMBIA/26 SEP 1865, but there is no indication of any additional charge. A list of rates given by Deaville as effective in 1865 shows Victoria to New Westminster as 5 cents and to Canada and B.N.A. 15 cents "(including Colonial postage of 5c)". The 1866 Almanac seems to have given erroneous information.

No Doubling of Charge

Finally, in the 1869 Almanac, there is a more explicit notice stating "The rate of postage on letters to British Columbia and

¹ Note that the envelope is addressed to Queensborough, the early name for New Westminster, and went "via New York California Vancouver."

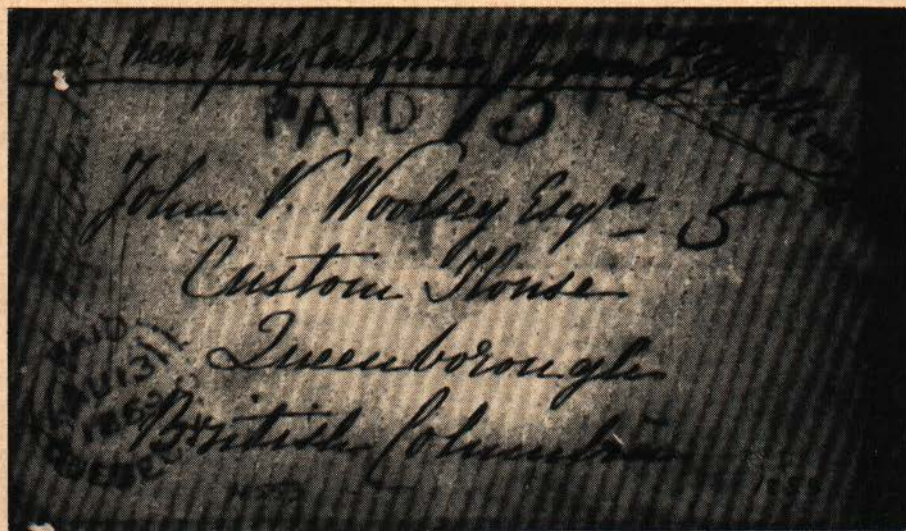


FIGURE 3

(See footnote on previous page)

Vancouver Island is 10 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. which must be prepaid. An additional charge is made on these letters on delivery for sea postage on the Pacific side." Nevertheless, when Great Britain and the United States concluded a Postal Convention in June 1867, under which it was possible for letters from B.C. to the U.K. to be prepaid with colonial postage stamps, comments on this by Bushby to the Colonial Secretary on November 20, 1867 state that, consequent on the necessity of sending and receiving letters to and from Great Britain via San Francisco, which was a colonial responsibility "there is a charge on all letters and papers either received in or despatched from the Colony—which in Vancouver Island or the lower Fraser—is 5c per half ounce on letters." This indicates that there had been no doubling of the original charge.

Union of the colonies of British Columbia and Vancouver Island was effected on November 17, 1866 with the seat of government at New Westminster. A new Postal Ordinance was passed setting the rates in decimal currency, the basic one between Vancouver Island and the mainland ports at five cents and higher rates to inland offices. It is of interest to note that, when it was decided to move the capital of the united colonies to Victoria in 1868, the post office department remained at New

Westminster where Bushby was also Registrar of the Supreme Court.

On July 20, 1871 British Columbia entered Confederation and the entire postal establishment of the colony was taken over by the Canada Post Office under the postmaster general of the Dominion Government. ★

Canada-United States in Joint Seaway Stamp Issue

A RECENT meeting in Ottawa, between postal and stamp design experts of Canada and the United States had as its sole item of business a proposal that Canada and the United States join in issuing a commemorative stamp to mark the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway early next year. This will be the first time in Canadian-United States history that the two countries will join in issuing a postage stamp embodying the same basic design.

During the course of the meeting agreement was reached unanimously on the basic design of the new stamp and other questions relating to it.

In addition to Postmaster-General Hamilton, the Canadian representatives were G. A. Boyle, Deputy Postmaster-General; J. R. Carpenter, Donald Buchanan, D. M. Coolican, O. E. R. Malcolm, A. L. Pollock and Gerald Trotter. ★

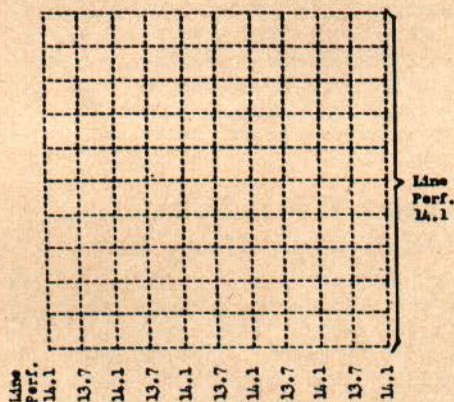
Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



NEW ITEMS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

DR. R. WILLAN, writing in the June issue of 'Maple Leaves', advises that he has discovered that a block of the 4c, Scott No. 189, consisting of two pairs imperforate between horizontally, in reality has a compound perforation as all horizontal perfs. are 14.1 line while the vertical ones are 13.7 and 14.1 alternately. This, at any rate, is what I deduce from reading Dr. Willan's article and examining the variety in my own collection. Just as a guess, I would assume that the sheet was laid out as follows:



I would appreciate hearing from anyone who has a marginal piece of this variety, as in this way we will be able to determine whether the first vertical perforation is line 13.7 or 14.1, as there is absolutely no basis for my assuming that it is 14.1. Will all readers please check and advise as to what they have, and a very deep bow to Dr. Willan for this very interesting discovery.

I guess that it doesn't do to get smug and satisfied in stamp collecting. Just about when we had decided that we had seen all possible varieties of Newfoundland part-

perfs., we made a fortunate purchase and came up with two previously unrecorded examples. We are sure that they aren't unique and yet here it is 20-25 years after issue and they make their first public appearance, to our knowledge. The first is a mint vertical pair of the 30c, Scott No. 198, imperforate between. In addition the pair is line perforated 14.1, a perforation not previously recorded for this stamp, though Scott Nos. 195, 196 and 197 have long been known line perforated 14.1. The second is another mint vertical pair imperforate between of the 7c, Scott No. 248, but in this case the perforation is the 13.2 comb, as I recall—the first instance of a part-perf. in a comb perforation. Both very interesting items and both far from usual.



Fig 12

Back in March and May, 1956, we ran two articles on the POSTAGE PAID hand-stamps and at that time we illustrated 11 different types. The latest one (Fig. 12) was found on a wrapper and we have no definite idea as to the date as there was no other marking. However, it seems to be an exact duplicate of Fig. 6, with the exception that the words "St. John's N.F." have been added between the bottom line and the letters "G.P.O.", and we know that handstrike No. 6 was used in the years 1942 and 1943, so that it is reasonable to assume that handstrike No. 12 ran concurrently. Further information will be greatly appreciated. ★

Obliterations and Cancellations Between 1851 and 1900

PART TWO

(Part One appeared in the June issue)



Fig. X—Jarrett Type 170 St. John No. 1

Duplex Cancellations

THESE cancellations came into existence in the year 1860 and were used quite frequently until 1906, although a number are still in use today. This was an official post office issue. The duplex is a combination of the dater and obliterator

in one hammer—thus duplex. E. A. Smythies (BNAPS 1440) has made a considerable study of this cancel and his articles have appeared in TOPICS quite frequently. Mr. Smythies' articles also appear in Maple Leaves, the official journal of the CPS of G.B.

Town Franks

The town frank is also a type of duplex with dater and killer. The difference to the numeral type is that the killer has the name of the town in the obliteration. The town frank, as far as the writer is able to determine, came into existence around



Fig. XI—Jarrett Type 160. London No. 6

• We continue our survey of the cancellations of the 1851-1900 period, written in a 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.



Fig. XII—Jarrett Type 365. Ottawa



Fig. XIII—Jarrett Type 362. Halifax

1879-1890 and was an official post office issue.

It is difficult to place a value on duplex, as consideration must be given to the stamp on which it appears, but some scarce strikes can add to the value of any stamp or cover.

The Squared Circle

This very popular cancel is actually a modification of the duplex, the date and

the obliterator being combined into one strike. There are two main types, with sub-types: Type One with thin lines first appeared in London in May of 1893; Type Two with thick lines first appeared in Belleville in June of 1893.

This cancel was an official post office issue and strikes have been seen as late as 1948. The writer has a London Type Two of that year, although the majority of hammers were discontinued by the Edwardian period. Dr. Alfred Whitehead is the pioneer in the study of these cancels, and his regular column in TOPICS keeps the student up to date.

