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Cover Classics of British Columbia

The Express, Postmasters' Provisional and Combination Covers of British Columbia and Vancouver Island

OF ALL the many B.N.A. cover fields for specialization, none holds the fascination, the romance, the variety and the historical interest and significance found in the collecting of those from British Columbia and Vancouver Island before Confederation 1871. And probably no group of covers is more difficult to obtain in sufficient quantity to make even the beginnings of an interest-packed collection.

Like the California Gold Rush covers to the U.S. specialist—here are the "Western," the "Express," the "Gold Rush" covers of

British North America. They offer all of the attraction of the U.S. counterpart—and **much more!** Yet, except for a few notable exceptions, B.N.A. collectors generally have neglected this field. U.S. specialists have long been including examples of these in their U.S. collections. In fact, more of these covers have come onto the auction market in recent years through the sale of U.S. rather than B.N.A. collections.

The most notable exception, however, is the collection of Gerald E. Wellburn (BNAPS 538) of Duncan, B.C. His collec-

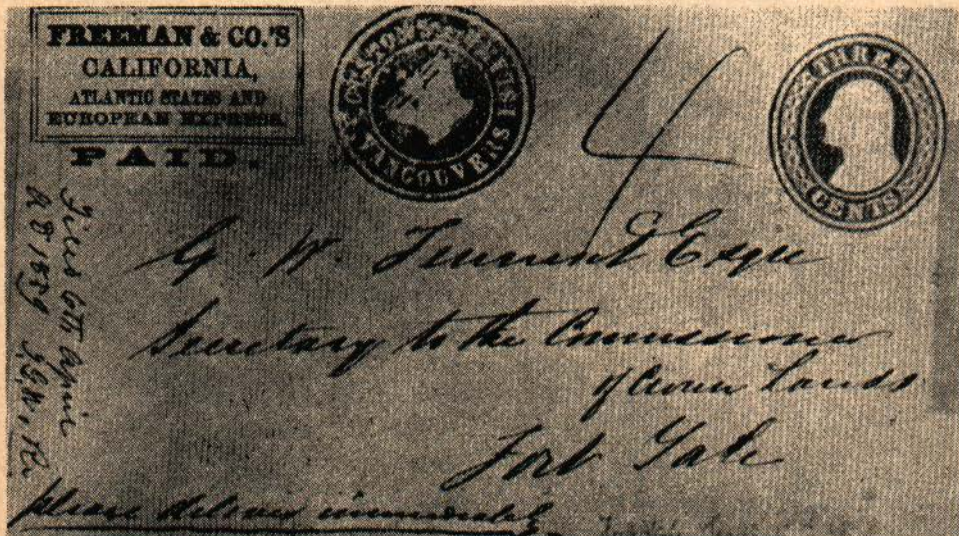


FIGURE 1



FIG. 2—Type I: Victoria Postal Frank, originating from a brass Customs Seal.

tion contains the finest group of these covers in existence and has won numerous awards at international and Canadian exhibitions, including the Grand Award at CAPEX in 1951.

The collecting of these covers does not readily lend itself to easy classification. It would be so convenient—if it were possible—to arrange one's collection in three categories: (1) Postmaster's Provisionals; (2) Express, and (3) U.S. Combination covers. However, instead of each cover easily

being classified into one of these three groups—almost every cover will fall into at least two, and in many instances, into all three classifications.

The Postmaster's Provisionals

Seven different types of Colonial Hand-stamped Franks—or Postmaster's Provisionals—are known. Some of these were legitimately used before the appearance of the Colonial adhesive postage stamps. However, most of them seem to have been used by the early postmasters in acts of fraud, with the postal revenues being directed into the postmaster's own pocket. This is true of Types 4 and 5, and probably accounts for the fact they are more frequently found on British Columbia and Vancouver Island covers than are the postage stamps of that period.

Type 1—(Illustrated) Use probably restricted to 1858-59. The Customs Seal frank. Seen only on Wells Fargo Express, U.S. stamped envelopes of 1853-55. In black. **Extremely rare.**

Type 2—Double-lined oval, reading in three lines VICTORIA V.I./POST/*OFFICE*. Probably used during 1858-60. A woodcut. Used on the Ballou Fraser River Express envelopes of 1859-60, and on U.S. stamped envelopes of 1853-55, with and without Wells Fargo Express franks. **Very rare.**



FIG. 3—Type III: Victoria Postal Frank, used in combination with the 10c envelope stamp of 1855, and Wells, Fargo & Co., type 12 frank in red. From Victoria, V.I., to Mystic, Conn., circa 1859.



FIG. 4—Type IV: Victoria Postal Frank indicating that the 5c Colonial postage had been paid, used in combination with the 5c and 10c U.S. stamps of 1861, prepaying the U.S. rate to New Brunswick, via San Francisco.

Type 3—(Illustrated) Also used probably 1859-60. A woodcut. The first PAID frank. Used on Wells Fargo Express, U.S. stamped envelopes of 1853-55. In blue. **Very rare.**

Type 4—(Illustrated). Used 1860-61, later used as a cancellation device. Metal. One of the two franks most frequently seen, as its sale was probably promoted instead of postage stamps, for the purpose of fraud. Generally used on plain envelopes bearing U.S. stamps.

Type 5—(Illustrated) Probably used contemporary with Type 4. Metal. Also used from October 1864 to September 1865, when the use of postage stamps on Vancouver Island was temporarily discontinued. One of the two franks most frequently seen, also probably as a result of fraud. In black or blue.

Type 6—Similar to Type 4, but NANAIMO instead of PAID, and "Victoria" omitted in third line. Metal. Probably period of use, 1860-66. In vermilion.

Type 7—NEW WESTMINSTER/BRITISH COLUMBIA in two lines inside single-lined oval, with a smaller single-lined oval inside with one-line POST OFFICE. Brass. Used from 1860-1864 as a frank, and then until Confederation as a cancellation.

Before leaving the subject of Postmaster's Provisionals, it should be pointed out that manuscript franking was also employed. Generally, however, the handstamps were used, and the manuscript franks are not at all common.

Express Covers

Of all the various Express Franks used in British Columbia and Vancouver Island, those most frequently seen are the various types issued by Wells, Fargo Express Co. These are seen in several different basic designs, with various "point of origin" legends, and while most are in black, occasionally some in red were used.

Generally these Wells, Fargo franks are found on U.S. stamped envelopes. However, the later types were printed on plain envelopes for use with Colonial postage only. Most of them are printed at top centre, but occasionally one finds examples printed at left, reading upwards.

Wells, Fargo also had their own cancelling devices, as did most of the other express companies.

Among the other express franks known on B.C. and V.I. covers are:

(1) **Barnard's**—(a) BARNARD'S EXPRESS, several types. (b) BARNARD'S BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPRESS, several types.



FIG. 5—Victoria Frank, indicating that the 2½ Colonial postage had been paid, used in combination with 10c U.S. envelope. Probably 1861. Type 12 Wells, Fargo Express frank in red. Victoria, V.I., to Newport, R.I.

