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There has been considerable discussion among both collectors and non-collectors in Canada about whether the planes in the background on the 'Powered Flight' stamp were intended to portray the controversial Arrow (CF-105) aircraft, shown above in flight. For the official view see page 132.

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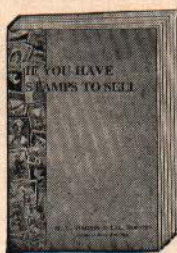
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## CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

### PART THREE

(Part Two appeared in April issue)

### ILLUSTRATED COVERS

PERHAPS the most interesting phase of C.N.E. postal history is the collecting of corner cards or illustrated covers. Some examples have already been shown as illustrations. However this phase, I believe, deserves to be dealt with in somewhat more detail.

It is perhaps wrong for me in this chapter to use the expression of "dealing with it in a detailed way." It has proven to be an impossible task for me, as in the case

of the list of "names" used, to make a comprehensive check list. There exists a great variety of such covers, some very scarce and some reasonably common.

To give some detail with respect to them the illustrated covers should be divided into three classes:

#### 1. THOSE FOR OFFICIAL USE

These envelopes are intended for official correspondence and were not available to the public. They are the rarest of all and

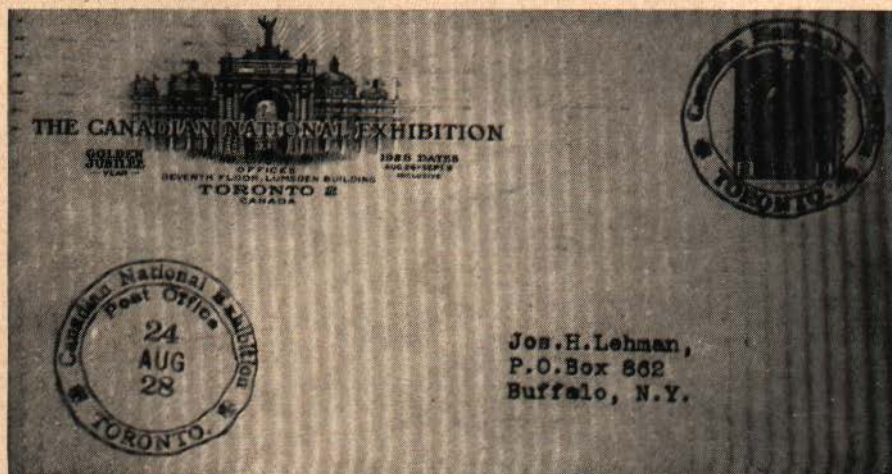


FIG. 13—A beautiful red and black illustration used from special Ex' post office on opening day. Cancellation in bluish purple. (Sharpe)





FIG. 14—A very fine cover in black and white; note Crystal Palace at end of long walk. (H. E. Guertin)



FIG. 15—From the sub-station within the "Ex" grounds. Design is in green. (Sharpe)



FIG. 16—A fine Small Cents 1883 cover. Design in red. (Lussey)

very few exist, to the writer's knowledge.

The example (Fig. 13) is also a rare opening day cover (opening days are very hard to find). This is a really beautiful envelope in black and red with special cancellation used in the "Ex" post office within the grounds. It is in honor of the Jubilee year with card inside advertising the special airmail flights to be made to and from the C.N.E. that year.

## 2. GENERAL USE BY THE PUBLIC

These are the next scarcest in my opinion. I am informed that in some instances they were printed by the C.N.E. but sold to the public for use, to advertise the "Ex." In some instances, however, they were printed by private firms and sold to the public. So in this class there are really two divisions. Those printed by the "Ex" might be termed "semi-official." The others might be described as "unofficial."

Two examples (Figs. 14 and 15) are shown. One is early and one more modern. Others in this class previously illustrated are Figs. 4 to 6 inclusive. (See Topics for March 1959.)

Fig. 14 is an exceptionally fine item, in splendid condition, from the H. E. Guertin collection. It is in black and white. In the V. G. Greene collection is a very similar cover for the year 1897. It is in colors—blue, green, pink, etc.; a marvellous item. The wording around the edge of the oval is slightly different.





FIG. 17—A 1900 cover with squared circle, York St., Toronto. Design in blue. A very attractive cover. (Lussey)

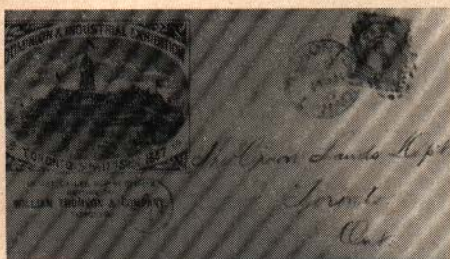


FIG. 18—A very nice 1887 cover with the Crystal Palace picture. Design in black. (Lussey)



FIG. 19—Design in black showing the Agricultural Hall. (Lussey)

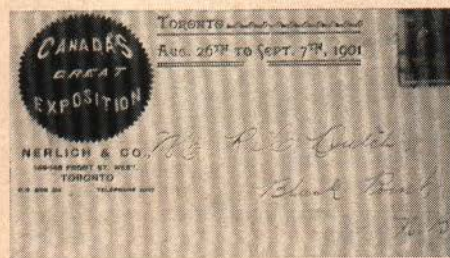


FIG. 20—Design in an orange red. Note name used for the exhibition. (Sharpe)

### 3. USED BY BUSINESS FIRMS

Generally, these are the most common, but some individual items are scarce. Fig. 9 (Topics, April 1959) is one of these scarce items. I should perhaps point out that there could be instances of firms buying the "semi-official" envelopes mentioned in class No. 2, and adding their names to them. These could be difficult to distinguish. Examples of this class are Figs. 16 to 20. This class and No. 2 are perhaps difficult to divide.

This paragraph has perhaps not been too revealing but it may help somewhat. I do not want to mislead you. Some of the items in No. 2 and No. 3 can be just as scarce as those in No. 1. As I have said, groups No. 2 and No. 3 may integrate where firms have used the "semi-official" envelopes with their own names. You may also find, as in the case of Western Fair London, the same design used in the same year by more than one firm.

I could give you many more illustrations, but perhaps you have seen enough. I shall close this phase by saying that I consider the C.N.E. provides a wider, more varied and more interesting field in this area than any other exhibition or fair. ★

(To be continued)

(Next Month: Yearly Types of Cancellations from 1912)

### Health Stamp Wins Popularity Poll

In a stamp popularity poll conducted by Stan Shantz, stamp editor of the London (Ont.) Free Press, Canada's Health stamp was overwhelming choice for first place. Next in order were Petroleum Centennial, LaVerendrye, British Columbia Centennial, First Elected Assembly Bicentennial, Quebec 350th Anniversary, Free Press, with IGY in a well-deserved cellar position. ★

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### A Variety To Look For

EDWARD VII 2c

Graver's slip at bottom of right value tablet.