The rarity of these cancels is determined by a rarity factor basis with which most collectors are familiar. Here, too, the stamp to some extent influences value.



Fig. XIV—London, Type One

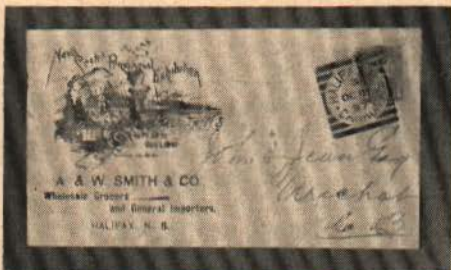


Fig. XV—Halifax, Type Two



Fig. XVI—Jarrett Type 853, Crown Cancel Ottawa



Fig. XVII—Jarrett Type 858

Crown Cancels

Crown cancels were first introduced in 1858 and were an official post office issue. As far as the writer has been able to ascer-

tain, the first crowns were introduced to commemorate Queen Victoria's 20th anniversary. These were very rare and may not be official. A later crown was introduced in 1868. These were official and were used as legislative cancels in Ottawa and Esquimault, B.C., although the Esquimault crown was not necessarily used for legislative mail.

Some crowns in existence were cut by local postmasters and were a semi-official cancel.

The value of the crown varies according to condition from \$5-\$12 off cover and \$25-\$75 on cover. ★

(To be continued)

Special Printing Process Speeds Stamp Cancelling

A NEW, automatic system is being used by the British post office to augment the cancelling of stamps. The system is claimed to speed up and make more accurate certain phases of accounting and other sorting procedures.

Backbone of the system are postage stamps marked with a graphited, electrically conductive ink. The markings complete a circuit when bulk mail is placed in a specially designed electronic sorting and cancelling machine developed by the British post office. This machine automatically faces the letters up and positions them so the stamp is in the upper, right hand corner.

The machine is able to distinguish between Britain's "ordinary" (first class) mail

and its "printed-rate" (third class) mail. It could, conceivably, if used in Canada, sort mail by classes.

Credit for the success of the system belongs to three organizations: The British post office research team, which originally developed the idea; Harrison and Sons Ltd., printers to H.M. the Queen, who devised a practical method for printing the stamps, and Acheson Colloids Ltd., manufacturers who developed and produced the graphited conducting ink.

Automatic sorting and cancelling of mail long has been a dream of postal authorities. The British GPO research team has been working on the problem for several years.

The only place so far equipped with the electronic equipment is the Southampton area. ★

Illustrations in Color Feature Robson Lowe Preview

In September the London, England, firm of Robson Lowe Ltd., (50 Pall Mall), held an exhibition of interesting stamps coming up for sale during the later months of this year. Issued in connection with this "preview" was a brochure showing some outstanding material on display with nine pages of illustrations in full color. This is a handsome piece of printing and of great interest, and makes us wish we could have seen the show itself!

Squared Circles Feature Current Canada Stamp Sale

We have not yet received a list of the prices realized at the October 15-16 mail auction held by Canada Stamp Co., 33 Pheasant Rd., Willowdale, Ont., but can report that the catalogue featured an outstanding lot of the popular squared circle cancellations, plus other fine B.N.A. material. You should get on this firm's mailing list for future catalogues. Cost is \$2.00 for catalogues and prices realized.



Collectors and dealers were 'caught napping' insofar as first day covers were concerned for this revolutionary new experiment by the British post office. The above photo of this extremely scarce FDC was supplied through the courtesy of G. L. Barron, 131 Bellemoor Road, Southampton, England. The graphite lines may be seen on the reverse side of stamps at bottom.



REVENUE GROUP

News

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

Manitoba Laws. From Neil Utberg (BNAPS 1551) comes an example of Holmes' ML77 (the 25c 9-scallop variety rubber-stamped "JF" in red), with an interesting variety in the overprint. There is a distinct curved tail to the right end of the bottom bar of "F". Looks as if it could have been caused by damage to the rubber stamp. If it appears on one of the many "JF" varieties, it may appear on a great many others!

Manitoba Telephone Franks. Also from Utberg come examples of the 5c and 25c 1911 Telephone Franks in two varieties. The varieties occur in the "9" of 1911. He submits the normal examples where the "9" is the same size as the other numbers. In the other examples the "9" is larger.

Manitoba Unlisted IMPERF BETWEEN Variety. The well known dealer in foreign revenues, William Vitale, Alhambra, Calif., has made a recent valuable revenue 'find.' In a lot of revenues on part documents which he purchased recently, he noted a 10c dark green, Holmes No. ML96, which was perforated on three sides, and had been torn by hand on the third side.

In the same lot he later found another example, but the torn edge was on the opposite side. Removing them from the documents and placing them side by side,

the torn edges fit perfectly. This reconstructed pair, imperforate between, is illustrated herewith. At least four other pairs existed at one time—do any others exist today?

'Direction' of Handstamps on Manitoba Laws. Why do we make such fuss over the direction of these handstamped overprints? Some read UP, some DOWN. The direction has no philatelic meaning—they are not a separate issue. And how do you classify those which read 'across'—in the normal manner? They read neither UP nor DOWN. While examples are scarce, they do exist, and I have a few in my collection. All this was brought to mind with an example of ML56, again submitted by Utberg, with the "BF" reading straight across.

Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph Franks. Harold Walker (BNAPS 1380), a frequent contributor to this column, reports he has seen the 1909 frank in the unwatermarked variety. Both Holmes and Marks list this variety in the 1908, 1914 and 1915 issues, but neither list the 1909 variety.

Yours truly also wishes to add the watermarked variety to the 1907 issue. We are also willing to bet that if collectors will check their copies carefully, watermarked varieties of the 1910, 1911 and 1912 issues may turn up! This probably is not true of the 1913 issue as it was printed on distinctly different thin paper.



Series of 1897 1/8 lb. Tobacco with Double Perfs. Some time ago our dependable contributor, Charles Armstrong (BNAPS 120), submitted a block of four of the 1897 1/8 lb. small tobacco Tax Paid stamp with extra rows of perforations. In addition to the normal vertical and horizontal rows, extra rows run diagonally upward, left to right.

Cape Breton Island Law Library Issue. Back in the April issue of BNA

TOPICS, we reported that the new current issue first appeared in 1957. We find now that this is in error. According to W. S. Ingraham (BNAPS 1220), "They were ordered in July 1954 and I understand were used later that year." These were produced by the Royal Printing & Lithographing Co. They were printed in sheets of 25 (5x5) with straight edges on all margins.

Both the 25c and 50c were printed in pale shades. I now have, however, the DEEP shade of the 25c. Possibly a later printing?

Newfoundland Savings Stamps. Only two varieties of these are listed in the various revenue catalogues. The first is with the

Coat of Arms design, the 10c blue WAR SAVINGS STAMP. This is quite scarce.

The second issue is the Caribou design, 10c red NATIONAL SAVINGS STAMP. This, too, is quite scarce and much under-catalogued.

However, there is a THIRD ISSUE. In the same Caribou design as the second, but printed in blue. This also reads like the red stamp. This last was issued "about the time Newfoundland joined the Canadian Confederation." The exact date is not known by this writer. I suspect, however, that even this issue may turn out to be not too common. I have this in two very distinct shades—the one a dark, bright blue; the other a pale shade, more nearly an ultramarine. ★

THE *Editor's* MAILBAG

We regret that we have not been able to publish the following letter on the plate block question in an earlier issue, but there was not sufficient space available.—Ed.

We Asked For It!

The writer, and quite a few other Canadian plate block collectors have been following with interest the editorials and letters relative to plate blocks in our magazine. Frankly, we'll bet you a coca-cola your "Last Word from the Editor" in the June issue won't be quite the last word about Canadian plate blocks.

Relative to the Philatelic Agency, the only reason for its existence is to help stamp collectors. As each sheet or stamp is sold there, it is made to order in that it is hand-picked by skilled labor; in other words, all philatelic agencies in a sense are catering directly with special or made-to-order material for the stamp collector. The stamp collectors and most dealers want and appreciate the philatelic agencies.

Getting down to Canadian plate blocks, a great many more Canadian stamp collectors collect these plate blocks than collect stampless covers, squared circle postmarks, the classics, the Caribous, and the many other specialties—only the regular singles of Canada are more popular. There is another point, too, that seems to be missed so much by editors nowadays and that is that they are STAMPS. Most collectors are interested in stamps; they are also interested in history and photographs and writings and many other things, but for editorial content in a stamp magazine nothing can beat STAMPS. These things we know because we have received first-hand many thousands of letters from all over the world because of our collections, and, these letters come from just the regular stamp collectors as well as the great experts and super-philatelists.