(2) **Dietz & Nelsons**—DIETZ & NELSONS
BRITISH COLUMBIA & VICTORIA
EXPRESS.

In addition **Barnard's Cariboo Express** used various types of adhesive franks, all of which are extremely rare, and have been extensively counterfeited.

These express companies operated between Victoria and the United States, and on the British Columbia mainland, carrying mails to and from the distant gold fields.

Combination Covers

Collectors of British Columbia covers are well aware that most covers now in existence, originating in either British Columbia or Vancouver Island, and addressed to Canada, Newfoundland, the other B.N.A. provinces, United States, Great Britain—in fact any nation for which it was necessary for mails to cross the United States—all bear U.S. postage stamps, prior to July 1, 1870. It was not until that date that British Columbia entered into a postal agreement with the United States, providing for

full prepayment of postage in Colonial stamps.

This arrangement lasted for just over a year, when on July 20, 1871 British Columbia ceased to be a Crown Colony and took on the status of a province of the new Canada, stretching from coast to coast. Therefore, from 1858 until mid-year 1870, a period of approximately 12 years, the use of U.S. stamps was necessary for the conveyance of mails to the other B.N.A. colonies and provinces. The Colonial postage only paid for the conveyance of mail within the colonies, or to the border in the case of international mails.

Similarly, U.S. postage was only recognized as paying the charges to the border in the case of inbound mails. Thus combination covers can be found addressed to B.C. and V.I. as well as those originating there.

* * *

Such is the lure of British Columbia and Vancouver Island covers. Each has its own colorful story to tell. Often the story is one that takes years of effort to track down. Often the story is one of postmaster's fraud, of primitive mail-carrying methods, of gold strikes in the far interior—literally screaming with history!

However, if you are a collector with a case of 'conditionitis' you had best stay clear of British Columbia cover collecting.

The engravings used in Figures 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of this article were supplied through the courtesy of Mrs. Alma McLing, editor of 'Covers' Magazine, published by Van Dahl Publications, Inc., Albany, Oregon.



FIG. 6—The 5c Vancouver Island stamp, cancelled in blue "35" at Victoria, prepaying Colonial postage. Was the use of the 10c U.S. envelope an overpayment of U.S. postage charges to San Francisco? Circa 1866.

These same primitive mail handling methods have taken their toll, and the vast majority of covers, even those in the otherwise superb group in the Caspary collection, are badly damaged. Only a few would rate the classification of very fine.

But if you have a fat pockbook, are

blessed with more than your share of patience, have a good philatelic nose, and a leaning towards collecting the difficult—you couldn't tackle a better field than the Express, Postmaster's Provisional, and Combination covers of British Columbia and Vancouver Island. ★



FIG. 7—An Inbound Combination Cover; circa 1866, San Francisco to Victoria.

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



IN THE AUGUST 29, 1958 issue of Stamp Collecting, the London firm of Bridger & Kay Ltd. advertise most of the values of the Newfoundland Long Coronation set in the comb perforate condition. They will sell all of the values with the exception of the 7 cent and 14 cent at £7, and individually they will sell the 1 cent at \$9.80, the 3 cent in the Die I at 35 cents, in the Die II at 14 cents, the 8 cent at 42 cents, the 10 cents, 56 cents, the 15 cents, 38 cents; the 20 cents at 49 cents, the 24 cents at 70 cents, the 25 cents at \$5.25, and the 48 cent at \$3.15. All of the above are in mint condition; they offer only one value in used condition—that is the 1 cent at \$12.60. I am certainly glad to see that they have ignored Gibbons' high valuation on the 10 cent value and priced it rather realistically closer to its true worth.

While rewriting our collection of pre-adhesives in preparation for BNAPEX-58, we came across a condition that struck us as odd while working on the St. John's to Quebec covers of the 1847-1850 period. There seemed to be a variation of $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the rate depending on whether the cover was sent collect or partly prepaid. Cover No. 1 was posted at St. John's on July 3, 1850 and the 4d rate was prepaid to Halifax. From there the cover went collect and it bears on the face a MORE-TO-PAY strike and a manuscript rate marking of $\frac{1}{8}$ in black to show that it was collect. Cover No. 2 was also a single rate cover from St. John's to Quebec that went collect all the way. It was posted at St. John's on June 6, 1850 and bears on the face a black manuscript "4" that has been obliterated, and then a black manuscript " $2/0\frac{1}{2}$ " for the complete rate to Quebec—a halfpenny more than the part-prepaid rate. The same condition is found on the double rate letters. Cover No. 3 posted at St. John's on November 11, 1847 bears on the face a "Crown Circle" with a manuscript red "8"

to prepay the rate to Halifax. It also bears the black handstruck MORE-TO-PAY and a black manuscript " $\frac{3}{4}$ " marking to complete the 4/. rate. Cover No. 4 was posted at St. John's on February 10, 1848 and bears on the face a black collect manuscript "8" to show the rate to Halifax. This is then obliterated and the total rate of "4/1" then appears in manuscript in black and shows the complete collect double rate to Quebec via Halifax.

The answer was simple after we listened to an explanation of rates from Charles deVolpi (BNAPS 266) of Montreal, and in our opinion the outstanding rate man in the world on matters pertaining to B.N.A. It seems that Newfoundland operated under sterling and Nova Scotia and Canada operated under currency during the time in question. The part-prepaid covers were simple because the rate from St. John's to Halifax was 4d sterling per single letter, which was convertible into $4\frac{1}{2}$ d currency. The total rate from St. John's to Quebec via Halifax was $2/0\frac{1}{2}$ currency, or 4d sterling to Halifax and $1/8$ currency the rest of the way. The rate was fixed by the Act of July 1, 1844 and since Halifax was between 601 and 700 miles from Quebec the rate was $1/8$ currency. Thanks, Mr. deVolpi, for supplying a simple answer for what started out as a serious problem.

While in Montreal on my way to the 1958 convention, I made the rounds of the dealers and came up with two interesting Newfoundland perfin. The first was a copy of the 15 cent Cabot (Scott No. 71) with the "A.N.D." perfin diagonally across the stamp, and the second was the 60 cent Cabot (Scott No. 74) with the "A.N.D." perfin in the regular position. I believe that the diagonal perfin is the first such variety recorded and I'm quite certain the 60 cent stamp is the highest value to be so

—(Continued on page 315)

R.P.O. Duplex Rarities

IN THE RECORD of 19th century duplex cancellations, the lists include remarkably few examples of RPOs and Railway Depots. This brief article is really an appeal to RPO fans to supplement the present meagre list with further examples that presumably exist.

RPO Duplex. Jarrett's catalogue (1929 edition) has no less than 22 pages on railway cancellations to 1900, and illustrates over 70! In all that long list I can find only one reference to duplex, i.e., G.W.R. Express (see Fig. 1).

