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New Brunswick Numerals

An Updated Report

CONCURRENT with the tremendous interest in squared circles, duplexes, streets, and other markings on Canadian stamps, my correspondence indicates that the New Brunswick numerals still provide a fascinating, but sometimes frustrating, area of interest not only on the part of a relatively small group of oldtimers but also for a growing number of newer collectors. There is perhaps enough new knowledge to justify this present report, and as subsequent paragraphs will reveal, there is yet a substantial amount of evidence to be sought for and recorded.

Primarily for the benefit of a later group of collectors who are now seeking numerals and who may not have access to earlier articles on the subject, it may be well to record again the alphabetical list that I originally published. This list filled in many gaps and disagreed with some of the attributions of Jarrett and Poole which, up to that time, had been the only source of information. With all due modesty, I can now state that, in every instance where new cover material has been discovered with numeral markings on **New Brunswick stamps**, not a single instance of deviation from the list has occurred.

The original list follows:

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|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. St. John | 13. Fredericton | 25. Salisbury | 30. St. Stephen |
| 2. Andover | 14. Gagetown | 26. Shediac | 31. Sussex |
| 3. Baie Verte | 15. Hampton Ferry | 27. St. Andrews | 32. Upham Vale |
| 4. Bathurst | 16. Harvey | 28. St. George | 33. Upper Mills |
| 5. Bend | 17. Hillsborough | 29. St. Martins | 34. Woodstock |
| 6. Campbellton | 18. Kingston | | |
| 7. Campo Bello | 19. Memramcook | | |
| 8. Chatham | 20. Milltown | | |
| 9. Grand Falls | 21. Newcastle | | |
| 10. Dalhousie | 22. Oromocto | | |
| 11. Dorchester | 23. Richibucto | | |
| 12. Edmunston | 24. Sackville | | |

No Leaks Yet in Dike

For a period of time, Grand Falls seemed to violate the otherwise alphabetical arrangement, St. John excepted. However, that seeming inconsistency was cleared away when N. Argenti discovered in the contemporary postal records that the later office at Grand Falls had been Colebrook before and presumably at the time of distribution of the hammers. At this point, it may be well to state that there were at least two later changes of post office names. According to the Postmaster General's Reports, Hampton Ferry was changed to Ossekeag in 1859 and Bend (of the Peticodiac) became Moncton officially sometime after 1860. Collectors may discover covers of the later years with the numerals 15 and 5, respectively, from these offices as renamed.

On the subject of dates, the earliest known numeral is now September 22, 1853, an authentic cover of that date having recently appeared. Prior thereto, it had been November 1853, January 1854, and even earlier, May 1854.

After publication of the list, two other numerals on **New Brunswick** stamped covers came to light — 35, Sheffield and 39, Indiantown — the latter being a very late use in 1866. To my knowledge, no others have appeared. The Sheffield is explainable by the fact that this way office was upgraded to a post office shortly after the original hammer distribution. We can speculate about still further new hammers being issued to newly created post offices in the years from 1854 onward. Some logical can-

didates would be Buctouche, Carleton, and Grand Manan. But until we have verification from newly discovered New Brunswick covers, nothing can be finalized. The Indiantown seems to be an unexplainable case as the records indicate that the village, now in greater St. John, was a way office throughout the period being covered. However, it was apparently important enough, possibly as the terminal of the upriver steamers, to be recommended as a post office in the Postmaster General's report of 1860.

Reverting once again to the list, the following numbers have as yet not appeared, or, I had better say, have not been reported to me: viz, 2, 6, 7, 10, 20, 32, and 33. All the post offices represented in the missing group were in relatively small villages but, even so, there is still hope that they will appear. The reader will please note that I am now referring only to the period 1853-1868, the span of years during which the numerals could have been used on letters bearing New Brunswick stamps. The following section deals with the complications of the numeral grids on Dominion issues.

Trouble at Upper Crossroads

There is an old adage "it is a poor rule that has no exceptions." Maybe so. But facts are facts, particularly when they are postmarks. There have been a very considerable number of covers turn up with the numerals grids used on the Dominion stamps in the period 1868 to as late as 1897, mostly on the three cent Small Queen. There are also extant a modest number of off-cover copies, but these tell nothing of origin. Among the thirteen or so such numerals on cover seen to date there are the following for which an easy explanation is apparent: viz., 1 St. John, 13 Fredericton, 19 Memramcook, 22 Oromocto, and 30 St. Stephen. They denote the continued usage by the postmasters in these cities and towns of a canceller that was as useful as any other in a period when there was little or no attempt at uniformity of cancellations for stamps on ordinary mail. Doubtless additional numerals will be found in this category and conforming to the basic list.

The real area of speculation concerns the following numeral grids that are known on Canadian covers.

10 Whites Cove	35 Upper Peel
11 Upper Woodstock	?? Upper Queensbury
16 Penobsquis	(one cover seen
20 Wickham	with double
26 Upper Gagetown	numeral
33 Wicklow	indistinct)

Three of these numerals—10, 20, and 33—so far have not been recorded as found for the towns in the basic list. On the other hand, 11, 16, 26, and 35 (if we add Sheffield to the original list) are duplicate indicia of covers definitely known from Dorchester, Harvey, Shediac (and Sheffield.)

When these mavericks first came to my attention, I was inclined to suspect that there had been some faking practiced by parties unknown who had come into possession of some of the old hammers. There are many New Brunswick bisects that have been manufactured and those perfectly centered town strikes on the cents issue are in most instances remainder stamps, cancelled with hammers that had not been destroyed, and possible by cooperative postmasters. But I now have discarded this possibility. Many of the latterly discovered covers have come out of original finds that leave no room for doubt. However, by careful measurement and allowing for wear and imperfect strikes, the grids correspond closely with the original New Brunswick issue. The location of the numerals in the grid and the type also appear to be the same. No similar hammers appear on covers from any other part of Canada after Confederation. I conclude that these came out of the original lot purchased by the provincial postal authorities, that they were not shipped to Ottawa, and that they were used in New Brunswick but not during the provincial period.

There are three possible patterns that may ultimately suggest the *raison d'être* for these eight and possible other cases: 1) all the places were small villages not having post office status under New Brunswick; 2) with the exception of Penobsquis they were all on the St. John river where steamers carried mail, at least up to Fredericton; 3) again excepting Penobsquis, they all begin with "Upper" or the letter "W."

Non demonstrandum est.

(My thanks to members Argenti, Barash, Bell, Brassler, Fairbanks, Whitehead, and others who contributed information without which this article would not have been possible.) ★

For Fly Speck Hunters

On looking over a pane of the new 'Powered Flight' commemorative, we notice that on stamps No. 41 and 42, extra streaks of white appear on the left-hand wing of the first delta-wing plane. ★



REVENUE GROUP

News

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

10c Blue Excise with R.R. "Ties". Most everyone is familiar with the 8 cent Blue Excise, Holmes No. FEX 27A "Overprinted Railway Ties." Thanks to Neil Utberg (BNAPS 1551), we can now report that this type "overprint" can also be found on the 10 cent Blue Excise, Holmes FEX 28. Actually, of course, it is believed that this is not a true overprint, but some sort of precancel. Still, an interesting item to keep your eyes open for! The "overprint" on the 10 cent is in black, while the one listed on the 8 cent is in red.

"Broken S" in the "LS" Overprinted Ontario Laws. What must be a constant plate position variety has also been called to my attention by Neil "Tex" Utberg. We do not recall this being mentioned before. In the variety, the top curve of the "S" has a definite, sharp break. We can jointly report this variety as existing on the 20c, 70c and \$5 values.

Do not confuse this "Broken S" variety with a poorly printed copy where a portion of the "S" is faint. This is clearly a break and shows up best with clean, well overprinted copies. Perhaps some BNAPSer can add to our knowledge of these issues by coming up with the definite plate position of the variety.

First Issue Bill Stamps With "Missing Frame Lines." Again, if some BNAPSer has sufficient material handy they may be able to give us the answer to the "missing frame line" varieties of this issue. For some time I have had a copy of the \$1 value with the top frame line completely missing. Have another of the same value with the left third of the top frame line missing. Utberg has recently shown me a \$3 value with the right two-thirds of the top frame line missing. Are these constant, and can their position be established? Because these are lithographed, we hesitate to call them major varieties until more is known about them.