In the opinion of the writer, and a great many of our members, we think that our society should run a good article on plate blocks once in a while. As you know, Mr. McCready is sick, so except for Weekly Philatelic Gossip, things are sort of slowing up for our branch of the hobby. We are even bold enough to think that it would be a good idea to reactivate the Plate Block Study Group, although the original great group did finish the catalogue and did a wonderful job, and of course, might no longer be interested. There still might be laymen or new collectors, or even the six or seven who have the fantastic collections who would be interested.

After all, it was the British North America Philatelic Society who sponsored the Plate Block Study Group that made the catalogue and made this branch of the hobby. Relative to the furore over the printing of the imprints, it seems too bad to many of us that when a former postal administration had stopped printing plate corner imprints completely—it seems too bad that when a new, aggressive Postmaster-General, Bill Hamilton, does the best he can to straighten this situation out for the stamp collector, to have the leading Canadian magazine criticizing because the selvedge on the sheet is narrower or wider. Certainly, a personal letter to the Postmaster-General would be just as helpful and that's the only reason I see for editorials—to help the hobby.

Seeks To Maintain High Standard

We know first-hand, and we have in his own handwriting the statement that Bill Hamilton highly values philately as a medium of international good will. His objective is to maintain the high standard of Canadian stamps and to make improvements where possible. He believes, as does the average collector, that Canada has laid a sound foundation for lasting value of collections of Canadian postage stamps.

Why should anybody become upset because a stamp he bought for his collection turned out to

be very valuable as other collectors became interested in that type of stamp? Don't we all save our stamps for our children, even thinking that they might help towards a college education or something of the kind. In other words, why do we pretend that materialism in stamps is a sin?

Getting back to your "Last Word" editorial, I honestly don't think anybody is trying to "gild any lily" by collecting Canadian plate blocks. I am sure the average plate block collector is glad to see these available at face value at the Philatelic Agency, and I don't think any of us really believes that the Postmaster-General himself is "gilding a lily" by cutting a small part of the selvage off the stamps or by leaving it on.

The only reason we are writing this letter is to be constructive. The absence of editorials, information, and articles on Canadian plate blocks has been obvious in Canadian magazines for many months now. Wouldn't it be possible to diversify a bit and include this along with other branches of Canadian stamp collecting?

George L. Lee (BNAPS 1035)

❏ Don't shoot . . . we surrender! Seriously, the only thing we object to is the fact that the plate numbers do not appear on sheets available at the local post offices. Other than that, collect as you will, we won't try to do any dictating of tastes. . . . And we would certainly welcome articles on plate blocks.—Ed.

Sheets Are Trimmed

In regard to your "Last Word" editorial in June TOPICS on the matter of Canadian plate blocks, I note that you question the matter of sheets of stamps being delivered to the Philatelic Section in an "untrimmed" state. Please allow me to quote from a letter received from Mr. Hamilton, dated 29th January, 1958:

" . . . The stamps for the latter use will be trimmed automatically as they pass through the perforating device, without any added expense to the Department. Those stamps that will be sold from the Philatelic Section with the plate number inscription, will be delivered in an untrimmed state. . . . "

This letter, signed personally by Mr. Hamilton, is on file in our office and will willingly be shown to any interested parties.

J. F. Webb (BNAPS 1210)

A Slight Error!

Very good TOPICS for September. By the way, whatever happened to Whole Number 158 of TOPICS?

J. J. Charron (BNAPS 1525)

❏ A slight error on our part—June issue should have been numbered "158" but by mistake the change was not made from the type used for the May issue, which was numbered "157." This error appeared on the cover only; the number on the contents page was correct.—Ed.

Dates of New Plates

For several years I have been trying to get some information about Canadian plate blocks, but have never received a clear answer.

It regards knowing when new plates have been sent to press in the regular issues. I have never

seen this information published and have never been able to learn anything from the Philatelic Section of the Post Office Department.

It is just a suggestion, but couldn't you find a spot in the journal to publish this information for the members?

Tom Perkins (BNAPS 1350)

❏ We would gladly publish this information if we knew it ourselves. Perhaps some of our Ottawa members have contacts from whom this information can be obtained. Can anyone help?—Ed.

Centennial Variety

I wonder if any of your readers noticed a variation which occurred on some of the stamps of the B.C. Centennial issue.

I know of at least two sheets in which most of the images show part of the miner's thigh printed in black. The effect varies considerably from stamp to stamp; it may be only one of the lines or several (it seems to be only horizontal lines that are effected) and on some stamps it shows up in the Union Jack portion of the shield. It looks suspiciously like poor cleaning of the plate after pulling black proofs.

The stamps were purchased at Station D in Montreal. I would be interested to know if these have been found anywhere else.

R. McCallum (BNAPS 1315)

Slogan Cancellations

• Handbook chairman R. J. Woolley has recently had a letter from Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth, secretary of the CPS of G.B., in connection with a proposed handbook to be published by them on the above subject.

For some time now there has been a series of articles appearing in Maple Leaves on slogans by the Slogan Study Circle. The listing in the August issue brings their list up to August 1940.

The circle is preparing to publish a handbook on the subject and has asked that BNAPS members who are interested would write offering assistance in checking the listing that has already appeared and in supplying local background to the use of some of the slogans.

Members who are interested in helping our sister society in this work should write either to the secretary, Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth, 192 Lichfield Road, Walsall, Staffs., England, or to the Study Circle chairman, Mr. Len Harris, 50 Victoria Road North, Southsea, Hants., England. ★

The Slogan Cancellations of British Columbia

By the Slogan Study Circle of the CPS of G.B.



B. Brown

THE FIRST true 'slogan' or 'advertising' cancellation used in Canada appeared from Toronto, Ontario, and Victoria, British Columbia, in 1901. In the form of a shield or oval superimposed on a flag, the Toronto cancel advertised CANADA'S/EXPOSITION/TORONTO/Aug. 26 to/SEP. 7, and was in use in its three formats for several months. The Victoria, B.C., cancel advertising the PROVINCIAL/EXHIBITION/VICTORIA/OCT. 1 to 5, was in use for a very short period only in August 1901, and is justly claimed to be the rarest of all Canadian slogans. In fact, it has been reported that only seven or eight copies are known to exist.

No further advertising cancels have been reported from 1901 until 1912, but in that year several cities used cancellations advertising local fairs or exhibitions, including Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster.

In the ensuing years, advertising cancellations appeared from coast to coast, bearing announcements of fairs, exhibitions, carnivals, tournaments and shows of all kinds, conventions and gatherings, appeals for assistance to various funds and institutions, and reminders of historic dates such as jubilees, centennials and anniversaries.