Boggs devotes 15 pages of his book "Postal History of Canada," Vol. I, to record the list of railway cancellations, which includes about 200 of 19th century, but he makes **no mention of duplex at all!**

Shaw's handbook of RPOs also does not mention nor distinguish duplex, although in the supplement dated June 1955, a sketch of one—Q 195 D (not to scale and not a tracing) is shown, type 21G, which is evidently the same as Fig. 4 of this article.

The above summary indicates that three

different authorities recorded very few duplex among the hundreds of known railway cancellations, and RPO duplex are evidently rare items. This is not altogether surprising, since in the 19th century duplex were reserved almost exclusively for the larger towns. The short list of known RPO duplex is given below, and if any readers know of others, it is hoped they will record them.

In the Pritchard and Andrews Proof Book in the Philatelic Foundation, New York (P.F. Book for short), between 1876 and 1893 only **one** RPO duplex and **one** Railway depot duplex are recorded. (i) G.W.R. Express, duplex type II A.12 dated 1884 (see Fig. 1). (I am told that this RPO is also known without the barred duplex attachment.) (ii) Union Ry. Stn. Toronto, duplex type II A.13, dated 1882 (see Fig. 2). I have record of only **one** more Ry. depot (iii) Gt. Westn. Rwy. Statn., London, CAN, duplex type II A.11, dated 1891 (see Fig. 3), and **one** more RPO.

Members McLellan (906) and Millar



FIG. 1



FIG. 2



FIG. 3



FIG. 4.

Allen (1996) have kindly shown me strikes of a remarkable duplex, QUE & CAMP-BELLTON EXPRESS, duplex type II, C 25 to 30, dated 1895 and 1898. The two copies seen were both W. The three strikes of the E direction in Millar Allen's collection, Shaw's Q.188, dated 1892, 1896 and 1903, do not show the duplex attachment, nor does a later W strike. It is hoped that further examples will come to light, which may resolve the puzzle, and also determine exactly how many bars there are in the killer, which appears to be unique in two respects, i.e. it is neither circular nor oval, and it has between 25 and 30 thin bars closely packed together. (See Fig. 4.) RPO collectors know this as Q-195D.

It is interesting to note that in two of the four duplex recorded in this article, the RPO dater should also have been used without the barred duplex attachment.

In conclusion I must confess I am not an RPO fan (and know little about them except as regards duplex), and gratefully acknowledge the collaboration of member Chandler (1374) who is, and who kindly checked the RPO data given above. ★



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We have had appeals from several members who need copies of the June 1957 issue of BNA TOPICS. If you have a spare copy lying about, or have no further use for the copy you received, please forward them to the editor. We will pay 30 cents per copy. ★

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Jim Woods, editor of Maple Leaves, recently mentioned in a letter to the editor that the CPS of G.B. hoped to arrange for a lounge at the 1960 International Show to be held in London. A composite exhibit is planned and a reception for home and overseas members. ★

The RCAF Once Flew an Official Air Mail Across Canada

IN A NEWSPAPER dated September 4, 1928, an article stated that Squadron Leader A. E. Godfrey hoped to commence the longest seaplane flight ever made by one pilot. A Fairchild seaplane was standing at Shirley's Bay, the Ottawa Air Station (now Rockcliffe Airport) with a load of mail for Vancouver. The 3,000-mile trip, sponsored by the RCAF, had been planned with only one stop, although it was to be over some of Canada's most barren stretches.

With Sergeant-Major M. Graham as engineer, Godfrey left Ottawa on the morning of September 5, as planned. Good weather prevailed until they reached Edmonton and had landed on the Saskatchewan River. There the weather grounded them until the eighth, when with one stop for refuelling, they completed their flight to Vancouver.

Letters on this first official air mail flight across Canada have a two-line hand stamp with words "Plane left Ottawa 7 A.M. September 5th Arrived Vancouver 6 P.M. September 8." The cachet as seen in illustration was applied to all covers.

September 10 saw a return flight, this time without mail. Wing Commanders J. L. Gordon and L. F. Breadner were included as passengers. They had planned to fly to Prince Rupert and north-westward to Franzer Lake, Fort McMurray, and other sections of the Prairie Provinces before returning to Ottawa.

On September 11 a newspaper reported that through unfavorable weather the plane had landed at Surf Inlet four hours and 10 minutes from Vancouver. There were no other communications until the twentieth, when it was reported that the aircraft had crashed. This brought on an extensive search.

On the twenty-third, the plane was located up the Peace River, near Caracajou. It was a total loss but none of the party was injured except Wing Commander Gordon, who suffered a bruised leg. The aircraft and passengers, unreported for seven days, was found by General McKee, after a trapper named Holland had taken them to his cabin. — Narcisse Pelletier (BNAPS 1268). ★



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"Catalogue of the Federal Revenue Stamps of Canada." This excellent paperback book published by the old **Canadian Revenue Society** (now the Revenue Study Group of BNAPS), and with BNAPSer Nelson Bond as the painstakingly thorough compiler, has been in good demand for some time. Originally distributed at \$2.25 per copy, the few examples to come onto the market in recent years have been eagerly bought for as much as \$5. This book, published in 1953, is more than a catalogue. It is a complete handbook or encyclopedia of these popular federal or Dominion revenue issues. Only a small portion of the total space is devoted to catalogue listings as such.

The REVENUE STUDY GROUP now has a few brand new copies available to members, at the original published price of \$2.25. These just recently came to light as one of the many fine results of BNAPEX-58. Members interested may contact the editor of this column or the chairman of the Study Group, Wilmer C. Rockett, 2030 Overlook Ave., Willow Grove, Pa. All monies received from the sale of these books go directly to further the work of the Revenue Study Group.

Second Issue Alberta Holiday Pay. Member Charlie Armstrong called our attention some time ago to the fact that there were a number of shade varieties in this issue. The most noticeable is the \$1 value. The first, or earlier, shade of this seems to be a definitely REDDISH-purple. The later printings run to a deep mauve. Shades are also noted in the 2 cent, 10 cent and 50 cent values, and may exist in others as well.

Provisional Cigarette. Thanks to nearly a half-dozen BNAPSers, my attention has been called to a new "20" Cigarette Provisional. The overprint is in a deep bluish-purple, the figure "20" is 9 mm. high, and there are two vertical bars over the figures

of value in each of the lower corners. The only one I have seen is overprinted on the 25 Cigarette, tall upright, imperf. stamp of "Series C." Are there others to report?

1955 Unemployment Plate Nos. I can now report two of these. The \$1.12 value—Pl. No. 1, control No. 1651. The \$2.60 value (emerald green 1957 color change)—Pl. No. 1, control No. 1658. We are most anxious to have the information on these. Will someone with access to large stocks of these to look over, or to official sources, please report?

1918 Quebec Registration. Checking back through my notes I find I have neglected to report a variety before, which I have known about for some time. This occurs in the \$2.00 value. As all revenue fans know, all stamps of this issue come with the bank note imprint below each stamp. This normally reads: BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA. However, in the \$2.00 value one finds that some stamps exist with the normal imprint, while others exist with LTD. between CO. and OTTAWA. So at least two plates were prepared. A distinct new variety! It is found in both the perf. 11 and perf. 12 varieties.