Ontario "LS" Overprint in Purple-Black. Most collectors are aware that this "L.S."

overprint comes in a number of red shades, namely brown-red, carmine and rose. However, there is one variety of overprint that I have not seen previously mentioned—the **purple-black**. I have this in the \$2 denomination. It is used and the date is not clear (except for the year), but it looks like May 17, 1869. Is this a "color-changing" or a true variety of color in the overprint?

Forgery of the 20c "N.S." Nova Scotia. Recently had submitted for examination a copy of the 20c Third Issue Bill Stamp with what was supposed to be a **double print** of the "N.S." overprint. Naturally, if genuine, this would be a rare new variety.

If one copy exists, perhaps others are around, so we report the main differences from the genuine overprint.

- (a) Period after "N" is a vertical rectangle instead of the solid vertical oval of the genuine;
- (b) The shading lines which are double in the genuine, is only a single line in the forgery;
- (c) The "S" is top-heavy. In general the letters are not as perfectly formed as in the genuine;
- (d) Period after "S" is a solid oval pointing upwards to the right instead of straight up as in the genuine.

There are other minor differences, but these should suffice to enable you to sort out the "album weeds."

Another copy reported of the Manitoba Imperf. Between. In the November 1958 issue of BNA TOPICS we reported an unlisted variety of Holmes No. ML96, the 10c horizontal pair imperf. between. This was also illustrated. We now have a report from BNAPSer N. F. Stokely of Del Rio, Tenn., that he has a pair of this same variety. He reports that his is an unsevered pair. This now accounts for two of the possible five pairs—where are the other three?

Incidentally, the pair illustrated last November now rests in the Texas collection of BNAPSer No. 168. ★

The Origin, History and Postal History of the . . .



CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

PART TWO

(Part One appeared in the March issue)

THE C.N.E. is indeed fertile ground to cultivate and explore for cancellations and postal markings. Originally, perhaps, my attention was attracted to the C.N.E. by the flag cancellations used in Toronto in 1901. These advertised "Canada's Exposition Toronto" (the C.N.E. of that period). As at present I am primarily a cover devotee, I started out to try and get the cancellations and markings on cover, but this did not prove too easy a task. I am now pleased to get them on piece or on stamps and I am quite happy to include them in my C.N.E. collection. Some are far from easy to find. I started to collect one for each year, but even that was not too easy, and proved to be an interesting hunt. Soon I found almost every year shows types and variations. It was fun looking for them as they are interesting.

It is most unlikely you will find any item with designating postal or other markings during the years 1846 to 1878. But you never can tell—what a nice find one would be! However, as I have intimated before, in completing or attempting to complete a C.N.E. collection it would be nice to include a cover of the year from the city in which the exhibition was held. Along with it, a collateral piece of material would look nice, perhaps a date illustration from the city. Better still would be a picture or some item actually connected with that year's exhibition. Wouldn't it be nice to find an item dealing with "The Niagara Agricultural Society"? Perhaps as a start we might suggest a picture of old Fort Toronto along with a picture of the present-day Canadian National Exhibition.

A Different Story

The story can indeed be different from 1879 to 1900 and later. While you may not

find any cancellations or postmarks 1879 to 1900, you can find most interesting covers with corner cards relating to the exhibition (see Fig. 9). Then, of course, from 1901 you have cancellations, postmarks and other postal markings to look for.

The year 1901 brings us to the first cancellations to be found that are definitely C.N.E. markings, although at that time it was known as "Canada's Exposition." Perhaps a point should be made clear here. When C.N.E. cancellations or postmarks are referred to it does not necessarily mean used at the C.N.E., but rather cancellations and postmarks (and covers and postal markings) advertising it. There are instances of use of cancellations and postmarks, and covers definitely used at the exhibition. They are scarce and few in number; where they are known to the author, they will be noted. Due to their scarcity, they are worth special attention. Generally speaking, the postal cancellations were used in postal stations in Toronto, but outside the "Ex." itself. None, to my knowledge, were used outside Toronto.

Two Types of Cancellations

The 1901 cancellations were of two types. The first or oval type (Fig. 10) came into use near the end of April 1901. There exists three types (see McCready's book on flag cancellations) or varieties, all slightly different. The office letters distinguish the varieties.

The second or shield type (Fig. 11) did not appear until early in May 1901. Again there exists slight differences and the office letter distinguishes them. There is a further variety in office "A" showing a break at the right of the shield; the flag and shield do not meet.

These cancellations may rightly be called

the first slogan or advertising cancellations. For some reason unknown, no further use of such cancellations was made until 1912. The idea was good — why did it not catch on, then?

Slogans or advertising cancellations of C.N.E. really came into use in 1912. The earliest one I have seen of this period is the type shown in Fig. 12 and dated April 23, 1912 (in the collection of the late Ed. Goodale of Hamilton, Ont.) The C.N.E. was a real pioneer in the use of this type of cancellation and they continued in use, except in 1924 and 1925 and in 1942 to 1946, in varying forms, until 1950. I shall deal with these in more detail in a later instalment.

When I started out to compile these notes about the C.N.E., I intended to deal with the subject on a yearly basis, giving all details of each year. I soon realized this would be too lengthy and would include a lot of repetition. For the purpose of brevity, I have decided to deal with it in a more general form under general headings, giving detail only where it is really essential.

Early Years:

The Origin of Fairs

In a way I apologize for including this chapter. It does not actually deal altogether with the C.N.E., but to me it does tie in with the article so I cannot resist putting it in.

As I said earlier, many of us know little of the origin of fairs advertised by the covers we collect. I love history. A few

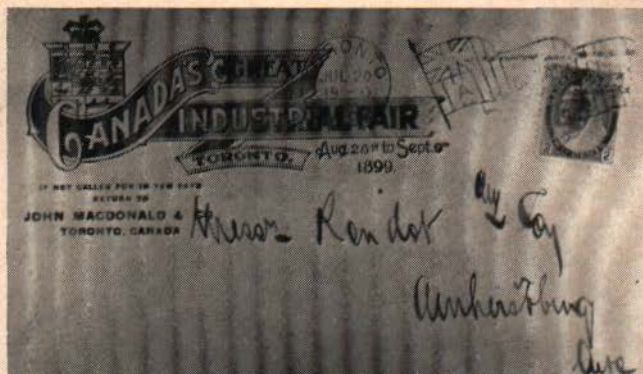


FIG. 9—A very fine example of a corner card. From the Harry W. Lussey collection. Design in red.



FIG. 10—A nice cover in several colors. The first or oval type (Sharpe)



FIG. 11—The second or shield type (Sharpe)

FIG. 12—The first type of C.N.E. slogan used (Sharpe)

years ago I read an article by Mabel Burkholder, a feature writer on the Hamilton Spectator. When I was putting my notes together I recalled it and re-read it. It dealt with the origin of fairs and much of my information with regard to their origin is taken from that article.

Have you ever thought about the origin of fairs? I have dealt to some extent with the origin of fairs in Ontario, but fairs are much older than that.

Have you ever attended one of the so-called 'fall fairs' or 'country fairs'? Some have been operating for many years. I understand there are still some 200 held each year in Ontario—some 2,000 in Canada. They are well worth a visit and many a pleasant day I have spent at a 'fall fair.'

Fairs have been held in many places in the world for hundreds of years. Basically their character has changed little. Fairs were important occasions in the long ago years in Europe and Asia, where they combined a market place with amusement for the people.

The generally accepted root of the word 'fair' is the Latin word 'feria' meaning a holiday. Some authorities link it with the word 'forum'—a market place.

In Europe fairs generally had their origin in church festivals. It was not thought wrong, after religious duties had been attended to, that commercial enterprise be engaged in. The religious origin of fairs is commemorated in their German name, 'messen'—the mass.

Time seems to have brought to the fore the commercial rather than the religious aspect of fairs. They have developed largely into buyers' and sellers' market places, with fakirs and other purveyors of nonsense and amusements, in an endeavor to satisfy most of the desires of people out on a holiday.