—Reported by H. W. Harrison (BNAPS 1501)



# Trail of the Caribou

By DAN MEYERSON (BNAPS L3)



**J**IM SISSONS held a very interesting sale on Feb. 4, in that it contained most of the 1937 Coronations in imperforate condition. These stamps are not too common and having most of them in one sale gives us an idea as to their value. An imperf. pair of the 1c, Scott No. 233, realized \$65, as did imperf. pairs of the 3c in both dies. In fact, all of the lots sold at \$65 each, and they also included imperf. pairs of the 10c, 20c, 24c and the 48c, the last "no gum." While talking about the imperforates, it is interesting to report that a vertical pair of the 10c Postage Due, imperforate between, sold for \$60.

There were quite a few BNAPSers in New York on March 11, and they were all there for one reason—the sale of British North America Pence issues held by Robert A. Siegal. Most of the outstanding pieces in the sale, both Newfoundland and Canada, were from the "Pack" collection which was auctioned off about 15 years ago. The lots were readily recognizable as they were outstanding B.N.A. gems and among the Newfoundland items that we wish to report on are the following: A magnificent appearing copy of the 2d scarlet, Scott No. 2, with a faint crease that was not apparent to the eye, realized \$600. Then an unused copy of the 4d scarlet, Scott No. 4, sold for \$975, while a superb used copy that had changed hands for \$400 in the "Pack" sale, now brought better than twice as much when it was finally knocked down for \$825 against a catalogue valuation of \$350. A very fine block of six of the 5d brown violet, Scott No. 5, sold for \$170, and an 8d scarlet bisect on a "Tucker" cover realized \$330. Then the gem of the Newfoundland items, a magnificent full-margin copy of the 1 shilling scarlet with o.g. that sold for \$2,000 in the "Pack" sale, never stopped until it reached \$3,800 against a catalogue valuation of \$1,200. Among the oranges, the outstanding piece was a superb used copy of the 6d scarlet, Scott No. 13, that

went very reasonably at \$140, only about one-and-a-half times catalogue. The outstanding item in the 1862-1863 issue was an absolutely superb block of six of the 2d, Scott No. 17, from the lower left corner of the sheet. Evidently its scarcity was appreciated, as it never stopped until it reached \$425. A very nice sale!

**Imagine our surprise!** In the March issue of TOPICS we asked if anyone had ever seen a Newfoundland "Territorial" as we had seen a copy of a cancellation in the proof book that is in the possession of the Philatelic Foundation that read BLANC SABLON/NEWF'D Ty. Incidentally, our column in the March issue is in error as the last letter is a "Y" and not an "R" as it appears in TOPICS. Well, anyway, the other evening we had a visit from an old friend of ours who is married to a Newfoundland girl, and his one consuming interest is the island of Newfoundland with the stamps just an incidental interest. As we idly leafed through the album we came to an assortment of used blocks and there, sure enough, struck in the centre of a block of four of the 2c vermilion, Scott No. 82, was this self-same strike in question, dated May 5, 1898. What a beautiful cover it would have been if it had not been soaked off. Has anyone found it on cover yet?

**Here we go again** on the now famous Newfoundland "235" cancellation. We still do not know what it is and at the present time we are more interested in how early it was used because just the other day we bought a magnificent "235" strike on the 1 shilling rose, Scott No. 23, to add to our copies of the 4d and the 6d rose, Scott Nos. 18 and 20, struck with the same cancellation. The earliest record that we have on cover is 1873 and what we want to know now is whether or not this cancellation was in use prior to 1865, as its presence on the three pence issues means nothing as these stamps were never demonetized and may

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# REVENUE GROUP

## News

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

**"The Curiosity Cabinet."** This was the name of a small publication put out by Wm. P. Brown, one of the earliest of the Nassau Street stamp dealers. The copy I have on hand, thanks to "Pat" Herst (BNAPS 165), is Vol. II, No. 9, of August 1877, and the entire issue is devoted to Canadian revenues. What amazed me most was the fact that two full pages were devoted to the listing of Canadian Tobacco stamps! It is the earliest listing of these issues I have ever seen, and it full of information regarding the purposes, etc. A really valuable reference.

**"Catalogue of Federal Revenue Stamps of Canada."** This excellent source book and catalogue was mentioned in the Dec. 1958 column, and 14 members have taken advantage of the opportunity of obtaining one at \$2.25 from either Wm. Rockett, chairman of the Revenue Study Group, or from yours truly. There are still a few copies available. All funds, less shipping costs, derived from the sale of these will go to provide additional illustrations for BNA TOPICS, used in connection with this column, or other Canadian revenue articles, thus reducing the cost of TOPICS. At the same time you are adding a most valuable reference book to your reference library.

**Newfoundland Tax Paid.** Following the fine response that BNAPSers gave to our call for help in connection with bringing up to date a listing of the King Edward Cigarette issues—we would now like to turn our attention to the rest of the Newfoundland Tax Paid issues. These include the rest of the Cigarette, the Tobacco, Excise and Importation stamps. Again we would like to hear from as many of you who have even one example of these issues.

**5c War Tax Precancelled "X" in Purple.** This is Holmes No. FWT12. The catalogue lists as "A" variety the "X" in red. N. E. Stokely (BNAPS 1208) has shown me this stamp with the "X" in purple or reddish violet. It is probable that this and all the so-called "overprints," such as the "X," "Div. 17," "Railway tie," "black squares," "row of flags," etc., are all types of revenue precancels. These make a most interesting field for study.

**Petroleum Seals.** As promised some time ago, we now bring up to date a listing of the Canadian Petroleum Seals. No doubt additional varieties exist, and we would appreciate hearing from anyone who has any of these, either confirming those listed, or bringing to light new varieties. All will be reported in due course.



TYPE PS-A—"CANADIAN" with two-line panel at top

### DOMESTIC ISSUE "CANADIAN" — Type PS-A

- PS-1 Vermilion, Imperforate, year date "18—"
- 2 Vermilion, Roulette, year date "18—"
- 3 Vermilion, Perf. 14, year date "18—"
- 4 Vermilion, Perf. 12½, year date "188—"





TYPE PS-B—"IMPORTED" with two-line panel at top

**IMPORTATION ISSUE "IMPORTED" — Type PS-B**

- PS—11 Blue, Imperforate, year date "18—"
- 12 Blue, Roulette, year date "18—"
- 13 Blue, Perf. 14, year date "18—"
- 14 Blue, Perf. 12½, year date "188—"



TYPE PS-C—"IMPORTED" with one-line panel at top

**IMPORTATION ISSUE "IMPORTED" — Type PS-C**

- PS—15 Blue, Perf. 12½, year date "188—"

All issues are printed on a yellowish to creamy white, stout paper, with a horizontal mesh, without watermark. The illustrations herewith are all reduced in size. The

actual stamps are approximately 7¼x1¼ inches. These were all printed in sheets of 10 (2x5) with rather substantial margins all around, and wide gutters between. ★

**SEMI-OFFICIAL DUPLEX CANCELLATION**

**T**HE DUPLEX cancellation of the Province of Ontario, circa spring of 1932, will undoubtedly be one of the scarcer duplexes of the 20th century, in view of the short life of the cancellation and the lack of perfin covers which are required to show it completely.