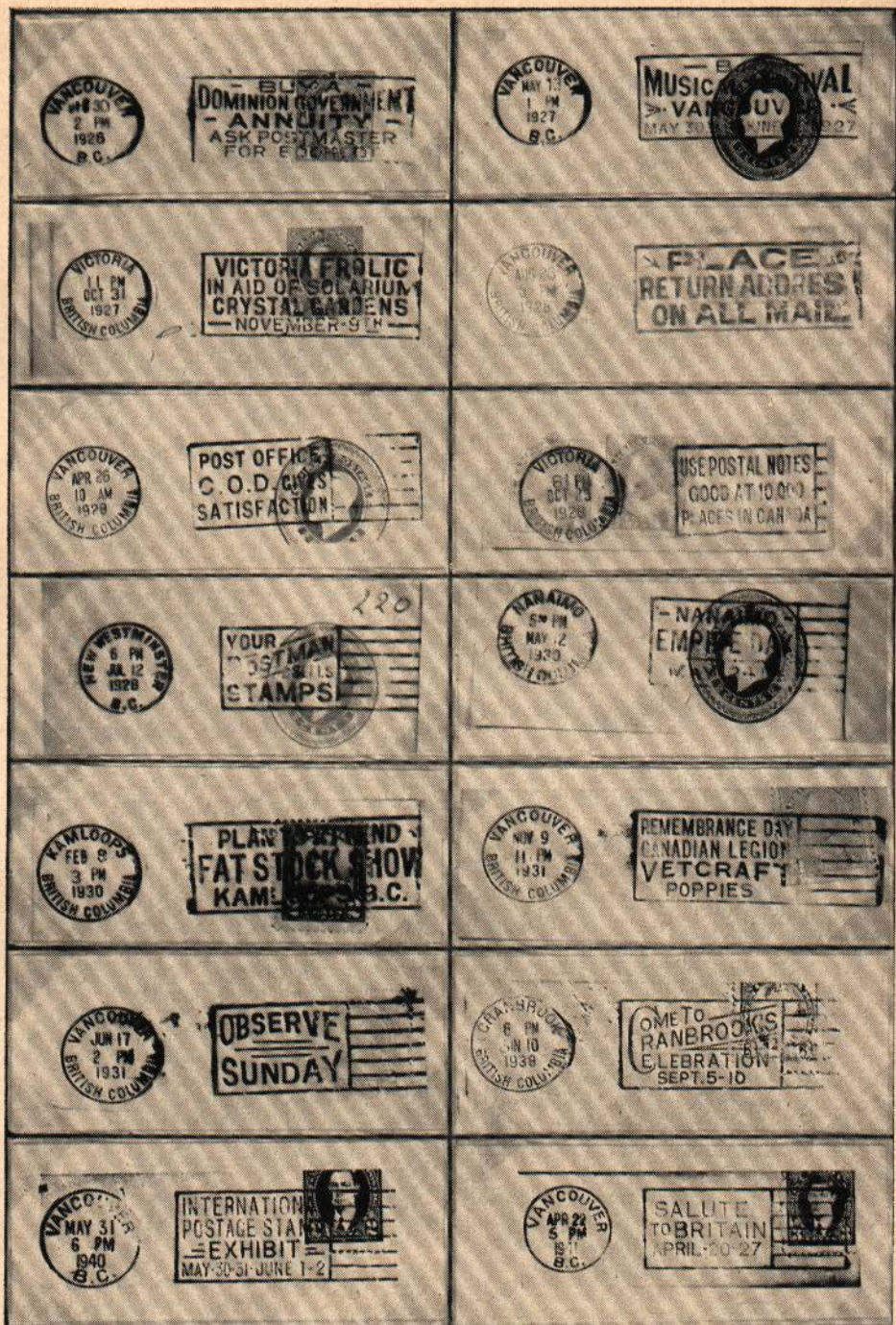
It was in 1917 that the advertising cancellation came into its own, and from then on the 'slogan era' gathered momentum. The Canadian government, well aware of the value of this form of publicity, prepared a series of slogans for the War Savings Certificates campaign, and later the

Victory Bond campaign, many of which were used over the next few years by Vancouver, Victoria and other British Columbia towns and cities. General post office directives, having for their purpose the advertising of a specific service rendered by the postal department, with cancels aimed at securing the assistance of the public towards maintaining prompt and efficient mailing services, now made regular appearance, and have continued to extend their scope.

It is not within the compass of space in this article to deal with the slogan cancellations of British Columbia other than in a very general way. Vancouver and Victoria head the list of British Columbia cities which make the most prolific use of slogans, and other cities and towns which use this form of cancel are Nelson, New Westminster, Prince Rupert, Prince George, Kamloops, Penticton, Cranbrook, Trail, Chilliwack, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Powell River, Mission City, Kelowna, Vernon, White Rock, and no doubt the future will see many more.

To enumerate but a few of the 'advertising slogans' used by the various towns in British Columbia since 1912, the following will illustrate the diversified use to which this form of cancellation has been put:

Vancouver Midsummer Fair Aug. 10-17, 1912; Victoria Carnival Week Aug. 4-9, 1913; Help to Win the War. Buy War Savings Certificates; Buy Victory Bonds. All



SOME BRITISH COLUMBIA SLOGAN CANCELS

Canada is Your Security; Help Prevent Forest Fires; Address Your Mail to Street and Number; Buy a Dominion Government Annuity. Ask Postmaster for Booklet; Place Return Address on All Mail; Insure Your Parcels at the Post Office; Nanaimo Empire Day, May 24th; Observe Sunday; Civic Voters Register Now; Learn to Swim. Learn Life Saving; Holiday This Year in Canada; Air Mail Speeds Business; Save Time. Use Air Mail; Help the Red Cross; Industrial Exposition Vernon, B.C. May 28-31; Conserve Canada's Wild Life; 69th Annual Caledonia Games July 23rd; Mail

Early for Christmas; Give to Conquer Cancer—and others of local and national appeal.

The foregoing information has been extracted from the files of the Slogan Study Circle of the CPS of G.B., and due thanks are accorded to all members of the CPS of G.P. and BNAPS, who have collaborated and made available this information. Particular acknowledgement is made to Stanley Godden (BNAPS 445) who very kindly loaned his example of the 1901 Victoria Exhibition cancel for reproduction herewith. ★

Al Kessler's Annual . . .

Convention Round-up

THE BIGGEST and Best Yet . . . that was the verdict proclaimed at the conclusion of our tenth annual Convention and Exhibition held at St. Marguerites, Quebec, September 25-27.

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To those members who were attending their first BNAPS Convention, it was a revelation . . . to those who have attended previous shows it was a verification . . . and to those who did not attend, it will be a regret, as throughout the next 12 months they hear from their fellow members what they missed! Permit me to add, as one who has been fortunate enough to have attended each and every one of our conventions, that if you were among the missing, I knew it, and believe me, we missed you!

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The theme song of the convention was "Where Can I Get Some Squared Circles?" (Don't worry, fellows, we won't mention those who cornered the market!)

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Among the early arrivals at the show was BNAPSer Arnold Banfield, a Grand Award winner at the Union Philatelique de Montreal-sponsored 64th annual convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans in Montreal. This six-frame exhibit contained a wonderful range of proofs of the 10c Prince Consort, examples of the various printings of this stamp, as well as cancellations and a number of beautiful covers. This was the first time that Mr. Banfield has exhibited this collection. He scored a second victory at the BNAPS show when he was awarded a Gold Medal.

What kind of weather did we have? It is Thursday night (12 p.m. **midnight!**), and at least a dozen BNAPSers exit from the inn attired in bathing suits, for a plunge in the outdoor swimming pool! Yep . . . we can prove it. (We hope so, for at least we had the camera clicking.)

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Friday morning provided a delight for stockholders of the various camera supply companies, for there was a constant click of shutters. The scenery in the grounds of the inn was the kind that one usually sees only in advertisements, and makes one wonder if such colors are real. In

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Awards . . .

Judges: H. W. Lussey, Chairman; A. L. Michael, C. M. Jephcott.

Grand Award

C. P. deVOLPI—1851-1868 Canada Adhesives on Cover.

Gold Medals

E. A. BANFIELD—1859 10 cent Prince Consorts, Canada.

D. C. MEYERSON—Newfoundland Pre-Adhesives and Stampless Covers.

J. WATSON YUILE—3 Penny Beaver of Canada.

Silver Medals

A. P. COOK—Booklet Panes.

DR. K. M. DAY—Telegraph Covers.

S. A. WOOD—Specialized Collection of 5c Caribou of Newfoundland.

Bronze Medals

R. V. C. CARR—Nova Scotia 19th Century.

W. C. ROCKETT—Revenues.

ROY WRIGLEY—O.H.M.S.

James Goodwin Trophy

D. C. MEYERSON—Newfoundland Pre-Adhesive and Stampless Covers.

this case they were provided by Mother Nature. ☆ ☆

"Dieting," says Webster, is "the act of eating according to regimen." This is inserted for the benefit of those who ordered from the menu placed in their hands at each sitting in the dining room of the Alpine Inn during the Convention. Any BNAPSer who paid attention to the above definition is in line for the "martyrdom award" at the next Convention. Any nominees?

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The "family gathering" was more apparent than ever at this Convention, as several members brought their children with them. What better proof could we have that BNAPS is truly "one big family" than members bringing their children and taking part in all the activities? If you have not attended a previous show because you do not want to leave the children behind, and due, too, to the fact that they are pre-school age, we are sure that if you will inquire of those who brought their children to this last affair they will vouch for the fact that there was no problem. What more could one ask for than to have the youngsters in our midst?

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And now, fellow BNAPSers, permit me to remind you that YOUR Society is in its nineteenth year. We have had ten successful birthday parties; we are already planning our eleventh and twelfth—the latter signifying our "coming of age." So let us all continue to keep this the best known philatelic group anywhere in this tired, full of hate, old world. We of this Society stand ready to be challenged as to whether there is any group of this size (975 members as of the last Report), where the spirit of co-operation, goodwill and friendliness prevails as much as it does in BNAPS. Naturally, it is only human for us not to see eye to eye on all issues—we would become stagnant if we did—but if you have any complaints, any suggestions, any ideas, that will help to keep us that "looked-up-to society" that we are at this time, please present them to any of the officers . . . and above all, plan to attend next year's Convention.—Al Kessler (BNAPS 334).