Interest in Early Fairs

In early days fairs were adapted to more local situations, as travel was difficult. They tried to provide interest for all who would attend. Wrestling matches, cock fights and



other entertainments of the day were arranged for local competition. The free use of stimulants, together with the festive air of the occasion often caused these affairs to degenerate in many instances, and things got out of hand.

The Donnybrook Fair, near Dublin, Ireland (not now, I believe, in existence) was the scene of many a pitched battle. In fact it added a word to our language as 'donnybrook' now means a free-for-all fight.

I can remember my late father-in-law telling me of "The Rockton World's Fair" (held not far from Hamilton) still in existence. As a young man he used to attend it, and there the quarrels of the year were settled and old grudges fought out. It was really quite a show—quite a battle ground. It has now no longer that reputation, but is a well-run small fair held each year.

Records show fairs of any import were first instituted in Hamilton in 1836. They were pretty poor showings. Well-bred cattle were scarce and the other exhibits were of many unusual items. However, they were brave attempts. One must remember in those lean days money of the cash variety was very scarce. Much of the trade was carried on by barter. A man might have a flock of sheep or herd of cattle, but was often hard put to come by a penny to put on the collection plate in church.

Hamilton was quite a small village in those days. One of the important citizens of the neighborhood was the Honorable Adam Ferguson (he lived in Waterdown, about seven miles from Hamilton—now really one of its suburbs). Ferguson was a patron of fall fairs and well-bred cattle. He is now honored as being one of the founders of the Canadian National Exhibition.

In Toronto in the 1850s, just west of the old jail on Front Street, was a place called 'Fair Green.' Here were held cattle fairs,

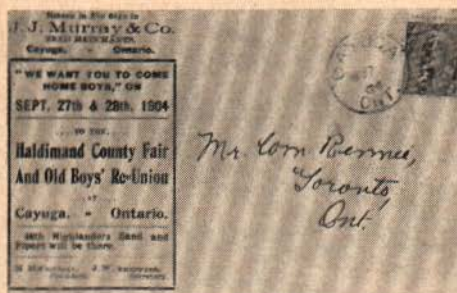


FIG. 13—Cover advertising a small local fair—scarce. Note pipe band from Toronto as special attraction. Design in black. (Sharpe)

wild beast shows and circuses, notably that of the famous P. T. Barnum. Those were the days when General Tom Thumb was one of the principal attractions. He weighed 15 pounds and was only 28 inches tall.

Two Crystal Palaces

Toronto had laid the cornerstone of its 'Crystal Palace' in 1857 and it was opened in 1858. Hamilton followed suit with a 'Crystal Palace' of its own at the western end of the city in grounds now known as Victoria Park, where for some 30 years fairs were held. Like its sister building in Toronto, it was destroyed by fire.

To get back to the C.N.E., I recall reading in BNA TOPICS for February 1954 an interesting item in an article by Max Rosenthal (BNAPS 1104). It reads in part: "In the October 1897 issue of the Philatelic Advocate¹ it is reported that the philatelic exhibition in connection with the Toronto Industrial Fair—August 30th to September 12th—was a great success. Newfoundland and Canadian Jubilees were shown in abun-

dance." By Newfoundland Jubilees was meant the Cabot issue of 1897, which not only commemorates the 400th "Anniversary of the discovery of Newfoundland by Cabot, but the 60th year of the reign of Queen Victoria." Other such philatelic shows were held at the 'Ex' and will be mentioned later.

It should be mentioned here, perhaps, that during the years 1879-on the C.N.E. was known by various names. It has not been possible for me to assemble an accurate list of what might be termed its official names from time to time. Nor have I been able to compile a worthwhile list of 'un-official' names used. Slightly different, sometimes quite different, names were used from time to time by merchants on the envelopes advertising it. ★



FIG. 15—An interesting cover advertising the world-renowned Leipzig Fair in Germany. Design in brown; other marking in black. (Cecil McPherson collection)

(To Be Continued)

¹ The Philatelic Advocate was, I understand, published in Berlin (now Kitchener), Ontario, in the late 1890s.



FIG. 14—A well known annual fall fair. Design in black. (Sharpe)



Stamp Commemorates Tenth Anniversary of NATO

(NATO—North Atlantic Treaty Organization)

Date of Issue: April 2, 1959.

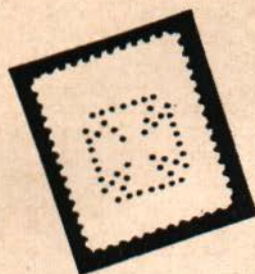
Designed by: Philip Weiss, Ottawa.

Color: Blue.

Plate Numbers: 1.

Panes of: 100 stamps.

Quantity of Stamps Ordered: 32,000,000.



PERFIN *Study Group*

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REVISED LIST OF PRE-CANCELLED PERFINS

Please notify the secretary of the Perfin Group of any unlisted items you may have.

City	Issue	Stamp	Hoover Type	Perfin Cat.	Initials
BRANDON	1903	2c carmine	1.75	C12d	CHI(mon)
	1928	1c orange	1.131	C6	C(Co)
	1935	1c green	4.191	C12d	CHI(mon)
EDMONTON	1912	1c green	3.85	C12h	CHI(mon)
	1922	1c yellow	3.106	C12h	CHI(mon)
HAMILTON	1912	20c olive green	1.93	C33	CW/C
	1922	1c yellow	1.106	C12j	CHI(mon)
	1922	2c green	1.107	C33	CW/C
	1922	1c yellow	1.106	C33	CW/C
	1922	3c carmine	1.109	C33	CW/C
	1922	5c violet	1.111	C33	CW/C
	1924	10c light brown	1.122	C33	CW/C
	1924	50c black brown	1.123	C33	CW/C
	1922	1c yellow	4.106	C33	CW/C
	1922	3c carmine	4.109	C33	CW/C
	1922	5c violet	4.111	C33	CW/C
LONDON	1912	1c green	1.85	C12l	CHI(mon)
	1912	1c green	1.85a	C12l	CHI(mon)
	1912	2c carmine	1.86	C12l	CHI(mon)
	1912	2c carmine	1.86a	C12l	CHI(mon)
	1912	3c brown	1.87	C12l	CHI(mon)
	1924	10c light brown	3.122	C12l	CHI(mon)
MONTREAL	1912	2c carmine	2.86a	C12m	CHI(mon)
	1903	2c carmine	4.75a	S12	StC
	1912	1c green	4.85	C12m	CHI(mon)
	1912	2c carmine	4.86	C12m	CHI(mon)
	1935	1c green	9.191	M8	MH
	1935	2c brown	10.192	M8	MH
	1935	3c carmine	10.193	E2	E
	1937	1c green	10.201	E2	E
	1937	2c brown	10.202	B10	BT
	1949	2c olive	10.223	B10	BT
MOOSE JAW	1930	1c orange	1.143	S2a	S
N. BATTLEFORD	1922	1c yellow	1.106	C12a	CHI(mon)