Collectors of perfins are familiar with the circular date stamp cancellation which reads, in five lines, "HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY : P.O./TORONTO/ONTARIO/(month date / (year date))" inside a single line circle. This cancellation is known as early as Oc. 11, 1932, and as late as Dec. 4, 1937. For comparison purposes, the most important things to remember are: diameter of circle, 23 mm.; width of "U" in HOUSE, 1 mm.; all letters narrow in relation to height.

The duplex cancellation consists of a circular dater, very similar to the one pre-

viously described, and a circular grid of nine horizontal bars approximately 1¼ mm. in thickness. The circular grid is 16½ mm. wide and 18½ mm. tall. The grid is 1¼ mm. from the right side of the dater. If the dater is found on a single stamp, the following description will separate it from the dater used singly (without grid) at a later date: diameter of circle, 24 mm.; width of "U" in HOUSE, 1½ mm.; all letters of normal width in relation to height. This cancellation is known on two covers bearing "LA" perfins; the earlier one dated Fe 13, 1932, and the latter dated Ap 5, 1932. It is also known in part on the 5c Ottawa Conference stamp, issued July 12, 1932. This would give the duplex a life of five months, as against a life of about five years and two months for the single dater.

P. D. van Oudenol (BNAPS 684) ★



# The 'Amelia Pickard' Covers

A VERY INTERESTING series of old covers, mostly from the Maritime Provinces, has recently come on the market, which provides new information and evidence on postal history that may, I hope, prove of interest to readers of TOPICS. The specimens I have been privileged to see are spread over a period of about four years, from August 1867 to August 1871, and were addressed to "Miss Amelia Pickard," who serially numbered and dated the majority on receipt. They appear to have averaged more than one a week, the lowest and highest serial numbers I have seen were "9" (dated 9 Aug. '67) and "261" (dated 7 Aug. '71). A summary of the 80 or so covers of which I kept notes is given in the table at the end of this article.

This series of dated covers gives evidence both on the various stamps and on the various cancellations, and I will consider these separately. First the stamps.

Up to serial 41, dated 30 March '68, all the stamps used were the New Brunswick 5c green. The next cover in the series, dated 6 April '68, has the Large Queen 3c, thus pin-pointing the changeover to Canadian stamps to the first week of April (for St. John, N.B.) The Large 3c continued in use on all covers up to No. 157 dated 18 Jan. '70. The next cover recorded, No. 159 dated 1 Feby '70, had the earliest known dated copy of the Small 3c copper red perf. 12½. The usual copper or Indian red perf. 12 is then found on a number of covers, from No. 168 (26 April '70) to 204 (3 Oct. '70) with six belated examples in a very pale shade, Nos. 207, 209, 226, 227, 229 and 257 (between 20 Oct. '70 and 23 July '71). These were all posted in St. John, N.B., and cancelled with the 2-ring numeral "7". Incidentally, covers 160 to 167 would be well worth examining for the rare perf. 12½! No. 191 dated 2 Aug. '70 also has 3c copper, perf. 12½.

But there are two covers, posted from Sackville, N.B., on 21 and 23 May 1870, which will, I think, make specialists in the Small 3c sit up and take notice. The stamps on these two covers, obviously from the same sheet of stamps, are NOT copper or Indian red! I sent one of them to the Expert

Committee of the R.P.S., and received the following certificate: "No. 46426. Canada: 1870/73 3 cents rose-red perf 12, used on cover tied by New Brunswick oval 'bars' postmark, and are of opinion that it is Genuine." I believe that some specialists have hitherto maintained that the rose-red shades of the Small 3c were not printed until August 1870, and that all copies used before that date must be copper or Indian red. But here we have evidence to the contrary.<sup>1</sup>

Two more covers, Nos. 178 and 181, posted in St. John, N.B., on 16 and 20 June '70, also show a rose tint, quite unlike the copper or Indian red.

The information given by this "Pickard" correspondence on cancellations is equally instructive and interesting. Up to 30 March 1868, only the New Brunswick oval grid is found. After that date it is not found on letters posted at St. John, N.B., and Fredericton, but still continues in use at Moncton and Sackville. From late May 1869 the 2-ring numeral type of cancel was brought into general use in St. John, N.B. (No. 7) and probably also in Fredericton (No. 11), but in the 15 months between April 1868 and June 1869, a variety of different types of cancels were used, including at least three, possibly four, rare types of unofficial (probably locally made) duplex. Serial 48 dated 29 April '68 (see tabular list) shows a rare cancel of dots outside bars, which may or may not have been a duplex (see Fig. 1). Jarrett illustrated this rare type of killer (J.909), but was unable to locate it. This cover of 29 April '68 shows it was used in St. John, N.B. Serial 87 of 27 Nov. '68 shows another St. John, N.B., duplex, the oval killer with nine bars (see Fig. 2). Serials 96, 97, 98, all posted within a week from 8 to 13 Jan. '69, show yet another St. John, N.B., duplex, the circular killer with eight bars (see Fig. 3). Finally, a cover posted in Fredericton on 5 May '69 shows a somewhat similar duplex, the oval killer with 11 bars (see Fig. 4). All these duplex

<sup>1</sup> The B.P.A. Expert Committee has recently issued certificates on these Sackville covers that they are Indian red, S.G. 83! So even the leading experts have differing views of what is Indian red.



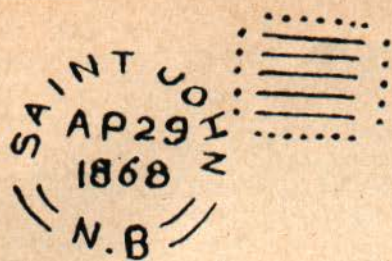


FIG. 1



FIG. 2



FIG. 3



FIG. 4



FIG. 5



FIG. 6



FIG. 7



FIG. 8



FIG. 9



FIG. 10



have the circular two part ring type of dater in common use as a date stamp at that period (vide Jarrett No. 244), but hitherto unknown used as duplex. It is, of course, well known that no post office in the Maritime Provinces received any of the early duplex hammers supplied by Berri of London; in fact, the earliest official supplies of such hammers did not commence until 1880 when St. John, N.B. received some from Pritchard and Andrews. This is why I believe these early duplex were made by local postmasters for their own convenience, by fastening together standard type circular daters and barred killers, which were available in stock.

In addition to these interesting cancels, this series of covers also illustrates some rare Railway P.O. cancels, of which I may record the following. Between 14 Oct. and 29 Nov. '71, Miss Amelia Pickard apparently married and changed her name to Mrs. Stockton, and the series of covers continues under the new name up to 1895. Three of these, posted in May and June 1874, the stamps being Small 3c orange-red perf.  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ , showed a R.P.O. cancel not mentioned in Shaw's comprehensive catalogue, but illustrated in Jarrett (No. 1602). As many readers will not have access to Jarrett, I illustrate it now (see Fig. 5). The spelling of AMERST is peculiar and seems to be an error—it should, of course, be AMHERST.