\$5 3rd Issue Alberta Laws. Do colors look different under the bright Texas sun? Will someone put myself and BNAPSer Neil "Tex" Utberg straight as to the correct color designation for this stamp? The catalogues list this as olive-yellow. We agree that it looks more like orange, or yellow-orange, with nary a hint of the olive color. Will someone set us color blind Texans straight on this?

1904 and 1907 Newfoundland Cigarettes. These truly beautiful stamps with the head of King Edward have been neglected too long! The last thing I find in print on these is the listing which BNAPSer Dan Meyer-son made in BNA TOPICS in December

1945. We believe a number of collectors would be interested in knowing what varieties of these exist. We would like to publish in this column as complete a listing as possible. Will all BNAPSers please report ALL varieties they have? Even if all you have is one lone single, a report on it would be greatly appreciated. Give perforation, the reading of the imprint below stamp, the length and width of the stamp impression in millimetres and not counting the imprint, and a description of any printed, handstamped or manuscript overprints.

The basic stamps are:

10 Cigarettes, Lilac, perf. 10¾, 24¼x 41½mm., with imprint BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO, OTTAWA (1904).

100 Cigarettes, Yellow-green, perf. 12, 25x42mm. with imprint as above (1907)

100 Cigarettes, Green, perf. 10¾, 25x42 mm. with imprint as above (1907).

These come in a number of surcharges for 15, 50 and 100 cigarettes, and in a great number of styles. Any co-operation at all on this will be appreciated. ★

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Col. Duncan McLellan Chosen At CPS of G.B. Convention

At the recent 12th annual convention of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, held at the Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne, Sussex, Col. Duncan McLellan was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year. Col. McLellan has been visiting in Australia, mainly for health reasons after his recent setback. He planned to return to England at the end of October.

All other office bearers were elected with the exception of the secretary of the exchange club packet; this position is now being filled by David Gardner. John Hannah has been active in this sphere for some years, but has decided to relinquish the reins of office.

Awards

The following awards were announced during the annual banquet which took place on Saturday, Oct. 4:

Godden Cup (for classic issues): G. Whitworth.

Bunny Cup (for post-1900 issues): Dr. R. Willan.

Founder's Trophy (for original research): H. H. Brown.

Aiken Trophy (for best contribution to Maple Leaves): W. S. Boggs.

Slogan Cancels Mark B.C. Centennial

THE YEAR 1958 marks the centennial of the province of British Columbia. To mark this event the Post Office Department, in addition to issuing a postage stamp, supplied special centennial slogan cancelling devices to 16 post offices in that province. Three different types of these were circulated to the 15 letter carrier offices under the jurisdiction of the Vancouver post office, and a fourth type was issued to Dawson Creek by the Edmonton office.

These slogan cancellations were first issued in the fall of 1957 and it is expected they will remain in use until the end of December of this year. Only a limited number of dies were made and these have moved from one post office to another, so that at any one time no more than four or five post offices are available.

The following check list is provided as a guide to the post offices from which each of the four types have been reported. Any further information would be appreciated.

Type 1—BRITISH COLUMBIA / CENTENARY / 1858-1958 (set in large type).

Type 2—BRITISH COLUMBIA/1858-1958/A CENTURY TO CELEBRATE (large type).

Type 3—BRITISH COLUMBIA / CENTENARY / 1858-1958 (small type).

Type 4—B.C.'s/CENTENNIAL/CITY (small type).

Post Office	Type: 1	2	3	4
Chilliwack				x
Dawson Creek				x
Kamloops	x	x	x	
Kelowna	x	x		
Nanaimo	x*	x		
Nelson		x	x	
New Westminster	x	x		
Penticton			x	
Port Alberni	x	x		
Prince George	x	x	x	
Prince Rupert				x
Trail	x	x	x	
Vancouver	x	x		
Vernon	x	x		
Victoria	x*	x		
White Rock				x

(Revised to Sept. 10, 1958).
* Note: Type 1 was damaged at Victoria in October 1957 and used in this condition for some time before it was replaced.

Bill Topping (BNAPS 949). ★

Diplomas

Awarded to exhibits at the convention:

G. Whitworth and W. Williams for research; E. A. Smythies and Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth for pre-1900; Dr. R. Willan and D. G. Robertson for post-1900.

Regional Groups' Class: Kent and Sussex; London.

Specialized Study Groups: New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Group; Precancels. ★



Rounding Up SQUARED CIRCLES

EDITOR: DR. A. WHITEHEAD, 52 Havelock St., Amherst, N.S.

BELLEVILLE SQUARED CIRCLES

THE SQUARED CIRCLES of Belleville form a unique group. To begin with, there were THREE hammers. Yes, St. John, N.B., Winnipeg and Victoria also used three or more squared circle hammers, but Belleville was alone in introducing all her hammers in the first year—1893. The other cities I have named introduced theirs in well-spaced succession. For a time all the Belleville hammers were more or less in simultaneous use. There probably was a pattern, a system, in their use, but despite the examination of a fairly considerable mass of material, I must confess that the

pattern, if there be one, still eludes me. More of this later.

Boggs, in his epoch-making list in *Maple Leaves*, December 1957, lists only two Belleville hammers, giving Ju 15, 93 and Ju 28, 93 as their dates of registration. These must be our hammers III and II—yes, III and II, in that order, as they were named in the handbook, for since 1954 (publication of the handbook) we have found that what we then thought to be the third hammer really preceded the so-called second hammer. And, as I have already explained in *TOPICS*, in order to

THE BELLEVILLE HAMMERS

	I	II	III
Lettering	Small and round lettering similar to Ottawa and Kingston I hammer	Taller and larger than I	Somewhat similar to II
First L	Points to top right corner of third thick bar at left.	Same as I	Points to open space between second and third thick bars at left
Second L	Points to just below top right corner of second thick bar	Points just to left of top right corner of second thick bar at the left	Points to or just outside top right corner of second thick bar
Third L	Points to middle of left side of second thick bar at right	Points to open space between second and third thick bar at right	Points to lower left corner of second thick bar at the right
Fourth L	Points just to right of top left corner of third thick bar at the right	Points to open space between third thick bar at right and top of RH side piece	Points to lower left corner of third thick bar at the right
Lgth. of side pcs.	L: 9.5 mm. R: 9 mm.	L: 9.5 mm. R: 9.5 mm.	L: 9 mm. R: 9 mm.
ONT	O almost circular	N wide and close to O; T broken First L broken at foot of vertical	N narrow and close to O; O broken Last L and E broken (this is progressive and E breaks are very marked by '97)

Readers of this page will be delighted with the above. It has been most carefully prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Sidley Higginbotham of Boston, Mass. We are greatly indebted to them.

avoid confusion, it has been thought advisable not to change the handbook nomenclature.