City	Issue	Stamp	Hoover Type	Perfin Cat.	Initials
OTTAWA	1912	10c plum	3.92	N3	ND
	1912	20c olive green	3.93	N3	ND
	1922	1c yellow	3.106	N3	ND
	1922	2c green	3.107	N3	ND
	1922	5c violet	3.111	N3	ND
	1924	10c light brown	3.122	N3	ND
	1928	2c green	3.132	N3	ND
	1933	1c green	4.171	N3	ND
QUEBEC	1912	1c green	1.85	C12i	CHI(mon)
TORONTO	1903	1c green	3.74	G6	GM/Co
	1903	1c green	3.74a	G6	GM/Co
	1912	1c green	5.85	W11	WR/Co
	1912	1c green	5.85	W14	WR/Co
	1916	2c carmine	5.103	W11	WR/Co
	1912	1c green	6.85	W11	WR/Co
	1912	1c green	7.85	N1	NA/LIFE
	1922	4c olive	3.110	C10	CG/E
	1922	5c violet	11.111	W8	WJG
	1927	1c orange	12.125	C21	CNR
	1927	1c orange	12.125	C26	CPR
	1937	1c green	15.201	C20	CNR
	1942	1c green	15.211	C20	CNR
VANCOUVER	1912	1c green	1.85	W11a	WR/Co
WALKERVILLE	1912	1c green	1.85	P3	PD/Co
	1912	1c green	1.85a	P3	PD/Co
	1912	2c carmine	1.86	P3	PD/Co
	1912	10c plum	1.92	P3	PD/Co
	1916	3c brown 1Tc	2.104	P3	PD/Co
WINDSOR	1912	1c green	1.85	G9	GRAY
	1931	1c green	3.151	J2	JBF/Co
	1932	1c green	3.171	J2	JBF/Co
	1932	1c green	4.171	J2	JBF/Co
	1932	1c green	4.171	P3	PD/Co
	1935	1c green	4.191	J2	JBF/Co
	1935	1c green	4.191	P3	PD/Co
	1935	1c green	5.191	J2	JBF/Co
	1935	1c green	5.191	P3	PD/Co
	1937	1c green	5.201	J2	JBF/Co
	1937	1c green	5.201	B1	B(star)
	1937	1c green	5.201	P3	PD/Co
	1937	1c green	5.201	P3	(inits. double) PD/Co
	1942	1c green	5.211	P3	PD/Co
WINNIPEG	1933	1c green	6.171	C12s	CHI(mon)
	1933	2c brown	6.172	C12s	CHI(mon)
	1935	1c green	8.191	C12s	CHI(mon)
	1935	2c brown	8.192	C12s	CHI(mon)
	1937	1c green	8.201	C12k	CHI(mon)
	1937	1c green	8.201	C12s	CHI(mon)
	1942	1c green	8.211	C26a	CPR
	BAR TYPES	1942	3c violet	X214	W14	WW/JR
1949		1c green	X221	C6	C/Co
1953		2c green	X232	S2	S



Rounding Up SQUARED CIRCLES

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

KINGSTON SQUARED CIRCLES

By T. Braden Elliott (BNAPS 1463)

THE SQUARED CIRCLE cancellations of Kingston are quite common—perhaps not quite as common as Ottawa, Halifax, Winnipeg and St. John—but still easy to find, and usually they are well and clearly struck.

Two hammers were used: the first, which had a very short period of use, is quite hard to come by, and certainly rates a R.F. of 30, at least; the second, which was in use for nearly five years, is, of course, the common one. There is no need to go into further details concerning the distinguishing features of these hammers, as they are both sufficiently covered in the original handbook.

Kingston lacks the glamor of some other towns, as there is, as far as I can find, no overlapping of use of the hammers, and the indicia do not cover the scope of such towns as Hamilton, Winnipeg, Ottawa or London, with their larger range of numbers.

My collection yielded some 1,200 fully dated copies on stamp, and the following table gives a good general breakdown of the different dates and indicia:

Year	Diff. Days	Blank	Indicia				Total
			1	2	3	4	
1893	18	..	..	5	6	9	20
1894	148	..	4	38	53	86	181
1895	129	..	..	29	37	84	150
1896	136	..	1	30	53	85	169
1897	189	1	6	51	74	133	265
1898	98	..	..	19	27	68	114
Total	718	1	11	172	250	465	899

From the foregoing, of 899 different, there are 718 single days, 141 with two indicia for the same day and 20 with three, but not one with the full four.

My 'blank' is September 3, 1897 on a

3c Jubilee, and I also have a "4" for the same day, on the same stamp. I have no "NT", nor have I ever seen one.

While "1" is very scarce, I feel my holding indicates it to be slightly scarcer than normal. A holding of 20 would be more in line.

Next in order of rarity is "2" and I feel my holding is about average for the balance. The 300 or so duplicates were even heavier in "4s".

There does not appear to be any breaking off of use of the hammers for any period as there are no great gaps of days at any time.

My earliest date for Hammer I is October 12, 1893 and the latest is December 26, 1893. My earliest for Hammer II is January 3, 1894 and my latest December 3, 1898. Any information concerning the period December 27, 1893 to January 2, 1894 would be welcomed.

Sunday dates are not too easy to come by, as of the 899 mentioned above only 30 are Sunday dates, two with "3" and 28 with "4", indicating late Sunday mail clearances.

LINDSAY, ONT.

Further Notes on Its Indicia

By W. Rorke (BNAPS 1511)

Mr. Boggs, in his article on Squared Circles (Maple Leaves, Dec. 1957) gives

Sp 23, 93 as the date of registration of the Lindsay hammer. The earliest recorded date, in Dr. Whitehead's collection, is Oc 3, 93 and it is 'blank above the date.' My own collection starts with Oc 4, 93, "PM" above, and the indicia "AM-PM" ("AM" is quite scarce) continues up to Ju 16, 94. (My 19, 94 is blank, probably due to a clerical error.) Dr. Whitehead continues to Jy 17, 94, with "PM". The next day, Jy 18, 94 'blank above date' begins again, continuing

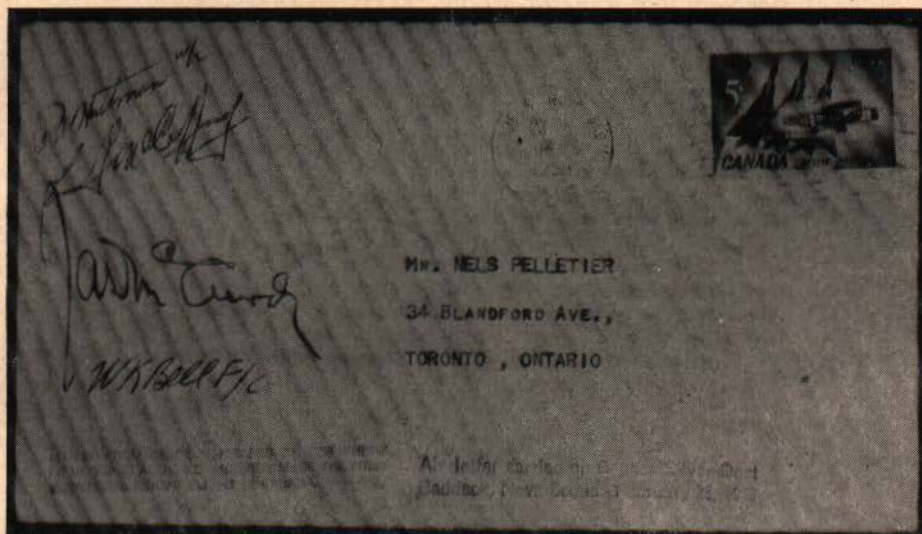
for the remainder of 1894, throughout 1895 and up to Ap 14, 96 inclusive.

From Ap 15, 96 to My 21, 96 I have no copies, and none are reported. If other collectors have stamps or covers of this brief period, please let me know, or write to Dr. Whitehead.

From My 22, 96 to Sp 29, 97, numerals "1, 2" were in use, followed on the next day, Sp 30, 97, by "AM, PM" (again "AM" is quite scarce) until the end of the Lindsay squared circles. ★

Notes on Canadian Airmails

By N. PELLETIER (BNAPS 1268)



IN A RECENT edition of The Roundel, an RCAF publication, the following appeared:

PLAN TO RESTAGE FIRST FLIGHT

"During 1959 many special events will be staged to celebrate the 50th anniversary of flight. These begin on February 23, the anniversary of J. A. D. McCurdy's famous feat, when the RCAF is planning to fly a replica of the Silver Dart at Baddeck, N.S. A bag of airmail, containing greetings from the Canadian Government to other Governments, will be on board. This mail will then be taken by helicopter to Sydney Airport and transferred to regular airmail service."

On February 23, 1959 Canadian news-

papers described the re-enactment of the historic flight. The pilot was Wing Commander Paul Hartman, one of Canada's most versatile pilots, with a reported 60 different types of plans in his log book. The flight was extremely rough and the pilot ran into turbulent air-currents when flying at about 40 feet. One current lifted the aircraft to a height of 60 feet. In descending, he could not bring the Dart into the wind for fear of flying into the crowd, and the plane crashed, damaging one wing and its undercarriage in landing. The pilot was unhurt.