Another interesting R.P.O. shows E&N.A.R. (European and North American Railway), see Fig. 6, which is found on covers dated Jan. to May 1869 on the Large 3c, and again Dec. 1872, in name of Stockton, on Small 3c rose-red. A third R.P.O. appears to be "ST. JOHN & MONCTON RY. NIGHT" dated 1884, while a fourth is "HALIFAX & AMHERST. M.C. WEST" dated 1889 and 1895.

A few more miscellaneous postmarks are worth recording. A cover, dated 11 May '77, with a 3c orange-red perf.  $1\frac{1}{2} \times 12$  shows a "split cork" killer (see Fig. 7), which has not been recorded for St. John, N.B. before. Again, many of the Pickard covers show on the reverse a Halifax receiving mark which is oval and has the letter "H" and date (see Fig. 8) which I have not seen illustrated before.

During the years 1868-72, St. John, N.B. was using four different types of circular date stamps, i.e. (i) a two part ring type large size (see Fig. 1); (ii) similar but smaller (see Figs. 2, 3); (iii) showing "ST

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## Your BNAPEX-59 Bulletin

It is really gratifying the manner in which reservations are coming in for BNAPEX-59 at Atlantic City, Sept. 24-27, and it speaks volumes for the wonderful time all of those in attendance at the Alpine Inn had, as to a man their reservations are pouring in and about 30 days before you read this we already have confirmed reservations from the following:

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chadbourne, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Banfield, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Meyerson, Dr. and Mrs. R. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kessler, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Llewellyn, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Culhane, Mr. and Mrs. R. McMurrich, Mr. and Mrs. J. Levine, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. deVolpi, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sissons, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Peterman, H. E. Weisener, Fred Jarrett, John Silverts, C. K. Liggett, V. G. Greene, W. Bayley, Dr. J. J. Matejka.

We must admit, though, that exhibits aren't coming in as quickly and as promptly as we had hoped, so won't all of those who intend to exhibit please get to work on their collections and get their entry blanks in—and don't forget to plan to be at the Convention because . . .

## You'll like it fine in '59

### Cairn to Honor Alcock and Brown

Irish Air Lines has announced plans to unveil a memorial June 15 to John Alcock and A. W. Brown, the first men to fly non-stop across the Atlantic. The stone cairn, 15 feet high, will be two miles south of Clifden in Ireland's County Galway, a few hundred yards from the spot where the pioneer aviators landed June 15, 1919, after a 16-hour flight from Newfoundland. ★

### TRAIL OF THE CARIBOU

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have been used on cover after 1873. Can anyone help us, as somewhere in our records or in the far reaches of our memory we seem to recall that Percy Doane once sold a cover franked with the  $6\frac{1}{2}$ d rose, Scott No. 21, struck with the "235", but we remember absolutely nothing about the date of its use, as those things weren't important to us at that time. If any reader knows of the whereabouts of this cover, let us know when it was used. ★



# THE 'AMELIA PICKARD' COVERS

Serial No.	Date of Posting	Stamp Used	Cancellations and Remarks
9 to 41 (20 covers)	9 Aug '67 to 30 Mar '68	New Brunswick 5c green	N.B. Oval Grid
? 42 48 83	<b>6 April '68</b>	Large 3c	Dots. <b>Earliest date of Large 3c</b> Dots and bars (Fig. 1)
55 56 62 75 78	29 Ap '68 and 2 Nov '68 13 Ju to 8 Oct '68	"	Various
87	27 Nov '68	"	St. John duplex oval (Fig. 2)
94	24 Dec '68	"	N.B. Grid
96 97 98	8-13 Jan '69	"	St. John duplex circular (Fig. 3)
115-122 (4 covers)	Jan-May '69	"	RPO, E&N.A.R. (Fig. 6)
—	5 May '69	"	Fredericton duplex (Fig. 4)
127	<b>28 May '69</b>	"	2-ring No. 7 ( <b>Earliest use</b> )
131-156 (16 cov.)	June '69 to Jan '70	"	" "
157	18 Jan '70	"	" " ( <b>Last date of Large 3c</b> )
159	<b>1 Feb '70</b>	3c copper, perf 12½	" " ( <b>Earliest date Small 3c</b> )
168-177 (4 covers)	April to June '70	3c copper, perf 12	" "
—	<b>21 and 23 May '70</b>	<b>3c rose red</b>	Sackville, N.B. ( <b>Early date</b> )
178 181	<b>16 and 20 June '70</b>	<b>3c rose</b>	2-ring No. 7 ( <b>Early date</b> )
191	2 Aug '70	3c copper, perf 12½	" "
195-204 (5 covers)	Aug to Oct '70	3c deep Indian red	" "
207-257 (6 covers)	<b>Oct '70 to July '71</b>	3c pale Indian red	" " ( <b>Late date</b> )
261	7 Aug '71	3c pale rose red	" "
—	14 Oct '71	3c rose red	" "
<b>In Name of Mrs.</b> (3 covers) (2 covers) (3 covers) (1 cork) (40 more "Stockton" covers to 1895)	<b>Stockton:</b> 29 Nov '71 to 5 Ja '72 12 and 16 Dec '72 May-June '74 11 May '77	3c deep rose red " 3c orange, p. 11½x12 "	Halifax duplex RPO, E&N.A.R. (Fig. 6) RPO (Fig. 5) Split cork (Fig. 7)
<b>TOTAL—79 "Pickard" covers plus 49 "Stockton" covers.</b>			

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JOHN NEW BRUNSWICK" with no outer circle (see Fig. 9); (iv) a small circular dater with outer circle 21 mm. diameter, showing "ST JOHN N.B." and date (see Fig. 10). This latter was apparently a receiving mark, while the others were despatching marks.

Philatelists and Canadian specialists

should feel grateful to Miss Amelia Pickard for preserving such an interesting and instructive series of covers. I have personally seen less than 30 per cent of them, and there may be many other interesting points among those not seen, now scattered among many new owners. Let us hope that they will record and publish any new points of interest in TOPICS. ★

## HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS . . . ANY ANSWERS?

A member has submitted the following questions, and suggests that if TOPICS should ever include a Question and Answer column, this list of questions be considered as possible candidates.

Help with the answers to these will be welcomed.

### Seven Questions from a Neophyte Concerning Canada

1. How does one tell the difference between Montreal and Ottawa printings of Small Queens?
2. Is there a list available of inland and 'far north' mail boat cancellations, past or present?
3. Did Canada ever have 'dog team' mail routes? If so, where were these routes and how long were they in operation? Are any still in use?
4. What 20th century stamp probably has the most plate varieties (re-entries, flaws, types, etc.)?
5. Has a 'fancy cork' cancellation in the form of a beaver ever been recorded? If so, where and when was it used?
6. Have any Canadian commemorative stamps ever been precancelled, officially or unofficially?
7. What plate varieties, if any, appear on the Quebec Registration issues of 1871 and 1906? ★



## NOTES ON CANADIAN AIRMAILS . . .

## First Pioneer Air Stamps Used in Canada

ON FRIDAY, August 23, 1918, the following news item appeared in the Toronto Globe: "The Postmaster General has now given authority for a weekly return aerial letter mail between Ottawa and Toronto, and will be carried through the medium of the Royal Air Force. The service will continue for two weeks.