Another notable thing about Belleville is that it is the earliest known of Type Two squared circles, with an early date of Ju 15, 93.

It might be interesting to enumerate here the earliest Type Two registration as given by Boggs, with the earliest known dates shown in parentheses:

- Laurentides, Que., Ju 9, 93 (Ap 30, 94)
 - Antigonishe, N.S., Ju 15, 93 (Jy 5, 93)
 - Clifton, N.B., Ju 15, 93 (Au 26, 93*)
 - Rothsay, N.B., Ju 15, 93 (Au 4, 93)
 - Belleville, Ont. (?III) Ju 15, 93 (Ju 29, 93)
 - [Belleville, Ont. (?II)] Ju 28, 93 (?Sp 7, 93)
- *—blurred.

Now, turning to the handbook, page 16, we read under Belleville, Hammer I: "Earliest: Ju 15, 93 (the earliest Type Two yet recorded)."

And this date has never been challenged. Despite all the eager hunting for early dates, this is still the earliest. No earlier Type Two strike has yet been found. Boggs says in his article that his date in each case "is that when the device (hammer) was finished and ready for delivery to the Post Office Department. Thus, with the possible exception of Ottawa, it is unlikely that a device could be placed in use until at least a day later . . ." We can only conclude, therefore, that the Belleville hammer not listed by him is the one we know as Hammer I, for it certainly reposes in my collection with the clear date: Ju 15, 93, the sole copy yet reported.

The Hammers

The separation of the three hammers can give trouble; II and III are especially difficult in partial strikes at certain angles. The hints given this month by Sibley Higgin-

botham (or rather, Mr. and Mrs. Higginbotham, for this was the production of a philatelic family team!) will be of great assistance and should always be kept on hand when working at Belleville squared circles.

Hammer I is much, very much, the rarest of the three, and must have been retired at the end of January 1895, for I have never seen a later date than Ja 31, 95. Even during its short life it had periods of disuse. I have seen no dates in November, December 1893; January, February, March, April, July, October and December 1894. Its use in May, June, August and September 1894 are infrequent.

Hammers II and III. Hammer II has been reported to me as of Sp. 7, 93, and that date may stand; my earliest is Oc 4, 93. In Nov 93, no other hammer appears in my day-by-day record for Belleville, and for some time it was the hammer most in use. About 80 or 85 per cent of 1894 strikes are from this hammer. In early 1895, Hammer III seems to take over. Then in July 1895, Hammer II again begins to predominate, well into 1896. In July 1896 Hammer III is again much in use, with only rare appearances of Hammer II. In 1897, Hammer III is found almost always, Hammer II strikes being very rare. Strikes of 1898 are almost always from Hammer III, and it begins to fade out of use, becoming more and more rare until its last known date, Mr 20, 99. There must have been a steady increase in use of duplex and other markings during 1898, and these took over entirely the next year.

Note: The illustration of the Belleville squared circle on page 33 of the handbook shows a Hammer II strike, not Hammer III as stated.

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HALIFAX squared circle on Map stamp, Christmas Day, 1898. From the collection of W. M. Willcock.

Second Ottawa plates, series of 1892: upper part of righthand pane of Plate "C", showing both "Strands of Hair."



TWO 'STRANDS OF HAIR' IDENTIFIED

IN A NOTE in TOPICS of October 1956, dealing with the plate position of this variety, I mentioned the possibility of stages, or degrees. This assumption was based upon the examination of certain copies which, even though they carried the 'Strand of Hair' characteristics, could not



Position No. 13, "Long Strand of Hair."



Position No. 26: "Short Strand of Hair and Re-entry."

be reconciled with the fundamental criteria. The 'strand' was considerably shorter, and accompanied by distinct evidence of strong re-entry in the lower part of the stamp.

Some correspondence ensued as a consequence, but most of the theories put forward were moot and purely academic. It was not until Mr. S. Lukow, earlier this year, reported a vertical strip of three with the bottom stamp showing the variety, that

the challenge of proof sprang up. It was obvious that the stamp on this particular strip could not be the same 'Strand' as the one established back in 1956 as position No. 13, since it eliminated the second horizontal row as its location.

The puzzle has since been solved, due to the fortunate fact that this 'new' variety happens to be on the same pane, in position No. 26. We therefore can now specify the two known varieties occurring on the right pane of the second Ottawa plate 'C' as follows:

Position No. 13—'Long Strand of Hair';

Position No. 26—'Short Strand of Hair' and re-entry.

Needless to say, both varieties are of equal scarcity and the earliest date recorded still stands as October 14, 1895. The credit for all this should go to Mr. Lukow, without whose vigilance I am certain no search for a second 'Strand' would have been made.—Peter J. Hurst (BNAPS 583). ★

Many BNAPSers Visit SOJEX-APS Show

As usual, come a national or international show, and there is a gathering of BNAPSers from far and near. The 72nd annual convention of American Philatelic Society held in conjunction with the annual SOJEX, at the Jefferson Hotel in Atlantic City, was no exception.

Those who made their presence known and joined their fellow members, were: V. G. Greene, W. Bailey, E. A. Richardson, W. Peterman, W. Culhane, J. Siverts, G. Sweigart, E. Appfelbaum, V. Yeaton and A. Kessler.

It was exactly one month since we had all been together for that never-to-be-forgotten 10th annual convention at Alpine Inn in the Laurentians, and believe you me, we relived those few days all over again. We could taste that food, served at the inn; and stories were told and retold of experiences and good times. As usual, the time sped so rapidly that all were still talking when the time came to say "so long" until the next time.

Are you planning for the 11th annual BNAPEX? Well, it's no secret all those named above are, so get on the band wagon. It's nearer convention time than you think. We will be expecting you!

AL. KESSLEY (BNAPS 334) ★

Plan BNAPEX-58 For Atlantic City, Sept. 24-27

At the 1958 annual meeting held in conjunction with BNAPEX-58, the New York Group was successful in obtaining permission to sponsor the 1959 Convention and Exhibition.

As we reviewed the reasons for this last most enormously (and we still haven't used enough adjectives) successful show, two main points stood out—the show was run at a resort where there was entertainment for all, and it was run under the American plan, so that all of us sat and ate together under a common roof. I don't have to tell those who were in attendance how important these two factors were and how much they contributed to the ultimate result, and with that in mind the New York Group put on their collective thinking caps to decide how best to pattern their effort after BNAPEX-58.

It was the considered opinion of all those concerned that the 1959 show should be run at Atlantic City, N.J., one of the most famous resorts in the country, and one where there would be a plentiful supply of activities for one and all. The tentative dates chosen are September 24-27, and we are making every effort to see that the convention is run under the modified American plan (breakfast and dinner included with the room).

Full particulars will be in the mail and in the magazine shortly and we can assure one and all that they will have a wonderful time in Atlantic City, the playground of the nation. The slogan will be "You'll Like it Fine in Fifty-nine!"