A bag of mail was taken from the Silver Dart, transferred to a helicopter and flown to Sydney, N.S. Registered letters show a

circular backstamp with SYD & TRU 7 FE 23 R.P.O. on back of envelopes.

With the kind co-operation of the RCAF we became the recipient of a fine autographed cover as illustrated. Signatures are those of W/C P. A. Hartman, the pilot; LAC L. G. McCaffery, builder of the replica Silver Dart; J. A. D. McCurdy, who on the same day became an honorary Air Commodore in the RCAF, and F/L W. K. Bell, engineering officer at RCAF Station Trenton, who assisted McCaffery in constructing the aircraft. The flown letter also

has two rubber stamp impressions in blue: "Air letter carried on the Replica Silver Dart, Baddeck, Nova Scotia — Feb. 23, 1959" and "Mailed from Baddeck, N.S., Feb. 23, 1959 where 50 years ago J. A. D. McCurdy made the first powered aircraft flight in Canada."

Apparently few covers were carried, mostly addressed to NTAO countries, dignitaries and museums. It is reported that two covers will be offered at auction in London some time this summer. ★

Your **BNAPEX-59** *Bulletin*

The Committee originally thought that they would start the intensive drive for **Entries and Hotel Registrations** with the May issue of TOPICS. However, there have been so many letters of inquiry crossing the Chairman's desk that it has been decided to enclose the two necessary blanks in the same envelope that brings you the April issue of TOPICS.

All the plans have been made and we can certainly promise you a **grand show**, but we do need a measure of co-operation from the membership. We know that a great many of you, at least 150, will be at the **Convention**, and that our **Exhibit** will probably exceed **100 frames**—yet in the past this has all been done in the last month. Let's try and do it differently this year, and since we know we are going, let us **help the Committee** and get our completed forms in **early** — it will be appreciated. To give you some idea as to what to expect, we are printing below the **probable program**. Any change will just be to add new features.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast—Embassy Room.
- 10:00 a.m. Registration—Venetian Room.
- 11:00 a.m. Exhibition and Bourse opens—Venetian Room.
- 2:00 p.m. Meeting REVENUE Group—Room 125.
- 6:00 p.m. Get-together Cocktail Party—"22" Club Rotunda.
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner—"22" Club.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast—Embassy Room.
- 10:00 a.m. Meeting SQUARED CIRCLE Group—Room 125.
- 2:00 p.m. Tour Lenox China Factory and Renault Wineries. (We need approximately 30 reservations for this tour.)
- 2:00 p.m. Meeting SMALL QUEENS Group—Room 125.
- 4:00 p.m. Canadian Postal History Slides by C. P. deVolpi—Room 125.
- 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Party—"22" Club Rotunda.
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner—"22" Club.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

- 8:00 p.m. Breakfast—Embassy Room.
- 10:00 p.m. Annual Meeting—Room 125.
- 12:00 p.m. Results of Judging Posted—Venetian Room.
- 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Party—"22" Club Rotunda.
- 7:30 p.m. Banquet and Awards—"22" Club.

So, as you can see, it will certainly be a **full and interesting Convention** with something for everybody, because it is being held in **America's Playground**, and the fresh salt air of the **Atlantic Ocean** and the world famous **Boardwalk** are there for all of us to enjoy. So send your **reservations in early** . . . for you'll like it fine in '59.

DAN MEYERSON, Chairman, '59 Convention Committee.

Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



AS WAS TO BE expected in a listing as technical as our specialized breakdown of Scott's Nos. 183-199, in the January issue of BNA TOPICS, two small errors did crop up and we hasten to correct them. Fortunately in neither case was false or misleading information put forth so that in years to come collectors will not be looking for material that does not exist based on the January 1959 listing in TOPICS. Under Scott No. 186, Die I, the variety G2 should read VERTICAL bisect and not diagonal, a repeat of G1. The second error is to be found under Scott No. 187, variety E2 should read PLATE BLOCK No. 2 and not 3. At the present writing we know of no further changes, nor have we been advised of any additions.

There were some interesting auction realizations during the H. R. Harmer sale in New York on Jan. 27. A very fine flown cover of the de Pinedo, Scott No. C4, sold for \$575, and a flown cover of the Columbia, Scott No. C5, realized just \$100 less. However, the pièce de resistance and really the reason for this listing was the appearance of a Balbo invert. The stamp was described as "one of the torn apart and reconstructed inverts" but still brought the very princely sum of \$1,400. We wonder what a sound inverted copy would bring! There are only supposed to be four in the world, and they are in a very famous British collection. All others are reconstructed copies made up from the scraps that the inspectors discarded when they checked the overprints for the errors.

Frank Staff (BNAPS 399), Dorset, England, has submitted a rather interesting 1897 Provisional cover posted at Georgetown, Newfoundland, on December 18, 1897, addressed to St. John's, and franked with the 1 cent Provisional Scott No. 75. That in itself is not out of the ordinary, except that the rate was three cents and not one cent and the post office certainly was aware of it because they struck the

cover with a black "4" and a black "MORE-TO-PAY." This was correct, as the underpayment on the letter was two cents and there was a two cent penalty, making four cents in all. The "MORE-TO-PAY" strike was the Type 2 described in the September 1955 issue of TOPICS, but it is just one day less than 10 years later than the previous strike. This method of marking the postage due cover is somewhat different from the method discussed in the December 1957 issue of TOPICS, when the "2+2" method of marking was used in conjunction with a Type 3 "MORE TO PAY." For the record we are showing a tracing of the handstruck mark.

MORE-TO-PAY

The December issue of the London Philatelist carried a further instalment by Arnold Strange on those stamps printed by De La Rue and formerly attributed to other companies. This time Mr. Strange advises that the Publicity Issue of 1928, Scott Nos. 145-159, were printed by De La Rue. The most interesting revelation is that on March 20, 1928, the company received instructions to supply a sample roll of 500 stamps reeled upon a cone. They were delivered the next day and they advised that they would make any corrections or adjustments necessary to fit the coil for the Multiple Stamp Affixer, but nothing further is noted on this subject and so ends our information on Newfoundland coils. ★

Canada Officials Not Provisionals

IN FEBRUARY Canadian Philatelist the following appeared: "In 1949, a shortage of the Canada Official stamps, with the overprint OHMS, occurred. In order to supply the government offices the 1949 Revised design 2c and 3c were perforated OHMS to fill a provisional need. The perforated OHMS stamps issued by the Canada Post Office are not listed by Scott nor Gibbons." I suggest that these were not provisionals.

In December 1949 the Post Office Department issued 201,920,000 of the 2 cent brown Revised (Scott No. 285) and 1,357,315,100 3 cent purple (Scott No. 286). From these quantities the Post Office Department perforated (4-holes high) OHMS in sufficient quantity to supply the government offices.

From July 1923, 1 cent Admiral issue (Scott No. 104, Gibbons No. 246) certain Canadian stamps were perforated OHMS (5-holes high). In July 1939 a new machine was installed which perforated a row of ten stamps OHMS (4-holes high). Stamps were drawn from regular stock, but as the perforating was a somewhat slow operation, the Post Office Department did not keep a count of numbers supplied to the various government departments.

Do Away with Hand Perforating

In September 1949 the Post Office Department did away with the hand perforating machine and with the 1 cent War issue (No. O1) overprinted OHMS on stamps for the government offices. This was for greater speed and permitted a count of number issued, as being printed. Incidentally, on September 6, 1950 the overprint was changed to "G."

Now, referring back to the 2 cent and 3 cent Revised, these are the two last stamps perforated OHMS by the Post Office Department, and the changeover to overprinting came at just this time. While we do not know the number that were perforated OHMS, the Post Office now advises that there were 1,000,000 No. O13 2 cent, and 2,000,000 No. O14 3 cent, overprinted OHMS.

In the changeover from overprinting OHMS to "G" and the increasing number of stamps used, the Post Office Department overprinted "G" on 1,500,000 2 cent and 7,520,900 3 cent.