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C. M. Mann Issues British Colonies List

C. M. Mann (BNAPS 1451), Box 3442, University Stn., Charlottesville, Virginia, has issued a list of British and Dutch Colonies, which includes the extensive offering of Newfoundland featured in his advertisement in the October issue of TOPICS. Check over this ad. for your Newfoundland wants, and send for this list for other material offered. Mr. Mann also requests want lists of your Canada needs.

Big 'Name' Collections For Harmer's of N.Y.

Bernard D. Harmer, vice-president of H. R. Harmer Inc., of New York, has announced a series of auctions, totalling 25 sessions, to be held in the period September 17 to December 17.

Heading the list was the final "Caspary" auction held October 28-29.

Three auctions have been scheduled exclusively of United States material. The first will be an important sale of some 1,600 lots and will include the "Harold W. Stark" collection. This is an extensive group of interesting and scarce entries of the earlier U.S. issues. Included in the same auction will be fine representations of later 19th century and strong 20th century issues.

An important U.S. sale is the "Stanley B. Ashbrook" auction of November 25-26. One session will comprise, largely, the collection of "One Cent Blues" of the 1851 to 1857 imperf. and perf. issues. The other session will cover the exceptional Ashbrook philatelic library and an extraordinary range of photographs with many plating studies.

Still another pre-Christmas all-U.S. auction will take place the following week, December 1 to 3, and will consist of the "Thomas Doane Perry" collection of postal stationery (one session), a number of important items from the "Albert W. Chaffin" estate, scarce Confederate items from the "Horace W. Davis" estate, and other properties.

One other auction will be held in December, an extensive four-day general sale, on December 15 to 18. United States, British Commonwealth and foreign will be well represented and a number of small but attractive properties have been scheduled.

Auction catalogues, liberally illustrated and described in the usual conservative Harmer manner, can be obtained gratis from **H. R. Harmer, Inc.**, 6 West 48th St., New York 36, N.Y. ★

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BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

From the Secretary

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

October 1, 1958.

NEW MEMBERS

- 1578 Alder, Bradbury C., 747-16th Street N.E., Massillon, Ohio
1579 Benningen, Jack, 157 Wildwood Drive, Calgary, Alberta
1580 Bowmer, Dr. Ernest John, 1919 Linden Road, Vancouver 13, British Columbia
1581 Cornell, Mrs. Edna M., 308 Park Street, Syracuse 8, New York
1582 deMontigny, R., 10 Brittany Road, Baie d'Urfée, Quebec
1583 Fenell, A. E., 4215 Brant Street, Vancouver 12, British Columbia
1584 Freeman, W. A., 39 Binkley Crescent, Hamilton, Ontario
1585 Goody, Harry, 26 Carrwood Road, Bramhall, England.
1586 Harris, Sidney D., 162 Grove Street, Rutland, Vermont
1587 Lagueux, Paul, 1381 Des Gouverneurs, Quebec, Quebec
1588 Langlois, Pierre, 98 Cours de Vincennes, Paris 12, France
1589 Marshall, Roy, 10424 McVine Avenue, Sunland, California
1590 Mifsud, Austin V., 2784 Briarfield Avenue, Redwood City, California
1591 Moberg, Cornell, Drawer 549, Yorkton, Saskatchewan
1592 Outram, Robert Harold, 198 Pacific Highway, Lindfield, New South Wales, Australia
1593 Roberts, John W., 2801-39th Avenue, Vernon, British Columbia
1594 Seifert, William A. Jr., 4 Russell Road, West Albany, New York
1595 Sprague, Gordon, 138 Vaughan Street, Portland, Maine
1596 Stephens, Walter T., 87 Valley Crest Road, Rochester 16, New York
1597 Wadsworth, Edward G., 70 High Street, Eastport, Maine
1598 Webb, Lt. Col. R. H., 25 Melgund Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario
1599 Wightman, G. Franklin, Smith's Cove, Nova Scotia

APPLICATIONS PENDING

- Barden, Harold M., 632 South Avenue 60, Los Angeles 42, California
Brown, John Huntingdon, 436 Talbot Street, Ottawa, Ontario
Dote, Anthony Joseph, 112 Gladstone Road, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania
Ferguson, Dr. J. G., 46 Robina Avenue, Toronto 10, Ontario
Freeburg, Florence, 5721 Stratford Road, Los Angeles 42, California
McLeod, D. J., P.O. Box 338, Fredericton, New Brunswick
McAllister, William M., 32639 MacKenzie Drive, Garden City, Michigan
Potts, G. H., Merry Island Mail Bag, via Vancouver, British Columbia
Radford, R. Anthony, P.O. Box 2129, Auckland C-1, New Zealand

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- Breton, Miss Marie Blanche, 810 Turnbull Ave., Apt. 21, Quebec 4, Que. (C-X) CAN, NFD, NS, NB, MAN., PEI—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Used airmails. Proposed by G. April, No. 1118; seconded by G. des Rivieres, No. 1077.
Britney, Miss E. Anne, 322-77th St., North Bergen, N.J. (C-X) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Stampless, 1st day and 1st flight covers. Mint and used booklet panes. Precancels. Seals. Federal revenues. Mint, used and semi-official airmails and on cover. Flag cancellations. Specialty: 1st day and 1st flight covers. Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.
Brookman, L. G., 103 Loeb Arcade, Minneapolis 2, Minn. (D) Proposed by R. C. Meyerson, No. 1004; seconded by D. C. Meyerson, No. L3.
Brown, Jack, Box 905, Picton, Ont. (C-C) CAN—19th century used postage. Precancels. Specialty: Cancellations. Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. L506; seconded by A. E. Hetherington, No. 1451.
Duval, Jacques, 126 Logan, St. Lambert, Que. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—Used postage. Tax-paid revenues. Used airmails. Proposed by J. J. Charron, No. 1525.
Gratz, Lt. J. Roger, 2105D Tennessee Circle, Loring A.F.B., Maine (DC) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Pre-stamp, stampless, 1st day and 1st flight covers. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint, used, semi-official airmails and on cover. Proposed by D. C. Meyerson, No. L3; seconded by R. C. Meyerson, No. 1004.

Letch, E. H., 1232 Des Chenaux Rd., Three Rivers, Que. (C-X) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37.

Sonne, C. C., Hotel Cecil, Moose Jaw, Sask. (C-CX) CAN—19th and 20th century used postage and blocks. Any issue town cancellations on cover. Federal revenues. Proposed by C. A. Anderson, No. 361.
Sparrow, William G., 64 Lymm Grove Ave., Toronto 18, Ont. (C) CAN. Proposed by R. M. Speirs, No. 398; seconded by R. C. Meyerson, No. 1004.

COLLECTING INTERESTS

Barden, Harold M. (application pending): CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Mint and used airmails. Flag, 2 and 4-ring numeral cancellations. Specialty: Canada plate blocks.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

1308 Berkelheimer, Irwin, 7102 Lakeside Drive N., Grove Park, Charlotte 5, N.C.
1525 Charron, J. J., 910 St. Charles Street, St. Lambert, Montreal 23, Que.
1555 Copeland, Robert A., 477 Grauer Road, R.R. 1, Richmond, B.C.
1439 Scarlet, Leo, 80-20 208th Street, Queens Village, N.Y.
1380 Walker, Harold W., Box 218, Palmerston, Ont. (from Winnipeg, Man.)
359 Woolley, R. J., 2345 Yonge Street, Apt. 11, Toronto 12, Ont.
1495 Wright, G. B., Elliot Lake, Ont.
1532 Carmichael, John A., 616 Lonsdale Ave., Apt. 53, North Vancouver, B.C. (from Kelowna, B.C.)

MAIL RETURNED (Information to correct address appreciated)

109 Marler, George C., 120 Lansdowne Rd., Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa, Ont.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

Ruf, Emil S.

Sohn, Charles E.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, Sept. 1, 1958	975
NEW MEMBERS, Oct. 1, 1958	22
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RESIGNATIONS, Oct. 1, 1958	2 2
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, Oct. 1, 1958	995

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

Minutes

of the Tenth Annual Meeting of the British North America Philatelic Society, held on Saturday
September 27, 1958, at the Alpine Inn, St. Marguerites, Quebec, Canada

President George B. Llewellyn took the chair at 11:00 a.m. and declared the meeting officially open for the consideration of such business as should come before it. Mr. Llewellyn appointed Mr. D. C. Meyerson as Sergeant-at-Arms for the meeting.