"The next aerial mail from Toronto to Ottawa will close at the General Post Office at 10 a.m. August 26th. Letters may be posted in the city boxes or at the post office. All letters must have 'By Aerial Mail' prominently written on the address side of the envelope with the usual 3 cent stamp. In addition the special stamp of the Aero Club of Canada must be on the backs of the envelopes. The stamp costs 25 cents and the proceeds are to go to the Royal Air Force Prisoners of War Fund. The stamps may be purchased at the General Post Office, the canteens of the Royal Air Force, and in the office of the Aero Club of Canada."

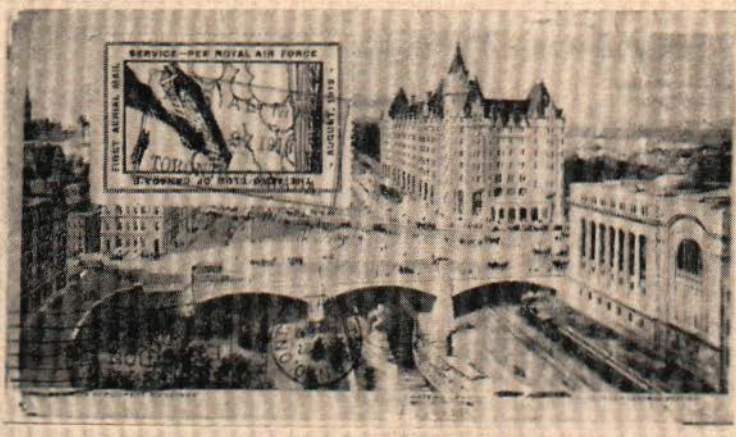
The special aerial stamps had been printed by the United Typewriter Co. of Toronto with the use of only one electro. Consequently, all pairs when printed became tête-bêche. The red in the flames over the Zeppelin had been produced by a battered plate in a second run through the presses according to Mr. Fred Jarrett. Perhaps a dozen stamps did not receive the red color



Propaganda label issued during the First World War



A tête-bêche pair



This illustrated cover (formerly from the Jarrett collection) was on the second return flight, August 27, 1918



The first printing is said to have consisted of 194 stamps, with a second printing of 2,800 with "25" added to the lower edges.

A propaganda stamp issued during the war years had evidently influenced the design of the air stamp. It also shows a Zeppelin in flames. The labels had been printed by the British American Bank Note Company Limited, Ottawa. Mr. R. P. White, vice-president and general manager of the firm informed us that the labels had been engraved by Mr. C. Allen, now with the Canadian Bank Note Company. The originator of the design is not known.

This was the first time that Ottawa had

given permission to any organization to issue special air labels for use with air mail.

These experimental flights from Toronto to Ottawa consisted of three return trips. All carried mail and the post office department officially co-operated. On August 15, Lieut. Longman flew from Leaside, Toronto, to Ottawa in about four hours. He returned with mail two days later. The second flight was made by Lieut. Dunstan. He left Toronto on the 26th and returned on the following day. The third flight was on September 4, with a return flight made on the same day. A Curtiss biplane named "Winnipeg" was used. ★

## *Rounding Up*

# SQUARED CIRCLES

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### NEGLECTED FIELDS

SEVERAL correspondents have recently enquired: "What can we do now that prices for rare squared circles have skyrocketed?"

The answer is easy. Leave the Noel, Maitland, Fonhill and Palmerston rush to people with big pocket-books (as I have done long since) and seek for other squared circle material of absorbing interest before it, too, becomes expensive. Here are some fields full of rich opportunities:

(1) First year dates, especially 1893; (2) hammer studies; (3) indicia studies; (4) broken, letters, figures, bars; (5) contemporary circular date stamps from squared circle towns.

A few brief notes on the above subjects:

#### 1. EARLY DATES

Early dates have always been highly prized in any philatelic field. The choicest examples are "first days," but these are rare and hard to come by. And, unfortunately, one no sooner mounts a prized first day, recently found or purchased dearly, than some loathsome person arrogantly announces an earlier date for that particular town. Forget your dismay. All 1893 dates are good, and I must confess that it's practically impossible for me to part with one,

however generous I may wish to be. Especially cherished should be April and May dates for Type One, and June and July dates for Type Two—these, of course, for the year 1893. The earliest dates of all are: Type One—Brockville, Ap. 28, '93; Type Two—Belleville, June 15, '93. These dates have been unchallenged for several years.

I am constantly mounting or re-mounting 1893 pages. Quite recently I mounted five pages of London (Type One) 1893 dates—one page for May (May 1 to 26, 10 copies), one page for June, and so on. This is my best town for 1893, run very close by Halifax and Ottawa.

A closing word: It is very easy for the careless student to confuse 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, in year dates. I am constantly receiving information based on misreading these figures in the year. Only recently a cover with **three** postmarks with a clear "99" in each was claimed to be a record Jan 10, '95 for LUCKNOW! The sender was a well-known philatelist. Other equally well known people have caused me trouble of the same sort. I have made similar errors myself!

#### 2. HAMMER STUDIES

This is one of the very best fields of study, and Boggs' list in *Maple Leaves*, December 1957, has made us aware that it is a bigger field than we had thought. Here is





a complete list of towns using two, three or four hammers:

**Two Hammers: London, Type One.** A field only partially explored. The two hammers are hard to separate. **Halifax.** Much work has been done here, and the story of the two hammers will, I think, be fully covered in the revised handbook. The hammers are easily separated, and 1, 2, 3, 4 above the date may be found for each day (with very few exceptions). Both hammers are common, with a large proportion of fine strikes. **Sydney.** A new, unexplored field. **Hull.** The easily separated first hammer is rather scarce. **Montreal, Type Two.** The second hammer is a great rarity, with, I think, only two copies reported. **Sherbrooke.** A new, unexplored field. **Acton, Ont.** A new unexplored field. **Kingston.** The easily separated first hammer is rather scarce. A good field, this, with 1, 2, 3, 4 above the date for each day. No. 1 is quite rare and should be watched for.

**Three Hammers:** Boggs lists **Halifax** as having three hammers, but the indefatigable Lewis Ludlow, during his recent inspection of the Proof Book (now in the Philatelic Foundation, New York) discovered that the first two were one and the same hammer. **St. John, N.B.** Boggs lists only one hammer but the three easily separated hammers have long been known to collectors. They are all common and fine strikes are not rare. I have had large numbers, on and off covers. For a long time I was able to send a complete set of three covers to beginning squared circle collectors, but my supply, which for a long time seemed inexhaustible, is now drying up. I regret this for these covers led to some treasured friendships. Look for the abnormal "1" and "2" above the date; generally AM and PM were in use. **Belleville.** The first hammer is scarce. I have a large accumulation of these markings, but the chronology of the three hammers, all introduced quite close together in 1893, is so confused and tangled, that I cannot claim to know the complete story. I still need material. I have found I and II used same day, also II and III; but I have still to find I and II with same date. The association of 2, 3, 4 above the date, with this or that hammer, seems to lack system, except for very brief periods. I regard the study of Belleville as the most difficult and challenging in the whole field of squared circles. **Markdale.** See TOPICS for March of this year.