New York Group,
Dan Meyerson, Chairman. ★

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Indicia Above the Date

Here again Belleville is unique, for we find only 2, 3, 4. Number 1 has never been reported, and I have not seen it. The following summary of these numbers as found on the several hammers may be interesting:

Hammer I—1893: 3, 4 only; 1894: 2, 3 only; 1895: 2 only.

Hammer II—1893: 3, 4 only; 1894-5-6-7: 2, 3, 4; 1898: 2, 3 only.

Hammer III—1893-4-5-6: 2, 3, 4; 1897: 3, 4 only; 1898: 2, 3, 4; 1899: 2 only. ★

(To be continued)

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON
TO ALL S.C. FANS!

Obliterations and Cancellations Between 1851 and 1900

PART THREE

(Part Two appeared in November Issue)



FIG. XVIII
Jarrett Type 1041 (?)
Kentville "K"



FIG. XIX
Jarrett Type YK1089

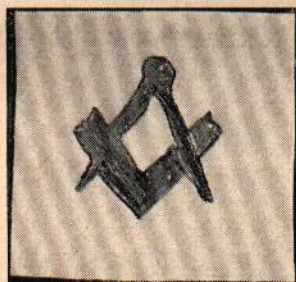


FIG. XX
Jarrett Type 1165
Masonic Cancel, Beachville



FIG. XXI
Jarrett Type 885: Leaf, Otterville

Non-Official Obliterations

THESE obliterations were cut locally by the postmaster to cancel the stamps, and had no official Post Office recognition. The period of these obliterations was about 1868 to 1899. The price of these cancels depends largely on the strike, rarity, whether on or off cover, and probably most of all it depends upon the individual collector's desire to obtain a particular strike.

I am dividing this field into two general headings: (1) Fancy Cancels; (2) Ordinary Cancels.

• Part III of 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. XXII
Leaf Type



FIG. XXV
Anchor



FIG. XXIII
Jarrett Type 980 (Port Perry)



FIG. XXVI
Maltese Cross (Kingston) Jarrett 1138



FIG. XXIV



FIG. XXVII
Cross

Fancy Cancels—Letter or Initial Type

The letter cancels were cut by the local postmaster and as a rule incorporated his own initials or those of the Post Office. There are over 70 known initials.

Masonic Cancels

Next to the Crown cancel, the Masonic design is the most sought after cancel of the fancy group. In most cases they demand a higher price. There are about five known types, Beachville, Ont., being probably the best known. As far as I can determine, this cancel was made to illustrate the postmaster's name—Mr. Mason was the postmaster at Beachville. His son, incidentally, is R. S. Mason, of Port Dover, Ont.

Leaf Cancels

This is another of the popular fancy

cancels. The cork has been cut to illustrate a leaf, probably a maple leaf or oak. Perhaps the most striking is the Otterville leaf.

Star Cancels

Various fancy stars have been recorded. Well over 20 different types are known and there are probably many more. The stars can be broken down into three classes—six or more points; five points, and four points.

Other fancy corks included are flower cancels, maltese crosses and crosses, bogey faces, hearts, anchors, and others.

Although these are not quite as popular as those previously mentioned, probably because of their scarcity in some instances (e.g., a heart cancel recently sold for better than \$40).

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THE Editor's MAILBAG

Historical Notes on Pages

In mounting my Canadian issues—I make my own sheets—I endeavor to mention some historical notation under each stamp. When I came to the Prime Ministers I had to secure, from a friend in Ottawa, the information as to just when they held office. To me this is an interesting phase in mounting.

Your May issue displayed two recent stamps, but why did not someone give some facts about these issues, either men or events? Just a short article would help. I hope I am not too presumptuous—it's only an idea of mine.

Fred B. Klein (BNAPS 1506)

¶ We will endeavor to give some details of the background of new stamps. We have done this recently, but must admit that we did slip up on a couple of occasions, mainly because of lack of space, or the information arrived too close to our deadline. Regarding the Prime Minister stamps, we have been running a series on these from time to time. A look at back issues (or a glance at the index for the last two volumes) will help readers with this information.—Ed.

½c Large Queen Watermark

Re: ½c Large Queen Wmk., Scott No. 21B—on white horizontal wove paper, Wmk. Block Capital ALEX. PIRIE & SONS:

This is just a short resumé of our experience in handling this stamp, in an attempt to clear up considerable misunderstanding (particularly due to the series of articles by R. C. Martin in The Canadian Philatelist—we have spoken to Mr. Martin in this regard.) Also to try and stimulate further discussion to discover the watermark that is found on this stamp.

Our tentative conclusions are based upon exami-

nation of six stamps (three ex-Reford, one in our October 15 auction, and two of clients'). We have found the paper to be a rather stout white wove with **horizontal mesh** and the watermark appears possibly as part of ALEX. PIRIE & SONS in **block capitals** (not script as found on the 15c). This watermark or similar is also known on the 1c Small Queen (3c also?) of 1892, and we believe the ½c was used around 1880. It could be the Bothwell watermark but the paper is definitely different than that of the 1c to 15c Bothwell which is on a thinner, rougher, greyer paper with distinct vertical mesh. We think both Mr. Boggs and Mr. Martin are incorrect in listing this on the 'standard' vertical wove Bothwell watermark paper.

We believe BNAPS'er Bill Kemp of Montreal intends to write an article for TOPICS on this stamp, so we are sure he would appreciate hearing from any of you having a copy, and if possible seeing same. Let's try and solve one of the major mysteries of the Large Queen issues.

Canada Stamp Co.
(BNAPS 235 and 381)

'Posted on the High Seas'

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I sent to Mr. Leonard Joesten in regard to his article in the September issue entitled "Posted on the High Seas." I think parts of it would make a useful follow-up.

Bill Topping (BNAPS 949)

"Dear Mr. Joesten:

"I should like to add one or two further comments to your interesting article in September BNA TOPICS.

"Illustration 4 appears in two forms, Type 1 appears to have been used from early 1932 to

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Sketches of BNAPSers . . .

By V. G. GREENE (BNAPS L40)

No. 86: David Lidman (263)

DAVID LIDMAN was born July 11, 1905, at Norfolk, Virginia, and went to grade and high school in that city. At the age of 15 he went to work during the summer high school vacation as a sports reporter on the Norfolk Post. With the closing of the Norfolk Post, after more than two years, he went to work for the Suffolk (Va.) News—a job than ran the gamut from copy boy to managing editor (all one job!), proof-reader and paper-wrapper, too! Since those early days Dave has worked for the Baltimore Post, Richmond Times-Dispatch, Associated Press (Richmond, Va.), Washington Post and the New York Herald-Tribune, where he doubled as stamps editor during an illness of Ralph A. Barry.

He was a 'founding editor' of the Chicago Sun (now the Sun-Times). He left the Sun for the editorship of Philately (St. Louis), resigning following CIPEX to return to New York as advertising director of John F. Rider Publications. Incidentally, Colonel Rider is a keen stamp collector and won a prize at CAPEX in Toronto in 1951 for his collection of Chile 1853-1910 issues.