The chair recognized a motion by Mr. V. G. Greene, seconded by Dr. L. S. Holmes, that the meeting dispense with the reading of the minutes of the preceding Ninth Annual Meeting as published in the November 1957 issue of BNA TOPICS and that these minutes be accepted as having been read. The motion was affirmed.

The Secretary, Mr. J. Levine, advised the meeting that he had received no correspondence for the attention of the meeting.

Mr. Llewellyn, President, welcomed all present at the meeting and convention. He expressed his personal praise and appreciation of the excellent show arranged and provided by Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. deVolpi. He also expressed his appreciation of the fine co-operation and efforts he had and is receiving from the officers, appointees and members.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The report of the Treasurer for the year 1957 has been published in the June issue of TOPICS

and shows that we had a deficit of \$421.53. It was estimated at the time of the convention at Philadelphia, last year, that the deficit would be about \$264, but despite an underestimate of income our expenses were so much greater than estimated that the deficit was \$157 more than anticipated. It was thought that the printing of our new Constitution and By-Laws would cost between \$40 and \$50 whereas the cost was \$183, due to the quantity, style of binding and the inclusion of the rules for the Library and Sales Circuit. A further unanticipated expense was the deficit of \$57 incurred in the printing of the Yearbook, which is planned to be self-sustaining.

The publication of the Treasurer's Report for 1957 also carried the first reference to our liability to and payment of an income tax. We had already applied for exemption from income tax as a non-profit educational society but finally paid in 1957 the income tax, under protest, for the year 1955, while an adjudication of our claim was in process. There will be a further report on this situation by our President.

However, the income tax law does provide that a loss can be carried back two years as against a previous surplus and, therefore, an application was made for a readjustment of our 1955 income

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TABLE I.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE TREASURER
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (January 1 to September 14, 1958)

INCOME			
Membership Dues, 1957 (paid in 1958)		\$ 13.75	
Membership Dues, 1958 Renewal		2612.13	
Membership Dues, New Members		148.05	
Membership Dues, from Life Membership Fund		66.00	
Membership Fees, New Members		65.00	\$2904.93
Topics:			
Advertising		463.50	
Sale of Back Issues		7.40	470.90
Handbooks—Sale of "Perfin" Handbooks		19.20	19.20
Interest on Income Tax Refunded		1.97	1.97
Sales Circuits—Operating Surplus		23.71	23.71
Accounts Receivable:			
Topics Advertising		81.77	81.77
TOTAL INCOME			\$3502.48
EXPENSES			
Topics		\$2216.06	
Expenses Prepaid in 1957		126.30	\$2342.36
Library		43.25	
Prepaid in 1957		16.75	60.00
General Expenses		303.97	
Membership Cards, Prepaid in 1957		30.93	
Statement Forms, Prepaid in 1957		17.47	
Envelopes, Prepaid in 1957		29.35	381.72
BNAPEX-58—Grand Award Tray		51.62	51.62
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$2835.70
Balance of 1958 Funds as of Sept. 14th			666.78
			\$3502.48

TABLE II. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SALES DEPARTMENT**
BALANCE SHEET

	31 Aug. 1957	10 Sept. 1958
Cash in Bank—Demand Account	\$1505.11	\$2056.68
Cash in Bank—Time Account	1029.49	1060.89
Circulating Value	7164.06	11593.67
Reserve, Insurance Charges Receivable	171.74	265.51
Prepaid Insurance Policy	107.63	24.29
Blank Sales Books	17.56	—
Owners Payable	8501.94	13222.18
Insurance Fund	1099.73	1361.23
Operating Surplus	393.92	417.63

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR YEAR ENDED SEPT. 10, 1958

INCOME			
Commissions Collected		\$ 323.97	
Sales Books		16.79	
Foreign Exchange Premium		3.91	
Interest Income		31.40	
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 376.07
EXPENSES			
Stationery, Printing and Supplies		\$ 79.51	
Postage and Registry		181.22	
Insurance Policy Expense		83.34	
Miscellaneous Expense		4.09	
Uncollected "Sales"		4.20	
TOTAL EXPENSES			352.36
NET BALANCE TO OPERATING SURPLUS			23.71

tax on the basis of our deficit of \$421.53 for the year 1957 and we have received a refund of \$119 out of the \$129 we paid as our 1955 tax. Thus we had some benefit by incurring a deficit within two years of the time we had a surplus.

An interim report covering the financial transactions of the Society from January 1, 1958 to September 14 has been prepared and copies of it placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the President and the Secretary. A copy is available here for inspection by anyone who is interested. (See Table I.)

I will now give you a summary of this report so that you will know of our present financial situation. No income or expense in connection with the production of the 1958 Yearbook is included as the records for this are incomplete.

The total income for this interim period from all other sources has been \$3,503, or \$119 more than for the same period last year. Expenses have been \$2,836, or \$63 more. As a result, we have \$56 more than we had last year toward paying expenses from September 14 to December 31.

This year we do not expect to have any unusual expenses for the period to December 31. It is estimated that expenses for the balance of this year will be about \$1,080. Toward paying for these we have a present balance of 1958 funds of \$665 plus an anticipated income of \$315, or a total of \$980. This indicates that our deficit this year will be about \$100.

It is expected that the increased rates for display advertising in TOPICS which went into effect in July of this year will produce a higher income for the balance of 1958 and in 1959. If the increased rates had been in effect during the first seven months of 1958, without a loss of advertising space, we would have had about \$140 more revenue and we can look for about a \$200 increase in advertising revenue in 1959, which barring other contingencies would probably keep us out of the red.

However, notice has been received that there will be a further increase sometime in 1959 in the cost of printing TOPICS of about \$75 per issue. The effect of this on our finances will have to be given serious consideration.

This report is respectfully submitted for your consideration. I move its approval.

W. C. PETERMAN, Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. C. Rockett and approved by vote.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Last year is was my unpleasant duty to have to bring you for the first time an unfavorable report on membership development. This year I am very pleased to be able to again bring you the usual favorable report—increase in membership, decrease in losses. The following membership summary and comparative analysis for the past two years verifies our return to the usual favorable report.

Membership Summary

(As of date of monthly reports)

September 15, 1957 to September 1, 1958	
Total membership, Sept. 15, 1957	1031
(corrected)	946
New Members, 9-15-57 to 9-1-58	82
Replaced on Rolls, 9-15-57 to 9-1-58	3
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Dropped from Rolls, 9-15-57 to 9-1-58	24
Resignations, 9-15-57 to 9-1-58	25
Deceased, 9-15-57 to 9-1-57	7
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	56
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Total Membership, Sept. 1, 1958	975

Comparative Analysis, 1957-1958

	1957	1958
New Members	65	82
Replaced on Rolls	7	3
Increase	72	85
Dropped from Rolls	35	24
Resignations	27	25
Deceased	13	7
Decrease	86	56
Net Increase or Decrease	-14	+29

The above comparative analysis shows that our membership increased by 29 over the previous year when we showed the loss in membership of 14 instead of the then reported 3. While the 29 increase is not our largest in a single year, it indicates that we are back again to our regular and usual yearly increase in membership. Also back to normal is our regular small losses in membership due to dropping, resignations and other cause—56 vs. 75. Our membership development looks very bright again and the October issue of BNA TOPICS reports 22 applications pending and nine new applications, compared to 18 pending and four new in the same issue last year. Yes, the outlook in membership is very bright.

Worthy of mention is the fact that most of the resignations received noted the reason for such discontinuance of membership was not due to any dissatisfaction but entirely because of a withdrawal from collecting.

The President's Certificate

"The President's Certificate," duly inscribed and attested, is awarded each year to the member who enrolled the most new members during the year. From January 1957 to December 1957, new members were recruited by the following members in such numbers as indicated: Duncan, R. J. (8), MacMaster, H. A. (5), Richardson, E. A. (4), Two each—Cornelius, J. C., Harris, E. A., Hickey, F. J., Kessler, A. H., Meyerson, D. C., and Reiche, H. One each—Balassa, J. J., Banfield, E. A., Banks, L. W., Bartlett, B. H., Baugild, C. G., Berger, S. V., Binks, B. C., Chadbourne, W. W., Crane, D. B., Davenport, L. A., deVolpi, C. P., Doner, E., Foster, G. E., Goldman, L., Greene V. G., Hedley, R. P., Holmes, L. S., Jennings, C. J., Llewellyn, G. B., Ludlow, L. M. Jr., McIntyre, E., McNeil, C. R., Milne, B. F., Peterman, W. C., Reinhard, H., Rosenthal, M., Russell W. H., Scott, B., Siverts, J. S., Willan, R., Wildon, J. F.