**Four Hammers: Winnipeg.** The fourth hammer has been found only on K.E. issues, and is a great rarity. The other hammers are common, with a fascinating chronology, and with the further interest of a wide range of numbers above the date, 1 to 10. This subject is painstakingly covered in the revised handbook appearing shortly. See also TOPICS, January 1959, "Winnipeg Rush Hour Markings," which are being eagerly sought for. **Victoria.** The fourth hammer is a great rarity, and may be bogus. The only known copy is in my collection and I have an open mind on the subject. H. M. Dilworth, one of the masters in our field, is writing on Victoria in the revised handbook. (To be continued) ★

## THE MAILBAG

### Supreme Court 'In Prize' Stamps

I was astonished to find in the February issue of BNA TOPICS, under Ed Richardson's "Revenue Group News," a paragraph questioning the existence and validity of Supreme Court "IN PRIZE" stamps used on document.

My surprise is mainly based on the fact that I have shown Ed such a piece. I have before me a carbon copy of my letter to him dated June 16, 1956 which I enclosed with the document sent him for inspection (and purchase if he wanted it for his specialized collection), and I have also his reply, dated June 22 acknowledging that, "This is really a very fine item . . . I like it very much." Reference to a similar document appears on page 114 of the May 1956 TOPICS, wherein it is recorded that Sissons sold such a document for \$52.50. Thus you see that in contradiction of Ed's statement ("None have been seen or reported used, or on document.") at least two copies have been seen and reported — and at least one of these has been held in Ed's hands. Ed must be getting a little forgetful!

Regarding my document, I can tell you exactly where it is right now. It is in the hands of K. Bileski, who purchased it from me less than two months ago. It is a beautiful piece, easily worth \$60.

Further, let me remind all concerned that many years ago, when I was seeking very hard to verify the validity of all reported Federal revenue issues, I queried the Government and received from it a statement that such overprints had been authorized, and that these were bona fide emissions. There is no sense in flogging this sick horse any longer. I do not doubt that there has been some faking of these overprints, since this would be a very easy thing to do—but copies on documents (such as the one held by myself until recently) leave no doubt in the mind of the viewer as to their authenticity. The very document itself named the case as a PRIZE COURT judgment, and the use of overprinted stamps was definitely and clearly called for.

I hope this will clear up an area of some grayness.

Neyson Bond (BNAPS L84)



# B. N. A. Philatelic Playing Cards

THAT genial dealer from Shrub Oak, N.Y., Herman (Pat) Herst (BNAPS 165), often turns up some unusual material on his frequent European trips. His 1957 excursion was no exception. Among the items gleaned from the philatelic centres of the continent was what appears to be a part set of small cards, each bearing a reproduction of a postage stamp. Apparently the set contained about 70 varieties, and only one stamp from any one country was reproduced.

The part set which "Pat" came up with contained at least seventeen cards of the set. Each card bears a number, and I have seen cards numbered as high as #64 (Uruguay). These cards were apparently used in a card game invented and developed in Austria in the 1860's. All of them were reproductions of stamps which appeared in the 1850's or early 1860's, and were generally current at the time the game was originated. None of those seen by this writer were reproductions of stamps issued later than 1863. This would seem to date the manufacture of these cards at sometime around 1863-64. Had they been manufactured at a later date, no doubt some later designs would have been included in the card set.

Each of these are printed on a soft, thick, wove card, and they measure approximately 83 x 73 mm (3½ x 7⁄8 inches.)



Card No. 43, New Brunswick's 1 cent Locomotive  
Scott's A3—No. 6, 1860, brown.



Card No. 42, Canada's 5 cent Beaver, Scott's A8—No. 15, 1859, vermilion.

At the time this card game was created all six of the British North American possessions were issuing their own postage stamps — Canada, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and the "combined" issue for British Columbia and Vancouver Island. However only two have been seen by this collector — those illustrated here, card #42 for Canada, and card #43 for New Brunswick. Supposedly a card was also issued for Nova Scotia, and if so this was probably #44. If the cards were numbered in sequence then only #40-44 inclusive could have been used by British North American possessions; #39 was assigned to Cape of Good Hope, #45 to Trinidad. If there was a card for British Columbia and Vancouver Island it was likely card #41. Therefore there is a question as to whether or not there was ever a card issued for either Newfoundland or Prince Edward Island.

These cards bring to mind the Souvenir Postcards, picturing postage stamps in color, which were manufactured in the early 1900's. The Canadian card of this set was written up in BNA TOPICS, April 1951, by Frank Campbell (BNAPS No. 143). Although eight years have passed since this appeared in print, the only variety which has shown up has been the one with the British Columbia coat-of-arms. In Camp-



bell's article, he estimated that "probably 20 countries have been represented thus." However it is now known that there were a great many souvenir cards to that complete set, and the number is nearer 95 or 100!

We know that the manufacturer of the 1900 set of souvenir philatelic post cards was Ottmar Zieher of Munich, Germany. Was there any connection between this company and the originator of these earlier philatelic playing cards?

The writer would be particularly interested in hearing from anyone having examples of BNA Philatelic Playing Cards other than the two illustrated herewith.

No these are not stamps — they are not even forgeries, — but they are interesting philatelic souvenirs of the early days of philately. As such they deserve to be preserved, and who could ask for a finer frontispiece for their album?

Of course if all you collect is what is listed in the standard catalogues, then . . . ★

HARRY M. DAGGETT, JR. (BNAPS 50)

## Canadian Prisoner-of-War Air Mail Stationery

Reprinted from "Postal Stationery"  
Jan.-Feb., 1959

THE American Air Mail Catalogue of Air Letter Sheets lists a number of Air Letter Sheets and Air Letter cards issued by Great Britain and New Zealand for

use in correspondence to prisoners of war in Europe and in Japan. No mention is made of similar forms issued in Canada. Probably the reason for this is that the

<p><b>PRISONER OF WAR POST</b> <b>KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST</b> <b>SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE</b></p>	<p>AFFIX 10c POSTAGE</p>
<p><b>BY AIR MAIL</b> <b>PAR AVION</b></p>	
<p><b>RANK &amp; NAME:</b> (CAPITAL LETTERS)</p>	<p>PRISONER OF WAR (BRITISH OR CANADIAN, ETC.)</p>
<p>PRISONER OF WAR NO. (SEE NOTE ON FLAP)</p>	
<p>CAMP NAME &amp; NO. (INCLUDING SUBSIDIARY NUMBERING OR LETTERING IF ANY—E.G. WORKING CAMP)</p>	
<p>COUNTRY:</p>	