The 2 cent and 3 cent Revised was not a provisional, in that owing to a shortage the Post Office Department had to resort to their perforating machine. There had been printed 201,920,000 2 cent and 1,357,315,000 3 cent, sufficient to supply the government department requirements through the perforated (4-hole) issue, the overprinted OHMS, and overprinted "G."

Catalogue Do Not List Them

And, in reference to Scott and Gibbons not listing the perforated OHMS — well, that's as they see it. These perforated and overprinted stamps were issued by the Canada Post Office to prepay postage on letters anywhere within the Postal Union. Canadian specialized catalogues all list these Canada officials. It has been stated that Scott's forthcoming Canada Specialized Catalogue will list the perforated OHMS. In fairness to these publishers, it has been stated that the perforating could be counterfeited. True, certain stamps have been counterfeited. There was one man in the United States and another in England who attempted to create dies, but their efforts were immediately recognized and their material destroyed. One party in Ontario had his printer overprint OHMS on a few stamps, not counting on the quick action by the Post Office Department and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Owing to these stamps being used by government departments, they did not readily get into collectors' hands. Some are quite rare: OA135, 145, 147, 152, 156, 194, 211-16, 225, OAC1-5, OAE1-9, O9, O26a and O27.

The scope of interest in the Canada Officials ranges from 330 5-hole perforated, 326 4-hole perforated, 38 overprinted OHMS, and 34 overprinted "G", with four varieties in stationery. ★

THE *Editor's* MAILBAG

Publication of Handbooks By CPS of Great Britain

It was decided at the annual general meeting of the Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain that the society should undertake the publication of handbooks on subjects of growing and general interest to its members and other philatelists.

Some of the subjects which we think worthy of such treatment are:

Duplex Cancellations of the 19th Century;
The Map Stamp of 1898;
Slogan Cancellations;
Precancels,
though not necessarily in that order.

It has therefore been decided in principle to publish handbooks on these subjects—nominally at the rate of one a year, subject to certain considerations, such as cost, interest of our members, availability of material, etc.

Study groups and individuals have been working for some time on all of these subjects. Mr. Fred Tomlinson's work on the Map Stamp will be well known to all readers of *Maple Leaves*, and much of Mr. E. A. Smythies' work on Duplex Cancellations, and of the Slogan Cancellation and Precancel Groups' work has already been published.

A Publications Committee has now been appointed, the members being Mr. J. J. Bonar (chairman), Dr. R. Willan, Mr. Fred Tomlinson and Miss Ann Dorian (secretary).

Many members [of the CPS of G.B.] will be aware that BNAPS has already served the interests of philately and added to its own stature by publishing handbooks on Squared Circle cancellations and on Perfins.

Any handbook which attempts to introduce a little-explored subject to philatelists must necessarily be incomplete, and its main purpose is to encourage further exploration. It should, therefore, be a co-operative venture, with as many members contributing to it as possible. It has been agreed in principle between BNAPS and the CPS of G.B. that our two societies should cooperate in the publication of handbooks, i.e., in the exchange of ideas and information of use to either society in their respective publication programs, in publicizing the work and needs of the committees and compilers, etc.

It is hoped, therefore, that members will respond to appeals for information to assist in the compilation of handbooks, etc., on behalf of either society, and indeed, that they will support these programs in every way possible.

We think that many members on both sides of the Atlantic will be pleased to hear that the CPS of G.B. has decided to publish (subject to the above considerations) as the first handbook, Mr. Smythies' fine work on Duplex Cancellations, and that the handbook has already been submitted in draft and is now under consideration for publication during 1959.

Any members who feel that they can contribute new or confirmatory information on the subject of Duplex, or who would like to offer comments or suggestions on the program generally, should contact one of the Liaison Members whose names are given below. These members were appointed to

co-ordinate the work of their committees, and to avoid duplication of correspondence and effort.

The Publications Committee would also like members to know that BNAPS has already given evidence of its goodwill and readiness to assist us in every way, and it is up to us to reciprocate the courtesy in any way we can.

The Liaison Members are as follows:

BNAPS—Mr. R. J. Woolley, Apt. 11, 2345 Yonge Street, Toronto 12, Canada;

CPS of G.B.—Miss Ann Dorian, 14 St. Andrews Road, Ilford, Sussex, England.

Ann Dorian (BNAPS 1526)

Information Wanted

I would like to have information regarding a strip of three of the 5c 'G' No. O44. The spacing between the first and second 'G' is 18 mm. and between the second and third 'G' is 17 mm.

I also have a block of eight and singles of Newfoundland No. 270 cancelled in Canada showing broken middle bars of the 'E' and 'F' of NEWFOUNDLAND.

David Nystrom (BNAPS 1182)

★ Can any member help Mr. Nystrom with either of the above problems.—Ed.

Name Misspelled

Thank you for sending me a copy of the January and February issues of BNA TOPICS containing my article on the Halifax Post Office which was previously published in the *Dalhousie Review*. It was very kind of you to send me these issues and I have only this minor comment to make, that you spelled my surname with one instead of two "s's".

C. Bruce Fergusson.

Provincial Archivist,
Nova Scotia.

★ Our apologies to Dr. Fergusson for this slip in proof-reading.—Ed.

Seeking Help

I have received two letters which might bear repeating in TOPICS—calls for help—so, here's with letters to the editor.

From Roland Greenhill, The Shieling, Village Way, Little Chalfont, Amersham, Bucks., England:

"As you know, I have been trying to complete our set of BNA TOPICS for the CPS of G.B. library. By means of photographing copies, we are now complete except for the first article in Volume IV, No. 4. Would it be possible for you to lend me a copy of Vol. IV, No. 4 so that I could have this photographed and then I would return the magazine. As soon as I get this article I shall then be able to complete bound volumes from No. 1."

(We don't have a single copy of Vol. IV, No. 4, so we are asking for your help. If you can, send to me, or directly to Mr. Greenhill.)

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"I've undertaken a new project that may be a tough one. The postal history of B.C. is very

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★ 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.

BNAPSer Donald A. Young Writes Booklet on Varieties

In 23 articles covering everything from "Re-entries" to "Weeping Princess," which originally appeared in the Stamp Collectors' Exchange Club Magazine, Donald A. Young (BNAPS 785) has brought much interesting information to the attention of collectors in his booklet "Canada Through the Looking Glass" recently published by **Cooke Publishing Company**, Arkona, Ontario, Canada.

We found this 24-page volume of great interest, and the many expert descriptions of varieties on 20th century Canadian stamps are made even more easily understandable by the inclusion of very clear sketches.

Mr. Young apparently spent much time in running down the true facts before publishing them, including visits to the Canadian Bank Note Company in Ottawa, printers of the stamps. In the foreword, Mr. Young says "It is the work, not of an expert, but of an interested collector," but we feel he is too modest in not describing himself as an expert after reading the information contained in this book.

Mr. Young has dedicated this volume to his wife, "who, like the wives of most stamp enthusiasts, has to put up with a lot." (We are sure this applies even more to the wives of editors!)

At the very reasonable price of 75 cents, this booklet is recommended. Copies are obtainable from The Cooke Publishing Company.

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sketchy 1864-on—mainly in view of the fact, as you can appreciate, that mining towns and camps blossomed out of nowhere and returned into the wilderness almost as fast as they grew up; these camps and towns, mainly camps, all had post offices of a sort. Unfortunately, in a growing, booming mining country, which B.C. was primarily, very poor records were kept—towns burned down and were abandoned; records were lost. So, we have a job, not only trying to complete the post office history, as far as possible, but trying to obtain dated town cancellations of these towns. So, I have a search on my hands . . . if you should hear of any cards, covers, etc., of 19th century B.C., I sure would appreciate the names and addresses or, if the owner will, we could certainly use the data for our files, especially the name of post office and date and description of cancel, etc."

(We omit the writer's name since he didn't ask for this appeal but we feel his is a very worthwhile project, deserving of any co-operation. So, anybody who can and will help, please write to me and I'll take it from there.)

Jack Levine (BNAPS I-1)

BNAPS Member Issues Catalogue Of Royal Imperforates of Egypt

George L. Lee (BNAPS 1035) apparently does not confine his interests to the stamps of British North America, for he has just issued a "Catalogue of the Royal Imperforate Printings of Egypt."