Mr. Lidman is now make-up editor for the New York Times, having previously served as a foreign news editor and editor of the N.Y. Times International Edition.

When he was 10 or 12, Dave began collecting stamps and gave it up after a few years. In 1934, when he was serving on the staff of the Washington Post, he went into the store of the late H. A. Robinette to purchase a present for the nephew of a friend — and in addition purchased \$15 worth of stamps himself, and has been a keen collector ever since. He is very much interested in U.S. postal markings, particularly slogan cancellations. In 1946 he was the recipient of the Luff Award (APS) and was also the first collector to receive the Saul Newbury Award for outstanding services to Chicago philately.

Mr. Lidman is currently editor of the American Philatelic Society's monthly publication, *The American Philatelist*, and is also chairman of the Publications Committee for the *Essay-Proof Journal*. He was editor of the American Philatelic Congress



'Books' in 1956 and 1957; the 1951 'Centennial Book' of the 1851-57 (now '60) Unit of the American Philatelic Society; and the 1957 'Perforation Centennial Book' published by the same organization.

Dave is also a member of the Collectors Club, New York; Royal Philatelic Society, London; Chicago Philatelic Society, Bureau Issues Association, American Air Mail Society, and a host of other clubs too numerous to mention. ★

★ Copies of philatelic books, price lists, auction catalogues, and other items of a trade nature should be sent to the editor for review and write-up in this column.

Sterling-to-Dollars Conversion Table

For those who bid in auction sales held in Great Britain or Ireland, or deal with firms there, we offer the following conversion table as being of interest.

1/-	equals	14c	9/-	equals	\$1.26
2/6		35c	10/-		1.40
3/-		42c	20/-		2.80
4/-		56c	40/-		5.60
5/-		70c	60/-		8.40
6/-		84c	80/-		11.20
7/-		98c	£5		14.00
7/6		\$1.05	£10		28.00
8/-		1.12			

Incidentally, we clipped this table from the latest auction catalogue of **Plymouth Philatelic Auctions**, St. Andrews Lodge, Lockyer St., Plymouth, Devon, England. This sale will be over when this item appears, but we note that the catalogue contains several B.N.A. items. If readers are interested in future sales, some 17 catalogues a year will be sent from this firm by air-mail for the sum of \$2.00.

British Philatelic Association Issues Societies Yearbook

We have received a copy of the 1958-59 edition of **Philatelic Societies Year Book**, published by the British Philatelic Association. It contains an extensive listing of philatelic societies in the United Kingdom and abroad who are affiliated with the B.P.A. The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain, the Canadian Philatelic Society (Canada), and the Union Philatelique de Montreal are listed, but BNAPS, not being a member nor an affiliate, does not appear.

The book contains 130 pages, 4½x7 inches; price 2 shillings from **The British Philatelic Association**, 3 Berners Street, Oxford Street, London W.1, England.

Attempted H. E. Harris Robbery Foiled

After **H. E. Harris & Co.** of Boston, Mass., had been in business more than 40 years, a thief entered the premises for the first time. It was a professional job of jimmying the outside entrance door. Fortunately the Harris firm has electric burglar alarm protection. The intruder, realizing this, made his getaway before officers could apprehend him. He got away with nothing.

Conservative Price Raises Feature 1959 Scott Catalogues

Steady, conservative price raises for thousands of stamps of the United States, British Commonwealth, Latin America and United Nations are found in the new 1959 edition of Volume I of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue.

By actual count, 12,590 prices have been changed or inserted, report the publishers, **Scott Publications**, 461 8th Ave., New York 1, N.Y. In the U.S. section, 1,042 prices have been changed; in the British Commonwealth, 6,466; Great Britain alone, 762; Peru, 513.

Caspary Collection Grosses \$2,895,146

At approximately 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29, Mr. Bernard Harmer knocked down the last lot of the world-famous Alfred H. Caspary collection. The lot, inappropriately enough, did not contain a single postage stamp but was the six albums from which the Caspary Japan collection came. It brought \$90.

Almost three years, 16 auctions and 13,540 lots ago, the first lot of the first sale of the Caspary collection was "called" by Mr. Harmer on November 15, 1955.

In those three years **H. R. Harmer Inc.**, 6 West 48th Street, New York 36, N.Y., sold the Caspary holdings for a total of \$2,895,146.

Superb Canada Cover Brings Over \$2,500

An important BNA item in a recent sale held by **Shanahan's Stamp Auctions Ltd.**, 39 Upper Great George's Street, Dublin, Ireland, was the cover illustrated here.

The catalogue description read as follows: "A superb 1859 cover bearing a large margined inscriptions 1857 imperf. 7½d yellow green in combination with 1859 perf. 11¼ 3d Beaver, all tied with four-ringed circle, fantastic and probably unique. Accompanied by Royal Certificate."

Estimated at \$3,500, the cover brought \$2,500.





OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

From the Secretary

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

November 1, 1958.

NEW MEMBERS

- 1600 Barden, Harold M., 632 South Avenue 60, Los Angeles 42, California
1601 Brown, John Huntington, 436 Talbot Street, Ottawa, Ontario
1602 Dote, Anthony Joseph, 112 Gladstone Road, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania
1603 Ferguson, Dr. J. G., 46 Robina Avenue, Toronto 10, Ontario
1604 Freeburg, Florence, 5721 Stratford Road, Los Angeles 42, California
1605 MacLeod, D. J., P.O. Box 338, Fredericton, New Brunswick
1606 McAllister, William M., 32639 MacKenzie Drive, Garden City, Michigan
1607 Potts, G. H., Merry Island Mail Bag (via) Vancouver, British Columbia
1608 Radford, R. Anthony, P.O. Box 2129, Auckland C-1, New Zealand

APPLICATIONS PENDING

- Breton, Miss Marie Blanche, 810 Turnbull Avenue, Apt. 21, Quebec
Britney, Miss E. Anne, 322-77th Street, North Bergen, New Jersey
Brookman, L. G., 103 Loeb Arcade, Minneapolis 2, Minnesota
Brown, Jack, Box 905, Picton, Ontario
Duval, Jacques, 126 Logan, St. Lambert, Quebec
Gatz, Lt. J. Roger, 2105D Tennessee Circle, Loring A.F.B., Maine
Letch, E. H., 1232 Des Chenaux Road, Three Rivers, Quebec
Sonne, C. C., Hotel Cecil, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan
Sparrow, William G., 64 Lynngrove Avenue, Toronto 18, Ontario