FIG. 1—Prisoner Letter Sheet, Type A



**PRISONER OF WAR POST**  
**KRIEGSGEFANGENENPOST**  
**SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE**

AFFIX  
POSTAGE  
HERE

**BY AIR MAIL**  
**PAR AVION**

**RANK & NAME:**  
(CAPITAL LETTERS)

**PRISONER OF WAR**  
(BRITISH OR CANADIAN, ETC.)

**PRISONER OF WAR No.**  
(SEE NOTE ON FLAP)

**CAMP NAME & No.**  
(INCLUDING SUBSIDIARY  
NUMBERING OR LETTERING  
IF ANY—E.G. WORKING CAMP)

**COUNTRY:**

FIG. 2—Prisoner Letter Sheet, Type B

forms used in Canada did not bear imprinted postage but indicated that postage in the form of stamps was to be affixed. However, as will be seen below, the forms were sent free after January 1945, and thus fall in the same classification as those for use to or from Military Personnel (1 MLS

and 2 MLS), and for use to Liberated Prisoners of War (1 PWL).

These notes are intended to bring these items to the attention of collectors of Air Stationery. The source of the information is the Monthly Supplement to the Canada Official Postal Guide (abbreviated MS).

**俘虜郵便** PRISONER OF WAR POST  
SERVICE DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

**BY AIR MAIL**  
**PAR AVION**

AFFIX  
10c  
POSTAGE

FROM: —

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

TO: —

Service No. & Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
CANADIAN PRISONER OF WAR

Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

FIG. 3—Prisoner Card, Type C



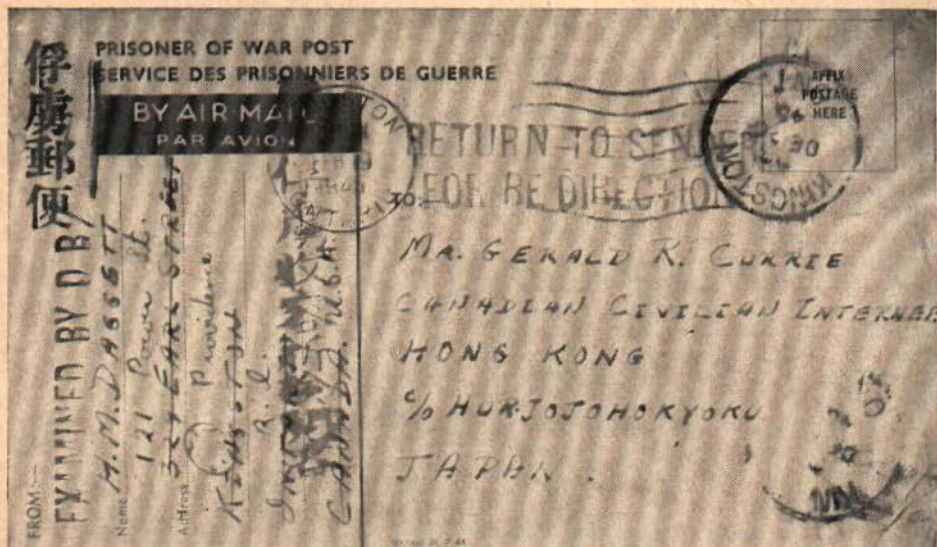


FIG. 4—Prisoner Card, Type D

Prior to 1942, letters from Canada to prisoners of war in Europe were sent free of postage by ordinary mail. If air mail transmission was required, a fee of 30 cents per half ounce was to be paid by postage stamps. In the MS of May 1942, it was stated "air letter cards are now available for correspondence with prisoners of war in Germany and Italy. A fee of 10c to be prepaid by a postage stamp affixed to the form will cover air conveyance in Canada, trans-Atlantic air conveyance, and

transportation by all available air services beyond Lisbon, Portugal."

The MS for September 1942 announced that postal service was established for prisoners of war and civilian internees in Japanese occupied territories. This service was restricted to letters and postcards; no postage was required. (Presumably transmission was by ordinary mail.) It was specifically stated that the Air Letter Card available to prisoners in Europe was not to be used.

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## New Postage Stamp Honors Achievement by Canadian Women

A postage stamp will be issued May 13 to commemorate the development of the Canadian Women's Institutes, les Cercles des Fermières, and similar groups in other countries, into the worldwide organization of about six million women known as the Associated Country Women of the World.

The green and black stamp of the 5 cent denomination depicts a female figure kneeling beside a tree over which the globe is poised. The design symbolizes growth, as cultivated by country women, of individual country organizations into the world association as represented by the globe.

Canadians have a particular interest in the movement as the idea of the Women's Institute was conceived in 1897 by Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless of Hamilton, Ont., the first Institute coming into being at nearby Stoney Creek. Another Canadian, Mrs. Alfred Watt, O.B.E., spread the idea of an international organization to Europe. At a meeting in Stockholm in 1933 she was named the first president of the Associated Country Women of



the World, as a mark of esteem for her extensive efforts to unite rural women's clubs into an international body.

### VITAL STATISTICS

Date of Issue: May 13, 1959.  
 Designed by: Helen Fitzgerald, Toronto.  
 Color: Green and black.  
 Size: 1 3/16 x 1 inch (approximately).  
 Plate Nos.: 1.  
 Panes: 100 stamps.  
 Quantity of Stamps Ordered: 32,000,000. ★









# OFFICIAL SECTION

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

MONTHLY REPORT . . .

## From the Secretary

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

April 1, 1959.

### NEW MEMBERS

- 1644 Armstrong, Robert John Peter, Box 341E, GPO, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia  
1645 Borton, Clarence F., 632 South Arden Blvd., Los Angeles 5, California  
1646 Crawford, Douglas A., 111 Lawton Blvd., Apt. 411, Toronto 7, Ontario  
1647 DeSantis, Ricardo, 38 Church Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario  
1648 Hastie, Walter, 4339 Maywood Street, Burnaby 1, British Columbia  
1649 Mortonson, W. H., 153 High Street, Closter, New Jersey  
1650 Niewchas, Wallace S., M.D., 10011-119 Street, Edmonton, Alberta  
1651 Peal, David, 12310-104 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta  
1652 Scott, Donald O., 54 Raymond, Petaluma, California

### APPLICATIONS PENDING

Berest, Joseph, 1273 California Road, Eastchester, New York  
Dankin, M., 3 Tenterden Road, Botany, New South Wales, Australia  
Donne, James Harold, Highfields, Stamford Rd., Kirby Muxloe, Leicester, England  
Dudley, Edward A., 447 Blythwood Road, Toronto 12, Ontario  
Maxwell, Mrs. Louise (Ben), 3755 Dallas Road, Salem, Oregon  
Lipkind, Max, 99 East Wylie Avenue, Washington, Pennsylvania  
Mitchell, John H., 11 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 1, Ontario  
Morse, Lewis R., M.D., 151 King Street East, Saint John, New Brunswick  
Schnier, George A., 1425 East Herring Avenue, West Covina, California

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- Cubell, Murray, 29 Cummings Rd., Brighton, Mass. (DC-CX) Proposed by W. T. Pollitz, No. 763; seconded by A. R. Thomas, No. 1441.
- Dobbie, George H., 45 Blair Rd., Galt, Ont. (C X) Proposed by G. P. Lewis, No. L506.
- Farnell, Major R. S., 1319E Upton Rd., Fort Sill, Okla. (C CX) CAN, NFD, BC, NS, NB, PEI—Mint and used postage. 1st day covers. OHMS-G. Mint booklet panes. Mint and used airmails. RPO, Flag cancellations. Specialty: Small Cents. Proposed by J. Levine, No. L1.
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- Williams, Ronald M., 9940-102 Avenue, Edmonton, Alta. (D) Proposed by E. A. Harris, No. 729.