From the above recruiting report, I am pleased to announce the winner of the "President's Certificate" for 1957 is: ROBERT J. DUNCAN.

Vincent G. Greene Award

Each year a winner is voted to receive the "Vincent G. Greene Award," a silver cup awarded to the author or authors of the best original article, articles, column or series of columns originally published in BNA TOPICS. To determine such a winner, the four elected officers and the nine members of the Board of Governors are canvassed by the Secretary for their three successive selections and points are allowed on a three for first, two for second and one for third choice basis. The previously named officers and members of the Board have been so canvassed and from the ten ballots received, the following point score resulted:

Dr. Alfred Whitehead 21, E. A. Richardson 12, Daniel C. Meyerson 10, E. A. Smythies 9, Narcisse A. Pelletier 2.

From the above reported results of the voting, the winner of the "Vincent G. Greene Award" for 1957 is: DR. ALFRED WHITEHEAD, for his series of columns on Squared Circles.

In conclusion, let me express my great pleasure in being with you at this convention and for the privilege of serving you as Secretary so that I could bring you what I trust is a favorable report.

I respectfully submit this report for your consideration and formally move its approval.

JACK LEVINE, Secretary

The motion was seconded by Dr. L. S. Holmes and voted affirmed.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Once again this year I am pleased to report that the Society continues to pursue the even tenor of its ways and there were few, if any, controversies that had to be settled by action of the Board of Governors.

The regular functions such as having its committee pass on the membership applications and having the books audited by a certified public accountant were taken care of by the Board. In addition by mail vote the Board provided for the 1958 budget and also acting upon the advice of the Advertising Manager they set up a new schedule of rates to more nearly provide for the increases in the printing costs over the past few years.

On another occasion, by a mail vote, the Board agreed to allow two local groups to donate awards in the name of BNAPS for exhibits of B.N.A. material at local shows. Both of these awards were supplied by the local group at no cost to the Society and it was the feeling of the Board that these awards would aid in stimulating interest in B.N.A. philately.

I believe that at this time it should be officially recorded that the Society is neither a credit nor a collection agency and all dealers should take the ordinary precaution of demanding references from customers unknown to them rather than to take a society membership and number as evidence of good credit risk. It is a recognized fact that membership in the Society of itself does not permit a member to use the name of the Society as a philatelic reference, nor does the Society accept any responsibility for the actions of any members in this respect. Where the Society can, it will try and contact delinquent members but it is under no obligation to do so.

On this, the beginning of our fifteenth year, I believe it would be a good idea if the new President appointed a committee to get to work on a BNAPS handbook. This was considered several years ago and a committee appointed but nothing ever came of it, and I believe that the idea should be revitalized.

Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL C. MYERSON, Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. A. Day, seconded by Mr. C. M. Jephcott, that the report be accepted as read. The motion was affirmed.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD

During the past year our editor, Mr. Gordon P. Lewis, submitted several articles to the Editorial Board. These were carefully gone over and certain changes were suggested in one or two cases. Errors are bound to creep in occasionally, but the high standard of TOPICS has, in our opinion, been fully maintained during the past year.

V. G. GREENE, Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. V. G. Greene, seconded by Mr. D. C. Meyerson that the report be accepted as read. The motion was voted accepted.

REPORT OF THE ADVERTISING MANAGER

As the result of increased printing costs, a sizeable deficit in our 1957 operations and an expected deficit of \$205 for 1958, at the time the budget was reviewed by the Board of Governors, it was decided to increase advertising rates to make them more commensurate with the cost of publishing TOPICS. Accordingly, new display advertising rates were instituted to become effective July 1, 1958. Yearbook rates were also increased for the 1958 issue.

Income from the first six issues of TOPICS in 1958, collected at the old rates, amounted to \$444.52, compared to \$415.06 for the comparable period last year, an increase of about 7 per cent. With the remaining four regular issues being billed at the increased rates, last year's total of \$685.31, exclusive of the Yearbook, should be substantially exceeded.

This year display advertising in the Yearbook will gross \$515, vs. \$457 in 1957, an increase of \$58. Last year the Yearbook was not self sustaining but ran a deficit of \$60. However, it included an additional service for our members by printing the List of Exchangers. This year we should come close to breaking even.

Once again I must point out that the success of the Yearbook is due to the loyal support of a very small segment of our members and dealer friends, as the income resulted from only 56 advertisements.

I would like to close by appealing for more widespread support by a greater number of our members to this special annual issue that we all look forward to receiving.

I respectfully submit this report and move its adoption.

GEORGE B. LEWELLYN,
Advertising Manager.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. S. Siverts and voted affirmed.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library Committee received no complaints during the year, nor were any suggestions offered to indicate that services could be improved.

For the Committee,
FRANK W. CAMPBELL.

The report was accepted on motion of Mr. J. Levine and seconded by Mr. W. C. Peterman.

REPORT OF THE SALES MANAGER

It is gratifying to be able to report that for the year just past the Sales Department recorded its highest level of activity under its present direction. The final sales total attained was \$4,265.44, almost \$1,000 over the previous year and \$300 over the former high of two years ago. During the active period, besides the regular sendings to regional groups, and the occasional special sendings of such specialized bulky material as stampless covers, 40 general circuits were despatched to about 400 recipients. During the course of the year, 246 new salesbooks with an original value of \$13,065.43, were received for entry—both again new highs. The financial statement of the Sales Department for the period is appended. (See Table II.)

We are again fortunate in that losses were negligible individually and in total, being entirely of the nuisance sort caused by carelessness. Delinquency in returns—a serious problem several years ago—has almost disappeared, except for the end of the period of circulation when vacations and absences from home become a factor.

During the past year our procedure was changed so as considerably to enlarge the composition of each circuit. Where previously each circuit had

been restricted to seven recipients, we have now increased the number to 10; and where formerly the number of salesbooks in each circuit was about eight, it is now usually 12. This appears to have permitted greater circulation, and to have increased somewhat the average amount purchased. While these changes were made on a tentative and experimental basis, it is presently anticipated that they will be continued and become regular procedure in the year to come.

The large number of new books already sent in for entry in the past few months, and the particularly desirable nature of their contents, seem to give promise of a highly successful season to come. While these are a good start, we must, of course, have much more to replace them as their contents dwindle. The co-operation of the membership, already given in good measure in the past season, will continue, we are sure, in the year to come, and will enable us even better to be of service to our members. Those members who have not yet utilized our facilities as an economical means of disposing of low and medium-priced B.N.A. material of fine quality are invited to join the growing number of those who have come to realize the value of these services.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER HYDE, Manager.

It was moved by Mr. J. Levine, seconded by Dr. L. S. Holmes, that the report of the Sales Manager be accepted as read and so ordered.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Mr. Harry W. Lussey as Chairman reported that the committee had been required to consider only one item during the past year, and that to a satisfactory conclusion—a very commendable record. Mr. Lussey's report was voted accepted on motion of Mr. L. A. Davenport, seconded by Mr. V. G. Greene.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

On behalf of the committee, Mr. R. J. Woolley, Chairman, reported that he was pleased to announce that the Perfin Handbook was "out of the red" and that some few copies still remaining would provide all profit. The committee had no immediate project under consideration or preparation but was co-operating with the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain on their Precancel Handbook and from time to time would sponsor requests in BNA TOPICS for help to the CPS of G.B. on this, and any other undertakings by that Society. He advised the meeting that there were no overlaps on any possible future handbooks but rather a spirit and intention to assist each other on either side's projects. Mr. Woolley moved the acceptance of his report which was so affirmed after second by Mr. L. A. Davenport.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Publicity Committee of the Society wishes to report that since the last convention, we have sent out to the various stamp publications, exclusive of our own TOPICS, a total of 18 releases, all of which have been printed, to the best of our knowledge.

As a result of this, four members have been added to the rolls (BNAPS Nos. 1530, 1560, 1567 and 1574) and one application is pending, as of September 1, 1958 (Gordon Sprague, Portland, Me.)

In a further endeavor to publicize the Society, the Philadelphia Group requested permission of

the Board of Governors to donate a trophy in the name of the Philadelphia Group of the British North America Philatelic Society for the "Best in the Show" of the British Colonies Section of the 20th Annual SEPAD Show, held in Philadelphia, in May of 1958. Upon being granted the permission to do so, a plaque was given by that group, the cost of which was borne by the local group.