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

- Bell, Benzion, 9037 Mango, Morton Grove, Ill. (C-X) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Plate blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used booklet panes and complete booklets. Seals. Mint and used airmails and on cover. Postal stationery entires and cut-squares. Literature. Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.
Dooley, John W., 7724 W. Rogers St., West Allis 19, Wisc. (C-C) CAN, NFD—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Federal, provincial and tax-paid revenues. Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.
Downing, Lester L., 10 Crescent Road, Concord, Mass. (C) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Pre-stamp and stampless covers. Mint booklet panes. Mint airmails. Literature. Proposed by W. H. Russell, No. 587; seconded by W. T. Pollitz, No. 763.
Ethier, Jules J. C., P.O. Box 117, Oshawa, Ont. (D) Proposed by J. Levine, No. L1.
Harmer, Bernard D., 6 West 48th Street, New York 36, N.Y. (DC) Mint, used, semi-official airmails and on cover. Proposed by V. G. Greene, No. L40; seconded by F. Jarrett, No. 283.
Lainoff, Milton, 2708-4th Ave. N.W., Calgary, Alta. (C) CAN—Used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Pre-cancellations. Squared circle cancellations. Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.
Laser, Phil I., 612 North 16th St., Omaha 2, Nebr. (C-X) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes and complete booklets. Federal revenues. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.
Leviton, D., 9 Palmerston Rd., Southend-on-Sea, Essex, England. (C-X) CAN—19th century mint and used postage. RPO cancellations. All type varieties. Specialty: '59 issue; Small and Large Queens. Proposed by P. J. Hurst, No. 583; seconded by G. P. Lewis, No. L506.
Matejka, James J. Jr., M.D., Ste. 216, Hotel La Salle, 10 North La Salle St., Chicago 2, Ill. (C-X) Proposed by D. C. Meyerson, No. L3; seconded by R. C. Meyerson, No. 1004.
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Shoemaker, Laurence D., 440 Acacia Dr., Sapphire Shores, Sarasota, Fla. (C) CAN—Mint and used postage. Illustrated covers. Specialty: Small Queens. Proposed by E. A. Richardson; seconded by V. G. Greene, No. L40.

Thompson, G. Homer, 297 Main Street N., Brampton, Ont. (C) CAN, NFD, PROV—19th and 20th century mint and used postage. Federal, provincial and tax-paid revenues. Mint and used airmails. Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. L506; seconded by W. J. Foster, No. 748.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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1541 Clay, Frances, General Delivery, Vernon, British Columbia (from Alberta)
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1224 Little, Philip Jr., 490 Highcroft Road, Rt. 5, Wayzata, Minnesota
642 Sadler, A., 5370 Park Ave., Apt. 7, Montreal, Quebec
619 Sprung, Wilfred M., P.O. Box 98, Cornwall, Ontario (from Ottawa)
1492 Stanwey, G. E., 494 Oak Street, Wadsworth, Ohio (from Michigan)
221 Wood, Stanley, 25 Ronaki Road, Mission Bay, Auckland E-1, New Zealand

CORRECTION IN YEARBOOK LISTING

(Please make alteration in your copy of the Yearbook)

- 1486 Clem, Lt. Col. Wesley A., 135 Forest, Park Forest, Illinois

DECEASED

- 907 Stewart, Douglas M., 3388 Maplewood Avenue, Montreal 26, Quebec

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, October 1, 1958	995	
NEW MEMBERS, November 1, 1958	9	
		1004
DECEASED, November 1, 1958	1	
		1
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, November 1, 1958		1003

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

NOTICE

For the first time since the formation of the British North America Philatelic Society in 1943, a need has risen for additional funds, and the Board of Governors, exercising the power that was granted it at BNAPEX-57, has voted to increase the dues for 1959 from \$3.00 to \$4.00. At the same time, the cost of a Life Membership has been increased from \$50 to \$75 to keep the same proportion.

The reason for the increase in dues can be traced directly to the increased cost of printing TOPICS. Up until now, increased revenue from new members has offset increases in cost but a rather substantial increase is in the offing for the early part of next year and the only alternative left to the Board was to vote an increase in the dues.

DANIEL C. MEYERSON, Chairman.

Trail of the Caribou—

(from page 300)

treated. Interesting varieties, and I'm glad I stopped by in Montreal.

We are in receipt of a letter from Dr. C. W. Hollingsworth (BNAPS 896), the honorary secretary of the CPS of G.B. Unfortunately Dr. Hollingsworth is not a Newfoundland collector but he does collect slogans and among his collection of Newfoundland slogans he has three changes of use from those listed in our article in the

January 1958 issue of TOPICS. On Slogan 11 the doctor shows record of use from April 29, 1929 to sometime in March 1934, whereas the previous listing was from July 18, 1929 to February 12, 1934. Then on Slogan 15, which we listed at January 18, 1938, Dr. Hollingsworth can show an earlier date of use—December 9, 1937. I'm sure that all the collectors of Newfoundland slogans will thank the doctor for this information. ★

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MAILBAG—from page 311

mid- or late-summer 1934. It is heavy type and the whole canceller measures 53 mm. in length. The box reading WAY MAIL measures 30 mm. It was used with VANCOUVER/BRITISH COLUMBIA

"Type 2 appeared in summer of 1934. It is lighter type with the curved lines in front of WAY and after MAIL being of a different shape. The overall length is 50 mm. and the box 31 mm. It is used with the VANCOUVER/B.C.

"I have no record of either of these on U.S. stamps; all my copies plus all others I have seen have been on mail from B.C. coast ports, in most cases served by Union Steamships. I also have one copy from the M/S Chr. Knudsen, Norway, which would indicate it may have been used for mail posted on the high seas.

"I have as well two different versions of a straight line WAYMAIL.

"Type 1, used 1931-34, in black or purple, is in type 6 mm. high and forms a 49 mm. line. It was used with the regular Vancouver machine cancel. It is usually stamped across top centre of envelope.

"Type 2 appears to be still in use. It is in small sans-serif letters 4 mm. high and forms a 29 mm. line.

"In addition there are regular ship markings available for most of the B.C. coastal ships..."

Reprints of Early Topics

It has been suggested that TOPICS be reprinted right back to Number One. This is a wonderful idea. I imagine many would like that. TOPICS is a remarkable history of BNA, most of its contents not duplicated anywhere. This would be another encouragement for new members, as well as tending to keep more of the old ones who might otherwise resign. Former members might also be advised of this, which might help to bring them back.

I, personally, have few copies. To conserve space I removed what I needed, put it in a three-ring binder, and passed the issue along, and now I recall there are many other items I wish I had kept, besides just the air mail. Of course, I had nothing before I became a member six years or so ago.

Anyway, I would be glad to hear about it if and when you decide to reprint them. They would make a wonderful library collection.

D. Amos (BNAPS 967)

Index Needed

I would like you to know that I consider BNA TOPICS the finest publication of its type in the philatelic field. Informative and replete with interesting material well presented, it is most excellent in every respect.

As a new member of BNAPS, I have in my possession only the issues commencing with March 1958. I am wondering if an index has ever been published for a particular period. If not, perhaps such a project could be undertaken. It would be a fine reference to source material for those who do not have a complete file.

G. M. Tuttle (BNAPS 1565)

¶ The publication of a comprehensive Index to BNA TOPICS has been under consideration for some years, but the project has never been completed. Perhaps something can be done in the near future.—Ed.

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