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 L12 Day, Kenneth M., M.D., 3515 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh 13, Penna.  
 L164 Hedley, Richard P., 259 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo 2, New York  
 1402 Hollands, Hedley John, 2500 Benny Crescent, Ste. 702, Montreal, Quebec  
 873 Keffer, Harry B., Box 5342, Hamden 18, Connecticut  
 933 McClelland, James B., 990 Richter Street, Kelowna, British Columbia

**RESIGNATION RECALLED**

- 1324 Foster, Bertrand A., 358 Mark Street, Port Arthur, Ontario

**RESIGNATIONS RECEIVED**

- 1579 Benningen, Jack, 157 Wildwood Drive, Calgary Alberta  
 882 Day, Frank Jr., 203 S. Cherry Street, Granville, Ohio  
 1371 Menard, Clement H., 11 Hartford Avenue, Wethersfield 9, Connecticut

**RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED**

Bothwell, Edwin R.; Doner, E. G.; Fraser, Douglas G.; Graham, Louis H.; Hall, W. E. G.; Handley, Dr. Arthur; Hughes, Peggy Joanne; Killey, Robert J.; Lawson, James W.; Lovegren, David M.; Paul, Francis A.; Russell, Rev. David B.; Schroth, J. Donald; Valentine, F. P.

**MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY**

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, March 1, 1959 .....	1008	
New Members, April 1, 1959 .....	9	1017
Resignations, April 1, 1959 .....	14	14
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, April 1, 1959 .....		1003

**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.

JACK LEVINE, Secretary.

**FINANCIAL REPORT . . .**

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# The Last Word

*From The Editor*

## TO THE WARS AGAIN!

WE HAVE BEEN absent from this page for some months because of pressure of other work . . . and perhaps it is a good thing because it has certainly kept us out of trouble! But though the page has been silent, someone has taken us to task for something that appeared in another section of TOPICS. In the January issue we carried a press release about INTERPEX '59, a stamp show held in New York. This release contained the statement: ". . . New York, the centre of more philatelic organizations than any other city in the world and the headquarters of the international stamp trade . . ."

Louis M. Lamouroux (BNAPS 1561), editor of *The Canadian Philatelist*, says in the latest issue of that publication:

" . . . Well! More philatelic organizations in New York than in London? The headquarters of the international stamp trade?"

"These are very dogmatic assertions, and we venture to query them. While we know London well, our residence there was before we had succumbed to the lure of philately and when bicycles interested us more than stamps, so we cannot say that we are as familiar with philatelic organizations in that city as we are, for example, in Toronto, but we do know enough about them seriously to question that New York is a greater philatelic centre than London. As for being the headquarters of the international stamp trade, we grant that New York is the headquarters for the trade in Indonesia, Ghana, Moluccas and other similar issues, otherwise we query that statement. We still think that there is more philatelic material in London, and of good quality, and of whatever country, than in New York."

We don't know whether the statement in the news release is correct or not, so perhaps we should have deleted it on general principles. Certainly both New York and London are outstanding philatelic centres.

But we feel that the above is a case of "biting the hand that feeds him" on the part of Louis Lamouroux, as he has "lifted" a complete page of type matter from the same January issue of TOPICS, photographed it, and used it (without credit) in

*The Canadian Philatelist*, which is produced by the offset process.

Mr. Lamouroux indicates that he likes to stick his neck out, so we imagine he won't be too indignant if we take a swing at it!

## WAS IT THE 'ARROW'?

Since the recent "Powered Flight" stamp was issued, there has been considerable conjecture as to whether the delta-wing planes shown in the background were intended to depict the Avro Arrow (CF-105) aircraft (see cover) work on further development of which was cancelled by the Dominion Government just three days before the stamp appeared. When a question regarding this was asked in Ottawa the postmaster general, Hon. William Hamilton, replied: "There is one recognizable aeroplane which appears on the stamp, and that is the Silver Dart. The one in the background is representative of delta wing aircraft generally and bears a number of characteristics differentiating it substantially from the Arrow or CF-105. The differences are immediately recognizable to anyone who has any knowledge of the subject whatever."

Despite this statement, many collectors and others still wonder if perhaps the original intention was to depict the Arrow.

## ASSOCIATED COUNTRY?

Here is some comment on the new "Women's Institute" stamp to be issued May 13, which appeared in a recent issue of the *Toronto Telegram*, in a regular column written by Judith Robinson:

"Postmaster General Hamilton has come all over symbolic with his newest five-center.

"His chosen stamp-designer caught Miss Canada out gardening in her shift and drew her sitting on her heels tending a decapitated Olive Twigg, all unconscious of the Sputnik coming in to bean her, dead on.

"The stamp's inscription is more cryptic. Across the top it reads 'Women of the World,' across the bottom 'Union Mondiale de Femmes Rurales'; down the right side 'Canada 5c' and up the left side 'Associated Country.'

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### New Handbook Deals With Canadian War Tax Stamps

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Chairman of the group which undertook this work was Hans Reiche (BNAPS 783), who has been a frequent contributor to BNA TOPICS and is also the author of "Canada Plate Varieties." Both these handbooks have been published by Fritz Billig, 168-39 Highland Ave., Jamaica 32, New York.

"Canada: The War Tax Stamps" may be obtained at a cost of \$2 from Mr. Billig or from Hans Reiche, 235 Cooper St., Apt. 18, Ottawa 4, Ont.

### Collectors Club Philatelist Features Canadian Article

The lead article in the March issue of Collectors Club Philatelist is an absorbing story of the 5c Entry on the 6c Small Queen Plate of Canada.

The re-entering of a line-engraved plate was common practice but the finding in 1931 of a peculiar re-entry on the Canada 6c and the later discovery in 1943 that it was a re-entry of another value, the 5c, created considerable interest. Many articles were written on the subject, some somewhat misleading.

Winthrop S. Boggs, who is responsible for the CCP article, has written what he refers to as a "progress report"; it is, however, a "progress report" that would appear to have been carried to a definite conclusion.

Copies of the 68-page number are available from the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York 16, N.Y., for \$2, or a year's subscription (six issues) can be obtained for \$10.



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