In March of 1958, an advertisement was placed in the booklet issued for COMPEX-1958 inviting inquiries; the cost of this advertisement was donated by the Secretary.

This committee now has a list of 21 magazines, newspapers, etc., to which releases are sent, when information is made available.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED H. KESSLER,
Director of Publicity.

It was moved by Mr. E. A. Richardson, seconded by Mr. O. Maxim, that the report of the Publicity Chairman be accepted as read. The motion was affirmed.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The Permanent Convention Committee of this Society is happy to report that the 1957 Convention was brought to a successful ending, according to all comments received both by letter and verbal acknowledgement by this committee. With the remitting of a cheque in the amount of \$4.88 to the Treasurer on November 7, 1957, the books were closed on same.

The present Convention and Exhibition at which we are attending, was arranged through the efforts of Mr. Charles P. deVolpi, and it was through his untiring work that same has been made possible. Upon conclusion a complete and detailed report will be forwarded to the Officers of the Society by the committee.

Under the heading of new business, the subject of the 1959 and 1960 convention meeting places will be placed before the membership by the groups desiring to extend an invitation to the Society for these two years.

We of the Permanent Convention Committee wish to thank all those who have co-operated so whole heartedly in the past, and sincerely trust that the future committee will be extended the same courtesies.

ALFRED H. KESSLER,
For the Committee.

It was moved by Mr. A. H. Kessler, seconded by Mr. D. Mower, that the report be accepted. It was so ordered.

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President Llewellyn advised the meeting that the matter of an earlier receipt of BNA TOPICS had been effected with the moving up of the deadline date to the first of the month instead of the previous fifteenth. He repeated his already announced increase in advertising rates and explained that normally this increase would take care of balancing the income and expenditures of the magazine. He informed the meeting that he had been advised by the Editor, Mr. G. P. Lewis, that he would continue in that capacity until the spring of 1959.

On the matter of trying to remove our tax liability, Mr. Llewellyn reported that he had appeared in Washington, D.C., to try to effect our exception on the basis of being an educational organization but was denied exemption under such

a consideration. However, he felt reasonably certain that it might be possible to receive such exemption on the basis of our being a non-profit organization wholly supported by its members. A re-application for exemption will be entered with a statement of operations for 1958 and it is hopeful that this will be successful.

In consideration of the above, it has been advisable to continue with the present dues but it may become necessary for an increase in view of the possibility of an increase in the cost of producing the magazine.

Mr. Llewellyn, President, opened the floor for the consideration of any new business which might come before it, and Mr. E. A. Banfield suggested that, whenever possible, it should be arranged to have our circuit sales books available at the annual meetings. To which it was moved by Mr. V. G. Greene, seconded by Mr. D. C. Meyerson, that the Sales Manager be advised to try to have our circuit sales books available at the annual meetings. The motion was affirmed.

It was moved by Mr. C. P. deVolpi, seconded by Mr. A. H. Kessler, that the Convention Committee be advised that they should arrange a lecture or demonstration for the annual meetings. The motion was affirmed and so ordered. The meeting was informed that Mr. deVolpi would provide the first such demonstration with slides at the next annual meeting.

Mr. D. C. Meyerson rose to enter a bid on behalf of the New York Group for the next convention to be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, at such dates in September 1959 as would be announced. It was moved by Mr. L. A. Davenport, seconded by Mr. A. Day, that the meeting accept the bid for the New York Group to sponsor and host the 1959 annual convention. The motion was affirmed and voted accepted.

Mr. A. H. Kessler read a communication from Mr. W. Rorke on behalf of the combined Edmonton-Calgary Groups, entering their joint bid to sponsor and host the 1960 annual convention in Banff, Alberta, on September 15, 16 and 17. It was moved by Mr. L. A. Davenport, seconded by Mr. A. Day, that the Convention Committee direct a letter to the Edmonton-Calgary Groups drawing their attention to the International Exhibition being held in London, England, during July 1960, and the possible effect it might have on the attendance and, after such consideration, advise of their final decision before the conditional acceptance of this meeting can be considered as approved. The motion was affirmed and so ordered.

ELECTIONS

As Chairman of the Balloting Committee, may I report the voting as follows:

For President:	
Vincent G. Greene	253
For Vice-President:	
Walter W. Chadbourne	177
For Treasurer:	
William C. Peterman	252
For Secretary:	
Jack Levine	252
For Board of Governors (3):	
George B. Llewellyn	215
Daniel C. Meyerson	207
Edward A. Richardson	201

Not Qualifying:

For Vice-President, Richard Compton (74 votes).
For Board of Governors, W. S. Johnstone (135 votes).

Voting closed with ballots mailed September 9. (None on the 10th). Two hundred and sixty ballots (260) received as follows:

	Ballots with Name and No. Omitted	
9 — No V.P.	2	
177 — W. W. Chadbourne	24	
74 — R. Compton	5	
260 — 26.6%*	31 — 11.9%**	

* of membership (978 Aug. 1, 1958)

** of ballots cast.

Ballots received by countries:

U.S.A.	132	50.8%
Canada	120	46.2
Great Britain	6	2.3
New Zealand	2	.7 +
	260	100%

C. RUSSELL McNEIL,
Chairman Ballot Committee.

President Llewellyn introduced the newly elected officers to the meeting.

The meeting rose to give a vote of appreciation to Mr. deVolpi for his excellent choice of a convention site and for the fine show provided the members, their guests and visitors.

There being no further business for the consideration of the meeting, it was voted adjourned on motion of Dr. L. S. Holmes, seconded by Mr. D. C. Meyerson.

Respectfully submitted.

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.



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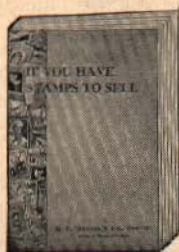
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The Last Word

From The Editor

SUGGESTED YEARBOOK LISTING . . .

WE HAVE HAD a most interesting letter from Don Amos (BNAPS 967) of Winnipeg, which contained some very useful suggestions about TOPICS and the Society. One item concerned the listing of the membership in the Yearbook. As this year's edition was distributed last month, any change will have to be made in the 1959 edition, but this is what Mr. Amos has suggested: Each year the entire membership is printed; last year the Society also listed the collecting interests of some of the members (those who had returned a questionnaire which was distributed with several issues of TOPICS). As Mr. Amos says, this did not cover the entire membership, and also made necessary an extra listing of names, causing much extra work. So he suggests that we list the members as at present, but under each name indicate what that particular member collects, as some other societies do. If the odd one does not wish his interests listed, they could be omitted.

We think this is a good idea, and would like to hear from other members as to whether such a listing would add to the usefulness of the Yearbook. If it would be beneficial to the membership, we would like to know soon, so that the necessary preparations could be made to obtain the information from members by next June. Of course, there is a cost factor, but it could likely be overcome if members thought such a list would be of sufficient benefit to the Society. Drop a line to the editor and let us know what you think. ★

News Reel

IN JANUARY 1957, BNA TOPICS carried the detailed story of Canada's first air mail flight, by Capt. Brian Peck, from Montreal to Toronto, June 14, 1918. We got our story and illustrations courtesy the Post Office's magazine, 'The Postmark.' Since that time, the story has appeared in several publications, the latest appearance being in the 'Toronto Telegram' on September 5. On that day **Hon. William Hamilton**, Can-

adian Postmaster General, unveiled a plaque to honor this first domestic air mail delivery. . . . **Florence Sullivan**, the pretty Ottawa stenographer who posed as a nurse for the July 30th Health stamp and drew protests from nurses for doing so, has done it again. This time she appears as a nurse on, of all things, a booklet promoting nursing. The young lady once had an ambition to be a nurse before deciding on a civil service career. Stamp designer **Gerald Trotter** saw a print of one of the photographs taken for this booklet and picked her as "an ideal nurse." . . . Our indefatigable philatelic writer, **Ed Richardson** (BNAPS 168) has contributed a full page of information about our Society and the services it offers to the 1958 edition of 'Weekly Philatelic Gossip's' annual B.N.A. issue. This article paints a vivid picture of the advantages of belonging to BNAPS and should attract many inquiries about membership. Well done, Ed! . . . **Jacques Minkus** (BNAPS 240) announces the recent opening of two new West Coast stamp departments: Meir & Company, Portland, Ore.; J. W. Robinson, Los Angeles. ★



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