In the year 1926 the printing of Egyptian stamps, formerly done abroad, was turned over to the Survey department, a government agency in Cairo. When an issue was printed in this department, one sheet of each stamp in imperforate condition was sent to the Royal Collection. First printed for King Fuard, an ardent collector, they were continued into the reign of King Farouk, until he was deposed. They were auctioned off along with the balance of the Royal Collection in 1954 by H. R. Harmer Ltd.

This book is very well printed and illustrated, and contains in addition to a complete catalogue of these issues, several articles on the subject written by Mr. Lee and first published in Linn's, Air Post Journal and the American Philatelist.

Priced at \$3.00, this interesting catalogue may be obtained from **George L. Lee**, Box 57, Bernardsville, N.J., U.S.A.

Upward Trend in Canadian Issues Shown in Second Harris Edition

UNITED STATES STAMPS, U.S. POSSESSIONS, AND BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. Second 1959 Edition, 160 pages, nearly 2,000 illustrations. Published by **H. E. Harris & Co.**, Catalogue Dept., Boston 17, Mass. Price 25c.

Following by three months the record-shattering sellout of the first edition of the U.S. and B.N.A. catalogue, the second 1959 edition incorporates nearly 1,000 up-to-the-minute price changes throughout its 160 pages. Handsomely illustrated, it also includes a wealth of valuable information, and serves collectors as an accurate barometer of the current market.

Featured within the pages of this invaluable book are virtually all U.S. issues, including revenues, United Nations, U.S. Possessions, Confederate States, Canada, Newfoundland and the Provinces.

A continued upward trend is seen in Canadian issues, especially late 19th century. The unused 1c 1897 Queen Victoria (No. 67) now lists for 50 cents; the unused 3c 1897 Victoria (No. 69) is 60 cents; the 6c unused (No. 71) increased to \$1.75 from a former price of \$1.35. Another significant jump is the unused 3c 1898 Victoria (No. 78) rising from 40 cents to 65 cents; as well as the unused 6c 1898 (No. 80) rising from \$2.50 to \$3.50. The unused 8c 1898 (No. 82) jumped from \$1.25 to \$1.75.

Changes in the 20th century issues are reflected by: the 1c 1912 coil (No. 123) advancing unused from \$4.00 to \$4.95, and used, rising from \$1.85 to \$2.25, and the unused 2c 1912 coil (No. 124) now lists for \$4.95 as compared to its 1958 cost of \$4.00; used it rose from \$1.95 to \$2.25.

Readers may obtain a copy of this large and indispensable catalogue for 25 cents from the publishers.

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OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

From the Secretary

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

March 1, 1959.

NEW MEMBERS

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1640 Davison, Mrs. Merle O., 833 Valley Road Place, Birmingham 8, Alabama
1641 Feldman, Harold, 1102 Western Avenue, Albany, New York
1642 McLellan, Robert F., P.O. Box 45, Truro, Nova Scotia
1643 Weil, Robert K., 484 Avenue Road, Apt. 607, Toronto 5, Ontario

APPLICATIONS PENDING

Armstrong, Robert John Peter, Box 341E, GPO, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
Borton, Clarence F., 632 South Arden Blvd., Apt. 411, Toronto 7, Ontario
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DeSantis, Ricardo, 38 Church Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario
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Mortonson, W. H., 153 High Street, Closter, New Jersey
Niewchasz, Wallace S., M.D., 10011-119 Street, Edmonton, Alberta
Peal, David, 12310-104 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta
Scott, Donald O., 54 Raymond, Petaluma, California

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Objections must be filed with the Secretary within 30 days after month of publication)

- Berest, Joseph, 1273 California Road, Eastchester, N.Y., (C-C) CAN—19th century used postage. Covers with special cancellations. Federal revenues. Postal stationery entires. RPO, territorial, flag, squared circle and duplex cancellations. Specialty: Small Queens. Proposed by E. A. Richardson, No. 168.
Dankin, M., 3 Tenterden Road, Botany, N.S.W., Australia (C-CX) CAN—19th and 20th century mint and used postage and blocks. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint and used booklet panes. Mint and used airmails. Proofs and essays. Proposed by R. J. Duncan, No. 37.
Donne, James Harold, Highfields, Stamford Rd., Kirby Muxloe, Leicester, England (CX) CAN—20th century used postage and blocks. Postal stationery entires. Specialty: Postal stationery entires and postcards. Proposed by R. S. B. Greenhill, No. 749.
Dudley, Edward A., 447 Blythwood Road, Toronto 12, Ont. (C) CAN—Mint and used postage, 1st day covers. Mint booklet panes. Coils. OHMS-G. Federal and provincial revenues. Mint and used airmails. "Cut-squares." Proposed by J. F. Webb, No. 1210; seconded by V. G. Greene, No. L40.
Maxwell, Mrs. Louise (Ben), 3755 Dallas Road, Salem, Oregon (C-X) CAN, NFD—20th century mint and used postage and mint blocks. 1st day covers. Plate blocks. Coils. Mint and used airmails. Literature. RPO, flag and slogan cancellations. Proposed by J. Levine, No. L1.
Lipkind, Max, 99 E. Wylie Ave., Washington, Pa. (C-X) CAN—19th century mint postage and blocks. 1st day and 1st flight covers. Plate blocks. Coils. Mint booklet panes. Proposed by J. Levine, No. L1.
Mitchell, John H., 11 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 1, Ont. (C) CAN—19th and 20th century. Proposed by V. G. Greene, No. L40; seconded by F. Jarrett, No. 283.
Morse, Lewis R., M.D., 151 King St. East, St. John, N.B. (C) CAN, PROV—19th century mint and used postage and blocks. RPO, 2 and 4 ring numeral and other cancellations. Specialty: Small and Large Queens. Proposed by L. M. Bell, No. 1467.
Schnier, George A., 1425 E. Herring Ave., West Covina, Calif. (C-CX) CAN, NFD—Mint and used postage. Coils. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Federal, provincial and tax-paid revenues. Mint airmails. Proposed by J. Levine, No. L1.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

(Notice of change must be sent to the Secretary)

- 368 Burkhart, H. L., 761 N.W. 147th Street, Miami 68, Florida.
1581 Cornell, Mrs. Edna M., 1019 East First St., Apt. 3, Jamestown, N.Y.
882 Day, Frank Jr., 203 South Cherry St., Granville, Ohio (from Corning, N.Y.)
1434 Heins, Rev. Henry H., Box 1, Albany 1, N.Y.
1560 Krasner, Milton, 169 Ridge Road, North Arlington, N.J.

- 571 Lea, John E., 6 Albert Square, Manchester 2, England
 687 Lea, William E., 446 Strand, London W.C.2, England
 1141 Lee, Walter S., Staff P.O., Kitimat, B.C.
 914 Merrihew, M. J., 493 Portage Ave., Winnipeg 8, Man.
 776 Molesworth, Jack E., 166 Beacon, Boston 16, Mass.
 1021 Newcomb, Simon J., 1012 Byron Ave., Apt. 3, Ottawa, Ont. (from British Columbia)
 1481 Nicholson, Eric Anthony, Box 439, Nechaco P.O., Kitimat, B.C.
 89 Reals, Willis B., RFD #2, Lawrenceville, Illinois

MAIL RETURNED

(Information to present address appreciated)

- 450 Bryan, R. M., 324 Marine Bldg., Vancouver, B.C.
 1083 Lloy, J. M., 3477 Drummond St., Apt. 206, Montreal 25, Quebec
 1495 Wright, G. B., Elliot Lake, Ont.

RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED

- 417 Bothwell, Edwin R., 3404 Harper St., Oakland 1, Calif.
 420 Doner, E. G., 135 Orchard Ave., Penticton, B.C.
 1324 Foster, Bertrand A., 358 Mark St., Port Arthur, Ont.
 578 Fraser, Douglas G., 5 Perth St., Ottawa, Ont.
 1299 Graham, Louis H., 177 Retreat Ave., Hartford 6, Conn.
 1335 Hall, W. E. G., 2950 W. 44th Ave., Vancouver 13, B.C.
 1265 Handley, Dr. Arthur, 6125 Dorothy Drive, San Diego 15, Calif.
 1275 Hughes, Peggy Joanne, 1951 Prospect St., Niagara Falls, Ont.
 1152 Killely, Robert J., 212 Borebank St., Winnipeg, Man.
 421 Lawson, James W., 101-1826 Nelson St., Vancouver 5, B.C.
 825 Lovegren, David M., 2718 Queen Anne Ave., Seattle 9, Wash.
 657 Paul, Francis A., 54 Fairfax Road, Fairfield, Conn.
 1472 Russell, Rev. David B., 1541 Randolph Rd., Schenectady, N.Y.
 1106 Schroth, J. Donald, 321 North Monroe, Hinsdale, Illinois.
 307 Valentine, F. P., Box 258, Noroton, Conn.

DECEASED

- 200 Kipp, Virgil S., 1516 Torrence St., San Diego 3, Calif.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

Total Membership, February 1, 1959	1005	
New Members, March 1, 1959	5	
		1010
Resignation, March 1, 1959	1	
Deceased, March 1, 1959	1	
		2
Total Membership, March 1, 1959		1008

OFFICIAL NOTICE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ARTICLE IV, Section 3. ELECTIONS: Three (3) members to the Board of Governors shall be so elected each year for a term of three (3) years. Nominations for the office to be elected may be filed with the Secretary by any Regional Group of the Society or by any five (5) members in good standing in time, at least, for publication in the issue of BNA TOPICS scheduled for release ninety (90) days before the opening of the Convention and Annual Meeting for such election year. At least 150 days before the opening date of such election year Convention and Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint five (5) members of the Society to serve and function as a Nominating Committee whose prime purpose shall be to prepare and present a slate of candidates for the elective office to be voted, which slate shall be published in the issue of BNA TOPICS scheduled for release 120 days before the opening date of the Convention and Annual Meeting of such election year.

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BUY NEW ISSUES AT FACE! Directory listing 125 Addresses of Worldwide Philatelic Agencies (Where Stamps May Be Purchased at Face Value), \$1.00. BEDARD PUBLICATIONS, Box 637-V, Detroit 31, Michigan. 161-18

FOR SALE—Special of the Month: Unused block of four 50c Edward #95, with part gum, \$80. I can supply most used stamps of Canada at 1/2 Scott's. Many in quantities at reduced prices. S. Lukow, 472 McKenzie St., Winnipeg 4, Man. 167-11

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SQUARED CIRCLES

I WILL IDENTIFY difficult partial strikes. Fee: Two copies of Paris or Belleville or Owen Sound (this must have letters above date) for each stamp. I will advise as to sale of collections, accumulations or rarities. Write first. Dr. Alfred Whitehead, Amherst, N.S. (45)166-ff

SQUARED CIRCLE COLLECTORS—Please write for my free checklist and indicate your needs. A second copy is supplied for your own reference. I have been able to assist on all want lists received to date. I can also submit very useful selections on approval of 1859-1868 issues, especially strong in cancellations. R. M. Lamb, Box 573, Kitchener, Ont. 166-31

SQUARED CIRCLES WANTED—St. Hilarion, Great Village, Noel, Pointe A Pic, St. Gabriel, Nasagaweya, Pontypool, Waterdown, Ashcroft Station, Revelstoke. L. M. Ludlow, 22595 West River Road, Grosse Ile, Michigan. 164-ff

SQUARED CIRCLES. Type 2: Lambton Mills, Millbrook, Mission, Revelstoke, Simcoe, Massagawa, Freeport, Waterdown, Forest, Blythe, Cache Bay, Clifton, Lennoxville, Point au Pic, Stanstead, Sutton, Matane, Fonthill, Noel, St. Gabriel, Kingsville, Matiland, Palmerston, Longueil, Springhill Mines. Type 1: Aldergrove, Beeton, Byng Inlet North. What do you wish in exchange? C. S. McKee, M.D., McKee Rd., R.R. No. 3, Abbotsford, B.C. 155-ff

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WANTED

WANTED, from dealers and collectors: New Brunswick cents used with various cancels; Newfoundland 1966-1931 used with cancels of interest; No. 60 on cover or dated piece. Net price and send on approval; returns in seven days by air. Laurence Tyler, 6227 Radford Drive, Seattle 15, Washington. 162-7t

WANTED—"Weeping Princess" and "Broken Leg Mountie" varieties, as well as other Canadian constant varieties. R. S. Traquair, 1836 - 27th Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

WANTED FOR CASH—Squared circle, two-ring numeral and fancy cancels on or off cover, Small Queens only; also illustrated and corner card covers. George Hicks, Listowel, Ont. 142-ff

CANADA REVENUES WANTED for cash, or in exchange for Canada and world postage. Harold Walker, Box 218, Palmerston, Ont. 163-10t

CORRESPONDENCE invited from collectors interested in the 5c Caribou of Newfoundland, Scott 190, etc. S. A. Wood, 25 Ronaki Rd., Mission Bay, Auckland E.1, New Zealand. 164-10t

WANTED—Collection or accumulation of small town cancellations on 1c and/or 3c Canada Jubilee (1897). G. M. Tuttle, Youngstown, N.Y. 167-2t

WANTED—Used Canadian accumulations, quantities off paper, all issues. 1959 Buying Price List for the asking. S. Lukow, 472 McKenzie St., Winnipeg 4, Man. 167-1t

CANADA STAMPLESS—(a) Addressed to U.S.A.; (b) All manuscript; (c) Money Letters; (d) Postmaster's franked "Free". R. A. Jamieson, Almonte, Ontario. 167-2t

de Silva Stamps Bring £31,776

A total of £14,707 was realized at H. R. Harmer's Bond Street Auction Rooms on February 9 for the British Commonwealth collection formed by the late Sir Ernest de Silva of Colombo.

Bidding ran high for many of the attractive classics with extensive international competition lifting prices above expectations for the rarer items. But Sir Ernest's most valuable stamp was missing, an unused example of the famous 1d "Post Office" Mauritius issued in 1847. This was presented two years ago to the Young Men's Buddhist Association of Ceylon, when it was sold in the same rooms for £4,500.

SPA Exhibition August 13-16

The 65th annual exhibition of the Society of Philatelic Americans will be held August 13-16 in Cincinnati, Ohio, with the Philatelic Society of Cincinnati as host club. The convention general chairman will be the club president and editor, F. H. Ames, Jr., 1461 Clovernoll, Cincinnati 31, Ohio; the bourse chairman is Millard Mack, 392 O Red Bud Rd., Cincinnati 29, Ohio, and the exhibition chairman is Clifford Shafer, 1644 Jonathan, Cincinnati 7, Ohio.

Celebrate Queensland Centenary

A highlight of Queensland's (Australia) Centenary Year celebrations will be "QUCEX," a non-competitive stamp exhibition being arranged by the Queensland Philatelic Society. It will be 21 years since the society has conducted an exhibition, the last being held in Brisbane in 1938.

The post office is providing special postal services for the exhibition which will be held Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6, 1959.

A special 4d postage stamp will be issued on June 5, showing the Jacaranda trees outside Parliament House, Brisbane, in bloom; it will be printed in two colors.

Information on first day covers may be obtained from G. Poulter, Secretary, Queensland Centenary Stamp Exhibition, Post Office Box 4, Brisbane North Quay, Queensland, Australia.

New Address for Jim Webb

Due to a street re-numbering program, Jim F. Webb, reports that his address is now 22 Mackay Drive, Richvale, Ont., Canada, instead of the previous "43". As there will be no No. 43 in the new numbering, any mail enroute will reach Mr. Webb safely.

Winter Holiday for Canada Stamp

William Jackson of Canada Stamp Co., 33 Pheasant Rd., Willowdale, Ont., Canada, has been recuperating from a busy work schedule with a holiday in Florida. As it is planned that this winter holiday will replace the regular summer layoff, Mr. Jackson says that the firm will likely hold a summer auction this year.

The firm hopes to issue prices realized (in dollars) for the H. G. Bertram sale, with comparisons with past major sales of B.N.A. This will be sent free to bidders. ★

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